

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, January 5, 1984

Following an invocation by Rev. Brooks Major and dinner at the Log House, the meeting convened at 7:40; Vice-Chairman Paul K. Turner presiding. 25 members responded to the Roll Call; 10 were absent.

Excused absences at the previous meeting were approved for George S. Boone and Norman Lazare and also a period of excused absences for Martin Standard because of his close confinement at home because of the prolonged illness of his wife.

Minutes for the December meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the bank balance in the account of the Society on December 30, 1983 was \$332.29.

Letters of acceptance to membership in the Society by James G. Adams Jr. and Marshall Butler were read.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to name Leslie B. Crane an honorary member of the Athenaeum Society.

Vice-President Turner called for the program:

W. Graham Duncan presented a paper entitled:
Steps to Nowhere

in which reference, together with 11 photographic slides, was made to a flight of some 50 marvelously preserved steps leading up from the Green River to the enduring masonry of furnace and shop of the now deserted iron-producing community of Airdrie which came into being around 1855. *and including an account of the planned industry-*

William M. Rowlett presented a paper entitled:
Mere Lewis

outlining the personality and literary production of the scholar, teacher, writer, social critic and amateur theologian, C. S. Lewis.

These excellent papers were well received.

After a brief intermission 6 members addressed the authors making pertinent comments and requesting expansion of some points of interest, to which the authors responded in rebuttal.

The Secretary announced the program for February 2nd.

Thomas L. Riley
Sam H. Traughber

The meeting adjourned at 9:09.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Gladstone Major
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, February 2, 1984

Following the invocation by Rev. Mark Lowery and dinner at the Log House, the meeting convened at 7:20; Vice-President Paul K. Turner presiding. 31 members responding to the Roll Call; 4 being absent.

Requests for excused absences from the January meeting were granted Frank A. Yost, Prewitt Owen, William Edmunds, Richard C. Brasher, Thomas L. Riley, Thomas W. Westerfield, John M. Newsom, Robert C. Baker, and Carmichael Fels.

Minutes for the January meeting were read and approved.

Robert B. Sivley, Chairman of the Membership Committee, recommended Bill Engler for membership to be voted on at the March meeting.

Vice-President Turner called for the program:

Thomas L. Riley presented a paper entitled:
An Overview of Masonry in Christian County, Kentucky
in which he traced the development of the fraternity from Scotland which began in 1598 and includes today one out of ten American males. Extending its organization of lodges from Virginia to Kentucky around 1788, the first lodge in Christian County was chartered in 1816. The author gave sketches of the organizations of a great number of lodges in this county which included many familiar family names among their officers, including one Kentucky Grand Master Dr. Robert M. Fairleigh.

Sam H. Traugher presented a paper entitled:
O. C. M. H.

These initials refer to an "Out Of My Head" viewpoint of health care delivery from the standpoint of three periods of time, "Then, B.B.C."; "Now, B.D.R.G."; and "Later, N.L.O." The paper concluded that in spite of many pessimistic factors involved, the future in this field was predominantly encouraging. The theme was cogently argued and eloquently written.

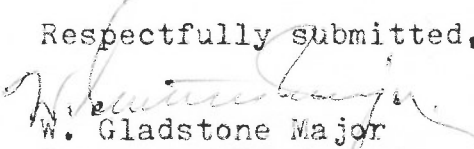
The excellent papers were well received and after a brief intermission, 10 members made comments and stated opinions. The authors gratified by the evident interest of the members, responded with courtesy.

The Secretary announced the program for March 1st:

Prewitt Owen
Paul K. Turner

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, March 1, 1984

Following the invocation of Rev. Mark Lowery and dinner at the Log House, the meeting convened at 7:20, President Kenneth O. Cayce, presiding. 27 members responded to the Roll Call, 7 being absent.

Request for excused absence at the January and February meetings was granted K. O. Cayce, Jr.

Minutes for the February meeting were read and approved. The resignation of Norman Lazare was presented by the President and accepted with regret.

