

Minutes
Kansas Masonic Lodge of Research
Autumn Business Meeting
November 1, 2014

At 5:30 p.m., the Kansas Masonic Lodge of Research gathered at the Blind Tiger Restaurant in Topeka to participate in the autumn meeting of the lodge, following a dinner at the facility.

KLOR Worshipful Master, Most Worshipful Rick Reichert welcomed the 37 members of the lodge and 7 spouses, as well as seven illustrious guests from other Masonic jurisdictions.. After expressing his gratitude for the attendance, the Worshipful Master asked Brother Michael Snively, Senior Warden, to give the invocation. The Worshipful Master then introduced the following illustrious brethren:

M.: W.: Michael A. Halleran, GM KS
M.: W.: Tracy L. Bloom, PGM KS

M.: W.: Jarrod Adkisson, PGM Arkansas
M.: W.: Kevin Schwebel, GM, New Mexico

R.: W.: Patrick Carr, Junior Grand Warden, Arkansas
R.: W.: Jefferson Jordan, Deputy Grand Master, New Mexico
R.: W Ernie Shoup, Junior Grand Warden, New Mexico
R.: W: Adam Hathaway, Senior Grand Deacon and P.M. New Mexico Lodge of Research

R.: W.: Lyn Beyer, Grand Senior Warden, KS

Ill. Bro. Michael Tavares, President KMF
Bro. Bob Shively, Exec Dir KMF

Dinner was then served.

After dinner was completed Worshipful Master Reichert called for consideration of the Consent Agenda including the minutes of August 30, the Treasurer's Report and the bills. Upon a motion by MW Brother Bloom and a second by W Brother Merrick, the consent agenda was approved.

Brother Snively then reported on the progress of the By-Laws Committee. He indicated that work had been done and that it was anticipated that a draft of revisions would be available for review at a February 7 general meeting of the lodge in Emporia and considered for approval at the following Annual Meeting on March 21, held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Brother Jon Woodward, Secretary of the Lodge, then reported on the status of the membership. He indicated that as of March 29, there were 13 paid life members and everyone else was in NPD status at that time. Since that date, the lodge has lost two paid members to the Grand Lodge Above and registered 70 new or renewed members, resulting in a net membership of 81 current members.

Brother Richert then review the purpose of the KLOR and provided an overview of the Tactical plan now being considered by the membership. He indicated that he soon would be asking members to serve on committees to advance the purposes of the lodge.

The contributions of Brothers Kyle Ferleman and Rick Carver were acknowledged by the lodge. Both brothers have contributed scholarly articles that have been included in the most recent two issues of the Kansas Mason.

MW Brother Bloom announced that 100% of the Proceedings of the Kansas Grand Lodge were now available in PDF format and will soon be available on the George Washington National Monument website. He further indicated that if members would send him a thumb drive with at least 2 gigabite capacity he would send them copies of the files. This is important benefit because we can now research the Grand Lodge Proceedings since 1856 from our own home computers.

Worshipful Master Reichert then introduced our speaker for the evening, Worshipful Cliff Porter of Enlightenment Lodge 198 in Colorado Springs. His topic for the evening was "*Astronomical and Astrological Symbolism in Masonry and the Paradox of Freewill*". Your secretary could not do justice to a review of the material presented, but I have asked Brother Porter if he has published yet the thoughts he gave us, and if the response is positive, I will share the source with the membership. The materials was highly symbolic, esoteric, and truly interesting.

Most Worshipful Brother Michael Halleran then thanked Brother Porter for his stimulating and enlightening thoughts and expressed the desire that we should all emulate his presented words.

The Benediction was provided by Brother Wayne Rolff, Treasurer of the lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15, peace and harmony prevailing.

Submitted

November 2, 2014

Jon Woodward, Secretary