

WM: Zach Stanley

SW: Tom Lock

JW: Jim Kolb

Treas: Jack Wooten PM

Sec'y: Wil Wynn

Chaplain: John Cook

SD: Matthew Marek PM

JD: Allen Turnage

Steward:

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Tyler: Hutch Earp PM

Marshal:

Other Members Present:

Perry Harris

Mike Davidian PM

Jim Farmer PM

Graham Neville PM

Terry Parker PM

Ben Wagoner PM

Guests:

Mark Phillips Williamsburg 6

Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30PM. Minutes from 03JUN2026 read.

DEATHS REPORTED: n/a

SICKNESS REPORTED: n/a

WM asked for the Secretary's Correspondence:

1. 5 members with unpaid dues:

Anthony James Allen

Scott Andrew Dorman

Joseph Louis Hester Jr

Walter Andrew Holland Jr

Joseph Clifford Keene

- a. **REG. 77-17 DELINQUENT MEMBERS, FIRST NOTICE.** On or before March first each year the Secretary shall send to each member of his lodge whose dues are not paid in full, notice of the total amount then owing.
 - i. First Notices were sent to 5 members above during 1Q 2026.
- b. **REG. 77-19 OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.** During the third quarter of each year the Secretary shall forward to each member of the lodge who then owes any amount for dues an Official Notice of Delinquency by first class mail in a sealed envelope with return address thereon.
 - i. Notices prepared by Secretary and signed by Secretary and WM. To be mailed this week.
 - ii. A list of the names of each member of the lodge to whom the Secretary has sent an Official Notice of Delinquency shall be read out during the first stated communication of the lodge in September. This list of members shall be referred by the Master to a special Committee of Investigation to consist of not less than three members of the lodge who are appointed by him.

2. Finances Update:
 - a. Bro Secretary was to participate in required shareholder training on 17AUG. However, session was postponed and we received some guidance on various tasks in the shareholder portal.
 - b. Scholarship funds leftover from previous 2 years (except \$2,000) were transferred to our NCMF investment funds. Account balances are now:
Scholarship Income Fund: \$13,772.15 (32 % of total investment)
Scholarship Stock Fund: \$28,745.88 (68% of total investment)
Total Scholarship Fund Investments: \$42,468.03
 - c. In talking with Brother George from the NCMF Shareholder services, I brought up all the work we did on the lodge and paid for from our general operating account. He said we were able to reimburse ourselves from our NCMF Building Fund Investments. We requested and received \$7,320.24, which went back into our general operation account.
 - i. This has significantly improved Bro Secretary's confidence in our overall operating finances. We are now in a strong position again and can avoid requesting donations from the brethren for general operations. However, the Bro. Secretary emphasized that this does not authorize spending on projects or ideas without following the proper vetting process. We will continue to bring such matters before the lodge for discussion and, where necessary, for a vote.
Our financial management will remain prudent and disciplined.
Building Stock Fund: \$17,115.15 (85% of total investment)
Building Income Fund: \$3,105.87 (15% of total investment)
Total Building Fund Investments: \$20,221.02
 - d. Insurance coming due: speaking of spending money, Bro Secretary received our annual Notice Policy Renewal. Our premium is due **\$3807.00**, to be paid by 01OCT2026. This is a decrease of **\$2.00!**
 - i. We are now with Hartsfield and Nash Insurance Agency out of Wake Forest, NC.
3. 25 and 50 year awards: Bro Secretary requested that we establish a date for presenting the awards. He will then contact all prospective recipients to inform them of the plan and confirm their attendance.
 - a. Date set of 01OCT2026. Bro Secretary will contact all receiving awards via letter, phone call, and email.
4. DAR has booked all meeting dates for 2025 and 2026. Rental calendar updated and attached, as well as posted in dining room
 - a. They will continue at a rate of \$200 per date, 9 total dates. This is \$1800 in rental income for the Lodge.
 - b. MOU will be signed for the upcoming dates as in years' past.
5. Bro Secretary unable to attend some meetings this fall. Will have minutes template and previous SC minutes ready for substitute.
15OCT
05NOV
19NOV

WM Correspondence:

1. WM would like to return favor to Eastern Star, who feed us a meal once a year. They meet on opposite Thursdays of us. Will coordinate and bring dates to the lodge.
2. Discussion on spending \$15 a month for text message notifications as this could help reach members who do not receive nor read emails.
 - a. Motion made by Jim Kolb to try the text message service for 2 months, seconded by John Cook. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Bro Secretary asked who would initiate this? Officers will look into it and report back.
3. Discussion on recovering the officers' chairs. Cost is around \$75 per chair which is at cost and will be completed by Bro Jim Kolb.
 - a. Motion made by Mike Davidian to spend \$75 per chair to recover, seconded by Matthew Marek. Passed Unanimously.

