

April 11, 2014 Minutes
Meeting of the Otsego-Schoharie & Delaware
Masonic Charities, Inc.

Call to Order at 7:00 PM by President William L. Mason. Vice President Richard S. Morley, Treasurer Alexander D. Brannan & Secretary Fred G. Hickein in attendance. Members present are: Allison Aumick, Jeffrey Austin, Christopher Barown, Robert Bennett, Roy Bilby, Jordan Jaquay, Herbert Mayne, William Morley, Richard Sherman, Kenneth Sokolowaski, Duane Trask and Theodore Volkert. Also present: Dennis Breheny, David Halbert, Richard Harris, Sandra Bennett and Deborah Trask. Opening prayer offered by Richard R. Scheiner.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Mason welcomed all present.

Reading of the Minutes of our last meeting by Secretary Fred Hickein. Schenevus Valley Lodge # changed to "592". Corrected Minutes -Approved.

Reading of the Bills by Treasurer – none.

Treasurer's report presented by Alex Brannan. Attached are: Check Register from 4/12/2013 to 3/31/2014 with(Bal.\$10,539.53) & Financial Report Tot.\$24,217.67.

7) Report on the Mystery Dinner Theater by Sandy Bennett. Ticket sales are down by 40 and Ad Sales are also down, directly affecting the income!

8) President was informed by Mr. Chas. Manee , that he is no longer interested.

9) Report by DDGM Roy Bilby on the results of the Masonic Trial of George Sydlar. President moved that, as Sydlar is an Expelled Mason, he be removed as an active member of the Corp., and listed in the Secretary's roles as expelled.

Approved by all present.

10) Bro. Herbert F Mayne presented \$25. Ck. to become a Member of O-S&DMCC.

11) President Mason thanked all for their tremendous efforts and accomplishments this past year.

12) President Mason offered his best wishes to Brothers Rich Morley & Dennis Breheny in their bids to join the new Grand Line.

13.)President Mason moved that all new members be offered only a Lifetime membership at \$25, eliminating the option of a yearly membership. Approved by all present.

14) President Mason moved that any member on the Secretary's roles who has paid \$30 or more in dues be given Lifetime membership and be relieved of any further dues. Approved by all present.

15) Nominating Committee proposed: President- Richard Scheiner, Vice President- Roy Bilby, Treasurer-Alex Brannan & Secretary -Bruce Van Buren, All present had the opportunity to provide input into the selection of this slate.

16) Election of Officers: The Slate was read by the Secretary, President Mason Opened the Floor for other Nominations, and the following were Elected:

President – Richard R. Scheiner Vice-President – Roy A. Bilby

Treasurer – Alexander D. Brannan Secretary - Bruce L. Van Buren

17) President-elect Richard Scheiner took over the meeting at 7:45 PM.

18) Discussion of Our Scholarship issues-9(1)Procedures adopted in December 2013 make for more difficulty in submitting forms to the Committee-(2) an award of \$300. is 'less attractive' than \$500, signature and membership of Mason vs. one of a Charity Member signature requires additional steps, discussion Tabled!

Discussion of Wounded Warrior Project support and % of donations to Vets.

Donations: to take care of Brothers, Families and their Needs.
Discussion re: removing Bro. Steve Thomas from SVL #592's roles.

The next meeting is scheduled for: Saturday, 16 August, District Picnic in Schenevus./
The Minutes of this Meeting were (read OR not read and approved).
The Meeting was closed with prayer by Roy Bilby.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Fred G. Hickey
Fred G. Hickey, Secretary