President Cayce appointed a Nominating Committee for officers for 1984-1985 composed of Tom Westerfield, Chairman, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., and George M. Draper to report at the April meeting. He also stated negotiations were underway to secure the Country Club for use of the Society for the May Open Meeting.

Bill Engler was elected to membership in the Society.

President Cayce called for the scheduled program:

Prewitt Owen presented a paper entitled:

T. M. (Transcendental Meditation)

in which the writer explained the process of minimizing mental activity and redirecting the attention of the mind as a means for creative intelligence and for reducing stress. From its beginning in India some 2500 years ago, this process is practiced world wide today including some one half million Americans.

Paul K. Turner presented a paper entitled:

Feticide

In this paper the author examined the legal status of feticide in Kentucky, explaining how the "born alive" doctrine denies a fetus protection, and by showing how the courts, in trying to judicially legislate through contrary interpretation of the murder statute, emphasizes the necessity of the General Assembly enactment of a murder statute which encompasses feticide.

The excellent papers were well received.

After a short intermission a discussion of the papers followed, 6 members making comments and requiring further information upon some points involved, to which the writers responded in rebuttal.

Also during the intermission, Robert Sivley, Chairman of the Membership Committee presented the names of Mike Herndon and Douglas K. Steele as the committee's nominations for membership to be voted on at the April meeting.

March 1, 1984 Meeting

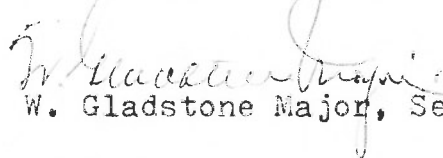
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The Secretary announced the program for April 5th.

Frank A. Yost
Charles L. Tilley

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEM SOCIETY.
Thursday April 5, 1984

Following the invocation by Duard Thurman and dinner at the Log House the meeting convened at 7:27, President Kenneth O. Cayce Jr. presiding.

The roll call disclosed 27 members present and 9 absent.

Requests for absences at the March meeting were approved for Martin Standard, James G. Adams, Jr., Curtis Brasher, and Carmichael Fels.

The minutes for the March meeting were read and approved.

The nominees for membership presented by the Nominating Committee at the March meeting were voted upon and Mike Herndon and ~~Charles K. Steele~~ were duly elected.
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Tom Westerfield, Chairman of the committee to nominate officers for the 1984-1985 sessions presented Paul K. Turner for President, Robert B. Sivley, for Vice-President, and Gladstone Major for Secretary-Treasurer. The nominees were elected.

President Cayce called the scheduled program :

Frank A. Yost presented a paper entitled:

The Russian Character, which outlined events during the last 44 years which reveal the character of the present Russian system of government. He pointed out that all important posts in the economy are filled with party members which comprise only 6% of the population. He concluded with a quote, " will they really succeed in their task of universal destruction?"

Robert C. Baker, presented a paper entitled;

Dilemma in Education, in which he pointed out facts concerning the plight of public education and stressed the aspects which suggest students attending Private schools receive a better education.

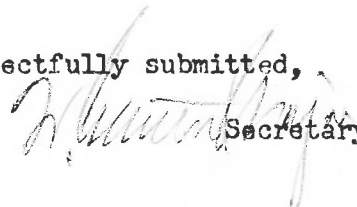
Interest in the papers was evidenced by the fact that only one member was absent following the intermission and that 12 members participated in the discussion which followed. The writers responded in rebuttal with clarification.

The program for the open session was announced:

James M. Wooldridge.
J. Raymond Lord.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary-Treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY.
Thursday, May 3, 1984.

The 82nd Open Session convened at 7:00 o'clock in the dining hall of the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. Members and guests attending totaled 94. The buffet dinner was excellent and the tables were beautifully decorated with white tulips.

President Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. called the program for the evening at 8:15.

