

Masonic Temple Thursday Evening, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. At a Stated Communication of Fellowship Lodge No. 84, A.F. & A.M. Smithfield, NORTH CAROLINA. HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

**WM:** Matthew Marek PM

**SW:** Tom Lock

**JW:** Terry Parker PM

**Treas:** Jack Wooten PM

**Sec'y:** Wil Wynn

**Chaplain:** John Cook

**SD:** Zach Stanley

**JD:** Jim Kolb

**Steward:**

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**Tyler:** Chandler Parrot

**Marshal:**

**Other Members Present:**

Mike Davidian, PM

Jim Farmer PM

**Guests:**

Mark Phillips, Lee Lodge # 209, Waynesboro VA

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

**DEATHS REPORTED:**

Elizabeth Sawrey passed away peacefully, Thursday January 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at the SECU Hospice House in Smithfield. Elizabeth was married to Henry Vance Sawrey for 44 years prior to his passing in 1995.

A celebration of life will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church in Smithfield on Saturday, January 18th, 2025. Visitation from 10:00 am-11:00 am, with the service following at 11:00am

**SICKNESS REPORTED:**

Bro Graham Neville PM is home.

**WM asked for the Secretary's Correspondence:**

1. Pancake Breakfast will be **22MAR2025**.
  - a. Discussed with Bro Larry Barnes PM. This date works great.
  - b. Increase in Scholarship payout: discussed current funds, past years' intake, and proposal of new award. Bro secretary recommended an increase to \$2,000 for the award.
  - c. Jack Wooten PM made a motion to increase to \$2,000. Seconded by Zach Stanley. Voted and passed unanimously.
2. Budget/Year End Report: We are working on the Year End Report. Once completed, our 2025 budget will be presented. Target to present is 06FEB2025.
3. Voting of Officers and Installation for 2026: Bro Secretary recommended moving voting up to last SC in November, Installation first SC in December. Discussion was held.
  - a. Motion made by Wil Wynn to move officer voting to 2<sup>nd</sup> SC in NOV, Installation to 1<sup>st</sup> SC in DEC. Seconded by Mike Davidian PM. Voted and passed unanimously.
4. Yard Maintenance: Chandler Parrot would like to take over cutting grass at the same rate, billed monthly. He will also trim hedges as needed and bill.
  - a. Motion made by Jim Farmer PM that Chandler Parrot take over yard maintenance. Seconded by Mike Davidian PM. Voted and passed unanimously.
5. 2025 Committees: paper copies handed out and posted in dining room. Also see attached to email and in Grandview.
6. 2025 Meal Schedule: paper copies handed out and posted in dining room. Also see attached to email and in Grandview.

7. 2025 Rentals: current schedule posted in dining room. Living document to be updated as Lodge is booked.
8. Building and Grounds: Update on visual improvements happening at the Lodge.
  - a. Tree trimming
  - b. Hedges
  - c. Driveway
  - d. Outdoor facia
  - e. Window in dining room
  - f. Power washing
9. Talked about parking. Front of lodge and driveway reserved for handicap and those not abled.
10. Secretary's Chair: current relic broken. Would like to replace with new chair but get old one repaired and it remain in locked secretary's office.
  - a. Motion made by Jim Farmer PM that Bro Secretary spend up to \$150 for new office chair. Seconded by Mike Davidian. Voted and passed unanimously.
11. Dining Room cleanup: we need to clean up after meals and Lodge events. Several rentals this year, would expect the dining room to be in order.
12. OES Blood Drive 28JAN2025, 1PM – 6PM.
13. OES Soup and Sandwich 16APR2025.

### **WM Correspondence:**

1. Masonic Education will start back up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> SC in February.  
FEB – WM  
MAR – SW  
APR – JW
2. Incense: We will be doing incense again at the 2<sup>nd</sup> SC in March, May, October, and December. WM hopes this compromise is harmonious for those who both strongly do and don't enjoy it.
  - A. Discussion held. Tabled for discussion until next SC.
3. 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday: 30JAN2025 @ WM's house, 6:30PM. Please contact WM if you plan to attend.
4. Table Lodge: Table Lodge will be up to the Table Lodge committee (Bicentennial) to lead the effort in 2025. The committee needs to begin putting this together and filling seats. WM will provide the committee with info as to the ritual and catering (if same caterer is wanted). All should be done by the committee this year. WM hopes his efforts in the past years have made this important enough to keep it going.
  - A. From Bro Secretary: Table Lodge Committee will need to bring proposed dates so we can block off the Lodge.
  - B. From Bro Secretary: Table Lodge should not operate at a deficit. We need to either increase ticket prices (\$125) or find a source of a caterer at a reduced rate.
5. Going dark for June, July, August.
  - A. Discussion held.
  - B. Motion made by Mike Davidian, PM, to go dark in the above months.
  - C. More discussions were held.
  - D. Motion was amended to table vote until more discussion from WM on ideas about fraternal activities during dark months.

### **OTHER:**

1. Installation of SW, JW, Treas.
2. Bro Jim Kolb offered photography services from his daughter. Lodge will coordinate a date when all officers will be there for photo.
3. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Mt Lebanon.
4. Wednesday GM at Goldsboro

**MASONIC EDUCATION:**

n/a

Meal Collection: \$100

Meal Cost: \$179.34

There being no further business, the minutes were read and approved, and the Lodge was closed in due form and harmony at 8:30PM