

New Jerusalem Masonic Lodge #29



1130 Capital Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39203

December 22, 2007

Meeting was called to order and opened at 11:30 am.

Invocation was given by Bro. Cedric Lewis.

Roll call of members present was as follows: Bro. Athony Bailey, Bro. Earl Burke, Bro. Darryl Hawkins, Bro. Cedric Lewis, and Bro. Robert Williams.

Installation of new officers proceeded with the positions being filled as follows: Worshipful Master-Bro. Earl Burke, Senior Warden-Bro. Robert Williams, Junior Warden-Bro. Darryl Hawkins, Secretary-Bro. Cedric Lewis, and Treasurer-Bro. Anthony Bailey.

Appointment of other officers by the Bro. Burke (WM) proceeded as follows: Patron-Bro. Robert Williams.

Bro. Lewis (Sec) took an inventory of the Lodge items as follows: Lodge Bible, compass & square, station columns, hoodwinks, sword, candles, minute books, and treasury book. All items were found to be present with the exception of hoodwinks and sword, which the lodge does not presently have. A motion to accept the inventory was made by Bro. Bailey and seconded by Bro. Williams. The motion was approved by the Craft.

The Craft discussed the joint service project with Trinity Chapter Gift Donations for the Lawson family. A brief report was given as to the parameters of the giving. A motion to support this endeavor was present by Bro. Lewis (Sec) and seconded by Bro. Williams. The motion was approved by the Craft.

The Craft reviewed and considered adoption of several revisions to the Lodge By-laws. Upon discussion of the revisions, additional revisions were proposed as follows: meeting time to be set at direction of Worshipful Master, clarification of Good Standing, flat reinstatement fee will be \$120. A motion to approve these new revisions and all other prior revisions, and to table the signing of the by-laws until several other revisions were made was proposed by Bro. Williams and seconded by Bro. Bailey. The motion was approved by the Craft.

The Craft was asked to approve the removal from the rolls of the Lodge all brothers not presently in good standing with the Lodge. A motion to approve was presented by Bro. Lewis with the added request that a final letter be sent to each brother informing them of the aforementioned

action with an amnesty period of thirty days where by they could regain good standing with the Lodge. The revised motion was seconded by Bro. Williams. The motion was approved by the Craft.

The Worshipful Master asked the craft consider for discussion a membership push with the Theme: 2B1ASK1. The Worshipful Master asked Bro. Williams to accept an appointment to chair the committee and coordinate the push. Bro. Williams accepted the appointment.

A motion requiring and challenging all brothers to bring one petition for membership was voiced by Bro. Lewis and seconded by Bro. Williams. The motion was approved by the Craft.

The Craft was presented for discussion purposes information on the National Triennial Session in South Carolina taking place in July 2008. It was further proposed that we plan a convoy. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The Worshipful Master proposed a “Night Out with the Sisters” event be undertaken within the next week. Due to the season and owing the shortness of time, he offered his residence as a possible location. A motion approving the event was proposed by Bro. Williams and seconded by Bro. Hawkins. The motion was approved. The Worshipful Master will contact the Worthy Matron of Trinity Chapter for coordination.

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The Craft was presented for discussion purposes plans for Fundraiser Projects for the first quarter of 2008. Specific discussion centered on a possible golf tournament. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The Craft was presented with the financial report (see Addendum 1) for period ending December 22, 2007. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Bro. Hawkins and seconded by Bro. Lewis. The motion was approved by the Craft.

With no further business, New Jerusalem Masonic Lodge #29 closed at 2:45 p.m.

Cedric Lewis, Secretary
Attest

Earl Burke, Worshipful Master