

Columbus Lodge of Perfection  
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Minutes of January 19, 2024

The Venerable Master, IB Roger Buterbaugh, 33°, opened the Lodge of Perfection at 6:25 p.m. by proclamation on January 19, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed by all. Tonight was the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Burns' Night.

IB Buterbaugh recognized the following guests and distinguished members present:

- IB Ted Collins, 33°, SGIG in Georgia, and his Lady, Charlene.
- IB Terry Worster, 33°, Deputy for Alabama and the members he brought with him from the Valley of Birmingham.
- IB Dave Baxter, 33°, Second Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Georgia and Personal Representative for the Valley of Middle Georgia, and his Lady Linda.
- HB Ditmar Chavez, 32°, KCCH, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia and his Lady, Bobbie.

At this time IB Buterbaugh turned the meeting over to Brother Russell Ward, 32°, Commander, Valley of Columbus Knights of St. Andrew. After prayer the Sir Knights conducted the Burns' Night Celebration.

At the conclusion of the Burns' Night Celebration IB Joseph Oelgoetz, 33°, Personal Representative for the Valley of Columbus, presented the following awards:

- Double Eagle Awards for points earned in 2023.
- Acacia Guild medal to Brother John Adams, 32°.
- Past Master of Kadosh medal to IB Roger Buterbaugh and Past Wise Master medal to HB Rossi Ross, 32°, KCCH.
- Lily of the Valley Award to Lady Sandy Dawson.
- Personal Representative's Commendation plaque to HB Harry Ross, 32°, KCCH.
- Beehive Certificate and pin to Brother Matthew Burgess, 32°, for his work as the Fireworks Committee Chair.

IB Joseph Oelgoetz gave his remarks, followed by remarks from IB Ted Collins.

After the closing prayer by Brother John Adams, IB Roger Buterbaugh closed the Lodge of Perfection at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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