

Les Cheneaux Lodge #590 Free & Accepted Masons

Minutes for stated communication – Date: June 10th, 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 RB Smith

SW Wolf Demers

Secretary Bruce Shoberg

JW Clayton Hall

Treasurer Nathan Harrison

SD Brain Harrison

Tyler Bill Giddens

Chaplain: Brian Decker

13 Members Present, 1 Visitor

Sick & Distressed

PGM Larry Judson is not doing well, he has visited our lodge many times as they have a place up near here.

Bills / Treasurer Report

Bills: \$112.71 for dinner from RB, \$493.61 for GL visit for RB. Brian Decker made motion to pay the bills, Clayton seconded, motion voted on and passed.

Cash In: \$112 dues, \$120 dinner, \$2,2463.75 for stolen rock

Total \$16,347.21 in lodge accounts, \$3,549.89 in temple account – see attached for details

Correspondence

Grand Secretary Quill, Bicentennial reminder, passing of MWB Kenneth Bolton and Donald Corman (altar was draped for them). RB gave update on his GL visit, about \$13M owed on home and they voted to pay it off. RB tried to get an answer on how the debt was incurred, but could not catch any of the big wigs to ask. It was said that currently there are about 17k members and they expect it to drop to about 4-5k by 2040.

Petitions

Update on Ray Ackermans plural membership petition, paperwork is being worked on. Nathan says he has 2 petitions in possible candidate hands, Pat Van Sloten and Seth Crawford.

Committees

Charities: We have received the checks from GL and they need to be distributed, Brian Decker took 3 to be delivered to the sault, Wolf took 2 for St Ignace and Nathan took the 1 for Cedarville. There was a discussion on why Pennington got twice what Harbor House got – basically, just because we only have so much money to give. RB is now on the charities committee

Dues: Only 2 left not paid, Jerry Turley and Carl Gunderson, there was discussion on what to do as Carl is getting memory loss and it was decided to discuss it with Craig or Kelly

Golf: Dates are set for the tournament, it is Friday August 14th at 5 PM. Same prices for sponsors and for players. Last year we gained a lot by being pro-active. Wolf talked about giving plaques or certificates to donors. Motion by Bill Giddens to do certificates for donors and plaques for those that have been doing this more than 3 years. Wolf seconded, voted and passed.

Pig Raffle: Brian Decker told us that the person who donated the pig also paid processing (or paid for processing and donated the pig as well). He mentioned that we needed to send him a certificate and also donation information for his taxes.

Unfinished Business

Finish coin discussion that never happened after last meeting. A vote was made on metal versus acrylic coins as the acrylic on the coins comes off after a while, following what Clayton said that if you actually carry it a lot that happens. The vote was made and all but 1 person voted for metal coins. After the meeting, I mentioned that we forgot to decide what color and we had a small group that thought copper would be quite fitting for a UP lodge.

New Business

RB said Betty didn't want to hear if any issues with chosen dinner. Nick Torsky was presented by RB with Marines Masonic hat and a shirt that RB got at GL.

Good of the order

Sault MM degree on Sat June 13 at 11 AM. Bill thanked everyone for the card, calls, texts, etc while he was sick.

LEO Lecture Topic

Why are we called a Blue Lodge. There are actually a few Red Lodges still left in Louisiana (French thing).

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