

Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of March 17, 2023

The Venerable Master Pro Tem, HB Roger Buterbaugh, 32°, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. by proclamation. IB Norm Blankenbeckler, 33°, tended at the Holy Altar and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed by all.

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

IB Blankenbeckler gave a presentation on the High Priest's breastplate.

HB Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, KCCH installed HB Edward Lynch, 32°, KCCH as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh.

Sickness and Distress:

- HB Roger Buterbaugh reported that his surgery on February 23 was a success and he is healing well. Right now, his only side effects are that he walks slow and is sore at the site of the major incision on his abdomen. He will see his surgeon on April 5 for hopefully a final evaluation and to be released from his care.
- HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH reported that his arm has healed and he is no longer wearing a sling. He is undergoing occupational therapy on his arm.
- IB John Ohrt, 33°, reported that Brother Scott Lavelle's, 32°, uncle has stage 4 cancer. His uncle raised him so Brother Lavelle is in Ohio now helping with his care. Brother Lavelle's daughter, Jennifer, had surgery today, too.

Business for the Good of the Order: IB Phil Harris, 33°, congratulated IB Blankenbeckler for receiving the Order of the DeMolay Legion of Honor last weekend. It is the highest award in the DeMolay.

Personal Representative's Comments:

- Introduced the guests present. He asked each Mason present who brought a lady with him this evening to introduce her. He also recognized HB Bill Block, 32°, KCCH as a 50-year Scottish Rite Mason.
- Thanked everyone for coming, especially with the weather so bad.
- Asked everyone to e-mail their Masonic resume to the General Secretary, who will keep them on file.

- Discussed the Grand Master's Reunion on June 3. Reminded everyone of our incentives: 50% off 2024 dues for two first line signings, 75% off 2024 for three first line signings, and 100% off 2024 dues for four first line signings.
- Discussed the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia raffle for a Henry Masonic .22 lever action rifle. Tickets will be available in the Valley of Columbus very soon.
- Discussed the Valley of Columbus fishing trip May 26-27. We will visit the Valley of Panama City Lodge of Perfection meeting on May 26. The fishing trip will start early in the morning on May 27. There is room for 12 fishermen on the boat. The cost is \$205 for eight hours of fishing.
- Thanked the Hospitality Committee for this evening's dinner.
- Gave an Irish blessing. Next month's meeting will be our Remembrance and Renewal service.

IB Blankenbeckler gave the closing prayer. HB Conklin closed the Lodge of Perfection by proclamation at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32°, KCCH
General Secretary