

Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of December 15, 2023

The Venerable Master, HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. by proclamation on December 15, 2023. IB Phil Harris, 33°, tended at the Holy Altar and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed by all.

The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2023 were read approved.

HB Ditmar Chavez, 32°, KCCH was recognized as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Georgia. Brethren recognized their ladies and guests present. WB Baron Conklin thanked the Hospitality Committee for the delicious prime rib meal.

IB Paul Wells, 33°, installed the 2024 officers. He installed the following body heads: Venerable Master, Columbus Lodge of Perfection – IB Roger Buterbaugh, 33°; Master of Kadosh, Columbus Consistory – HB Harry Ross, 32°, KCCH; and Wise Master, Columbus Chapter Knights Rose Croix – HB Bill Block 32°, KCCH. HB Harold Culpepper, 32°, KCCH was ill and could not attend this evening's meeting; he will be installed at a later date. IB Wells then installed the officers of the four bodies. Finally, he installed HB Torrey Knight, 32°, KCCH as the Treasurer and HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH as the Lodge of Perfection Prelate.

HB Baron Conklin gave the Christmas program, which consisted of Bible verses about the birth of Jesus Christ along with carols.

Sickness and Distress:

- HB Bayardo Reyes, 32°, KCCH reported that Brother Chris Bagley's, 32°, mother passed away today.
- IB Phil Harris reported that HB Al Tatom, 32°, KCCH is recovering from eye surgery.
- HB Baron Conklin reported that Brother Mark Cantrell, 32°, had cancer spots removed from his head.
- HB Jonas Barlow, 32°, KCCH reported on Brother Ronnie Shaw's, 32°, back surgery.
- HB Ditmar Chavez reported that his younger cousin, Steve Turner, passed away unexpectedly today in Augusta, GA.

Business for the Good of the Order:

- HB Jonas Barlow announced that the fireworks will be delivered to our stand at the Victory Drive Walmart at 8:00 a.m. on December 28. We will sell fireworks December 28-31. There is a volunteer sign up sheet on our Facebook page and an e-mail blast will be going out to all of our Brethren about the sale.
- Brother Rob Grant, 32°, reminded everyone of the Grand Master's Forum to be held January 13, 2024 at Greenville Lodge.
- IB Phil Harris showed everyone the wooden laser cut crosses (The Cross that I Wear) that HB Al Tatom made. They are free to whoever wants them; pick them up after the meeting.
- HB Bayardo Reyes reminded everyone of Burns' Night on January 19, 2024. Tickets are \$30 for one, \$50 for two, and \$75 for three. People cannot bring their own alcohol (Scotch) to drink.
- HB Ditmar Chavez announced that the Muscogee Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine will have it Christmas dinner and installation of 2024 officers at the Scottish Rite Center on December 21, 2023.
- Brother Dennis Buchanan, 32°, thanked everyone for their donations to the Masonic Home. The Masonic Home Appreciation Day on December 23 was the best attended, over 200 people came.

Personal Representative's comments: IB Joseph Oelgoetz:

- Thanked HB Baron Conklin, IB Roger Buterbaugh, and IB Phil Harris for their hard work during 2023.
- Thanked all who made our radio play, "A Christmas Carol" a success.
- Asked everyone to sign up to work the fireworks stand the last week of this month.
- Congratulated the new body heads and their officers installed this evening.
- Invited everyone to come to Burns' Night on January 19, 2024.
- Read the story about the name Yahweh.

After the closing prayer by our new Prelate, HB Baron Conklin, the new Venerable Master, IB Roger Buterbaugh, closed the Lodge of Perfection at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh, 33°
General Secretary/Venerable Master