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FIRST QUARTER BULLETIN – 2022

DECEMBER 10 STATED MEETING

The meeting was held in the Lodge Hall of our “Home Lodge,” Sparta Lodge No. 99 in Sparta, TN. Sixteen members and visitors were in attendance. Brother Master David Swaim presided. Sparta Lodge No. 99 was thanked for their excellent hospitality and for being our “Home Lodge.” The Worshipful Master of Sparta Lodge No. 99, Brother Brad Norris, was thanked for the excellent meal he provided.

Our speaker was Brother Stephen Anthony Martin, who presented “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’s paper will be published in our 2022 Proceedings later this year.

The following deaths were reported:

Richard E. Harris, Sr., Mesa, AZ, Union Lodge No. 38, died 9/9/2022;

Dick William Hitch, Goodlettsville, TN, Ionic Lodge No. 254, died 9/17/2022;

Robert Lee Hood, Chattanooga, TN, Brainerd Lodge No. 736, died 6/10/2022;

Roy Kendrick Moore, Lynchburg, TN, Farris Creek Lodge No. 509, died 10/21/2022;

William Edmund Whitworth, Sr., Jefferson City, TN, McWhirtersville Lodge No. 375, died 9/15/2022.

A motion was passed to add \$100 to the money collected for charity following the meeting for the relief of Powell Valley Lodge No. 488, whose building burned due to an act of arson. \$64 was collected after the meeting making a total of \$164. On December 29 their Worshipful Master, Jason A. Niday, who is a member of the Lodge of Research, sent us a letter expressing their gratitude. He stated:

It warms the heart seeing Masonry in action when you assist other brethren.... The fire took a lot of our history. Our hearts are broken. But, with the loss, the fire also ignited a passion in us to press onward. With your donation, Powell Valley Lodge will rise from the ashes like the Phoenix. And for this, we thank you.

NEXT MEETING DATE CHANGE:

We will meet SATURDAY, MARCH 11 at Centerville Lodge No. 618

A motion was passed at the December 10 meeting to move the Middle Tennessee March meeting to March 11 so as not to conflict with the Middle Tennessee York Rite Festival on March 4.

Our speaker will be Brother Karak Arnett of John B. Garrett Lodge No. 711 who will give a presentation on Master’s Word.

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. While the public is invited to our meal, due to the esoteric subject matter Master Masons only will be invited to the speaking presentation. Master Masons who are non-members are welcome to visit our regular meeting which will follow the speaking presentation.

Driving Directions:

From Interstate 40 in Dickson, take **Exit 172** onto **State Highway 46 South**. Proceed south **6.5 miles**. Turn **right** onto **State Highway 100**. Proceed **12.6 miles** to State Highway 48. Turn **right** onto **State Highway 48**. Proceed **0.2 miles** to Battery C Field Artillery Drive. Turn **left** onto **Battery C Field Artillery Drive**. The Lodge will be immediately on your right, located at 450 Battery C Field Artillery Dr, Centerville, TN 37033.

REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2023

June 3 – Mascot Lodge No. 738, Mascot, TN (near Knoxville)

September 9 – Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, Memphis, TN (date may be changed due to the Council of Cryptic Masons' Super Excellent Master's Degree scheduled for that same day)

December 2 – Sparta Lodge No. 99, Sparta, TN

2023 OFFICERS

The officers elected and/or appointed to govern the Tennessee Lodge of Research for the Year 2023 are:

Master – Michael Adam Neulander, Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 138, Culleoka, TN

Senior Deputy Master – George Walter Webster, Mascot Lodge No. 738, Mascot, TN

Junior Deputy Master – John Wiseman Simmons, Oakville Lodge No. 599, Memphis, TN

Secretary/Treasurer – George Caleb Ladd III, Benton Lodge No. 111, Santa Fe, TN

Chaplain – David Edward Stafford, Ed.D., Bethpage Lodge No. 521, Bethpage, TN

Tiler – Wallace Edward Bernard, Charlotte Lodge No. 97, Charlotte, TN

TABLE AT GRAND LODGE

We will have our usual table set up at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday morning, March 23. 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 future meeting. Please feel free to come by and say hello.

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

At long last **our second book is available for purchase**. It contains our best papers from the years 2006 to 2015 as determined by the committee appointed to select the book's content. Hardbound copies of the book will be available for sale at our March 11 meeting and at Grand Lodge. The price of the book is \$30.

We are grateful to our Past Master and Fellow, Brother Jason F. Hicks, for his diligent work editing the selected papers and working with consultants to format the book and bring it to publication.

2020 PROCEEDINGS

The 2020 Annual Proceedings are at the printer and will be mailed and emailed soon. Papers 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL CORNERSTONE LAYING

From <https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

The Cornerstone Centennial event on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 was a great success, thanks to the record number of Freemasons and others who joined in support. A video replay of the ceremony will be posted as soon as we receive it from the contractor. A video of the parade is available here: <https://youtu.be/hF6b4VXe0l0>

From <https://scottishrite.org/blog/article/100th-anniversary-gwmnm-cornerstone-laying/>

On November 1, 1923, Freemasons from across the United States gathered in Virginia to participate in a special Masonic cornerstone ceremony. They assembled in the heart of Alexandria, a city located three miles south of Washington, D.C., on the banks of the Potomac River, and marched up to Alexandria's highest point: Shuter's Hill. There, in front of the visiting dignitaries and the public, including Presidents Calvin Coolidge and William H. Taft, the Masons laid the first stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. This remarkable moment in American Freemasonry came about through unprecedented cooperation between the state grand lodges and national appendant bodies.