

Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of October 21, 2022

The Venerable Master, HB Torrey Knight, 32°, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:30 p.m. in full form. After the opening prayer the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed by all.

The minutes of August 19, 2022 and September 16, 2022 meetings were read and approved.

The General Secretary read for the second time the proposed change to the Valley of Columbus by-laws to change the meal time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the start of the Lodge of Perfection from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the change.

The Columbus Chapter, Knights of St. Andrew portrayed the 29th Degree.

Sickness and distress:

- Brother Chris Bagley, 32°, reported that the wife of Brother Bill Davis has been admitted to a nursing home. He is not doing well, either, and expectations are that he, too, will be admitted to the nursing home. Brother William Lindsey, 32°, has returned to work following his heart attack last May and hopes to start attending Lodge of Perfection meetings.
- HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH asked everyone to remember IB James Tate, 33°, at the unexpected passing of his oldest son.
- Brother John Adams, 32°, asked for prayers for the son of a good friend, Caleb Kline, who has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- Brother Russell Ward, 32°, reported that Lady East is still recovering and continues to need our prayers.
- HB Knight asked everyone to pray for Lady Laverne Knowles, wife of Past Grand Master A. Charles Knowles, who is in the hospital.

Business for the Good of the Order:

- Brother Adams reminded everyone of the DeMolay hot dog sale on November 5.
- HB Tony McCool, 32°, KCCH said that he picked up a Masonic chef's apron during a recent visit to Mount Pilot Lodge in North Carolina. He forgot to bring it tonight but will present it later to our chef, Brother Adams.
- Brother Jonas Barlow reported that Crawford Lodge will have a trunk or treat on October 29.

The Personal Representative (HB Oelgoetz):

- Announced the stage play, "It's a Wonderful Life" to be held at the Scottish Rite Center as a fund raiser December 2, 3, 9, and 10. He gave the hours and ticket information.
- Announced the Membership meeting at Tyrian Lodge #111 on February 11 and the guests from Supreme Council.
- Announced the Orient wide Grand Master's Reunion at the Atlanta Masonic Center on June 3, 2023. We will not have our May reunion but will take our candidates to the Grand Master's Reunion.
- Showed everyone the VMAP plaque we received from Supreme Council and thanked Brother Scott Lavelle, 32°, for his hard work that enabled us to earn the plaque.
- Announced the Master Mason Degree team the Valley of Columbus is forming and encouraged everyone to sign up for a part. Multiple Brothers can sign up for the same part as back up.
- Reminded everyone of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Valley of Columbus on September 23, 2023.
- Announced that the Supreme Council will have a virtual Leadership Seminar January 28, 2023; February 24, 2023; and March 18, 2023. If you are interested in participating in one of the sessions let the General Secretary know.
- Announced the TNT fireworks fundraiser December 26-31. We are looking for Brethren to work at the stand.
- Announced the Shrine Club trunk or treat on October 30 and that clients from our Rite Care partner, Autism Learning Center, and their families will be attending.
- Next month IB Chuck Morgan will be giving a presentation on Albert Pike's sword.
- Thanked Brother Adams and the Hospitality Committee for a great dinner and the Knights of St. Andrew for the excellent portrayal of the 29th Degree.

HB Knight closed the Lodge of Perfection in full form at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32°, KCCH
General Secretary