

MINUTES
Solomon's Masonic Lodge No. 5, F.&A.M.
Saturday, December 27, 2008

At a meeting of Solomon's Masonic Lodge, No. 5 held on December 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., the following officers were present:

Master - Steve Moffett	Senior Deacon - Nicholas Yount
Senior Warden - Michael Yount	Junior Deacon - Jon Hall
Junior Warden Pro-Tem - William G. Hinton, P.G.M.	Tiler - Richard Moffett, PM
Treasurer Pro-Tem - Jason Ross	Chaplain
Secretary Pro-Tem - Ross Webb, P.M.	Marshal

The Lodge was opened in due form, prayer was offered by Bro. Webb and the Pledge to the Flag was recited. A quorum was declared present for this regular meeting (St. John Day), which included the election of new officers. The Master advised he would open the floor one at a time for the five elected offices for nominations. He further advised that after a name was submitted for that office, he would call for any other nominations three times before closing the nominations for that position.

A motion was made by William G. Hinton, PGM whereby if there is only one nominee for an office after the call, the Secretary may cast a single vote and the nominee shall be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Richard Moffett, PM and carried.

The Master opened the floor for nominees for incoming Master. Nick Yount submitted the name of Michael Yount. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote, and he was duly elected by acclamation. Bro. M. Yount was asked, and he said he would accept the office.

The Master opened the floor for nominees for incoming Senior Warden. Steve Moffett nominated Egon Tirbs. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote, and he was duly elected by acclamation. Bro. Tirbs was asked, and he said he would accept the office.

The Master opened the floor for nominees for incoming Junior Warden. Mike Yount nominated R. Nicholas Yount. There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote, and he was duly elected by acclamation. Bro. N. Yount was asked, and he said he would accept the office.

The Master opened the floor for nominees for incoming Treasurer. Richard Moffett nominated Ross Webb. There being no other nominations, the Master cast one vote, and he was duly elected by acclamation. Bro. Webb was asked, and he said he would accept the office.

The Master opened the floor for nominees for incoming Secretary. Ross Webb nominated Daniel Moffett. There being no other nominations, the Pro-tem Secretary cast one vote, and he was duly elected by acclamation. Bro. D. Moffett was asked, and he said he would accept the office.

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The Incoming Master announced his appointed officers as follows:

Senior Deacon – Richard Moffett, PM	Junior Steward – Steve Moffett, PM
Junior Deacon – Jon Hall	Tiler – Gerald Heltsley, PM
Senior Steward – Jason Ross	Chaplain – Rev. Jesse O. Baxter
	Marshal – Cecil McGee, PM

The incoming master handed out a notebook to each of the officers, both appointed and elected. This notebook includes duties, leadership ideas, five-year plan, Widows program, information about the Grand Master Excellency Award Committee and a 12-month calendar of upcoming events.

Bro. Yount discussed the newsletter to be called the “Trestle Board” which will be mailed to each member quarterly. The publisher will be Jason Ross.

There will be an open installation of new officers on January 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. with the Grand Sr. Warden, Donald H. Yankey as installing officer. A potluck meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall. The incoming master will provide the meat.

The minutes of the meeting of December 22, 2008 were read and approved, with the change that Bro. Richard Moffett, PM will be the widow’s representative for Elisey Ward and relieving Bro. Nick Yount from this responsibility.

The Treasurer reported the checking account balance is currently \$5,729.92, and there is approximately \$53,000 in CDs.

A bill for the insurance was presented in the amount of \$2,189.36, plus a bill for \$12.00 for extra coverage in acts of terrorism. A motion was made by William G. Hinton to pay for the insurance including the terrorism rider, totaling \$2,201.36. The motion was seconded by Jon Hall and passed.

Bro. Haberman is in the Masonic Home recuperating from broken bones and is unable to pay his dues. A motion was made by William G. Hinton to waive his dues. The motion was seconded by Richard Moffett, PM and passed.

Bro. Mike Yount advised District 17 is planning a picnic on the Masonic Home grounds in September 2009. The exact date and time will be confirmed. If the weather is bad, they might need to use the basement for the picnic. A motion was made by Ross Webb to allow District 17 the use of the basement if needed and to open the building as they might also need the restroom facilities for their event. The motion was seconded by Richard Moffett and passed.

Bro. Richard Moffett wanted to make sure the new officers have an updated Book of Constitution. If any officers need to order a Book or to order just the updates for recent changes, this has been previously approved by motion some years ago. This information was noted for the record.

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The Master called for old business, then for any new business and finally for the good of the order. There was no business to be reported.

There was a request for reports on the sick or in distress. Bro. Marshall Haberman was again mentioned, and a card was passed around for signatures, which will be taken to him along with his dues card.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge, it was closed in due form at 8:19 p.m. with peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally thine,

Steve Moffett, Master

Ross Webb, Secretary Pro-Tem