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JUNE 11 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of Jamestown Lodge No. 281 in Jamestown, TN. Fifteen members and visitors were in attendance. Senior Deputy Master Michael Neulander presided. Jamestown Lodge No. 281 was thanked for their great hospitality, and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 373 was thanked for the excellent meal which they furnished.

Our speaker was Worshipful Brother Neulander. He presented “Lafayette’s Grand Tour” about the visit to America in 1824 of American Revolutionary War General, the Marquis de Lafayette, as part of America’s celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War. 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. Brother Neulander’s paper will be published in our 2022 Proceedings next year.

The following deaths were reported:

- Derial Wayne Bivens, Past Master (2019) and Fellow of the Lodge of Research, Hickman, TN, New Middleton Lodge No. 249, died 3/20/2022;
- Benny Deffendoll, Age 96, Clarksville, TN, Clarksville Lodge No. 89, died 6/8/2022;
- Jerry Dale Youngblood, Selmer, TN, Selmer Lodge No. 338, Died 5/19/2022

Fifteen petitions for membership were approved. After the meeting, \$50 was collected for the Grand Lodge Widows and Orphans Fund.

BYLAWS CHANGE--MEETINGS

At the March 19 meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to make the following change to our Bylaws. It was required to lay over until the June 11 meeting, at which a two-thirds majority vote of members present would make it effective. At the June 11 meeting, this proposed change passed unanimously, and is now effective.

Previous 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.

Bylaws changed to now 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.

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 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.

SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 10 at Overton Lodge No. 5 in Rogersville, TN. Our speaker will be the Worshipful Master of Overton Lodge No. 5, Worshipful Brother William Edwin Hockett III, who will give a presentation on Brother Davy Crockett.

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 September 10 Meeting:

From Interstate 81 north of Knoxville, take **Exit 23** onto **U.S. Highway 11E**. **Proceed northwest 3.8 miles to Bull's Gap, TN**. **Turn right** onto **State Highway 66** and **proceed 11.9 miles** into Rogersville. **Turn right** onto **West Broadway Street**. **Proceed 0.8 mile** to South Depot Street. **Turn left** onto **South Depot Street**. **Proceed 0.2 mile** to East Washington Street. **Turn right** onto **East Washington Street**. Proceed 60 feet. The south side of Overton Lodge No. 5 will be on the left. Overton Lodge No. 5 is located at [100 East Main Street, Rogersville, TN 37857](#) (North side of the Lodge).

REMAINING MEETING IN 2022

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

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 will eliminate traffic conflicts with University of Tennessee football.

We plan to implement this change starting next year.

MEETINGS DURING 2023

March – Middle Tennessee—we need a place to meet
June – Mascot Lodge No. 738, Mascot, TN (near Knoxville)
September – Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, Memphis, TN
December 17, 2023 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN

2022 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 15, 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	Steve Martin – “As All Others Have Done Who Have Gone This Way Before Him”
10:00 – 11:00	Brandon Lewis – “IAM: Beyond the Shell”
11:00 – 12:00	George Ladd – “Derial Bivens on The Sacred Geometry of the Point Within the Circle”
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	TBD
2:00 – 3:00	Tom Driber – “The Sacred Numbers: 3, 5, 7, 9”
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/>