

**A & A SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF PENSACOLA - ORIENT OF FLORIDA**

EXECUTIVE / DIRECTORS MEETING

December 4, 2012

5 P.M.

The Executive meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag lead by Harry Kuchenbrod, 33°, P.R. to the SGIG in Florida.

The Invocation was given by: Edwin A. Stewart, Sr., 33°

Executive Committee Members:

Harry Kuchenbrod, 33°, P.R. to SGIG (PRESENT)

Kurt Larson, 33°, General Secretary (PRESENT)

Fred Hurd, 33°, Treasurer (PRESENT)

Jon Davies, 33°, Master of Kadosh, Pensacola Consistory (PRESENT)

Edwin Stewart, Sr, 33°, Prior (PRESENT)

William Bonifay, 32°, KCCH, Commander, Pensacola Council of Kadosh (PRESENT)

Herman Davies, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master, Pensacola Chapter of Rose Croix (PRESENT)

Bobby Kickliter, 32°, Venerable Master, Pensacola Lodge of Perfection (PRESENT)

Jimmie Lindt, 32°, KCCH, Bldg. Association Member at Large (PRESENT)

James Gillis, 32°, KCCH, Member at Large (PRESENT)

Guest: Mrs. Ingrid Crooke

Directors:

Ambassadors, Bro. Mike Phillips, (ABSENT)

Americanism: Bro. Billy Williams, (ABSENT)

At Large: Bro. James Salisbury (PRESENT)

Building and Grounds: Hon. Freddie Briggs, (PRESENT)

Dining Room: Hon. Chris Villanueva (PRESENT)

Education: Bro. Bobby Kickliter, (PRESENT)

Family Life: Hon. Benito Bernal, (ABSENT)

Food Services: Bro. Keith Hoffert, (ABSENT)

KCCH Commander: Hon. Jim Gillis, (PRESENT)

Knights of St. Andrews V.M. Bro. Johnny Mick, (ABSENT)

Marshall, Hon. Carl Kirtley, (PRESENT)

Media Projects: Vacant

Membership: Hon. Jim Gillis, (PRESENT)

Photographer: Hon. Phillip Davies, (ABSENT)

Policy: Hon. Jack Crooke, (PRESENT)

Public Relations: Vacant

Sickness & Distress: Ill. Edwin Stewart, Sr., (PRESENT)

Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida Financial Support: Ill. John Epperson, (PRESENT)

Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. Trustee, Ill. Roger White, (ABSENT)

Support Systems: Ill. Meek Kiker, (ABSENT)

Volunteers: Ill. Johnny Gaither, (PRESENT)

Work: Ill. Jon Davies, (PRESENT)

President, NECSRC: Hon. George Wilson, (ABSENT)
President, Crestview SRC, Bro. James Moody, (ABSENT)

Guest Comments:

- Brother Jack Maulden made a presentation regarding the upcoming York Rite Grand Commandery meeting in June. He would like the Scottish Rite to purchase a full page ad in the booklet honoring one of our own A.J. LaRose as Grand Commander. The issue was forwarded to the Treasurer for inclusion in next year's budget. The cost would be \$185 for a full page full color presentation.
- Ill. Eddie Stewart made a presentation regarding the possibility of a fundraiser for the Almoner's fund this Saturday. The idea would be for the Valley to have a food tent at the staging area for the Christmas parade this Saturday. Set up would be a 1 PM since the floats begin assembling at 11 AM. The parade begins at 5 PM. People who have been there all day will need to eat and there isn't anything else downtown.
 - Almoner has already obtained a tent which cost \$35 at Academy Sports. It is a 10x10 tent and no cooking per regulations would be allowed under it.
 - Permit Event Coordinators would grant us permission to sell sandwiches so no permit on our part is needed. Only cost is to provide sandwiches to Parade Marshals.
 - Would 2 or 3 people to make sandwiches. No drinks this year but it is a possibility in the future.
 - 1 person needed to collect money.
 - This would be a possible shakedown cruise for future events of this type.
 - Questions were asked to see the regulations to avoid additional costs at a later date.
 - The contact person would be Kim Kaminski at the City of Pensacola @ 436-5674.
 - The Executive Committee tabled the issue until the January meeting. By then we should have determined exactly what we are liable for under the Promoters umbrella.

