

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY  
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY  
JANUARY 5, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Thomas E. Morris

The roll call found 32 members present and 6 absent.

Excuses for absencies from previous meetings were presented and accepted.

There was no old business and under new business a motion, entered by Tom Soyars seconded by Curtis Brasher, to table a motion entered by Graham Duncan concerning redefining Society membership and seconded by W.T. Turner, was approved by the Society.

*the* President Morris announced that Charles J. Petrie who has served *as secretary of* the Society for 16 years, has asked that due to the declining health of his wife requiring more of his time and attention; that he be relieved of his duties with the society.

A motion was entered by Norman Lazare and seconded by Dr. Sam Traugher that Mr. Petrie's resignation be accepted with regret and that he be made an ~~honorary~~ Life Member without dues, and that Mr. Gladstone Major be elected to serve his unexpired term, and that an occasion be arranged to present Mr. Petrie with a suitable citation plaque. This motion was approved by the society.

Mr. Morris appointed H.E. Hudson and K.O. Cayce, Jr. to work with him in arranging such an occasion and plaque honoring Mr. Petrie and the members made a special contribution of \$34.00 for this purpose.

The secretary announced the bank balance in the society's account was \$348.49 and that dues for the January to April period totaling \$270.00 were turned in.

The secretary called the program for the evening:

Dr. Sam H. Traugher presented a paper entitled;  
"Sir William Osler, a master Physician and Former Athenaeum Member"

Mr. James M. Wooldridge presented a paper entitled;  
"The Year that had No Summer"

The papers were excellent and well received. A lively and humorous discussion followed with 11 members presenting pertinent and impertinent comments.

After rebuttal statements by Dr. Traugher and Mr. Wooldridge the secretary called the program for February, Mr. William T. Turner and W. Gladstone Major.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 by President Morris.

W. Gladstone Major, Secretary

*W. Gladstone Major*

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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY  
AT THE LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT

FEBRUARY 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order by president Thomas E. Morris.

Roll call found 28 members present and 9 absent.

Excuses for previous absences were presented and accepted.

Graham Duncan, Chairman of the Membership Committee placed the following:  
Col. John Richard Knight ✓  
Rev. David Gardner ✓  
Rev. Howard Willen

in nomination for membership in the society. Several members spoke in behalf of these candidates to be voted upon at the March Meeting.

There being no further business, the secretary called the program for the evening.

Mr. William T. Turner presented a paper entitled:  
"Have you fractured anyone lately?"

Mr. W. Gladstone Major presented a paper entitled:  
"Frost Country."

The papers were well received and an interesting discussion followed with nine members participating.

The secretary called the program for March: George M. Draper and Paul K. Turner

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 by President Morris.

W. Gladstone Major

*W. Gladstone Major*

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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

AT THE LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT MARCH 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by president Thomas E. Morris.

Roll call found only 16 members present and 21 absent due to inclement weather.

Excuses for previous absences were presented and accepted.

A motion was entered by Graham Duncan, chairman of the membership committee, and seconded by Thomas J. Soyars, that in view of the small attendance, voting upon the nominees for membership presented at the February meeting, be deferred until the April meeting. The motion was approved by the Society.

The President named the following as members of a nominating committee for suggesting officers of the Society for the year 1978-79; to be reported at the April meeting:

W.T. Turner, David Cumbee, and J. Brooks Major

The Secretary suggested the President seek an invitation from those members of the Society who were members of the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club that the Society be their guest at the Country Club for the open meeting of the Society May 4, 1978.

There being no further business the Secretary called the program for the evening:

Mr. George M. Draper presented a paper entitled  
"Some Thoughts about Thoughts or The Invisible Horse"

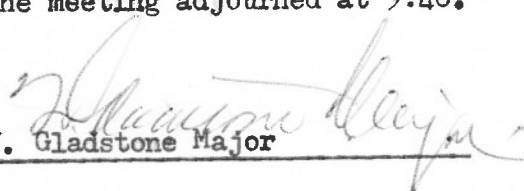
Mr. Paul K. Turner presented a paper entitled  
"Hidden Costs of Government Regulation or The Consumer Gets It Again"

These excellent papers were well received and a lively and stimulating discussion followed.

The Secretary called the program for April:

Kenneth O. Cayce Jr. and William M. Rowlett

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

  
W. Gladstone Major

Secretary

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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

AT THE LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT APRIL 6, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 by President Thomas E. Morris

Roll call found twenty five members present

Excuses for previous absences were presented and accepted.

Voting on the nominations for membership of Col. John Richard Knight, Rev. Howard Willen, and Rev. David Gardner, approved at the February meeting was favorable and the Secretary was instructed to issue them an invitation to become members of the society.