James M. Wooldridge, presented a paper entitled, "1983-1984 A Session of Tragedy, Bad Faith, Revised Traditions:" a delightful good humourd diatribe upon all the papers given and the personalities of the authors who presented papers during the past year, including the Secretary who didn't even give a paper. The wit and light sarcasm was most enjoyable as well as constructive as it gave a new light upon some of our old foibles.

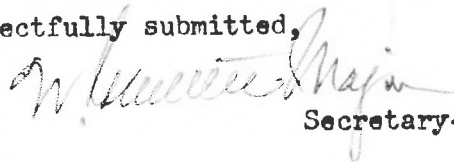
Dr. James Raymond Lord presented a manuscript entitled: "Mozart, A Look at the Life of a Miracle;" in which he traced the life and work of this rare creature and eternal child from the age of 7 until his death in 1791. The author evidenced a passion for good music and clearly validated his authority to interpret and appraise the accomplishment of genius.

The keen enjoyment of the papers was evidenced by the fact that the subsequent discussion discussion involved the comments of 9 members.

The rebuttal by the authors affirmed mutual courtesy and laudatory reciprocity.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary-Treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, September 6, 1984

Following the Invocation by Dr. Brooks Major and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:20, President Paul K. Turner presiding. 28 members responded to the Roll Call, 7 being absent.

Guests Norman Lazare, City and Francois Calmels of France were introduced.

The advanced excuse for absence of Richard C. Brasher was accepted.

Minutes for the May Open Meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of Ed "Happy" Higgins for membership to be voted on at the October meeting.

Motion was approved to write Thomas J. Soyars inviting him to change his membership status to active from the present Honorary Membership.

Motion was approved to make the retiring active member William F. Edmunds an Honorary Member.

Motion was approved to send a letter to the Honorary Member Gladstone Koffman expressing the Society's concern for his health and well being.

There being no further business items the Secretary called for the stated program:

Martin Standard presented a paper entitled:
The Art and Science of Breeding Plants and Animals
in which he explained the esthetic as well as monetary value in improving flowers and food plants by the process of cross-pollination, together with 12 photographic exhibits, emphasizing the pioneering work of Luther Burbank in this field, and interpolating numerous oral explanations of how the process might be followed with benefit in human kind.

Marshall T. Bassett presented a paper entitled:
The Balkan Peninsula 1815-1914, An Explosive Situation
in which he explained the complex network of alliances which existed between the divided Balkan states and their more powerful neighbors, as one of the underlying causes of World War I. He concluded that it is amazing how many wars in history have been fought because of lands of such little commercial, industrial, or agricultural importance.

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The excellent papers were well received, and following a five minute intermission 8 members made comments to which the authors responded briefly in rebuttal.

The Secretary announced the program for October 4.

Henry E. Hudson
Duard N. Thurman

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

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, October 4, 1984

Following the Invocation by Dr. J. Raymond Lord and dinner at the Log House, the meeting was called to order by President Paul K. Turner at 7:40. The roll call disclosed 25 members present, 11 members being absent.

Absences at the September meeting were granted Duard N. Thurman, and J. Brooks Major for the October meeting.

Minutes for the September meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Thomas J. Soyars accepting the transfer of his status from Honorary Member to active membership was read. A letter from W. Graham Duncan IV submitting his resignation was presented.

Annation was approved to reinstate Mr. Soyars at his original seniority listing position and to accept the resignation of Mr. Duncan with regret.

Mr. William Turner acting for the Membership Committee presented the name of Don Atwood for membership to be voted upon at the November meeting.

The vote for Edward "Happy" Higgins for membership in the Society was favorable. A letter notifying him of this decision will be mailed.

President Turner called the scheduled program:

Henry E. Hudson presented a paper entitled:

"Are We Preparing for the Last Game?"

in which the wide proliferation of atomic weapons among the nations of the world was pointed out, emphasizing the vast number of war-heads now under the control of the two great contending powers of the world and speculating upon the factors involved for a viable and lasting peace.

