

Masonic Temple Thursday Evening, April 16th, 2026. At a Stated Communication of Fellowship Lodge No. 84, A.F. & A.M. Smithfield, NORTH CAROLINA. HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

WM: Zach Stanley
SW: Matthew Marek
JW: Jim Kolb
Treas: Jack Wooten
Sec'y: Wil Wynn
Chaplain: John Cook
SD: Ben Wagoner
JD: Allen Turnage
Steward:
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Tyler: Hutch Earp
Marshal:

Other Members Present:

Jim Farmer
Sam Hardy
George Bell
Mike Davidian

Guests:

Brian Curt Lewis, Cary 198

Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:42 PM. Minutes from 02APR2026 read.

DEATHS REPORTED:

SICKNESS REPORTED:

WM asked for the Secretary's Correspondence:

1. Applications for Scholarship are due to be postmarked no later than May 1st. Once received, the Scholarship committee will convene to make final decision on award.
2. 6 members with outstanding dues. Late notices have been sent; please remit dues payments.
 - a. The code requires a final notice of unpaid dues be sent to each member still owing during the 3rd quarter (July 1 – September 30). Will report back in 3rd Quarter if we must send final notices.
3. Bro Secretary will be absent for the following SC's:
 - a. May 7; 1st SC in May
 - a. WM will also be absent. Meeting will carry on with seat fill ins.

WM Correspondence:

1. WM had lunch with a candidate
2. Kelvin formally petitioned the Lodge. WM performed first reading.
3. Discussion on going dark for the Summer.
 - a. Jack Wooten made motion to meet 1st SC in June and 2nd SC in August. Meet all others in-between. Voted and passed, 1 opposed.
 - b. For CLARITY, the Lodge will be dark for 2nd SC in June, all of July, and 1st SC in August. 4 total SC's.
4. Pancake Breakfast discussion, regarding how much our current investment fund has and is earning. Can we up our scholarship amount? Discussion held on ideas. Current fund has around 30k and is earning significant interest. Current scholarship is \$2,000 annually.
 - a. Motion made by Jim Kolb that we pay out all proceeds from this event. Seconded by John Cook. Voted and passed unanimously.
 - i. This means we will pay around \$3500; Bro Secretary will get final total.
 - ii. Will not transfer more into the investment account, as it is growing on its own.
 - iii. Event to continue, with net given in Scholarship award.
 - iv. We still need to move money from previous years; Bro Secretary to work with Bro Grover to move that money, after we pay this year's Scholarship to

Masonic Education:

1. Bro Jim Kolb presented a video on National Sojourners.
2. Our guest Bro Curt Lewis gave a speech NS as well as a poem, "A Toast to the Flag" by John J Daly.

OTHER:

Meal Cost:

Meal Collection: funds to Bro Jim Kolb for the meal. Thank you!

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