

Montgomery Lodge #11 Minutes 7-17-2023

WM – Chris Langston
SW – Jerry Barron
JW – Drew Keene
Treasurer – Paul St. John
Secretary – Joey Crysel
SD – Ross McCoy
JD – Scooter Bodiford
Chaplain – David Grant
Tiler – Roger Schoolfield

A Master Mason lodge was open in due in ancient form with 22 brothers present

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and read.

Currently we have \$10,150.24 in the Regions checking account. Trustmark CD is still at \$34,954.28. We still have some outstanding bills for other payments.

The CD will need to be renewed 2/19 of next year. Withdrawing from it will incur penalties.

WM Chris Langston thanked everyone that put the meal together tonight.

A letter from Grand Lodge was read on the sales tax exemption being renewed. This letter and instructions will be placed on the bulletin board for viewing.

The petition for the Mysteries of Freemasonry for Matthias Lee Manly was found favorable by the investigating committee. The petition was voted on and the ballot was found clear. Matthias Lee Manly will receive the first three degrees in Masonry.

A petition for The Mysteries of Freemasonry for Robert Butterfield was presented. The investigating committee will be Bill Forshey, Rick Boyett, and Ross McCoy.

A petition for reinstatement was presented from Andrew Gaskins. The investigating committee will be Scooter Bodiford, Daniel Sparkman, Danny Payne.

Bill Forshey reported on the Building and Grounds committee meeting last Saturday morning. The committee agreed that the lodge should go ahead and replace the whole roof since a patch job was not very economical. The committee decided to present the quote from Eagle Roofing to the lodge to do a full replacement. The price for this would be \$48,900. Bill talked to Jimmy Lisenby about getting the Eastern Star chapter to pitch in on getting this accomplished. We decided that it would be fair for them to split the cost down the middle with us. Our offer to the Eastern Star on this was using the building rent free for the amount of years to make up for their share of the repair bill. David Royal mentioned that the Eastern Star would want some kind of

contract that would state if we sold our building then they would get their share back of the money. A motion was made to use Eagle Roofing for the roof replacement and that the Eastern Star use the building rent free for 15 years since they are paying half of the cost by Drew Keene. Motion was seconded by David Grant. The lodge voted favorably. The repairs could possibly start in August.

Ross McCoy stated the River Region Shrine Club will be meeting this Thursday night. The club will be discussing working the kitchen for the gun show on July 29th.

Daniel Sparkman mentioned that we have been updating the website with the current minutes. There is also a place where we can have a forum for online discussions and our roster is there as well.

Drew Keene mentioned that his daughter's school is doing a skeet shoot for a fundraiser.

Daniel Sparkman's father-in-law is doing well after his procedure. His mother-in-law is having to have an aneurysm removed.

Robert O'Connel reported his cancer is back and that he can't get the medicine for the treatment since it isn't available due to production issues. He mentioned that the attendance of our lodge is impressive since a lot of the lodges struggle to get enough to open.

Cameron McCormick's grandfather received his 50-year pin awhile back and is not doing well. He is mostly blind and can't get around much anymore.

There will be practice after lodge tonight.

WM Chris Langston thanked Rick Boyett for spearheading the monthly breakfasts.

Twin Cities Lodge in Opelika will be having Master Mason Degrees July 25th and August 8th.

Master Mason lodge was closed at 7:38pm.

Joey Crysel
Secretary