4. 2 Petitions read .
 - a. Discussion on 1 candidate and how we need information. Lodge will report back.
 - b. We will move forward with background check the other candidate.

MASONIC EDUCATION:

OTHER:

1. Table Lodge is filling up! Please reach out to Bro Jim Kolb if you would like a ticket to attend (931) 237-6203
Rakdad3187@gmail.com
2. Eastern Star is holding their annual peanut fundraiser. When peanuts come in, Lodge will be notified.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

WM notified Lodge that the GL would be issuing a reprimand to Fellowship Lodge 84 for not following protocol on Scholarship Fundraiser approvals. WM discussed timeline that started in 2023. Bro secretary asked to speak, at which time he laid out the following timeline related to the discussion:

BEGIN TIMELINE

17 MAR2023: Bro Secretary filled out the online form (as in years past) to request approval from the GL for our Scholarship Fundraiser. Bro Secretary received the following message, which is now also on the form: "Because of liability and complexity associated with managing scholarships, the Subordinate Lodge Special Activities Commission will no longer approve fundraisers for Lodge scholarships. Please contact Grand Secretary Underwood if you wish to hold an event for a scholarship."

Bro Secretary immediately sent email to Jonathon Underwood, Grand Secretary, seeking guidance on getting approval for the Scholarship Fundraiser:

"Brother Underwood,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out in regard to fundraising activities (Pancake Breakfast) for our annual scholarship. I read on the electronic fundraising form that this must go through you directly. Hoping you can guide us, particularly on these items:

- 1. How do I submit an application for approval?*
- 2. Until now, we held the funds raised and distributed directly to the scholarship recipient. What is the process now for distribution?*
- 3. If our scholarship is \$1500, but we raise more than \$1500, where do the extra funds go? Is that up for us to decide or possibly go to another charity?*

Thanks in advance for your guidance. Our Pancake breakfast is tentatively scheduled for April 22 so I'm hoping we can expedite this approval process in order to start printing and selling tickets."

17MAR2023: Bro Secretary immediately notified officers of Fellowship Lodge 84 and copied above email to officers.

23MAR2023: Response from Grand Secretary has yet to be received. Bro Secretary emails Grand Secretary's Admin, and copies Grand Secretary:

"Good morning Hayley,

I sent the below message over to Grand Secretary Underwood on Friday. Hoping you can assist us with expediting as we would like to start ticket printing and selling this week."

06APR2023: Response not yet received from Brother Secretary, nor his Admin. Fellowship Lodge has printed tickets and has begun distribution. Event will go on and we will attempt to reconcile approvals once Brother Secretary responds.

2024: Since the Grand Secretary never responded and there has been no guidance on how to proceed with approvals on scholarship fundraiser approvals, Bro Secretary did not attempt to reach out in 2024. Same goes for 2025 and 2026.

Note: Fellowship Lodge 84 has all receipts for these years and records or payouts and transfers to NCMF investment fund.

July 2026: Bro Secretary contacted by WM, who was contacted by DDGM, seeking information on this year's fundraiser approvals and reconciliation. At which time, Bro Secretary forwarded all the email communications above to WM, who forwarded to DDGM. After reading, message was sent from DDGM that we did all we could do. However, in the future we should reach out again to follow protocol. Fellowship Lodge considered the matter over and we would make sure to reach out for approvals in 2027.

20AUG2026: WM informed Fellowship Lodge 84 that DDGM would be visiting on 21SEP2026, with a message of "Reprimand" from the Grand Lodge for not following appropriate protocols for fundraiser approval from the Grand Lodge.

END OF TIMELINE

BEGIN DISCUSSION

Discussion was held amongst the members:

1. Will there be a form of "punishment" for Fellowship Lode 84?
 - a. No, this is merely a reminder of how we should be operating with approval.
2. Several members voiced displeasure with GL as we did everything we were supposed to do.
 - a. Message from GL that we should have done more to contact appropriate people. We could have reached out to DDGM at the time or used our channels of contact.
3. Question was asked if Grand Secretary will publicly admit his mistake and issue an apology?
 - a. Unsure, most likely not.
4. Brother Secretary wanted to confirm one thing. After DDGM sent message that seemed the matter was closed, how did GL get word of this?
 - a. DDGM contacted the GL.
5. WM and Bro Secretary reminded all that we should be aware that this is a minor issue and Fellowship Lodge 84 will go on thriving as normal. We will be all good.
6. Several members closed with heated disapproval of how this is being handled.
7. DDGM will be visiting on 17SEP2026; we can ask appropriate questions.

END OF DISCUSSION

Bro Secretary asks all to remain respectful during the visit and discussion with DDGM. He is merely doing his job as tasked by the GL. We may disagree, but we must respect the process.

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 8:30PM.