Calendar of S.R. Near Events:

December 5th, Education and Sandwich Supper, 5:30 P.M.
December 6th, Visit of the SGIG, 6:15 P.M.
December 7th, Installation of Officers, 6 P.M.
December 18th, Fellowship Luncheon, Noon
December 20th, Crestview / NECSRC Clubs meet in Crestview, 6 P.M.

Building Usage Report: During the Month of October 2012 the building was utilized as indicated:

November 1st, Stated Meeting and Election, Veterans Day Celebration
November 5th, Pensacola 42 Communication
November 6th, York Rite Ladies Social
November 7th, Education and Sandwich Supper
November 8th, Lodge of Perfection fund raiser Set Up
November 9th, Lodge of Perfection fund raiser
November 10th, Lodge of Perfection fundraiser
November 12th, York Rite Meeting
November 19th, Pensacola 42 Communication
November 21st, Thanksgiving Dinner set up
November 22nd, Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 27th, York Rite Ladies Social
November 28th, Lessons Learned Meeting (Fall Reunion)
November 28th, York Rite Executive Committee Meeting
November 29th, Lessons Learned Meeting (Lodge of Perfection Fundraiser)

November 29th, Knights of Saint Andrew, Knighting and Reunion

During the month of November 2012, \$1275.00 was collected for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. Additionally, \$330.25 was collected for the Almoner.

Treasurers Report:

- Ill. Hurd's Treasurer's Report was given and accepted as reported. Copy attached.
- Ill. Hurd presented an accounting of the fundraisers year to date. Copy attached.

Secretary's Report:

- The list of individuals facing suspension has been lowered. After subtracting the Emeritus Members from the list, we have a group of approximately 63 to call to encourage them to get current in their dues or face suspension. Hon. Jimmy Lindt has agreed to contact each of the members on the list and see if there is anything we can do for the members or find out why they are dropping their membership. If you would like to help call and encourage a member to pay his dues, the list is available with the Secretary.
- Articles are due for the newsletter this THURSDAY by close of business. We will be having a folding party on Tuesday December 18th @ 9 AM.
- Brother Gene Paul Bodkin of Alexandria Virginia bodies has petitioned for Affiliation with the Valley of Pensacola. I would like the Executive Committee to ballot on acceptance of his petition. There is no fee associated with Affiliation, but after he affiliates with us, he will be paying Pensacola dues in addition to his dues for Alexandria as a Dual Member.
- Please check the spelling of the names and people in your lines for the installation on Friday. The brochures will be printed Wednesday or Thursday.

Executive Committee Member Reports:

- A. Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Bobby Kickliter: Our fundraiser produced \$918 in revenues and was successful. Thank you to all who helped. A special thank you goes out to Ill. J.D. Gaither who did a fantastic job in getting volunteers and managing the event. So far we have not received any complaints.
- B. Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, Hon. Herman Davies: Thank you to all the members of the line for their hard work this year. It was very successful.
- C. Commander, Council of Kadosh, Hon. William Bonifay: Ditto. Only three days left. It's been an exciting year and I have enjoyed helping out. Thank you to all in the line.
- D. Master of Kadosh, Consistory, Ill. Jon Davies: Indicated he appreciated the help he was given. By the line, by the Brothers and the office staff. It really touches him. Thank you all.
- E. Member at Large (Bldg Association), Hon. Jimmie Lindt: Grounds look beautiful. Chuck and Freddie have done an excellent job. Holding pond looks better than his yard. Leaks are still happening. Thank you for all the work.
- F. Member at Large, Hon. James Gillis: Have a safe holiday and we are ready for 2013.

