



Type of Communication: Regular Date: February 06, 2017

Where Held: Martinez, Ga Purpose: _____

Officers Present

Worshipful Master:	<u>W.B. David C. Pierson</u>	Senior Deacon:	<u>Noah Vaught</u>
Senior Warden:	<u>Chris Pierson</u>	Junior Deacon:	<u>Jason Schuyler</u>
Junior Warden:	<u>Trip Pierson</u>	Senior Steward:	<u>Patrick Wells</u>
Secretary:	<u>Richard T Williamson, PM</u>	Junior Steward:	<u>Jarrod Coffey PM (P.T.)</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Robert S. Kirby</u>	Tyler:	<u>Jimmie R. Kirkland PM</u>
Chaplain:	<u>Melton Steinberg PM</u>		

Martinez Lodge met in their hall for their regular communication with the officers listed above present. A lodge of Master Masons was opened at 8:00 p.m. with 47 Brethren in attendance, 19 Veterans of the United States, 14 Past-Masters, 3 10th District Officers, and 8 Grand Lodge Officers, 2 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, 2 KYCH York Rite Masons, and 4 KCCH Scottish Rite Masons. The lodge was set at labor. The invocation was given by the chaplain.

The visiting Brethren were welcomed.

Due to the presence of Bro. Gary H Leazer, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia the Lodge was put at ease and the normal business of the Lodge was interrupted to prepare and welcome him for his Official Visitation. Ladies and guest were invited in to witness the 50 Year Award Presentations. The Alarm was given at the outer door and the OV of the Grand Master was begun. A committee was formed consisting of the Grand Marshall Bro. Tommy Towler Pm, The Grand Chaplain Bro. Joe Bush PM, and the District Deputy to the

Grand Master (10-C) Bro. Richard Williamson PM. The Grand Master was received in due form and given Public Grand Honors.

The MWB Leazer made opening remarks and proceeded to present 50 Year Awards to two brethren, Jimmie Ray Kirkland PM, and Russell Bonnell Williams. They were given Public Grand Honors on the occasion of receiving this notable status.

Following this presentation and further comments by the Grand Master, the Lodge was returned to Labor.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

EA Brother Stephen Alexander Tackett was found in waiting to return his proficiency. The Lodge set at labor on the EA Degree for examination by Jimmie Kirkland PM.

PETITONS FOR ADVANCEMENT AND BALLOTING

On completion of the examination the Lodge was then set at labor on the Masters Degree and a ballot was spread and the petition for advancement was accepted. His Fellowcraft Degree has been scheduled for February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Communication, the Masters and the EA Degree Conferrals in January were approved with one correction to the minutes for the EA Degree.

READING OF PETITIONS (First)

[NOTHING PRESENTED]

READING OF PETITIONS (Second)

[NOTHING PRESENTED]

BILLS AND COMMUNICAITONS

Bills were read and approved. The following communications were read: 1. Grand Lodge. 2. It was noted that 36 of our Lodge Widows were sent \$50 checks and we have received twelve thank you cards so far from them (two or three checks have not been cashed or returned to us), 3. Thank you card from Lakeside High School (for donation), and 4. Georgia DeMolay Foundation (for donation).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports were given and provided to the Secretary from the Treasurer and the Temple Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The committees reporting as follows: 1. David Winkler gave a presentation for The Georgia Masonic Child Identification Program (GACHip). 2. Board of Financial Trustees. In accordance with the By-Laws an election was held for the position that had expired. Jarred Coffey PM was elected for three years (2017, 2018, & 2019). The other two positions already filled are Randy Moon (2016, 2017, & 2018), and Dwain Milburn Pm (2015, 2016, & 2017). Jarred Coffey PM (Director of Work) presented proficiency cards to thirteen brethren.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

[NOTHING PRESENTED]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[NOTHING PRESENTED]

MOTIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

[NOTHING PRESENTED]

GOOD OF THE ORDER AND MASONIC EDUCATION

It was brought to the attention of the Lodge that Geneva Gray's son-in-law had passed away.

A motion was made by Jarrod Coffey PM and seconded by Chris Pierson to make Bro. Jim Wyatt (member of Clarence H Cohen Lodge No 749) an Honorary Member of Martinez Lodge. Bro. Wyatt has been graciously giving his time with presentation of Lectures in our Lodge for some time and Lodge heartily agreed to the motion. He will be so recognized at the next available time.

By vote of the Lodge thirteen members were due and granted Emeritus Status. A petition to grant a Transfer Certificate for Shawn Randall Price (to Buck Creek Lodge No 410, Alabaster AL). A ballot was spread and the petition was granted.

A gift from the Lucky Charms (support group for Kim Gumbly's expenses when she is Worthy Grand Matron) of \$25 was received. There was a motion to return the \$25 and add \$25 more (total \$50) to that group was made seconded and passed.

It was noted that Bros. Paul Royal Evans (courtesy candidate from Wisconsin) is being coached on his Masters Proficiency by Jimmie Kirkland PM. Daniel Scott Eaton is being coached on his Masters Proficiency by Clinton Mel Harris

The 2014 By-Laws revisions that were sent to Grand Lodge may not be approved since they were not received by the Grand Lodge Office. We will investigate whether they were to the Charters and By-Laws Committee directly [Jack Williams PM is the Chairman].

A motion was made and seconded to send a paver in honor of James Dyches PM a past master of Martinez Lodge now a member of Harlem Lodge No 276. The motion passed.

There being no further business brought before the Lodge, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:40 p.m. with peace and harmony prevailing.

**Fraternally & Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Thomas Williamson, PM
Secretary**