Mr. William T. Turner, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the following for officers for the 1978-79 year: Mark Lowry, president, W. Gladstone Major, Vice President, Leslie Crane, secretary. Upon motion of Graham Duncan, seconded by Henry Hudson, the above officers were elected by acclamation.

There being no further business the Secretary called the program for the evening:

K.O. Cayce Jr. presented a paper entitled "Ephesus III."  
William Rowlett presented a paper entitled "The Last Trip"

Comment and discussion followed the excellent papers , nine members participating with rebuttal by the authors.

The Secretary called the program of the open session at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club on May 4, 1978.

Thomas J. Soyars  
George Street Boone

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

  
W. Gladstone Major

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING OF

THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY

HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

AT THE HOPKINSVILLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

MAY 4, 1978

President Thomas E. Morris presided following a delightful smorgasbord dinner served to ninety five members and their guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting and all business were dispensed with. President Morris announced the acceptance of membership of Reverend Howard Willen and Reverend David Gardner, who were nominated the April meeting.

Henry E. Hudson introduced Mr. Charles J. Petrie and presented him a plaque in behalf of the Society in recognition of his long and faithful service as secretary.

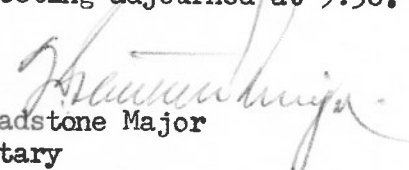
The Secretary then called the program for the evening:

Thomas J. Soyars presented a paper entitled "A Sequel"

George S. Boone presented a paper entitled "Twice Told Tales of Todd"

These papers were well received and a lively discussion by the members was followed by an able rebuttal by the speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

  
W. Gladstone Major  
Secretary

Approved 9-7-78  
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, September 6, 1978

The meeting was convened by President Mark Lowry at 7:30 p.m. The Roll Call affirmed 27 members present; 10 members absent.

The Society voted to accept the resignation of J. Thomas Soyars as an active member, effective September 7, 1978. The recommendation of the Membership Committee that Mr. Soyars be granted Honorary Membership status was approved. A motion prevailed that the Membership Committee be requested to submit criteria, or guidelines, concerning Honorary Membership for consideration and review by the Society.\*

Business items having concluded, the secretary called for the stated program:

Wallace W. Henderson presented a paper -

The Night Riders; subtitled,  
"A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight".

The original paper was presented at the Filson Society in Louisville and published in the Filson Society Journal in 1950.

Henry E. Hudson presented an autobiographical treatise entitled,

In Retrospect - With Gratitude.

Ten members offered comments, and discussion. This was followed by the customary responses from the authors.

The program was announced for October 5, 1978:

William F. Edmunds  
Norman Lazare

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by President Lowry.

*Leslie B. Crane*

Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary and Treasurer

\* Honorary Membership exists by precedent. The singular honor is based upon the esteem, judgment and willingness of the Society to invite a person, usually one having been a member, to this status.

The conditions include:

1. privilege of attendance at any meeting,
2. the responsibility to pay for the food service provided; currently, \$3.50 plus tax and gratuity,
3. the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the Papers presented.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, October 5, 1978

The meeting was convened by President Lowry at 7:28 p.m. The Roll Call affirmed 24 members present; 13 members absent.

The Minutes for the September 6th meeting were approved.

The Society voted to approve requests for excused absences on September 6, 1978. Further, Dr. Sam Traugher requested by phone call excused absence on September 6th and October 5th because of Professional Conferences out of the city. Request granted.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee submitted a proposal concerning guidelines and criteria for Honorary Membership in the Society. After discussion, including a motion to amend and modify the recommendations, a motion to Table the original motion; and the motion to amend; was adopted by a vote of 14 to 9. \*

President Lowry noted the Society currently has three vacancies. The Membership Committee recommended the following to be voted on at the November meeting:

1. Cameron Love
  2. Lee White
  3. Earl A. Erich
- Frank Nash was also recommended.

Business items having been completed, the secretary called for the stated program:

William F. Edmunds presented a technical paper entitled -

The Most Common Surgical Procedure in the United States

Norman Lazare presented a lyrical anthology entitled -

An Autumn Medley

Ten members offered laudatory comments and discussion. The authors responded with acknowledgements and summation.

The program for November 2 was announced:

- Dr. Thomas L. Riley  
Dr. J. Brooks Major

The meeting was adjourned by President Lowry at 9:15 p.m.

*Leslie B. Crane*  
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Secretary and Treasurer

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\* The motion presented by Chairman Brooks Major contained the recommendations attached to these Minutes.

