

Merchantville Lodge No. 119, F. A. M.
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MINUTES of the Regular Communication for Thursday, January 9th, 2025 AD, 6025 AL

A Regular communication of Merchantville Lodge #119, F&AM was held. The Lodge was opened on the MASTER MASON DEGREE in DUE and ANCIENT Form at 7:35 PM with the indicated installed OFFICERS in their regular stations and places

WM: Luis A. Valentin, PM

X – Indicates PRESENT

SW:	Andrew S. Knaus, PM	X	JW:	Anthony J. Starkus, PM	X
TR:	David K. Martin, Jr, PM		SEC:	Shawn M. Roberts, PM	X
SD:	El Donaldo F. Vid Al, PM	X	JD:	Rev. Jorge A Martinez, PM	X
SMC:	Luis Francisco Ruiz		JMC:	Gerald D. Jeitner, PM	
SS:	David R. Saunders		JS:	Joseph M. McGuckin, Jr	X
CHP:	Raynaldo Santiago, PM		MLS:	Christian P. Kochon, PM	X
TYL:	DB Enrique Rosario, PM		HST:	David K. Martin, Jr, PM	

Members Present

Bro. William Defoney, DB Stephen Callaghan, WB Eric Johnson, PM (Served as Tyler)

Greetings from the Worshipful Master

Reading of Minutes

Motion to accept as written and distributed by Bro SW, 2nd by Bro JW. Unanimously passed, and was so ordered.

Reading of the necessary Correspondence

A Petition to consider merger of Merchantville Lodge #119 with Mozart Lodge #121 signed electronically by more than 10% of the membership was read by Brother Secretary and delivered to the Worshipful Master.

Correspondence regarding the JGW's Reception, the SGW's fundraisers, Rainbow for Girls, Grand Court of the Amaranth fundraisers were also read and all questions were answered.

Reading of Treasurer's Report

\$15,575.08 in bank account, deposits incoming and the Grand Lodge assessment to be withdrawn.

Accepted for file.

Reading of Bills

Motion to pay bills by Bro SW Seconded by Bro JD

Passed

Visiting WMs Welcomed

None

Visiting Brethren Welcomed

None

Birthdays and Masonic Birthdays

None

Reading of Petitions and or Balloting

None

Committee Reports

Square Club

None

Trustees

None

Membership

13 Prospects in Grandview, WM will call to invite them to an Open house to be held on Friday March 28th. Will invite Mozart Lodge and Campana De Libertad Lodge to invite their prospects as well.

Blood Drive

Thursday May 8th, noon – 5pm at Haddonfield Temple

Sick and Distressed

None

Rental\Building

Bro SW Has worked tirelessly after many months with PSE&G to get HVAC back in the hall. Had HVAC unit blessed by Bro SD, installed railings in the Lodge Room to the East, new Trash cans in the hall, cord for the flag pole and fixed the light in the closet.

Have had rentals even without heat over the winter months, but looking now to ramp up by advertising. Bro SW would like to revise the rental agreement, and include some information regarding where and how to get insurance, event licenses, and we need more eTips Certified members.

Old Business

Merger proposal signed by 10% of lodge

Established committee consisting of WBs Andrew Knaus, Luis Valentin, Shawn Roberts, Eric Johnson and David Martin, Jr.

Meet with Mozart to discuss the merger.

New Business

Official Visit is March 13th

Discussed moving the Table Lodge to September and asking to make it a joint event, this is due to lack of time to plan.

Discussed Lady's night in May. Need a venue, or do it downstairs. Need participation, ask other lodge's to join in.

Past Master's Night, a Dutch treat dinner maybe a selection of 3 choices and banquet style. Bro Secretary to check with Pennsauken Country Club and Merchantville Country Club. June and again in the Fall?

Masonic Light

None

Lodge Closing

Closed in due and ancient form at 8:45 pm with the officers in regular stations and places.

Attest:

WB Shawn M. Roberts, PM

Secretary

Merchantville Lodge #119, F&AM