

## Monday February 4, 2008, Minutes

After a fine meal of casseroles, brought in by the Brethren, Lodge was opened in the Master Mason Degree promptly at 7:30 p.m. Officers present were Wor. Master Michael Henderson; J.W. Jon Marston; Chap., Wor. Bro. Carl Coleman; S S, Skip Hoyt; Tyler, Soren Christensen; and Marshal, Del Campbell. Filling in, were W.B. Bruce Henderson as S.W.; V.W. Lawrence Wescott as S.D. & Secy; W.B. Walter Haycock as J.D. Absent were Bro. William Murphy, S.W. (Hospitalized with a heart attack); Bro. Michael Taylor, Secy., and W.B. Carl Taylor, Treasurer.

Shortly after opening the Lodge, W.M. changed the degree down to E.A. so that Bro. LeCroix, our new E.A., could join us for the evening. W.M. then introduced the Past Masters of Saccarappa Lodge, the 25 year members, the 40 year members and the 50 year members, in that order. Each got a fine round of applause. W.M. then recognized V.W. Walter Lamb, our Dist. Education Rep. and our Grand Treasurer, R.W. Harold McKinney. Also recognized was R.W. Edward O'Brien, our Past Dist. Dep. 17<sup>th</sup> District.

Bro. Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary regarding fund raising projects. The money from such projects would be sent to Grand Lodge Charity Fund who in turn would return to us, that money plus \$500.00 to any project that we designate. We chose to send what ever we could to "Project Graduation." This letter also explained what and how the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was used and disbursed.

Donations to a "Local Heating Fund" were discussed. W.B. Carl Coleman is well versed on this particular subject and was voted to head a committee on this subject. A motion was made to donate \$5000.00 to the worthwhile cause and promptly seconded by Bro. Del Campbell. It was unanimously approved. This motion can be amended to handle any increase the lodge so designates.

Bro. Campbell related a story of a lady that came to live with his family 20 or so years ago and suffered some sort of malady and died at the Maine Mall recently. Her funeral expenses were sent to her sisters who are indigent and could not pay them. A motion to pay \$1323.70 to "Independent Death Care Funeral Service" to take care of those expenses. It was promptly seconded and unanimously approved.

Bro. J.W. asked permission to have the dining room floor cleaned and re-waxed and to have the lodge room vacuumed as well.

A small "throw rug" was used to cover the 'thread worn' Master's station.

R.W. Harold McKinney along with V.W. Lamb were escorted to the East, where R.W. O'Brien was brought up to receive an appointment as Grand Lodge Representative to the Grand Lodge of Brazil. After being brought back to their seats, V.W. Lamb talked about the Annual District Meeting to be held at Deering Lodge on March 22. He urged all Masters to be present. A sumptuous meal is being planned at \$5.00 a head.

W.B. Henderson reported that Bro. S.W. is to have Triple-By-pass surgery after suffering a heart attack last Friday at home.

Bro. J. W. reports that he still has some baskets left at home and would like to get them delivered if possible.

Bro. LeCroix was then escorted out of the lodge when W.M. brought the Lodge back up to the Master Mason degree. W.M. then closed the lodge in peace and harmony at 8:28 p.m.

Attest: V.W. Lawrence J. Wescott, Jr.

Wor. Michael J. Henderson, Master

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