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April 2011 Trestleboard



8 Church Street, P.O. Box 372
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142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

Stated Communications: 7:30 pm
1st Monday of Month
October – June
September – Tuesday after Labor Day
Dinner Reservations Required
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The master class we attended on Saturday, March 12th was a very informative session. R.W. Brother Robert Southerland led the discussion. It contained interesting information and even older members found that they were learning the correct rules for the first time. I will present a few surprises.

The investigating committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the Master. Familiarize yourself with the questions and listen to his answers. Find out about the candidate you are interviewing and his interests. Perhaps he loves to play cribbage or likes to play board games or is an avid reader. Write those items on the report sheet. Tell the Master as quickly as you can when you have finished the investigation and be sure to sign the petition.

The secretary reads the report before balloting. During balloting, no one is allowed to enter or leave the lodge room. There shall be no discussion and no one is allowed to leave his seat. This is a solemn event.

The ballot box is passed clockwise and no one touches the ballot box. Only the Senior Deacon handles it. He can lay it on the altar when he ballots or an elected officer holds it for him.

Entered apprentices and Fellow Craft brothers cannot vote on lodge business.

2011 Officers

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Tyler	Jay Brothers
Trestle Board	Clovis Leach

Frequently asked Questions, continued

Why does parliamentary law not apply in a lodge?

Parliamentary law which governs the usual body of men assembled in any organization cannot govern a Masonic lodge. A Master may put a motion which has not been proposed or seconded. He can close debate at his pleasure. He does not have to put a question even after debate if he does not desire to do so. He entertains no motion to “lay on the table” or to “postpone” or “to adjourn.” No one can “move the previous question” in a Masonic lodge, and so on. The reason is found in the responsibility which is the Master’s. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master hold him responsible for everything that happens in his lodge. There are certain things he cannot do without lodge action, such as spending lodge money. He cannot open before the time stated in the by-laws for a regular communication. But the lodge cannot dictate to him what can be discussed, or acted upon. Were it otherwise, a lodge might “run away” with him. Therefore, the Master has full control of debate, and work, and acts; Ordinary parliamentary law, which might interfere with that control, does not apply.

Frequently asked Questions

Why cannot a lodge adjourn and then reconvene

The adjournment of any meeting is an act following a motion by some member of the group. No Master can give the power of the meeting to any member, or to the lodge as a whole, without sacrifice of his power to control the lodge. Any Masonic lodge must be in one of three states: closed, open and at work, or at refreshment. It is universally a law that an open lodge must be closed before the brethren depart. Otherwise a “reconvening of an open lodge” at some future date might work an injustice to some brother interested in lodge legislation, who could not be present at the “reconvened adjourned” meeting. The fundamental reason for “no adjournment” is found in the fact that the Master’s power to control, which means opening and closing his lodge at his pleasure (but always within the opening time set by the by-laws), cannot be abrogated by a member or by the lodge as a whole.

From the Master

April 4, Monday; Stated. Dinner 6:30 p.m., Lodge opens at 7:15 p.m. Have you ever been assigned to an investigation? Brother Wes Shuler will give us some hints on body language from his extensive experience as an investigator. You should find this enlightening. Report from the Chair Committee.

April 8, Friday, Noon. Our usual social lunch. We have had some great get-togethers. Bring a guest, and enjoy the company of some members who may not be able to make our evening meetings.

April 24, Easter Sunday.

April 25, Monday, Degree Work; We have been fortunate that we have a few candidates going through the degrees. At this point it has not been decided whether we will be doing Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft. I await reports from our instructors, and also from our latest candidate for EA.

I am thankful for all the efforts our members have contributed to the meals, the lodge upkeep, and the chair contributions. Thank you all!

Ken Weyler, WM

Opening the April 4th stated meeting

At the stated meeting on April 4th, we are going to open the Lodge on EA degree in a different manner. Each officer will draw the name of an officer's station out of a hat when he comes upstairs. That is the station you will be doing during the opening. All of the officers, including the Tyler and the Master, will participate. After the opening, each officer will go to their regular station. I am asking each officer to please study the opening in the ritual in preparation to be able to do any station's opening. Brother Bill Thomas will be the prompter. This should be fun for all of us as well as a learning process. Thank you for being willing to try new things.

May 5, Thursday Table lodge; Grand Lodge has Allowed Gideon Lodge to plan and enjoy a Table Lodge. All Masons are welcome.