The motion to amend included:

- (a) substitute the term Inactive for Honorary in the Prologue statement.
- (b) delete the phrase listed in 1. (a).
- (c) proceed in all other forms of membership by election using the procedure set forth in the Constitution and By-laws, paragraph 5, page 4.

(A motion to Table both the original motion and the amended phrasing prevailed.)



# Liberty Christian Church

Route 4, LaFayette Road



HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY 42240



Brooks Major, Minister  
303 Deepwood Drive

September 13, 1978

Dear Mr. Crane:

I appreciate the problem and feel some sense of unease myself with the action we took at the last meeting. However, 'tis done. The following recommendation has been checked with William and David. I would like to know your feeling before we submit them:

## Guidelines for Honorary Membership in the Athenaeum Society

It is the constitutional prerogative of the Society to bestow Honorary Membership status by a majority vote at any regular meeting. The following Guidelines are recommended in the interest of fairness and consistency:

### 1. Active Members.

- a. The request of the member, and
- b. Evidence of a long-term physical condition (other than volitional priority) making it impossible to fulfill regularly the responsibilities of active membership.
- c. This status is available only to those active members for whom a Leave of Absence status is inappropriate.

### 2. Non-Members.

- a. Election by the same process used for choosing Active Members.

Please feel free with your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Thursday, November 2, 1978

The meeting was convened at 7:20 by President Lowry. The Roll Call affirmed 26 members present; 11 members absent.

The minutes for the October 5th meeting were approved.

The Society voted to approve requests for excused absences for the past two meetings.

President Lowry called for voting on those persons recommended by the Membership Committee at the October session. The balloting was in this order:

This dealt with a person nominated but not accepted for membership & is censored from the scanned minutes on motion of the Society Sept 2016.

At this point a motion prevailed that further balloting be suspended for the November meeting.

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The name of Dr. Frank Nash remains on the record; the Membership Committee having submitted his name at the October meeting.

A motion was adopted requesting the secretary to send a letter to each member urging all members to adhere to the custom that Athenaeum papers be turned over to the Society for preservation in a central repository. Two ancillary offers also were emphasized:

1. Dr. Robert Sivley offered his service to make copies of any Paper to fulfill this request. It would be <sup>the</sup> members' option whether to retain the original manuscript, or the copy.
2. Mr. David Cumbee, Librarian at the City-County Library, will continue to receive, catalogue and file these papers at the Library.

Business items having been completed, the secretary called for the stated program:

Dr. Thomas L. Riley presented an anecdotal biography concerning -

The Life and Times of Ashbury Harpending,  
a native son of Caldwell County and pioneer, prospector and developer of the California - Nevada Area.

Dr. J. Brooks Major presented an annotated socio-economic treatise on -

The Mechanical Steed in Hopkinsville.  
A subtitle would include: the advent, influence and significance of the bicycle in the development of Hopkinsville.

Both papers were eminently well received.

Nine members offered critique, nostalgic anecdotes and praise. The brevity of each participant was exemplary - all within our constitutional time frame. The authors responded with reciprocal laudatory comment and further references relevant

\* see minutes 12-4-75 and preceding volume

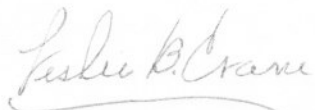
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to their respective research.

The program for December 7 was announced:

Thomas E. Morris  
Duard N. Thurman

The meeting was adjourned by President Lowry at 9:18 p.m.



Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary and Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, December 7, 1978

The meeting was convened at 7:20 by President Lowry. The Roll Call verified 22 members present; 15 members absent. (Hopkinsville was in the midst of an 8 inch rainfall with low lying areas already flooded.)

The minutes for the November 2nd meeting were approved after deletions.

The Society voted to approve requests for excused absences for the November session.

There being no further business items the secretary called for the stated program.

Thomas E. Morris presented a paper entitled:

In Vitro Fertilization, a survey of the scientific data and experimentation in human conception and embryonic development, more particularly the research of British gynecologist, Patrick Steptoe, and physiologist, Robert Edwards, in cooperation with Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Brown that resulted in the advent of Louise Brown.

Duward N. Thurman submitted a paper on

The Development and Influence of the Classic Guitar

This was a convincing eulogy regarding the versatility, technique and artistry of the ubiquitous stringed instrument - the Guitar.

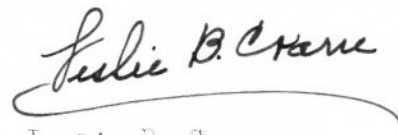
Both papers were avidly received.

Following the intermission 11 members offered comment, additional data and criticism. The authors responded with relevant information and personal evaluation.

The program for January 4, 1979 was announced:

Littleton J. Pardue  
Robert B. Sivley

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. by President Lowry.

  
Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary and Treasurer