Reports of Directors were given as follows:

- A. Membership (Hon. Gillis): We have an article coming out in the newsletter asking people to become involved in our membership program. It's not just about recruiting, it is about becoming friends. We are looking for 4 people to chair committees. We also need new ideas. Help is required by all – won't you pitch in?
- B. Ambassadors (Bro. Phillips): No report
- C. Volunteers (Ill. Gaither): Thanks for everyone for all the hard work this year. Letters will be going out soon for all the activities we have done this last month. Thanks again.
- D. Director of Work (Ill. Davies): KSA initiation was excellent. We have a lot to be proud of. We are looking at the Lessons Learned for last year and may look at three days per reunion. Stand by – more information to come soon. The next reunion we will be doing the same number of degrees.
- E. Sickness and Distress (Ill. Stewart, Sr.): Great month. Yet, we lost a big supporter – Ill. Lyle Peterson. Many of our members are facing illnesses and injuries. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- F. Scottish Rite Education (Bro. Kickliter): This month we will be presenting the 6th, 7th and 8th degrees. Come by and join us.
- G. Food Services (Bro. Hoffert): Roast beef dinners will be prepared. Mashed potatoes, veggie, and desert.
- H. Dining Room (Hon. Villanueva): Will set up on Wednesday for Thursday's event. We need cookies or something for Friday. Kurt to get at Sam's.
- I. Family Life (Hon. Bernal): No Report
- J. Americanism (Bro. Williams): No report – Program ready for Thursday.
- K. KCCH (Hon. Gillis): Defibrillator program needs 10 people certified in CPR. Names will be provided to the Secretary by next week.
- L. Knights of Saint Andrew (Bro. Mick): No Report
- M. Scottish Rite Foundation Financial Support (Ill. Epperson): Dollars are not where we'd like to see them. We understand but, need to work harder to support our charity.
- N. Scottish Rite Foundation / Children's Speech Clinic Representative (Ill. White): No Report
- O. Policy Development (Hon. Crooke): We are 58% to reaching our goal. More to come in the next few weeks.
- P. Building and Grounds (Hon. Briggs): Jimmy Lindt covered most of it. Chuck will be cutting back the vegetation on the side yard as soon as it dies back a little in the spring.
- Q. Valley Marshall (Hon. Kirtley): Questions were posed for Thursday and details confirmed.

- R. Director at Large (Bro. Salisbury): No Report – had to leave early.
- S. Media Projects (vacant):
- T. Scottish Rite Women’s Association (President Crooke): Mrs. Crooke introduced the President elect Milda Castleberry. The raffle table has produced enough money to pay for the memorials this year without going into savings. \$645.
- U. Northern Escambia County Scottish Rite Club (President Wilson): No Report
- V. Crestview Scottish Rite Club (President Moody): This month’s meeting is a combined meeting with the Molino club. Get out and have a good showing in Crestview.
- W. Public Relations (vacant):
- X. Official Photographer (Hon. P. Davies): No Report

Personal Representative Comments:

- Ill. Harry thanked the four presiding officers for a job well done.
- He then thanked the ladies for support without which we could not have been as successful.
- To all the Directors – thank you. Your efforts make this Valley what it is. Outstanding.
- J.D. Gaither – thank you. In spite of stepping down to pursue family events. We really appreciate what you did.
- Thanks to all the Brothers who worked so hard at all of our events. Did we really do everything we listed?
- Very busy week. Tomorrow the Education and Sandwich Supper. Thursday, SGIG Visit and Friday installation. Your attendance is so important to show our members we care about this Fraternity. We lead by example.
- Coat and Tie for functions on Thursday and Friday.
- It would be great to have a good turnout on Thursday. Officers please call your lines and encourage attendance.

The Committee approved the following charity of the month: For December and January we will contribute \$50 each month to the Tommy Parker Fund.

Motion: **J. Davies** Second: **F. Hurd** PASSED at the October 30th Exec. Mtg.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Kurt P. Larson, 33°
General Secretary

Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33°
Personal Representative