Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of January 20, 2023

The Venerable Master, HB Baron Conklin, 32º, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 6:20 p.m. by proclamation. HB Sid Cooley, 32º, KCCH tended at the Holy Altar and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed by all.

The General Secretary introduced our special guests. They are:

- IB Ted Collins, 33º, Sovereign Grand Inspector for the Scottish Rite in Georgia and Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia.
- HB David Baxter, 32º, KCCH, Personal Representative to the SGIG in Georgia for the Valley of Middle Georgia and the Third Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia.
- HB Joseph Oelgoetz, 32º, KCCH, Personal Representative to the SGIG in Georgia for the Valley of Columbus.
- HB Roger Buterbaugh, 32º, KCCH, Clan Chief for the Georgia Highland Association of the Royal Order of Scotland and General Secretary for the Valley of Columbus.
- HB Rossi Ross, 32º, KCCH, Grand Knight, Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Columbus.
- HB Baron Conklin, 32º, KCCH, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Columbus

At this time the Venerable Master turned the program over to Brother Bayardo Reyes, Commander, Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Columbus for the conduct of the Burn's Night celebration.

As part of the evening's festivities HB Oelgoetz presented numerous awards. Of note is that Brother Reyes received the Personal Representative's Scottish Rite Mason of the Year Award and the following ladies were presented the first ever Lily of the Valley Award:

- Ms. Kathleen "Kat" Adams
- Ms. Donna Buterbaugh
- Ms. Ivy Harris

The General Secretary presented the Double Eagle Awards:

- Basic Award – Brothers Chris Bagley, Dennis Buchanan, and Mark Stillwell.
- Red Bar – Brother Jim Davis
- White Bar – Brother William Knight
- Blue Bar – Brother Scott Lavelle

- Red Ribbon- Brother Jonas Barlow and HB Baron Conklin

The Personal Representative to the SGIG and the SGIG gave closing remarks.

After the conclusion of the Burn's Night celebration Brother Reyes turned the evening back over to the Venerable Master.

HB Cooley gave the closing prayer. HB Baron Conklin closed the Lodge of Perfection by proclamation at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32º, KCCH
General Secretary