



The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

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RW Frederick I. Waldron, PDDGM
Secretary-Treasurer

RW David R Tweed Sr, PGT
President

November 21, 2013

Opening: The Annual General Meeting of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey was opened at 7:45 p.m. in Clifton Lodge No. 203, Clifton by RW David R Tweed Sr, President. The following other Kilties were present in Kilts: RW Frederick I Waldron, Secretary-Treasurer; RW Kenneth A DeBlieu; RW George P Hodges; RW Albert L Strunk Jr; RW Thomas L Winter; WB Kevin A DeFeo; WB Paul DiGaetano; WB Richard Farraj; WB Paul W Otto; WB Michael E Porter Sr; WB Michael E Porter Jr; WB Scott D Porter; DB James D Matear; Bro George J Cameron; Bro Mitchell D Lane; Bro Douglas G MacKenzie; Bro John G McComb; RW Franklin S Melnick; Bro James F Messineo; Bro Colin T Nisbet; Bro John Nisbet; Bro Keith A Porter and Bro Alexander B Wilson. Also present, but not in Kilts, were: RW Robert Evans; WB Amin E Amireh and WB Brad Waudby.

Minutes: The minutes of the Fall Business Meeting of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey, on September 5, 2013, were read and, upon motion regularly made and seconded, accepted as read.

Applicatons: Applications for membership was read and, upon motion regularly made and seconded, approved from Bros William M Gordon and Andrew J Messineo, both of Copestone-Ophir Lodge #108, Kearny.

Invitations: None.

Correspondence: Email from RW J Eugene Margroff, apologizing for his absence, agreeing to accept the nomination as First Vice President and if elected to serve. He also nominated WB David Melville (Mel) Russen for the office of Second Vice President.

Sickness and Distress: None.

Bills: None.

Unfinished Business: The Secretary announced that the supplier for our Centennial Polo Shirts had made an error in ordering and as a result he had two "extra" shirts in stock, both Royal Blue, no pocket or name, one Medium and one large.

New Business: DB Jim Matear made a motion, seconded by RW Fred Waldron, to donate \$150 to Wreaths Across America and \$100 To Copestone-Ophir Lodge #108 (for their Burns' Night Ad Journal — as has been our practice in years past. The motion was approved unanimously.

WB Mike Porter Sr thanked the Kilties for their support in conferring the Second Section upon his Grandson Andrew, and noted for the record that Clifton Lodge had provided Roast Suckling Pig for dinner.

The Secretary proposed increasing the "suggested minimum donation" from Lodges to our Charity Fund from \$200 to \$250. The motion was seconded by Bro John McComb and passed unanimously.

The Secretary proposed abolishing the present option of a \$5 Application Fee and \$2 Annual Dues and instituting a single payment of \$100 to include the Application Fee and Life membership. After some discussion, generally favorable, the President appointed RW Fred Waldron, RW George Hodges and WB Pau DiGaetano to a By-Laws Committee to review that section of the By-Laws and make a recommendation at the 2014 Spring Business Meeting.

Nomination, Election and Installation of Office-Bearers: Nominations were read for RW David R Tweed Sr, PGT for President, RW J Eugene Margroff, PDRI for First Vice President, WB David M Russen, PM for Second Vice President and RW Frederick I Waldron, PDDGM for Secretary-Treasurer. There being no other nominations, the President declared the slate elected by acclamation and duly installed. He later announced that he would re-appoint the 2013 Appointed Officers for 2014: RW Robert N Stutz as Chaplain; WB Michael E Porter Sr as Pipe Major and Bro Clark J Van Buskirk as Colour Sergeant.

Closing: There being no other business to come before the Masonic Kilties, the Annual General Meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m., by RW David R Tweed Sr, President.

Respectfully submitted,  *Past President, Secretary-Treasurer*