

Gnothi Seauton Council

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026

Opening

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Bro. Najib, who offered opening comments.

Members Present: 11 members and 1 guest.

Bro. Yasser, Sovereign Grand Junior Warden, provided remarks and updates to the Council in his Grand Council capacity.

Grand Council Updates

The following updates from the Grand Council were shared by Bro. Yasser, Sovereign Grand Junior Warden:

- The Grand Senior Marshal (GSM) is expected to visit the area in the near future. Exact scheduling is TBD.
 - A date discrepancy was identified in the previous meeting's minutes and will be corrected.
 - The Grand Council is evaluating the addition of a 4th Grand Superintendent position.
 - Upcoming travel to England for the Scarlett Cord is anticipated.
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In-Gathering

NOTE: Details on the In-Gathering are changing. Updates will be sent when available.

~~Details regarding the upcoming In-Gathering are as follows:~~

Date	Saturday, July 25, 8:00 AM
Location	Williamsport, PA
Additional Details	{To be confirmed}

~~A joint event is being planned with the Susquehanna and Northeast Councils.~~

- ~~• Proposed date: Saturday, July 25~~
 - ~~• Schedule is to be determined.~~
 - ~~• Bro. Jack Harley will present on St. John the Evangelist.~~
 - ~~• St. Lawrence the Martyr — 2 degrees to be conferred.~~
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Treasurer's Report

Current Balance	\$1,136.16
Outstanding Dues	Several members remain delinquent in dues payment. The Secretary is to follow up accordingly.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary addressed the following items:

- **Council Website:** The council's website is available at <https://www.gnothiseauton501.org/>.
- Aprons — distribution and management discussed (see Aprons Discussion below).

Aprons Discussion

Bro. Freeman raised the matter of transitioning member aprons to PSM (Past Supreme Master) aprons.

- PSMs can donate their current member aprons to potentially be used by new members and will purchase a PSM apron.
- The Council will purchase PSM aprons in bulk to reduce cost, **and will be reimbursed by PSM at the rate of \$70.00/apron.**
- An apron was presented to Bro. Erik.

Motion — Purchase of PSM Aprons

Motion	Order 8 PSM aprons at \$70.00 each.
Result	APPROVED

Presentation

"Masonic Outreach Programs and Assistance"

Bro. Jerry Gallagher delivered a presentation titled "Masonic Outreach Programs and Assistance."

Open Discussion

The following topics were discussed by the Council:

(1) "Masonic Relief: A Charity or an Obligation?"

(2) Concept of “Worthiness”

Membership — Bro. Vince Hubach

The Council discussed the status of Bro. Vince Hubach. [Note: Please verify spelling of surname.]

- It was recommended that Bro. Hubach be encouraged to attend more meetings before proceeding further.
 - It was noted that guests should not be informed in advance that they are attending a Council meeting.
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Bylaws Review — Amendments

The following Articles of the Bylaws were reviewed, amended as noted, and voted upon. Updated Bylaws will be distributed to all members.

Article 3 Meetings	<i>The Council shall hold 4 meetings per year, preferably on a quarterly basis.</i>
Vote	APPROVED

Article 4	<i>[Text of Article 4 — to be confirmed from updated Bylaws document.]</i>
Vote	APPROVED

Article 5 Initiation Papers	<i>The required paper shall be presented at initiation, but no later than 12 months following initiation.</i>
Vote	APPROVED

Article 11	<i>[Text of Article 11 — to be confirmed from updated Bylaws document.]</i>
Vote	APPROVED

Note: Updated Bylaws will be distributed to all members.

Closing

There being no further business, the meeting was closed in due and ancient form.

Presiding Officer	Secretary