

Montgomery Lodge #11 Minutes 10-2-2023

WM Pro Tem – Robert O’Connell
SW – Jerry Barron
JW Pro Tem – Kevin Duff
Treasurer – Paul St. John
Secretary – Joey Crysel
SD Pro Tem – Travis DeFoor
JD – Scooter Bodiford
Chaplain – Gerald Blackford
Tiler – Roger Schoolfield.

An Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened in due in ancient form with 21 brothers present.

The minutes from the past two meetings were read and approved.

We currently have \$6800.01 in the Regions’ checking account. This amount is pending other bills. Other bills and expenses were reported on as well. A motion to pay all bills was made by Scooter Bodiford. Second was made by Kevin Duff. Lodge voted favorably.

Mr. Joe McDowell was initiated tonight. Brother Robert McDowell gave the obligation and charge. EA lecture was postponed until more EAs were present.

A letter was read on a fundraiser dinner the Grand York Rite of Alabama will be putting on.

A letter was read from Grand Lodge that describes in detail the days of annual Grand Lodge communication.

A letter was read on a transfer petition of Brother Elton Smith to Andrew Jackson Lodge.

A letter was read on the date of the District 33 Masonic Conference. It will be held on January 27th, 2024.

The altar was draped in honor of PGM Charter Lee Nicholson who died September 23rd, 2023

A petition for reinstatement for Mr. George Murry was presented. The committee will be Ross McCoy, Greg Thompson, and Bill Forshey.

The trials for Nick Allen and Chris Jackson were reported on. Nick Allen was expelled and Chris Jackson placed on indefinite suspension.

Jerry Barron mentioned that he had spent 3 days cleaning out the refrigerators of left over stuff and that it had built back up. He will be bringing a dumpster up here during the first week of November to do some more cleaning.

Ross McCoy made a motion to get the upright refrigerator to get the upright refrigerator fixed or out of her. Gerald Blackford seconded this motion and the lodge voted favorably. Scooter Bodiford has the parts coming in and should be here on the 16th.

Daniel Sparkman mentioned that our bylaws hasn't been updated since 2008. Motion was made to put a committee together to review the bylaws and updated them. This motion was seconded by David Grant. Lodge voted favorably.

David Royal, Bill Forshey, Bob Smith, and Jack Crysel put in the new ceiling tiles after the roof repair. David mentioned we needed to have a work day to get some things cleaned up around the lodge.

Ross McCoy mentioned that the Troy Homecoming parade is October 7th. The Shrine will be in this parade at 9am. River Region Shrine Club quail hunt will be raffled off during the Shrine Gun Giveaway on October 21st.

The Eastern Star will be using the lodge this Saturday.

Paul St. John mentioned we would be swapping meeting nights in November with Eastern Star to have our annual Grand Lodge night.

George Barnes is in the hospital due to severe stomach pains.

WM Chris Langston has three treatments left and is doing ok.

The next lodge breakfast will be October 14th.

There will be a Master Mason degree in Brewton, AL October 16th.

Bill Gunlogson thanked Kevin Duff for preparing the meal tonight.

Entered Apprentice lodge was closed in due in ancient form at 8:13pm.

Joey Crysel
Secretary