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SEPTEMBER 10 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of Overton Lodge No. 5 in Rogersville, TN. Twelve members and visitors were in attendance. Senior Deputy Master Michael Neulander presided.

Our scheduled speaker, Brother William Hockett, was ill, but Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Orville Armstrong gave a most interesting impromptu presentation on the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Every Tennessee Master Mason makes a one dollar every year to support this Masonic institution.

Each story of the building is dedicated to one of the Masonic Bodies. The Memorial maintains historical archives of those Grand Lodges who contract with it to do so. Their website has always been a fount of useful information about the Fraternity—especially its digital archives of Grand Lodge records and proceedings. This is available at:

<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/archives>

The Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic Memorial is composed of Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodges, with one member being from Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Virginia. Most Worshipful Brother Armstrong has served on this Board of Directors. We thank Most Worshipful Brother

Armstrong for making this a successful meeting by stepping forth to provide this interesting and informative presentation and stimulating the discussion which followed.

Please remember Brother William Hockett, Worshipful Master of Overton Lodge No. 5, in your prayers, as he is battling cancer.

The following deaths were reported:

Ralph Wayne Dansby, Oakland, TN, Somerville Lodge No. 73, died 5/14/2022;

Richard Eugene Lowrance, Ringgold, GA, Lookout Valley Lodge No. 673, died 8/1/2022;

One petition for membership was approved.

DECEMBER 10 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 10 at our “home Lodge,” [Sparta Lodge No. 99](#) in Sparta, TN. Our speaker will be Brother Stephen Anthony Martin, who will present “As All Others Have Done Who Have Gone This Way Before Him,” about archetypal examples from the mythologies of the world of gods and heroes who, according to the myths, were slain and came back to life. Brother Martin gave this presentation at the Symposium on Esoteric Masonry held at the Grand Lodge on October 15.

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).

We will elect 2023 Officers at this meeting and install them afterwards.

Driving Directions for the December 10 Meeting:

From **Interstate 40** in **Cookeville**, take **Exit 288** and proceed **south** on **State Highway 111** for **14.1 miles**. Take the exit to **US Highway 70** in **Sparta**. Turn **left** (east) onto **US Highway 70**, which is also **West Bockman Way**. Proceed **0.3 mile** to **Masonic Drive**. Turn **right** into **Masonic Drive**. Sparta Lodge No. 99 is located at [99 Masonic Dr, Sparta, TN 38583](https://www.claiborneprogress.net/2022/10/31/suspected-arson-fire-destroys-masonic-lodge/).

MEETINGS DURING 2023

March 4 – Centerville Lodge No. 618, Centerville, TN
June 3 – Mascot Lodge No. 738, Mascot, TN (near Knoxville)
September 9 – Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, Memphis, TN
December 2 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN

SUSPECTED ARSON FIRE DESTROYS POWELL VALLEY LODGE NO. 488

From <https://www.claiborneprogress.net/2022/10/31/suspected-arson-fire-destroys-masonic-lodge/>
October 31, 2022

A Masonic Lodge with a long, rich history in Claiborne County was destroyed by a suspected arson fire during the overnight hours from Saturday evening into Sunday morning. The fire also brought to ashes the Mountain View United Methodist Church which was housed inside the same structure.

Detectives with the Claiborne County Sheriff's Office are actively investigating the fire as arson. The Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office was called in and was on site early Monday morning to do an initial walkthrough of the scene.

Flames reportedly shooting from the roof of the structure endangered nearby power lines as the building ultimately succumbed to the fire. The property is considered a dangerous scene and should be avoided by the public.

The Lodge had allegedly received threatening letters, prior to the fire. The grounds had reportedly been used for drug trafficking, according to a neighbor.

The Powell Valley Masonic Lodge #488 has served the [Speedwell, TN] community since 1876.

Responding agencies were the CCSO, Claiborne EMS along with the Speedwell, Harrogate, North Claiborne and Tazewell-New Tazewell Fire Departments.

RELIEF FOR POWELL VALLEY LODGE NO. 488

From Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert W. Waldron Sr.:

To All Masons:

As previously informed, Powell Valley Lodge No. 488 was destroyed by fire. The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren are requesting aid, whether it be monetary, or replacement of any furniture or Regalia.

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Fraternally,
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Most Worshipful Grand Master
Free and Accepted Mason of Tennessee

LODGE OF RESEARCH 2020 PROCEEDINGS

We are in the process of editing the 2020 Proceedings, and hope to issue them early next year. Articles will include "The Tyranny of Egypt over Freemasonry: A Study of The Influence Exercised by The Ancient Mysteries on Freemasonry" by Michael Neulander, "Whence Cometh Us?" about how the Lodge of Research was formed and chartered by our Charter Master, John Meldorf, and "Id, Ego and Super Ego: The Three Craftsmen" by Stephen Martin.