

Columbus Lodge of Perfection
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Minutes of June 16, 2023

The Venerable Master, HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH opened the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. by proclamation on June 16, 2023. Brother Matt Burgess, 32°, tended at the Holy Altar and gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2023 were read and approved.

Read for the second time was the amendment to the Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies by-laws to change the name of the corporation from Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies, Inc. to Valley of Columbus Holding Company, Inc. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the change.

At this time guests were invited into the Lodge Room.

The Venerable Master gave the floor to IB Paul Wells, 33°, Master of Ceremonies and to IB Phil Harris, 33°, Personal Representative Pro Tem, for the conduct of the Cap and Ring Ceremony.

After remarks by IB Wells, each body head gave the responsibilities and duties of their body as follows:

- Lodge of Perfection, HB Baron Conklin, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master
- Columbus Chapter Knights of Rose Croix, HB Rossi Ross, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master
- Columbus Council of Kadosh, Brother Jonas Barlow, 32°, Commander Pro Tem
- Columbus Consistory, HB Roger Buterbaugh, 32°, KCCH, Master of Kadosh
- Valley of Columbus Knights of St Andrew, HB Harry Ross, 32°, KCCH, Past Commander

The new members were called to the East and received their caps, rings, and other materials as follows:

- Timothy Brad Coleman, Sr.
- Raine Ascott Miller
- Joseph Steve Rooks

Warren Clayton Daniel and Joshua Michael Royster did not attend and will receive their caps and rings at a later date.

IB John Ohrt, 33°, presented the meaning of the black, red, white, and blue caps.

HB Robert Lyon III, 32°, KCCH and HB Rossi Ross conducted the ring ceremony.

The newly capped Scottish Rite Masons were given the opportunity to make comments.

Following was the Flag Day Ceremony. It was led by HB Baron Conklin and conducted by the members of the Daniel Morgan Camp, Heroes of 76. Afterwards IB Paul Wells gave the Toast to the Flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sickness and Distress:

- IB Walt Rosso, 33°, passed away on June 13 in Columbia, South Carolina. He will be interred at Fort Moore Cemetery on June 26, 11:00 a.m.
- HB Conklin asked for prayers for his adult son, who recently had surgery to remove part of his foot due to diabetes.

Business for the Good of the Order:

- Brother Jonas Barlow reported on the fireworks stand. It will be at the Walmart on Victory Drive. Fireworks will be delivered at 2:30 p.m. on June 24, he asked for assistance in setting up the stand and selling the fireworks. The stand will be open 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily through July 4. A Jotform sign up sheet will be coming out soon, and additional Double Eagle Award points will be given for each hour worked at the stand.
- Next month's Lodge of Perfection meeting will be the initiation of new Knights and installation of the new officers of the Knights of St. Andrew.
- Brother John Adams, 32°, thanked the kitchen crew. He reminded everyone of the menu suggestion box in the kitchen.
- IB Dan Dawson, 33°, announced the play, "12 Angry Jurors" that will be held at the Scottish Rite Center August 11-12 and 19-20. It is one of our fundraisers.
- HB Chuck Hall, 32°, KCCH reminded everyone that we are now Zooming our Lodge of Perfection meetings. If you cannot join us in person, join us by Zoom.

IB Harris gave the Personal Representatives Remarks in the absence of HB Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, KCCH.

- The air conditioner is out in the dining room and the Executive Committee is working its repair.
- Congratulated our new members and reminded them that the Lodge of Perfection meets the 3d Friday of each month.
- The Rite Care Dove Shoot will be September 2 at a new location near Buena Vista. There will be 100 shooting positions at \$75.00 each. He also discussed Rite Care and the Autism Learning Center.
- Reminded everyone of the Centennial Celebration on September 23. Masquerade ball tickets are still for sale. He asked IB John Ohrt to give an update on the Centennial Project monument and pavers.

- The Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia is still conducting the raffle for the Henry .22 Masonic rifle. Several Brothers have tickets for sale; if you cannot find one, come see him.

After closing prayer by Brother Matt Burgess, the Venerable Master closed by proclamation at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Buterbaugh
32°, KCCH
General Secretary