

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Pensacola

January 5th, 2017

Lodge Room

Master of Kadosh J. Bobby Kickliter, 32° KCCH, welcomed all and thanked them for attending. The KSA Color Guard presented colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country. Bro. James Gazaway was called upon to give the invocation. Hon. Kickliter introduced the Pensacola Consistory line officers.

After the introduction of the officers, the gavel was turned over to Ill. Kurt Larson to begin the evening's program. Ill. Larson told us about the Feast of Kadosh which is celebrated to honor our heritage with the original Knights Templar.

Dinner served in the Dining Room

After Dinner

Hon. Lloyd Magruder, and the culinary staff were recognized for serving a delicious dinner.

The Rainbow Girls were recognized for their service to the Scottish Rite.

The Ring and Patent ceremony was conducted as we welcomed Alvin Gerald Jordan into the Valley. The Valley presented his wife flowers and thanked her for allowing Bro. Jordan to participate.

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. James Gazaway

The members were directed to the Lodge Room for a Stated Communication. Ladies adjourned to the conference room for the SRWA meeting.

Lodge Room

Master of Kadosh, J. Bobby Kickliter, 32°, KCCH opened the Pensacola Consistory with the following officers present:

Prior – Cris L. Villanueva, 32°, KCCH
Preceptor – Thornton L. Rogers, 33°
Chancellor – Oscar R. Ferrell, 32°, KCCH
Minister of State – James A. Gazaway, 32°, KCCH
Prelate – Kenneth K. Eichorn, 32°, KCCH
Master of Ceremonies – Ronald L. Parks, 32°, KCCH
Expert – Gene P. Bodkin, 32°, KSA
Asst. Expert – Otto E. Thiergart, 32°, KCCH
Tyler – James A. Salisbury, Jr., 32°, KCCH

Hon. Kickliter called upon **Master of Ceremonies** to invite the Brethren who have had a Birthday since last we met to rise and be recognized. Several rose to the occasion.

Hon. Kickliter called upon **Master of Ceremonies**, to read the names of Brethren who have passed since last we met. A moment of silence was called by the Master of Kadosh for our deceased Brethren as well as our troops in harm's way.

Hon. Kickliter called upon **Master of Ceremonies**, to invite all visiting Brethren from other Valleys and Orients to rise and give their name and Valley/Orient affiliation. Fred Gerino from Ohio was visiting. He has filed an application for affiliation.

Hon. Kickliter waived the reading of the minutes of the last Stated Communication as well as the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee held January 5, 2017. (Copy Attached). He then informed the craft that the Executive

Committee Meeting Minutes will be posted on the valley web site (pensacolascottishrite.org) in the future as well as providing hard copies to anyone requesting the same at a future date.

Hon. Kickliter, called for applications for membership. There were none.

Hon. Kickliter then called for communications to be known to the Brethren. There were none other than those noted at the Executive Meeting. There were none.

Standing Committee Reports

Bro. Edward Scheye then gave the **Sickness & Distress report**, (copy attached). We had a very busy year. Please remember them in your prayers.

Hon. Kickliter called on Bro. Salisbury for a **Membership report**. Welcome to our new potential member. He filed his petition for affiliation on the very first day. Welcome him when you can. We also have many new master masons. Help us guide them to an outstanding Masonic experience.

Hon. Kickliter called on Hon. James Gazaway for an **Education Report**. This last month we studied the temple. Next month will be the 24th degree. Plenty of time for question and answers. Then he informed us about the Templar's and their impact in the world.

Hon. Kickliter then called for Old or **Unfinished Business**. There was one. He opened the vacancy for office within the Lodge of Perfection. The slate was announced as Jerry Sumlin as the Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection. Nominations were called for from the floor three times. Motion by Otto Thiergart second by James Salisbury to cast a ballot by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Hon. Kickliter then called for **New Business**.

- The officers had a planning meeting in December. It was highly successful. We talked about a five point plan focusing on making the Valley more exciting. The five points were: enriching our meetings, help a Masonic body (short term or long term) to assist the organization be more successful, effective communications (google calendars with mobile devices, email blasts, etc.), community involvement (step up and show the public what good we do), change the way we do fundraising (capital campaigns to fulfill a project).
- The Master of Kadosh appointed a committee to look into having a better sound system in the Dining Room. He asked for volunteers to head the committee. Kevin Riley was voluntold he would be in charge.
- The Master of Kadosh asked for someone who will be in charge of raising money for the Almoners fund. Gene Rosenbaum volunteered. He's ALREADY the Almoner.
- In February we will be presenting "meal" cards. Cost is 10 meals but reward is 12 meals. Cards will expire after 18 months.
- Tablet and credit card reader so that we can pay for our meals. Cash not needed.
- We will be checking dues cards at the March 2nd meeting. Remember, you are not a member in good standing if your dues are not current.
- Tickets will be taken for meals beginning in March.

Hon. Kickliter called upon the Personal Representative for election of officers to replace officers who could not serve for the ensuing year. Those elected were: Jerry Sumlin – Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

Hon. Kickliter called upon the Personal Representative for installation of the officers who missed the December installation. Installed were: Danny Swindle – Senior Warden for the Lodge of Perfection.

Hon. Kickliter called upon Bro. Jerry Sumlin, Venerable Master of the Pensacola Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Alan Cox, Wise Master, Pensacola Chapter of Rose Croix, and Hon. James Gazaway, Commander, Council of Kadosh for any comments they felt necessary. All thanked the Brothers for their help in making this Valley so successful.

Hon. Kickliter called upon the Prior and Preceptor for comments proper to be made. He then opened the floor to any member present.

- Wednesday morning – Breakfast at Ensley Lodge.
- Charlie Perez is in the hospital and had surgery yesterday. At 4 PM he was back in surgery.

Hon. Kickliter called upon the Preceptor to announce the box of Fraternal Assistance would be passed and to contribute generously to those who have less than we enjoy today.

After closing remarks from the East, the Consistory was closed at 8:16 P.M. Peace and harmony prevailed.



Kurt P. Larson, 33°
General Secretary
Valley of Pensacola



James A. Durham, Jr., 33°, PGM
Personal Representative
Valley of Pensacola