

Masonic Temple Thursday Evening, September 5th, 2024. At a Stated Communication of Fellowship Lodge No. 84, A.F. & A.M. Smithfield, NORTH CAROLINA. HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

WM: Ben Wagoner
SW: Tom Lock
JW: Mathew Marek, PM
Treas:
Sec'y: Jack Wooten, PM
Chaplain: Larry Johnson
SD: Graham Neville
JD: Hutch Earp
Steward:
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Tyler: Sam Hardy
Marshal:

Other Members Present:

Guests:

Mark Phillips, Lee Lodge Waynesboro VA
Jim Kolb, Plato Lodge #469, Plato Missouri

Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30PM.

Minutes from the previous SC (16MAY2024) were read.

DEATHS REPORTED:

1. Bro Randy Cox, PM, dropped forever the working tools of life on August 17th, 2024. Funeral was held on August 20th, 2024.
2. Bro Secretary was informed of the passing of WB Romaine Howard, Jr, who passed away in September of 2023. WB Romaine's son reached out to settle past dues owed and relayed how his father loved his time at the lodge.

NOTE: The Lodge usually donates \$50 to the NCMF in the names of brothers who pass. Please make or have someone make a motion and vote.

SICKNESS REPORTED:

WM asked for the Secretary's Correspondence:

1. Annual Insurance was billed for the Lodge, totaling \$3809. This is a **\$621 increase** from last year!
2. DAR signed memorandum of understanding for dining room rentals for 2024-2025.
3. Updated rental calendar is posted in the dining room. We now also have an electronic file for real time updates. Please reach out to WM or Bro Secretary for rental inquiries.
4. Final notices for past dues were signed by WM and Bro Secretary and mailed. We've received 2 payments since the notices went out. We are still owed dues from 5 brothers:

Anthony James Allen
~~Scott Andrew Dorman~~ Paid
Cecil Berry Heavner
~~Craig Johnson-Lee~~ Paid
Rodney A Wilson

WM Correspondence:

1. WM discussed Table Lodge.
 - a. Cost could be subsidized by lodge to bring cost down and cost for George Washington Bible for 200th anniversary.
 - b. Cost for 3 members travel and expenses is a part of the contract. We budgeted \$1,000 for it.
2. Bro Mark Phillips explained the logistics and transfer of the Bible from Fredericksburg Lodge and what a great opportunity this is.
3. WM shared info on his visit to Fredericksburg Lodge and their Table Lodge.
4. Bro Graham Neville, PM, shared what GM Bill Hooks said about degree work when he was WM along with Masonic education. Suggested degree work for EC and always do Masonic education.

OTHER:

1. Bro Hutch Earp, PM, discussed meeting about Grand Lodge and the letter "G".
 - a. Next opportunity to get involved is in Wilson to see the presentation which was not included in the Selma Lodge meeting.
 - b. More correspondence to come to our members about bylaw changes, etc, for Grand Lodge meeting.
2. Grand Lodge annual meeting attendees for September: Tom Lock, Ben Wagoner, Zack. Matthew Marek said he could attend.

MASONIC EDUCATION:

Meal Cost: \$75

Meal Collection: \$75 – given to WM for meal preparation.

There being no further business the minutes were read and approved, and the Lodge was closed in due form and harmony at 8:20PM.