

THURGOOD MARSHALL LODGE 121
Wellington, Florida

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Brother W. Matthew Stevenson, Worshipful Master
Honorable Jeffery G. Jones, 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master

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Bro. Alan Bottorff, Jr. Warden
Bro. Alfred J Fields Jr., Secretary
Bro. PM George Lockhart, Treasurer
Bro. Patrick Glover, Sr. Deacon
Bro. Joe Baker, Marshall

Bro. Aaron Lockhart, Jr. Deacon
Bro. Devante Swiney, Sr. Steward
Bro. Vance Locke, Jr. Steward
Reverend Bro Gerald Kisner, Chaplain
Bro. Darnell Gardener, Tyler

Minutes: Tuesday October 25 , 2022 (virtual)

Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Bro. Baker gave opening prayer in the absence of

Bro. Kisner

Roll Call of Officers – All present except JW Bottorff,

Reading of Minutes –

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Communications – No new communications

Sick and Bereavement –

SW Smith asked to keep his father in prayer due to health, PM Lockhart gave the prayer.

Committee Reports –

Community Service and Fundraising Committee – (Charter celebration update)

Members of the committee spoke about charter celebration. Committee spoke about a room at a golf club. Bro. Gardner and Bro. Coleman asked for specifics as to who we could invite to the event. WM stated the committee should come up with the specifics. WM asked brothers if there were any suggestions. SW Smith suggested we should fellowship with ourselves. Bro. Coleman stated his interested in making money but understands celebrating our personal achievement. Bro. Gardner suggested meeting with

the committee to discuss future dates for something bigger. WM agreed and suggested certain parameters. WM suggested a possible recognition luncheon to invite everyone in the future.

Old Business –

None

WM discussed the new ritual books. We will be using the new ritual books next meeting.

New Business –

Lodge Dues 2022-2023 dues are \$315. Please meet with Sec. Fields because we do not have electronic means to collect dues. Sec. Fields needs the report sent in to District Deputy Coney before Nov. 15 th .

Election Meeting Nov. 8. Full Masonic dress. District Deputy Coney will be present at the meeting.

District Deputy Coney requested to all members to assist him with the KOP (Youth Program) and fundraisers.

SW Smith added it would look good for us as a new lodge to sign up

WM stated the lodge and all brothers will assist with fundraising efforts and asked brothers to sign up if they want to work directly with the kids in the youth program and asked brothers to see Sec. Fields

New Member Interest Meeting – December 13, 2022

WM stated the meeting will be December 13, 2022. WM will draft the interest meeting letter and all brothers will be able to pick up a letter. There might be a new interest meeting in January if needed. Bro. Foreman asked a question regarding brothers interested in joining from another city. SW Smith answered the question about other brothers from other lodges that want to join. Interviews will be conducted by SW Smith first. WM mentioned this group will be separate from the new class.

Reflections of Masonic Light –

24 Inch Gauge and Common Gavel – Bro. Foreman gave foundational information about the importance of our time. He quoted the definition of the 24 inch Gauge and Common Gavel. He spoke about the 1-6-8 term. He read a poem (Only Just A Minute by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays) about making the most of our time for the best interest of the Masonic order. He told the story of the lion and gazelle and it stressed the importance of time. WM asked about what is the greatest distraction to our time. Bro. Foreman

discussed staying focused. Is it important or is it urgent to having a purpose or a goal. Bro. Baker spoke about time waste. He stated time is not on our side. SW Smith spoke about being strategic about using or planning your time. WM asked to meditate on the information given tonight.

Receipts of the Evening – (Secretary Fields)

Receipts and Disbursements:

Receipts outside the meeting:

Name	Reason	Amount
Alfred Fields	Dues	\$31500
WM Stevenson	Dues (life member)	\$180.00
Donation sent to mailbox for Great Cook Off	Donations	\$50.00

Total \$545.00

Good of the Order –

WM mention JW Bortoff was recognized as one of PB County's 100 most influential business leaders

Bro Coleman was elected President of the T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society

SW asked if we are putting our information out on social media for additional recognition. He also talked about a possible lodge newsletter. PM Lockhart also spoke on the issue and agreed to work on it.

PM Lockhart earlier mentioned Bro. A. Lockhart was nominated for a grammy award.

Closing –

Bro. Rev. Kisner gave the closing prayer. Lodge was closed in short form at 8:38 pm.

GOD SAVE THE CRAFT

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Jeremiah Stewart
Asst.. Secretary

Bro. W. Matthew Stevenson
Worshipful Master

Date: _____

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