



CENTRAL LEATHERSTOCKING MASONIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OTSEGO 138 • CHERRY VALLEY 334 • COBLESKILL 394 • DELAWARE RIVER 439
 ONEONTA 466 • SCHOHARIE VALLEY 491 • LAURENS 548
 FARMERS 553 • SCHENEVUS VALLEY 592 • AD ORIENTUM UD

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Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm after a meal by Cobleskill Lodge.

CHARITIES CORP

A planning meeting will be held on November 13 at Laurens. The secretary was reminded that Steve Garreau and Ken E. Zinssar need their member cards. The Charities Annual meeting will be December 4.

Present	Office	Name	Present	Office	Name
Y	President	W.: Kenneth E. Zinssar	Y	DDGM	R.: W.: Adam Sokolowski
Y	VP	Randy Meschutt	Y	DSO	R.: W.: Randy Rathka
Y	Treasurer	R.:W.: Alexander D. Brannan		AGL	V.: W.: Keith Dickison
Y	Secretary	W.: Bruce L. Van Buren		AGL	V.: W.: Christopher Peretin
	DL	R.: W.: Duncan M. Bellinger DuncanBellinger@yahoo.com	Y	RGL	R.:W.: Theodore C. Volkert
	ADL	R.: W.: Bill Mason wmason1574@gmail.com	Y	ADL	R.: W.: Roy Bilby rabilby4@yahoo.com

The invocation was given by RW Ken Sokolowski, the pledge of allegiance was led by the president.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Not read.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

Messages sent to distribution requesting officers and emails. Secretary will work on getting list updated.

LODGE ROLL CALL

Dues	Voting	Other		Dues	Voting	Other	
	0	1	Otsego 138		2	1	Schoharie Valley 491
	0		Cherry Valley 334		1	1	Laurens 548
	2	1	Cobleskill 394		2		Farmers 553
	2	2	Delaware River 439		0	1	Schenevus Valley
\$75		2	Oneonta 466		N/A	4	Ad Orientum UD

In Attendance: 16 with 10 members and 7 out of the 10 lodges represented in the district, with voting members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Deadline for dues payment until December 1, 2019. Payments noted on Roll Call. Secretary notified the lodge secretaries.

NEW BUSINESS

- Degree work and Events need to be put on OLP.
- The District Association EIN
 - Amy A. Winters, CPA, PLLC
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607-299-4463 Fax: 888-275-9542
amy@wintersgroupcpa.com
Says she will need to get some power of attorneys signed so that she can reach out to the IRS. Since you aren't sure which EIN is correct— she will prepare two POA and have us sign them so that she can get them submitted to the IRS and then call them to see which one is the correct one. Her first assumption would be the one associated with the checking account. After she talks to the IRS she will the prepare the application so that you can get reinstated. The process does take a little time---so just bear with the process.
- The treasurer gave his report.
- Golf tournament
 - Alex reviewed the advertising
- Charities is not a 501-c3. Ken Z will set up a finance committee to track down.
- Lodge reports
 - Delaware River: has a young line. Planning a November Table Lodge. Degree work in November. Brother bring a friend has been successful. Successful Virtual Lodge. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday.
 - Cobleskill: petitions in the pipeline. Events on website.
 - Schenevus: No replacement for the secretary. Events to be published. Will need help opening.
 - Farmers: Some officers are having issues. Membership is older. No new young prospects. Have monthly community dinners. Earl Wilkinson ill and having problem getting around.
 - Laurens: Starting chicken & biscuit. No current candidates but may be some soon. Funeral Oct 5 in Morris.
 - Schoharie: Dinner 6 pm. Degree at 7 pm. Awards dinner on Sept 29.
 - Oneonta: Practices Sunday evening. Doing repairs on the Temple especially the roof. Will have degree work soon.
 - Ad Orientum: working on paperwork for a dispensation and hopefully a charter next Spring.
 - Otsego: Expecting a petition. 2020 225th Anniversary is in planning.
- Assign lodge historians and notify Area Historian, Nathan Tweedie.
- Our next meeting is December 4, 2019 at Schenevus. Schoharie Lodge will provide the meal.

DDGM

- Reviewed Official visit form. Mostly the same. New is budget report, copies of bank statements, copy of 990 cover page (send whole 990 with Annual Return,), evidence of formal audit, treasurer's report for last fiscal year, and trustees' report. MORI can do a budget.
- DDGM, staff officer and 2 AGLs should receive honorarium.
- Grand Lodge session Oct 5: only 1 representative from each lodge.

The benediction was given by Ken Sokolowski.

The minutes will be distributed for review.

The Meeting was closed at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
W.: Bruce L. Van Buren, Secretary