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MARCH 19 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Grand Lodge Building. Twenty-six members and visitors were in attendance. Brother Master David Swaim presided.

Our speaker was Brother Edwin Hamilton Josie of Corinthian Lodge No. 8 who gave 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 Josey’s paper will be published in our 2021 Proceedings next year.

The following deaths were reported:

Richard Hunter Binkley, Chapmansboro, TN, Clarksville Lodge No. 89, died 2/11/2022;

Robb Clark Estes, Somerville, TN, Bartlett Lodge No. 211, died 3/3/2021;

Bart Ollie Iddins, Jr., Knoxville, TN, Oriental Lodge No. 453, died 1/21/2022;

Jesse Norman Riggs, Nashville, TN, Life Member, Hiram Lodge No. 7, died 1/12/2022;

Harvey Leon Turner, Huntingdon, TN, Huntingdon Lodge No. 106, died 1/14/2022;

James Michael Wood, Nashville, TN, Life Member, Doric Lodge No. 732, died 3/17/2022

Three petitions for membership were approved. After the meeting, \$50 was collected for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Fund.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE--MEETINGS

At the March 19 meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to make the following change to our Bylaws, which will require at two-thirds majority vote of members present at the June 11 Meeting at Jamestown Lodge No. 281 to take effect:

Current Bylaws read

Article II Meetings

Section 1. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the first Saturday of each March and the second Saturday of each June, September and December, in a dedicated lodge hall in the State of Tennessee.

Section 2. The Master will determine the time and place of each meeting. Normally, the Regular Meetings of the Lodge will begin at 1:00 p.m. local time.

Proposed change to read

Article II Meetings

Section 1. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held in the months of March, June, September and December of each calendar year, in a dedicated lodge hall in the State of Tennessee.

Section 2. The specified date, time, and location shall be determined at each current meeting for the succeeding meeting by a majority of members present at the current meeting. Consideration will be made of conflicts of Masonic or other area events.

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Rationale

This change should permit the Lodge of Research to react to changes or events that occur which cause an advisable change in our meeting date or time (such as the recent change to our meeting last March so as not to conflict with the Memphis Valley Scottish Rite Reunion). This bylaws change would remove the necessity to obtain a dispensation for every such meeting change.

This change is not intended to alter our policy of arranging a year or more in advance with Lodges to host our meetings, but to give us needed flexibility when something arises that would make it advisable to move an arranged meeting to a different date.

PROPOSED MEETING LOCATION POLICY CHANGE

Our tradition has been that our West Tennessee meeting is held in March, Middle Tennessee in June, East Tennessee in September and we meet at Sparta Lodge No. 99, our “Home Lodge,” in December. Holding our East Tennessee meeting the second Saturday of September has frequently caused us to be meeting when the University of Tennessee has had a home football game in Knoxville, which has caused traffic issues for our members and has sometimes required us to obtain a dispensation from Grand Lodge to move this meeting to a different date.

Our officers and many of our active members in East and West Tennessee have discussed a change to this tradition: to hold our Middle Tennessee meeting in March, our East Tennessee meeting in June, our West Tennessee meeting in September, and our December meeting continuing at Sparta Lodge No. 99. This proposed change is agreeable to everyone with whom it has been discussed, and would eliminate traffic conflicts with University of Tennessee football.

If you have thoughts on this proposed change, please share them with the Secretary/Treasurer, and he will share them at our June 11 meeting.

JUNE 11 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 11 at Jamestown Lodge No. 281 in Jamestown, TN. Our speaker will be our Senior Deputy Master, Brother Michael Neulander, who will present “Lafayette’s Grand Tour” about the visit to America in 1824 of the 59-year-old Frenchman who was an American Revolutionary War General, the Marquis de Lafayette, at the invitation of his Masonic Brother, President James Monroe. Between August 1824 and September 1825 Brother Lafayette journeyed to various cities, including Nashville, where he was given a reception by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

A meal will be served at 12:00 Noon Central 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 11 Meeting:

From Interstate 40 in Crossville, take **Exit 317** onto **U.S. Highway 127 North**. Proceed north **29.8 miles**. **Turn left** to stay on Highway 127 and **proceed 2.5 miles** into Jamestown. Jamestown Lodge No. 281 is located at [214 North Main Street, Jamestown, TN 38556](https://www.google.com/maps/place/214+North+Main+Street,+Jamestown,+TN+38556).

REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2022

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

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

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

Past Master of the Lodge of Research and Fellow Brother Jason Hicks is putting the final touches on our *Traveling East II* book. It has been accepted by Ingram Publishing, and will soon be available for purchase on Amazon.com as either an electronic book or hardback. An email with details will be sent as soon as it is available.

We very much appreciate Brother Hicks’ research and work to get our book formatted for publication.