



CENTRAL LEATHERSTOCKING MASONIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OTSEGO 138 • CHERRY VALLEY 334 • COBLESKILL 394 • DELAWARE RIVER 439
ONEONTA 466 • SCHOHARIE VALLEY 491 • LAURENS 548
FARMERS 553 • SCHENEVUS VALLEY 592 • AD ORIENTUM UD

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Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm after a meal by Schoharie Lodge and a presentation about lodge management and leadership by W.: Kenneth E. Zinssar.

CHARITIES CORP

A planning meeting held on November 13 at Laurens. Mystery dinner in Cherry Valley in May 9 or 16. Ads by April 18. Try to advertise more. Golf tournament Aug 1. 4 \$750 scholarship and maybe a 5th.

OS&D Masonic Charities Annual:

- President W.: Stephen Garreau
- Vice President R.: W.: Roy A. Bilby
- Treasurer R.: W.: Alexander D. Brannan
- Secretary W.: Bruce L. Van Buren

It was moved that the current officers remain for the ensuing year. It passed unanimously.

Present	Office	Name	Present	Office	Name
Y	President	W.: Kenneth E. Zinssar	Y	DDGM	R.: W.: Adam Sokolowski
Y	VP	Randy Meschutt		DSO	R.: W.: Randy Rathka
Y	Treasurer	R.: W.: Alexander D. Brannan		AGL	V.: W.: Keith Dickison
Y	Secretary	W.: Bruce L. Van Buren		AGL	V.: W.: Christopher Peretin
	DL	R.: W.: Duncan M. Bellinger DuncanBellinger@yahoo.com	Y	RGL	R.: W.: Theodore C. Volkert
	ADL	R.: W.: Bill Mason wmason1574@gmail.com	Y	ADL	R.: W.: Roy Bilby rabilby4@yahoo.com

Others present: John Murray, Nathan Tweedie, Ken Sokolowski, Richard Scheiner,

The invocation was given by RW Ken Sokolowski, the pledge of allegiance was led by the president.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Read.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

Treasurer report:

MCC ACCOUNTS:

EIN # 22-2281147

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. CHECKING ACCOUNT # 3012023861 \$ 18,879.28

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. SAVINGS ACCOUNT# 3010907727 \$ 3,042.01

\$ 21,921.29

UNITED STATES SERIES EE SAVINGS BOND \$10,000.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS:

EIN # 16-1136777

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. CHECKING ACCOUNT # CKFREBUS 6426 \$4,250.57

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A. SAVINGS ACCOUNT # TD 12 23M 8030 \$1,208.36

\$5,458.93

LODGE ROLL CALL

Dues	Voting	Other		Dues	Voting	Other	
\$75	0		Otsego 138		2		Schoharie Valley 491
\$75	0		Cherry Valley 334		1	1	Laurens 548
	1	1	Cobleskill 394	\$75	1		Farmers 553
	1		Delaware River 439		0	1	Schenevus Valley
\$75	0	2	Oneonta 466		N/A		Ad Orientum UD

In Attendance: with 11 members and 5 out of the 10 lodges represented in the district, with 6 voting members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Degree work and Events need to be put on OLP.
- Elias Light DeMolay Chapter: Bruce Van Buren and Ted Volkert stepped down.
- Deadline for dues payment until December 1, 2019. Payments noted on Roll Call. **Secretary will notify the lodge secretaries.**
- Assign lodge historians and notify **Area Historian, Nathan Tweedie.**
- Ken Z will set up a finance committee to track down 501-c3 for Charities. Bruce to send info to Ken.
- Messages sent to distribution requesting officers and emails.. **resend**
- **Secretary will work on getting list updated**
- The District Association EIN
 - Amy A. Winters, CPA, PLLC
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Says she will need to get some power of attorneys signed so that she can reach out to the IRS. Since you aren't sure which EIN is correct— she will prepare two POA and have us sign them so that she can get them submitted to the IRS and then call them to see which one is the correct one. Her first assumption would be the one associated with the checking account. After she talks to the IRS she will the prepare the application so that you can get reinstated.
Bruce needs to collect data and send.

NEW BUSINESS

- AGL aprons: We will have a new AGL. In March determine need.
- Lodge reports
 - Delaware River: 4 EAs; FC on Dec 19. Holiday parade. Education and presentations. Dec 15 Holiday party.
 - Cobleskill: Have some in the Northstar system. Difficult for those in the pipe to schedule. Dec 17 Holiday party. Jan 7 Intro to appendant & concordant bodies. Jan 21 Tree of Life by Mike Weisburg. Feb 29 Moose & Squirrel Table Lodge; prepay \$25 tickets; dress lumberjack or kilts. Ritual competition being rescheduled.
 - Schenevus: 2nd degree Dec 9. Have a lot of petitions to process.
 - Farmers: Earl Wilkinson doing better. Having a dinner. In crisis mode. 20 members. 10 used to attend. Only 4 to 7 coming now. 100 attend the dinners from the community. Will try to advertise, but cannot find those who are interested.
 - Laurens: No degree work planned. Brother Bring a Friend night. Community Christmas Party. DDGM visit may be January or February. 1st Sunday Chicken & Biscuits; Jan 5
 - Schoharie: 4 pm Dec 15 awards dinner 50th Apron & Holiday Party at Cobleskill Country Club. Holiday baskets on Dec 22.
 - Oneonta: Ritual competition January 25. EA postponed to January 20. Christmas Baskets Dec 14. Holiday party Dec 16.
 - Ad Orientum: .
 - Otsego: Jan 7 exemplify FC. Feb 8 Festival with beer brewing and tasting. MasonicCON in October 9-11 at the Hall of Fame.
 - Scottish Rite masonic ambassador's program. Each lodge should have one. Rotterdam holiday party this Friday. Spring reunion March 21 Scotia. Apr 5 Pascal Lamb. Knights of St Andrew to bring degree day to our district.
 - Otsego Commandery: observance Dec 13.
- Our next meeting is March 4, 2019 at Schenevus. Schenevus Lodge may provide the meal. Speaker will be Steve Rubin, Grand Treasurer.

DDGM

- Richard Burroughs not in good standing. Other bodies need to suspend him.
- Ad Orientum being reviewed by Grand Lodge for dispensation.
- See October 29 email from Grand Master about Town Halls. Grand line candidates will be present.
- Phoebus Lodge 82 in New Berlin may join our district. They will vote in March.

The benediction was given by Ken Sokolowski.

The minutes will be distributed for review.

The Meeting was closed at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
W.: Bruce L. Van Buren, Secretary