

Montgomery Lodge #11 Minutes 8-21-2023

WM Pro Tem – Robert O’Connell
SW – Jerry Barron
JW – Drew Keene
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 25 brothers present.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

The Trustmark CD was moved into the Region’s checking account and since this move we currently have \$43,066.30 in the account. Other bills and expenses were reported on as well.

Matthias Lee Manley was initiated tonight. Brother Robert O’Connell gave the obligation and charge. Lecture was postponed.

Our Region’s checking account is currently setup as a corporation. We would have to show what percentage we own of the corporation. The only way around this was to open up a personal checking account and have the other one go away eventually.

WM Chris Langston decided that we would turn the second toilet off in the lady’s restroom due to the water bill going up. This would only be temporary until we could get it fixed.

Mr. James Colley from the church next door made a \$200 donation.

A motion was made by Rick Boyett to pay our bills. Motion was seconded by Drew Keene. Lodge voted favorably.

A petition for the Mysteries of Freemasonry was read from Dustin Sandley. The committee will be Scooter Bodiford, Steve Starr, and Kevin Duff.

A letter was read from District 33 Conference on raising the lodge per capita tax.

The committee on Robert Butterfield’s petition reported favorably. The ballot was found clear and Robert Butterfield will receive the first three degrees in Masonry. Date on initiation was tabled.

The next lodge breakfast will be Saturday September 16th. David Royal mentioned we needed more help in cleaning the lodge up for breakfast.

The Eastern Star chapter will use the lodge for a couple of their functions September 30th and October 7th.

Drew Keene thanked everyone for helping out with the meal tonight. He mentioned we could use more volunteers heating the food up for the lodge meeting.

We are still waiting to get the agreement for the Eastern Star chapter to pitch in on the roof repair.

WM Chris Langston is currently going 5 days a week for the radiation treatments. He is currently on his 13th treatment.

Robert O'Connell is working on getting arrangements made for his cancer treatments.

James Pilson from Prattville Lodge has cancer and is currently under hospice care.

Drew Keene mentioned we needed to have a practice day so we wouldn't have to keep people after lodge. We needed to work on our degrees so we could do them in house.

Master Mason Degrees Coming UP:

- Lafayette Thursday
- Valley Monday
- Lanett the next Thursday.

Travis DeFoor mentioned that we would need to work on our EA degree because it is customary for the host lodge of a conference to put on the EA degree.

Matt Manley thanked the brethren for his EA degree.

Entered Apprentice lodge was closed at 8:28pm

Joey Crysel
Secretary