Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of November 18, 2022

The Venerable Master Pro Tem, HB Baron Conklin, 32º, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. by proclamation. After the opening prayer the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed by all.

The minutes of October 21, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

The General Secretary read the demit request from Brother Kevin Harbuck. He was able to contact Brother Harbuck's brother, who is a member of the Valley of Columbus, who said Brother Kevin Harbuck has associated with a group that believes Freemasonry is evil and that he is also demitting from his Blue Lodge. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the request.

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, the General Secretary read the proposed slate of officers for 2023 (enclosed). Nominations were requested from the floor, there were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to elect the recommended officers by acclimation. The officers will be installed at our December Lodge of Perfection meeting.

At this time guests were invited into the Lodge Room. Scottish Rite members introduced their spouses in attendance. HB Roger Buterbaugh, 32º, KCCH also introduced his Mother who is in attendance and announced her 90th birthday at the end of the month. She received a round of applause.

The Personal Representative introduced our guest speaker for the evening, IB James H. "Chuck" Morgan III, 33º, Major Donor Officer for the Supreme Council. He gave a presentation on Albert Pike's sword. Afterwards he spoke about the Acacia Fund. HB Joseph Oelgoetz, 32º, KCCH presented IB Morgan a Valley of Columbus certificate to thank him for his presentation.

Sickness and distress:

- IB Doyle Hatfield had minor surgery on his heart today and is doing well.
- HB Gene Jernigan's wife is in the hospital.
- Brother Steve Turley from Mount Hermon Lodge #304 had surgery which resulted in a minor stroke. He is doing well now.
- The Personal Representative asked everyone to remember these Masons and their families when on bended knee.

Business for the Good of the Order:

- Brother Adams reported that the DeMolay hot dog sale was a success. They raised around $1,000.00.
- IB Paul Wells, 33º, reminded everyone of the Annual Statewide Assembly of the Red Cross of Constantine to be held at Tyrian Lodge #111 tomorrow.
- The Personal Representative thanked Brother John Adams and his kitchen crew for the great Thanksgiving feast they prepared this evening.

IB Wells gave the Toast to the Flag.

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 that during the recent Zoom call with the Sovereign Grand Commander, he mentioned the Valley of Columbus by name four times: 1) the VMAP award, 2) $12,000 we earned for Rite Care from our Dove Shoot, 3) to prepare future leadership be open to new ideas, as the Valley of Columbus did with the dove shoot, and 4) he will visit the Valley of Columbus for our Centennial in September 2023.
- Read the poem, “A Mason’s Wife” dedicated to Ms. Ilse Buterbaugh, and thanked all the wives present for supporting their husbands in their Masonic journey.
- Wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

HB Conklin closed the Lodge of Perfection by proclamation at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32º, KCCH
General Secretary