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FIRST QUARTER BULLETIN – 2022

DECEMBER 18 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of our “Home Lodge,” Sparta Lodge No. 99 in Sparta, TN. Twenty-six members and visitors were in attendance. Brother Master Jason Francis Hicks presided. Sparta Lodge No. 99 was thanked for their excellent hospitality, and for being our “Home Lodge.”

We were honored to have as our speaker Right Worshipful Brother Moises W. Gomez, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. RW Brother Gomez presented “Freemasonry and the Underground Railroad.” He has made this interesting and informative presentation to several research lodges and Masonic bodies around the country. A video of the presentation is available on our website and at this private YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/j39AYQkIVT0>.

The following deaths were reported:

- William Ran Boswell, Life Member, Nashville, TN, John B. Garrett Lodge No. 711, died 11/28/2021;
- Marshall Luther Horn, Master of the LOR in 2009, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of TN in 2006, Bethel Springs, TN, Selmer Lodge No. 338, died 11/27/2021;
- Royce Peterson, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of TN in 2006, Chuckey, TN, Greeneville Lodge No. 3, died 10/7/2021;
- Herbert Windham Staggs, Red Banks, MS, Oakville Lodge No. 599, died 12/13/2021.

Eight petitions for membership were approved. After the meeting, \$156 was collected for the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of David Clinton Swaim, Jr., the son of our 2022 Brother Master David Clinton Swaim, Sr.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE:

We will meet SATURDAY, MARCH 19 at the GRAND LODGE in Nashville

Due to the Memphis Valley Scottish Rite Reunion’s being moved to March 5 and other conflicting meetings and events occurring in West Tennessee in March, a motion was passed at our December meeting to ask for a dispensation to move our March 5 meeting to Saturday, March 19 and meet at the Grand Lodge. This was passed on the recommendation of our West Tennessee members in attendance who observed that many will be going to Nashville for Grand Lodge week and the York Rite Bodies’ Grand Communications.

Our speaker will be Brother Edwin Hamilton Josie of Corinthian Lodge No. 8 who will give a presentation on Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Wilkins Tannehill, whom the Grand Lodge called the “Greatest Mason Tennessee has produced.” MW Brother Tannehill was elected to the Grand East seven times. His *Masonic Manual*, first published in 1824, was the basis of Tennessee’s ritual and adopted by several other jurisdictions. Brother Josie has given this presentation at West Nashville Phoenix Lodge No. 131 and at Hiram Lodge No. 7 in Franklin.

A meal will be served at **12:00 Noon Central Time** in the **Grand Lodge Small Dining Room**. The **speaking presentation** will begin at **1:00 PM** in the **Grand Lodge Auditorium**. 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).

REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2022

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

2022 OFFICERS

The officers elected and/or appointed to govern the Tennessee Lodge of Research for the Year 2022 are:

Master – David Clinton Swam, Sr., Somerville Lodge No. 73, Somerville, TN
Senior Deputy Master – Michael Adam Neulander, Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 138, Culleoka, TN
Junior Deputy Master – George Walter Webster, Mascot Lodge No. 738, Mascot, TN
Secretary/Treasurer – George Caleb Ladd III, Benton Lodge No. 111, Santa Fe, TN
Chaplain – Robert Glenn Officer, Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN
Tiler – John Wiseman Simmons, Oakville Lodge No. 599, Memphis, TN

TABLE AT GRAND LODGE

We will have our usual table set up at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday morning, March 24. We will be located in the Grand Lodge Library across from the main entrance. At our table you may pay your dues, petition the TLR, browse our books for sale, or sign your Lodge up to host a 2023 or 2024 meeting. Please feel free to come by and say hello.

OUR SECOND BOOK: TRAVELING EAST II (Our Best Papers from 2006 to 2015)

Later this year our second book will become available for purchase by print on demand and as an e-book. It will contain our best papers from the years 2006 to 2015 as determined by the committee appointed to select the book's content. It is currently in the process of being formatted as an e-book. More information should be available in our Second Quarter Bulletin.

2019 PROCEEDINGS

Work continues 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 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. These Proceedings should be published in May or June.

MORALS AND DOGMA PODCAST: [WayOfTheHermit.com](https://www.wayofthehermit.com)

Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry* contains the “lectures” of the 32 Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

Two 32° Masons from the Knoxville Valley have started a podcast in which they discuss the chapters of *Morals and Dogma* as they themselves progress through reading them. They are sharing their intelligent discussion resulting from their personal study of each chapter as they come to that chapter.

Brother David Brown, Ph.D., 32° is a software engineer and member of the Tennessee Lodge of Research. He has presented at the annual Symposium on Esoteric Masonry and at the Lodge of Research. He and Brother Gene Lawson, 32° (also a Lodge of Research member) add an episode to the podcast approximately every two weeks containing their discussion of the latest chapter of *Morals and Dogma* which they have read. The podcast website is:

<https://www.wayofthehermit.com/>

The podcast is also available from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, and other podcast sources.

So far, they have posted eight episodes covering Chapters 1 through 8 of *Morals and Dogma*. For each episode they provide a transcript of their discussion and links to websites pertaining to topics and references that come up during their discussion.

You may enhance your own study of *Morals and Dogma* by sharing in the journey of these two 32° Scottish Rite Masons and Lodge of Research members.