

Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies, Inc.
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Minutes of the Executive Committee
May 18, 2022

The Executive Committee was called to order by the Chair, Executive Committee, IB Phil Harris, 33°, at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Opening prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed. Attendance is as follows:

• Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, KCCH	Personal Representative	P
• Phil Harris, 33°	Chair, Executive Committee	P
• Roger Buterbaugh, 32°, KCCH	General Secretary	P
• Robert Lyon III, 32°, KCCH	Treasurer/Cdr, CK	A
• Torrey Knight, 32°, KCCH	VM, LOP	P
• John Ohrt, 33°	WM, KRC/DOW/Almoner	P
• Sid Cooley, 32°, KCCH	MK, CC	P
• Harold Culpepper, 32°, KCCH	At Large	P
• Ditmar Chavez, 32°, KCCH	At Large	A
• Doyle Hatfield, 33°	At Large	A
• Mark Stillwell, 32°	At Large	P
• Jonas Barlow, 32°	Cdr, KSA	P
• Harry Ross, 32°, KCCH	Building	P
• Scott Lavelle, 32°	Stage/VMAP	A
• Cameron Davis, 32°	Communication/KM	A
• John Adams, 32°	Refreshments/Hospitality	P
• Jacob Robideaux, 32°	Fund Raising	P
• Richard Luna, 32°	Membership	A

The minutes of the April 13, 2022 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of the Treasurer, the General Secretary gave the Treasurer's Report. For Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies, Inc., the beginning balance on April 1, 2022 was \$6,263.24. Deposits were made in the amount of \$9,251.14 and withdrawals in the amount of \$2,640.97. The ending balance on April 30, 2022 was \$12,873.41, and the bank statement, check book, and Quick Books balance. As of today, the balance is \$13,028.60. The balance in the perpetual membership investment account is \$81,331.86 and the balance in the Scottish Rite Foundation account is \$19,254.06.

General Secretary (HB Roger Buterbaugh):

- Three students from the Valley of Columbus were selected to receive Scottish Rite Foundation scholarships. We will present the checks to the students at our meeting on June 17, 2022. HB Roger Buterbaugh has contacted the students and they will attend.

- Scottish Rite Junior ROTC certificates were presented to Muscogee County School District ROTC Cadets on April 21, 2022. We have not yet received the Junior ROTC medals that we ordered in February from Supreme Council. We told the Muscogee County School District that as soon as we receive them we will deliver them to the School headquarters. Also on April 21, the Scottish Rite Senior ROTC certificate and medal were presented to a Columbus State University ROTC cadet.
- HB Buterbaugh read the Statement of Principles from Supreme Council.
- We have invited RWB Mike Kessler to be our Feast of Tishri speaker in September 2022, RWB Ben Polston in September 2023, and RWB Mark Bradley in September 2024. All have accepted.

Almoner's Report (IB John Ohrt) – there have been no requests for assistance since our last meeting. The checking account balance is \$2,939.96. The signature cards at Truist have been updated to reflect our current Almoner and General Secretary.

Venerable Master – HB Torrey Knight asked if we are still going to have the Rite Care dove shoot in September. IB Phil Harris said yes, it will be September 17, 2022. He read an invoice from HB Ed Lynch for supplies he will need to prepare the field (millet seed, lime, diesel fuel for his tractor, etc.) for a total of \$1,425.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the invoice from Scottish Rite Foundation funds.

Committee Reports:

- Building (HB Harry Ross) – no report.
- Stage – no report. HB Knight asked IB Dan Dawson, 33°, if the “It’s a Wonderful Life” radio show fund raiser is still planned for December. IB Dawson said it is.
- Fundraising (Brother Jacob Robideaux) – said that he will collect the remaining raffle tickets and money at the Lodge of Perfection meeting on Friday. So far, we have collected \$1,555.00.
- Membership – in the absence of the chair HB Buterbaugh reported that 31 Brethren still owe for 2022 dues (10.8%) and 25 still owe 2021-2022 dues (8.7%).
- Communications – no report.
- Hospitality/Refreshment (Brother John Adams) – reported that he is planning to serve dinner Friday night, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday in support of our Reunion.
- VMAP – the Chair was absent. HB Oelgoetz said that Brother Lavelle is keeping up with the input for the report to make it easier to submit next year.

- DOW (IB John Ohrt) – everything is on track for the Reunion this weekend. The 4th, 14th, and 18th degree teams have held practice. The 30th degree is good. Practice for the 32d degree will be after the Executive Committee meeting tonight.
- KSA (Brother Jonas Barlow) – no report.
- Rite Care (IB Phil Harris) – the Autism Learning Center sold its assets to KNR Therapy. Nicki remains the CEO of the Autism Learning Center and remains our POC. The 2022 Rite Care Symposium will be in St. Louis, MO September 28-30. Nicki said she can go and will probably bring another staff member with her. IB Harris will talk with her about expenses.

Meeting Schedule of Events (HB Torrey Knight):

- May – Reunion.
- June – HB Knight will ask Daniel Morgan Camp, Heroes of 76 (Fort Benning Chapter #8, National Sojourners) to give its Flag Day presentation. We will also have the Cap and Ring ceremony and present the scholarships.
- July – KSA initiation and installation of new officers.
- August – TBD
- September – Feast of Tishri. Deputy Grand Master RWB Mike Kessler is confirmed to be our speaker.

HB Oelgoetz said that IB Chuck Morgan has an excellent presentation on the Albert Pike sword. He will ask him to be our August speaker.

Old Business:

- The Valley 100th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for September 23, 2023. The Sovereign Grand Commander and presumptive Grand Master of Masons in Georgia have both said they will attend. We need a planning committee, which will also look into a commemorative coin and pin for the celebration. Brother Bayardo Reyes volunteered to chair the committee, Brother Jim Davis volunteered to be the co-chair.
- WB Russell Ward has purchased the television and has set up the television and lap top computer in the library to support the Reunion. He loaded the Reunion videos on the lap top to make it easier to show.

New Business:

- The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia will be in Columbus in October.
- We need a volunteer to oversee TikTok for the Valley of Columbus to the Orient of Georgia. Brother Russell Ward volunteered.
- The Personal Representative said that we will go into summer attire starting with our June meeting (polos instead of coat and tie).

Business for the Good of the Order: None.

Personal Representative's Comments (HB Oelgoetz)

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening.
- We will work on establishing an elevator speech to use when we talk with the Blue Lodges about the Scottish Rite (What is Scottish Rite and why should I join?).
- We have nine candidates scheduled for the Reunion this weekend. Thanks to all of the first line signers.

Our next meeting will be June 15, 2022.

HB Oelgoetz closed the meeting with prayer at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32°, KCCH
General Secretary