

Les Cheneaux Lodge #590 Free & Accepted Masons

Minutes for stated communication – Date: December 10th, 2025

The lodge was opened in due form on the Entered Apprentice degree for the dispatch of business at 7:00 PM.

WM Dave Cain

JD Roger Merchburger

SW Wolf Demers

Secretary Bruce Shoberg

JW Clayton Hall

Treasurer Brian Decker

SD Jeff Marlett

Tyler Bill Giddens

Chaplain: Jim Shutt

23 Members Present – 7 were Guests

Sick & Distressed

Sune Bucht in hospital having problems with filling with fluids, had drained, but needs to go to physical rehab. He has heart issues. Were going to send card, but forgot, so I sent one out later. Per Wolf, Robert Krol is in a home and not coming out, that may be why I haven't been able to send his card to him. WM Dave Cain talked about his surgery and thanked everyone for asking about how he was doing.

Bills / Treasurer Report

Bills: Greeting Cards for lodge 141.81, Pop for dinners \$17.60, Meals for Dec and Jan 190.64, Gas money for Bill Giddens for driving investigation committee down state to meet Matt Most

Total \$20,071.05 in lodge accounts. See attached for full information. We had just over a \$7,000 gain for the year.

Correspondence

None

Petitions

Steve Secor investigation committee report– RB and Wolf reported and approved, Sean Henrichs was not present

Matthew Most investigation committee report– Bill Giddens reported and approved, Nathan was not present.

I contacted Ray Ackerman after getting the paperwork to Al Reamer. He said he was not quite ready, but I told him we would be dark for a couple of months anyway.

Committees

Charities: the charity committee will meet while we are dark and make decision who to give to, I gave Dave Cain the list from last year.

Golf: N/A

Pig Raffle: Cedar Post got their half and going to contact the other winner, but there is no dollar amount that we have for how much it will cost us. Brian will get it paid as soon as he gets a bill.

Scholarship: Sending teens to leadership seminar in Washington, DC, the group is going to a LEAD seminar for teen leadership. This is the money that was not given as a scholarship last year. This may lead to a couple of new members joining as they were related to teens group.

Building: Going to work on things while dark and the head of the committee Allan was not present to give more details.

Unfinished Business

Get Well, Thank You and With Sympathy cards were ordered and have arrived 50 of each style card.

New Business

WM Read the card for the Sr Grand Warden Terry Trout who passed away, we draped altar at last meeting before we received the card. Sault lodge visitors were introduced and got the traveling gavel. They were actually there to give an honorary membership to RB Smith as he withdrew his plural membership and they wanted him to still be a member. Clay Slaughter who currently lives in Detour was introduced and given his 50 year pin from his lodge in TX. He said he hasn't come in as he is hard of hearing.

Good of the order

St Ignace going to talk at meeting next week on when they are going to do a Fellowcraft degree and will let us know when it will be in case EA Rob Crockett can attend. Br Frank Harness discussed that WI requires a background check for new candidates and they have to pay for it, Kelly Davis talked about it being optional here in MI. RB and Betty are going to do the dinner for the April meeting. RB mentioned instruction in Alma in March, RB and Dave said they were going, but they may be mistaken as Kelly said it is Secretary/Treasurer training and they may have been thinking about Grand Lodge. Brian and Nathan Harrison visiting their mother in TX and that is why they could not be here tonite. Kelly Davis representing BGP District 3 discussed that currently there is no legislation, but is sure there will be some before Grand Lodge.

LEO Lecture Topic

N/A

The lodge was closed in short form at 7:55 PM by BGP PWM Kelly Davis