

EL TEVA TEMPLE NO. 121

**Knights
of Pythias**



**Domain of
Tennessee**

MEETING MINUTES

Park Lodge – Chattanooga, TN September 3, 2018 - 12:00 p.m. EST

El Teva Temple Dokies met on the above-noted date (Labor Day) which preceded a cookout hosted by Park Lodge on their lake front property with a large number in attendance and lots of good food and fellowship. The hospitality of Park Lodge is greatly appreciated.

RV Ken Matheney called the meeting to order as scheduled with nine (9) members present including Imperial Prince Mike Thornton from Virginia. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, along with an opening prayer, were given followed by a roll call. The Secretary then read the minutes of the Temple's prior meeting which was held on June 8th during the Grand Lodge's annual convention in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Upon a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was duly seconded, said minutes were adopted pursuant to the motion.

It was determined that the following officers will continue to serve until the next Dokey meeting or until further notice, to be determined at the next meeting. The officers were as follows:

RV – Ken Matheney	GE – Jim Lynn	Shiek – Jack Pelfrey
Mahedi – Mike Melton	Secretary – Bobby Crowe	Treasurer – Mark Ward
Satrap – Robert Hall	Sahib – Darrell Rich	

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled at Oak Leaf Lodge in Rockwood, Tennessee, on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. EST. All attendees were invited to remain and attend the Lodge's annual Christmas dinner scheduled later in the evening. Secretary Crowe noted that he hoped the December date will remain firm, and he would confirm the date and time to all members as soon as possible. Secretary Crowe also noted that rank work is planned at the December meeting, adding that we have several brothers who have taken their obligation and need to initiate them.

Secretary Crowe then mentioned that Tom Tease had closed the Temple's checking account in Chattanooga and that Treasurer Mark Ward will open a new checking account in Newport during the following week. The Secretary mentioned that he had sent dues statements to all members, and had thus far collected \$220.00, plus an additional \$60.00 during this meeting. All funds were given to the Treasurer. In addition, Crowe said the Ron DeWitt, due to his declining health, was declared a dues-paid member, and he said two members are subject to suspension if their dues are not brought up to date by year end.

IP Mike Thornton was recognized and spoke on communication, membership and attendance. He reported the Supreme Lodge will try to help increase Dokey membership by working to get all new Pythian members to become Dokies upon their Pythian initiation. He complimented our Temple on our efforts and was pleased to be in attendance. He said he had been very busy traveling and meeting with Temples.

In other business, Steve Gregory has been busy on the Tennessee Pythians web page, which was up and running, but will officially open in another month or so once finishing touches are applied. GC Jim Lynn and GS Bobby Crowe said they plan on visiting the Sam Davis Lodge in Centerville during their semi-annual rank work in October. All Pythians were invited to attend as well. Additionally, all Pythians were invited to attend SEPA in West Virginia September 21-23. Crowe said we need more members and better attendance and involvement.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Bobby Crowe
Bobby Crowe, Secretary