Duard N. Thurman presented a paper entitled:

"Man Measures Man"

In this paper the factors involved in biological determinism as considered at different periods of history were presented. Among the several epistemological approaches to the subject presented was the science of phrenology, and included other tests devised by man in an effort to classify and rank his fellow man.

The papers were well researched and well presented.

After a short intermission 10 members made comments and observations to which the writers made reply in rebuttal.


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The Secretary announced the program for November 1, 1984.

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr.
Charles L. Tilley

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, November 1, 1984

Following the Invocation by Dr. Brooks Major and dinner at the Log House, the meeting was called to order by President Paul K. Turner at 7:30. The roll call disclosed 28 members present, 9 members being absent.

Absences for the November meeting were requested and granted Marshall H. Bassett and Martin Standard. Absences through the October meeting for Carmichael Fels, Prewitt Owen, Wendell H. Rorie, Thomas L. Riley, Douglas K. Steele, and Robert M. Fairleigh III were excused.

The minutes for the October meeting were read and approved.

Edward H. Higgins III was presented and welcomed as a new member of the Society.

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

The Membership Committee presented the name of Wynn Radford III for membership to be voted upon at the December meeting.

President Turner called for the scheduled program:

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. presented a paper entitled:
Covered Bridges

This well researched paper described the technique of this type of bridge construction which came into being in America around 1800, and of which only a few of some 900 remain in use today. The locations of the 13 remaining in Kentucky were listed, and as the writer pointed out, these bridges span more than waterways; they are bridges to the past, reminders of simpler times..

Charles L. Tilley presented a paper entitled:
The Critical Inter-relationship of Parent and Child in a Modern Day Confrontation of Wills or "Life Gets Tedious, Does 'It Not?'"

In this delightful light parody on the relationship between parents and children, the writer's use of irony without bitterness and sarcasm, without malice, contributed most successfully to his evident purpose of providing pleasant entertainment.

The papers were well received and after a brief intermission eight members offered comments and critiques.

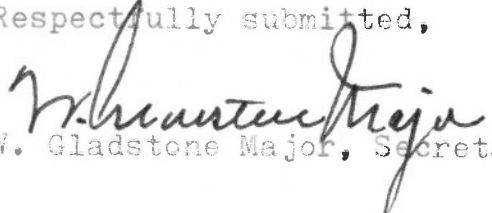
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The program for December 6 was announced:

Mark Lowery
Thomas W. Westerfield

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

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Thursday, December 6, 1984

The meeting at Log House Restaurant convened at 7:25,
Vice-President Robert B. Sivley presiding.

After the Invocation by J. Brooks Major, 21 members
responded to the roll call; 16 were absent.

Absences from previous meetings were requested and granted
to Robert B. Baker, Duard Thurman, Marshall Bassett, Carmichael
Fels, Frank A. Yost, John M. Newsom and George Engler; also to
Henry E. Hudson, and James G. Adams Jr. for the December meet-
ing and to Marshall Butler for the January 1985 meeting.

The minutes for the November meeting were read and approved.

Motion was entered and approved to suggest the Secretary
discontinue the practice of recording in the minutes the name
of any nominee for membership in the Society, and any reference
to approval or rejection by the Society or any reference to
any candidate who might not accept membership.

Vice-President Robert B. Sivley called for the program.

Mark Lowery presented a paper entitled:

The Honeymoon

In a beautifully lucid and simple style and in a
setting of the social and economic environment of
a small Mississippi community some half century
ago, the writer presented the process involved
in one of the eternal verities of life, now largely
passe, of two persons becoming one flesh.

Thomas W. Westerfield presented a paper entitled:

Seeing Red

Armed with numbers and facts and well prepared
charts, the writer traced the process of forming
the Federal budget and presented his concern for the
escalating Federal deficit, being careful to avoid
any reference to religious or political causes
involved, and holding solution to the situation
very much in suspect.

Interest and opinion in the handling of these subjects
were evidenced by the fact that all members made comments and
asked questions to which the writers replied in rebuttal.

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The program for January 3, 1985, was announced:

George M. Draper
James G. Adams, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer