

EL TEVA TEMPLE NO. 121

**Knights
of Pythias**



**Domain of
Tennessee**

MEETING MINUTES

PARK LODGE – CHATTANOOGA, TN September 2, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. EDT

El Teva Temple Dokies met on the above-noted date, time and place with six members present, being: Mike Melton, Steve Gregory, Rob Mitchell, Mark Ward, Bobby Crowe and Jim Lynn, RV, presiding. Prior to the Dokey business meeting, GS Bobby Crowe asked to discuss a few items of Grand Lodge business that needed to be addressed. All brothers present were Grand Lodge Officers and Members.

Those items were as follows:

1. The Grand Lodge Officers jewels – Our officer jewels are being misplaced or lost as the GMA, GIG, GOG jewels were missing at Grand Lodge in June. He noted he had replaced these jewels, but something needs to be done to get the Officers to be more responsible and accountable for their Officer Jewels. The brothers discussed this matter some options were identified as;
 - Keep the jewels with Grand Secretary.
 - Turn jewels back in after Grand Lodge Convention.
 - Distribute each officer jewel to him, and, if it is missing at next convention, he shall be charged a fee for the lost jewel.these and other options to be discussed and/or implemented at the Grand Council Meeting in January 2020.
2. Grand Officer Jewels chains or cords – What should be done? Do we want to purchase more, where to order, the cost, etc. Action was deferred to the Grand Council meeting in January.
3. Grand Lodge 2020 convention site – GS Crowe advised the we do not currently have a contract with the Country Cascades Hotel in Pigeon Forge for the 2020 Grand Lodge Convention due to a dramatic rate hike. He said rates have risen because the convention dates fall in the area summer season, and, with the new water park and hotel annex the facility had become a more desirable place for families to stay during the summer. Crowe said management tried to get us lowest rate possible, but the owners have the final word on rates. However, they have tried to help us with other motel locations in area for rates, dates, etc.

Several options were identified:

- The former Governor's Inn, now a Holiday Inn Express, where we held Grand Lodge prior to the move to the Country Cascades. Crowe said he will contact them but new the rates there will be higher as they remodeled the hotel a few years ago and rates are generally higher due to summer season in Pigeon Forge.
 - Members agreed to check other motels in area and out of area, possible date change, locations, for a suitable motel for the 2020 Grand Lodge convention with a goal of having a hotel confirmed by Grand Council meeting in January 2020.
4. Amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution – the GS is to review and propose an amendment to Grand Lodge Constitution that would provide for loosening restrictions regarding the convention site and date and present it a Grand Council Meeting on January 4, 2020.

The El Teva Dokey then continued with RV Jim Lynn presiding. There were 6 members, present, and a quorum was established. The Secretary distributed the prior meeting minutes of June 7 and distributed copy of the Imperial Palace Convention report attended by Jim Lynn and Bobby Crowe in Roanoke, VA in July. IP Mike Thornton presided at the Imperial Palace convention, and Roger Siegal of New York was elected the new Imperial Prince. There were some 25 documents processed at the convention, with the per capita tax being raised slightly to \$15.00 per member.

The following items were discussed:

- Discussed delinquent dues. Mark is to send out a few delinquent statements for said dues.
- Approved to suspend Jim Pelfrey and Kenneth Clack for nonpayment of dues.
- Mark ask about rank work saying we have a few brothers to be initiated. It was agreed to make plans for initiation at the next meeting. PIP Mike Thornton unable to attend due to prior commitment.
- Need to work on attendance and membership. Total membership currently is 32.
- RV Lynn said our next meeting will be at Grand Council meeting, scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2020, in Sparta, Tennessee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Following the meeting, Park Lodge in Chattanooga hosted its annual Labor Day cookout. All members attended and enjoyed the great food, fellowship and socializing.

Respectively submitted by:

Bobby Crowe
Bobby Crowe, Secretary