

Les Cheneaux Lodge #590 Free & Accepted Masons

Minutes for stated communication – Date: April 8th, 2026

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

WM Dave Cain

JD Bill Giddens

SW Wolf Demers

Secretary Bruce Shoberg

JW RB Smith

Treasurer Brian Decker

SD Brian Harrison

Tyler Alan Griffen

Chaplain: Jim Shutt

12 Members Present

Sick & Distressed

Frances Shoberg passed away in the last month. Clayton Hall had a colonoscopy last week and had to be taken to Traverse (due to bleeding) and did not have way back home. He rode a bus from TC to St Ignace and WM Dave Cain helped get him home from there. Wolf Demers adopted brother passed away recently, a card was sent to Wolf and Clayton. Allan talked to Chuck Crawford and he is still having issues and losing weight, but in good spirits. He wanted to come to lodge this month, but had a Dr appointment. He also talked about his son Seth joining the lodge.

Bills / Treasurer Report

Bills: \$24.39 for a CO2 detector, \$25 for phonevite refill, \$54.58 for dinner condiments and other things related to that.

Money in was \$14 for can/bottle returns by Wolf. \$85 for dinner and \$544 for dues and donation by Br Griffen

Total \$15,834.91 in lodge accounts.

Correspondence

Thank you card from Clark Twp for the donation to the Township Christmas party. Letter about boost for yearly lodge charity to \$3,400. Letters for open Tyler seat in Grand Lodge (Matthew Haynes, Christopher Owens, and Charles Garrow. Tax valuation letter for lodge from the township.

Petitions

There was a discussion on when to do the EA degree for the new members. It was decided to do it on Wednesday April 22nd, dinner at 6, meeting/degree at 7 PM. RB said he and Betty would take care of dinner. A practice was set up for Wed Apr 15th at 6 PM. Brother Giddens to launder clothes. We also have a fellowcraft degree for Rob Crockett and MM degree for Zach Michalski.

Committees

Charities: The charity committee met while we were dark and set up the following donations: \$250 for Harborview of Detour, \$500 for St Ignace Food Bank, \$500 for Hospice of EUP, \$500 for Pennington House of Pickford, \$500 for Cedar Post of Cedarville, \$150 for Community Action Agency. There was a motion to accept these and to give a check from lodge for \$250 for Community Action Agency of St Ignace instead of the usual \$100 by Brian Decker, it was seconded by Alan Griffin and voted on in the lodge and the motion passed.

Golf: Brian going to talk with golf course to lock in the date so we can start working on getting sponsors set up.

Dues: The 3 outstanding dues were read

Building: Nathan turned the water on with Alan Griffin helping so he could learn how to do it. The hot water tank is not working and Br Al Reamer said he would buy the elements to fix it. The furnace chimney has come down and put hole in vestibule roof, and WM may have someone to repair for \$250, WM thinks we ought to get a materials list together for that as well as sign and floor and drywall around the chimney as well as anything else so we can see if can get discount from Taylor Lumber and do it in 1 shot. We do not want to fix roof until after the 22nd degree work as the furnace will not work without a chimney. Nathan and WM Dave will talk to Straits Heating and Cooling about the furnace. RB thinks fascia needs work and Br Nathan Harrison said he will provide the wood for that.

Unfinished Business

RB lost track of the Almoners box and wondered if anyone had seen it around lodge. Rb will attend Grand Lodge to represent our lodge. WM made a motion to remove Brian Decker from the Cloverland account and add Treasurer Nathan Harrison, RB Smith seconded motion passed by vote from lodge.

New Business

Discussion on sending information to the prosecutor in regards to the stolen gravel. WM has estimate to get more gravel and Nathan said he could send it over, but Brian Decker mentioned that it may have needed to be in before the case was heard and recommended Nahan call them first. Nathan Harrison (Treasurer) made a motion that the checking account currently has Tom Doty and Craig Dawson on the account and would like to get them taken off and the Secretary put on there. Brian Decker seconded, the motion was voted on and passed. WM talked about challenge coin from the Sault and a pin and card he received from a lodge in FL when he was there and would like to see us do something like that, he is going to look into designing something and the secretary will look into pricing of coins and pins. There was talk about going to the sault's meeting on Tuesday April 14th. Their meeting is at 730, dinner at 630. I told them to contact Sault lodge about number going to dinner if they do attend.

Good of the order

Masters pin was presented to WM Dave Cain by Bruce Shoberg from the Royal Arch Masons – Mackinac Chapter 134. Bruce Shoberg said he had Royal Arch raffle tickets available. He also brought up what the Sault and St Ignace lodges were doing. They are having a night to get together and do degree or ritual work, hang out, work on lodge, etc and thought it might be something for us to do in this lodge. We will discuss more at later lodge meeting as we are going to be getting together the next 2 weeks in a row.

LEO Lecture Topic

Freemasons for Dummies book had information Brian talked about and he also talked about the philosophies of masonry

The lodge was closed in due form at 8:15 PM by WM Dave Cain