

Merchantville Lodge No.119, F. A.M.
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MINUTES of the Regular Communication for Thursday, March 13, 2025 AD, 6025 AL

A Regular communication of Merchantville Lodge #119, F&AM was held for the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, RW Kenneth F Carpenter. The Lodge was opened on the MASTER MASON DEGREE in DUE and ANCIENT Form at 7:30 PM with the indicated installed OFFICERS in their regular stations and places

WM: Luis A. Valentin, PM X

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	X	HST:	David K. Martin, Jr, PM	

Members Present

Brother Will DeFoney, WB Eugene Wallace, PM, Brother Jeff Pennel

Filling in officers seats were RW Pete Buschert for Chaplain, WB James Dickenson for Tyler, RW Casey Huston for Jr MC, and WB Enrique Rosario for Marshal.

Greetings from the Worshipful Master

WM Luis Valentine greeted everyone then invited RW Vincent M Capone, DRI to make any corrections or comments on the opening ritual, which he did. RW Kenneth F Carpenter, DDGM, was also invited to give comments, which he also did. Business then continued.

Reading of Minutes

Motion to accept as distributed by Brother Senior Warden which was then seconded by Brother Junior Deacon. The motion passed.

Reading of the necessary Correspondence

Edict from GM Regarding RW Mertz

Reading of Treasurer's Report

\$12,008.74 in checking

No report from investments

Reading of Bills

Motion to pay bills by Brother SW, Seconded by Brother JW, which was passed by the brethren.

OFFICIAL VISIT

The WM Suspended all other business until next the regular communication to proceed with the OV.

Reception of RW DDGM

At 8:00 PM, All Current and Past Grand Lodge Officers and the Worshipful Masters of the 18th Masonic District were asked to exit the Lodge room to be properly received.

The Grand Honors were rendered to the DDGM taking time from his Marshal for the evening, the RW DRI.

The Gavel was tendered to the RW DDGM, which he returned to continue the evening.

Exemplification of Ritual Work for RW DRI

Ballot

A ballot was exemplified for the election or rejection of Mr. John Paul Jones once again, and some corrections were made.

1st Section of EA Degree

The first section of the EA Degree was exemplified with WB Shawn Roberts in the East and WB Luis Valentin in the Jr Steward's seat, and WB James Dickenson in the Sr Master of Ceremonies seat. Brothers from the lodge and the district filled in where needed and as 2 candidates and Asst. Marshal.

Corrections were made throughout the exemplification.

Closing

A closing was exemplified and again, corrections were made throughout.

Birthdays and Masonic Birthdays

Brother Jeffrey Penell – 46 Years, WB Jorge Martinez – 20 Years.

WM Luis Valentin also celebrated his Birthday in March for an undisclosed age of over 21 (55-shh)

Sick and Distressed

The WM asked for sick and distressed, and let everyone know that Brother Luis Melendez of Campana de Libertad Lodge No 376 was visiting and caring for his mother who was in the hospital.

Good of the order\Announcements

The WM announced the Open House on March 28th.

Lodge Closing

The RW DDGM was again given the gavel to make any announcements, comments and to close the lodge. Fraternal words and light was presented and he closed the lodge in due and ancient form at 9:50pm with the officers in stations and places.

Attest:

WB Shawn M. Roberts, PM
Secretary
Merchantville Lodge #119, F&AM