

Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of September 16, 2022

The Venerable Master, HB Torrey Knight, 32°, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:27 p.m. by proclamation. HB Sid Cooley, 32°, KCCH attended at the altar and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed by all.

The reading of the minutes of August 19, 2022 was deferred until the next meeting.

The General Secretary read for the first 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.

At this time ladies and non-Scottish Rite Masons were invited into the Lodge Room.

The General Secretary introduced special guests. They were IB Dan Kitchens, 33°, General Secretary, Valley of Middle Georgia; HB Paul Pilcher, 32°, KCCH, Valley of Middle Georgia; and IB Raymond Grey, 33°, who traveled with the Deputy Grand Master.

Thanks was given to Lady Karen Oelgoetz for hosting the wine and cheese tasting for the ladies during the last Lodge of Perfection meeting.

IB Paul Wells, 33°, gave remarks as the Master of Ceremonies for this evening's Feast of Tishri.

IB John Ohrt, 33°, opened the Columbus Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix. They conducted the celebration of the Feast of Tishri.

HB Joseph Oelgoetz asked everyone to remember Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal family. We descended from the Grand Lodge of England so it is appropriate to remember her upon her passing. He then introduced our guest speaker, RWB Michael Kessler, 33°, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Georgia, who gave his presentation. Afterwards, HB Oelgoetz presented RWB Kessler a 300th Anniversary silver coin.

IB Ohrt closed the Columbus Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix.

Sickness and distress:

- IB Phil Harris, 33°, asked everyone to pray for Lady Brenda East. She was admitted to the hospital for heart problems.
- Brother Chris Bagley, 32°, reported on Brother Lindsey, 32°. Brother Lindsey was a member of our Spring Reunion class last May. After he got home that Saturday from the Reunion, he suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. He has made significant progress and hopes to start attending Lodge of Perfection meetings next month.

Business for the Good of the Order:

- IB Harris reminded everyone of the Dove Shoot tomorrow for the Scottish Rite Foundation. He asked volunteers to arrive at the Dove Shoot site between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, it will start at 10:00.
- HB Oelgoetz reported that we will not have a Reunion next month. Instead, we will open the Lodge of Perfection in full form and the Knights of St. Andrew will portray the 29th Degree.
- HB Harry Ross, 32°, KCCH reminded everyone that October 21 is National POW/MIA Remembrance Day.

The Personal Representative (HB Oelgoetz):

- Presented Brother Jacob Robideaux, 32°, all three Master Craftsman Program certificates. He has completed the entire series.
- Thanked the Columbus Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix for the excellent Feast of Celebration presented this evening, thanked the Hospitality Committee for the meal, and thanked everyone for attending this evening.
- Recommended that everyone attend the Lodge of Perfection meeting next month. It's not often that the Lodge of Perfection is opened in full form and that the 29th Degree is portrayed. This will be the first time that many Scottish Rite Masons will be able to see it.

After prayer by HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH, HB Knight closed the Lodge of Perfection by proclamation at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32°, KCCH
General Secretary