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JUNE 12 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of West Nashville Phoenix Lodge No. 131 in Nashville. Twenty-seven members and visitors were in attendance—the largest attendance we have had in some time. Brother Master Jason Francis Hicks presided.

Our speaker was Brother Ryan Turbeville, Past Master of West Nashville Phoenix No. 131, who presented “The Nashville Masonic Theater” about this venue within the Masonic Hall in downtown Nashville that provided entertainment to the public from 1860 until 1912. Brother Turbeville’s paper will be published in our 2021 Proceedings next year. A video of Brother Turbeville’s presentation may be viewed at this website: <http://tnlor.org/?p=937>

West Nashville Phoenix Lodge was thanked for the “fantastic” meal they furnished, for Brother Turbeville’s excellent presentation, and for brotherhood and fellowship shared by the Lodge.

The following deaths were reported:

Paul Frederick Richards III, 33°, Fellow and Past Master of the Lodge of Research in 1999, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons in 2017, Knoxville, TN, Charles H. McKinney Lodge No. 433, died 4/22/2021;

James Franklin Scalf III, Life Member and Charter Member, Hot Springs, AR, Joppa Lodge No. 411, died 10/31/2020;

Harland L. Waters, Commerce, GA, Cleveland Lodge No. 134, died 4/29/2021

Three petitions for membership were approved. After the meeting \$74 was collected for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Fund.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 11 at Rhea Lodge No. 47 in Jonesborough, TN, east of Johnson City. Our speaker will be our Tiler, Brother Mike Neulander, who will give a presentation outlining the similarities between Freemasonry and the ancient Essenes.

A meal will be served at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time. The speaking presentation will begin at 1:00 PM. The regular meeting of the TLR will begin following the speaking program. The public is invited to the speaking presentation, after which all who are not Master Masons will be asked to retire (Master Masons who are non-members are welcome to visit our regular meeting).

Driving Directions for the June 12 Meeting:

From **Interstate 81**, northeast of Knoxville, take **Exit 23** onto **U.S. Highway 11E North**, toward Greeneville. Proceed **East and North 35.7 miles** through Greeneville and on to **Jonesborough**. In Jonesborough, turn **right** onto **North 2nd Ave**. Rhea Lodge No. 47 is located at [210 North 2nd Avenue, Jonesborough, TN 37659](http://www.tnlor.org).

REMAINING MEETING DURING 2021

December 18, 2021 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN

At the June 12 meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to request a dispensation to move our December meeting to December 18 so as not to conflict with the conferral of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on December 11. This dispensation has been granted by MW Grand Master Mixon. This will allow our members who are 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons to attend both our meeting and the conferral.

MEETINGS DURING 2022

March 5, 2022 – West TN--we need a place to meet.

June 11, 2022 – Jamestown Lodge No. 281, Jamestown, TN

September 10, 2022 – Overton Lodge No. 5, Rogersville, TN

December 10, 2022 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN

2021 SYMPOSIUM ON MASONIC ESOTERICA

The Annual Symposium on Masonic Esoterica, sponsored by the Tennessee Lodge of Research and the Nashville Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, will be held October 16, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Grand Lodge Building, 100 7th Ave North, Nashville. The speakers and their presentations are as follows:

9:00 – 9:10	Dan Jones – Opening Remarks
9:10 – 10:00	Rabbi Rami Shapiro – “Beyond Password to Word: A Deep Dive into the Lost Word”
10:00 – 11:00	Jim Patterson – “The Perfect Elu”
11:00 – 12:00	Michael Neulander – “The Tyranny of Egypt Over Freemasonry: A Study of the Influence Exercised by The Ancient Mysteries Over Freemasonry”
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Ryan Driber – “The Name of God: In Vain or Not”
2:00 – 3:00	Glenn Carson – “Transubstantiation: The Intersection of Quantum Physics and Spirit Energy”
3:00 – 4:00	Panel Question & Answers

This event is open to Master Masons only, who are in good standing with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, or with any other Grand Lodge with which it is in amity. A current dues card indicating that the attendee is a Master Mason in good standing will be required at the door.

While there is no fee to attend, we do ask that you register in advance at <http://middlechamber.org/>

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE DECEMBER 18 MEETING AT SPARTA LODGE NO. 99

Brother Master Jason Hicks has arranged for Right Worshipful Brother Moises Gomez, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, to come to our December 18 meeting at Sparta Lodge No. 99, our “Home Lodge,” to present “Freemasonry and the Underground Railroad.” RW Brother Gomez has presented this informative lecture to a number of Masonic bodies around the country. Make plans to join us on December 18 in Sparta for this special presentation.

2019 ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

Work has begun on the 2019 Annual Proceedings. Papers will include “A Theosophical View of Masonry” by Brother John Simmons, “Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Arch Erwin McClanahan” by Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Emeritus L. Alvin Hill, Sr., “A Compelling Case for Templars in Virginia and Tennessee” by Brother Richard Kretz, “The Language of Masonry” by Fellow and 2019 Master of the Lodge of Research, Brother Derial Bivens, and various papers from the 2018 Symposium on Esoteric Masonry.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN TENNESSEE MASONRY

From The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee by Charles A. Snodgrass and Bobby J. Demott, 33°, Knoxville:Tennessee Valley Publishing, 1994, page 61.

The second Masonic Lodge in Nashville was established in 1821 when Nashville #37 was chartered. Three others were chartered in Tennessee: Union #38 at Kingston, which has been a Masonic bulwark in its section; Mt. Moriah #39, at Dover, which later changed its name to Dover; and Washington Luminary #42, at Washington, on the banks of the Tennessee River in Rhea County. Also two more were chartered in Alabama: Tuscumbia #40 at Courtland and Farrar #41 at Elyton. In this year Alabama Lodges organized their own Grand Lodge and withdrew from Tennessee. For the fourth time, Wilkins Tannehill was chosen Grand Master, and the name of John Rhea, well known in Masonry and national affairs, appears for the first time, in the capacity of Deputy Grand Master. Two others, who were destined soon to be enrolled as Congressmen in Washington, appeared at Grand Lodge for their first time. John Blair of Whiteside #13 and James C. Mitchell of newly chartered Washington Luminary #42.