

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

**EXECUTIVE / DIRECTORS MEETING**

July 31, 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, Hon. James Gillis, (PRESENT)  
Americanism: Bro. Billy Williams, (ABSENT)  
At Large: Bro. Michael Phillips, (PRESENT)  
Building and Grounds: Hon. Freddie Briggs, (PRESENT)  
Dining Room: Hon. Chris Villanueva (ABSENT)  
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: Bro. Wayne Roberts, (PRESENT)  
Membership: Ill. Edwin Stewart, Jr., (PRESENT)  
Photographer: Hon. Phillip Davies, (PRESENT)  
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, (PRESENT)  
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)

**Calendar of S.R. Near Events:**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, Education and Sandwich Supper, 5:30 P.M.  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stated Meeting & Election, 6:15 P.M.  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, NECSRC Meeting, 6 P.M. Fran's Diner, Molino  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, Fellowship Luncheon, Noon  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, CSRC, Ryan's, Crestview

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

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pensacola 42 Communication  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Executive Committee/Directors Mtg  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, SR Monthly Meeting – Picnic Social  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, York Rite Practice  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, York Rite Stated Meeting  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, Pensacola 42 Communication  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, SR Monthly Fellowship Luncheon – Surviving Spouses, Noon  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, Pensacola 42 Practice  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, YR Executive Committee Meeting  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, SR Executive Committee Meeting

During the month of July 2012, \$730.00 was collected for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. Additionally, \$ 0.00 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:**

- As of this date we have received one petition.
- Check your dues cards. We have 136 individuals who are facing suspension at the end of this year.

**Executive Committee Member Reports:**

A. Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Bobby Kickliter:

- Working on the fall BBQ fundraiser. With the lessons learned from the spring event, we have put in place some changes which can make the event better. The date for the event is November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ill. Davies has gotten a speaker for the Feast of Tishri – the new Rabbi for Pensacola's Synagogue.

B. Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, Hon. Herman Davies:

- Waiting to assist in whatever capacity needed.

C. Commander, Council of Kadosh, Hon. William Bonifay:

- Working on the Council's fundraiser. We have received \$600 which was turned over to the Secretary tonight.

D. Master of Kadosh, Consistory, Ill. Jon Davies:

- Not exactly 100% pleased with the outcome of the BBQ fundraiser. He will review with the Treasurer the figures.
- He and the entire line are ready to help in any capacity for the next few fundraisers.

E. Member at Large (Bldg Association), Hon. Jimmie Lindt:

- The building still leaks – but only when the rains come from the South.

F. Member at Large, Hon. James Gillis:

- Remember the Grand Master's Visit in September at Hadji Shrine. Put September 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendars.

### Reports of Directors were given as follows:

A. Membership (Hon. Stewart, Jr.):

- We need to continue to encourage people to turn in petitions. So far we have one for the next reunion.
- Sales team meeting is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM. All are welcome.

B. Public Relations (Vacant):

C. Volunteers (Ill. Gaither): No open projects at this time.

D. Family Life (Hon. Bernal): No report

E. Sickness/Distress (Ill. Stewart Sr.):

- While we are down to one page (attached), many presented reported on individuals. Notable examples: John Hockett, Bobbi Barnes, Roger White (begins chemo treatments tomorrow), Bobbi Durham (fell again), Les Whitman and his wife are not in good shape.
- Keep these Brothers and Sisters in your prayers.

F. KCCH Cmdr. (Hon. Gillis):

- Still working the gun sale – for every book sold \$20 to the KCCH fundraiser is realized.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Honors Dinner at Halls Seafood. RSVPs needed. A letter should be sent out soon.
- During the elections this year the KCCH will be manning the voter booths. Funds received will go to the fundraiser total.

G. Knights of St Andrew (V.M. Bro. Mick):

- Looking at having a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday to show the KSA how to open and govern a lodge.
- Next auction is March 16<sup>th</sup>. The KSA would like to make this a better event for members not just a better fundraiser.

H. Director of Work (Ill. Davies):

- Fall reunion is October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a need for someone in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree as a conflict came up with one of the cast members. This part will require a tux.
- No initiation at the next 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday meeting of KSA. Next one in November.
- First reunion in 2013 is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I. Americanism (Bro. Williams): No report

J. Official Photographer (Hon. P. Davies): No report. Need photograph of General Secretary for wall.

K. Support Systems (Ill. M. Kiker): No report

L. Food Services (Bro. Hoffert): No report – rumor has it Spaghetti for dinner on Thursday.

M. Dining Room (Hon. Villanueva): No report

N. Scottish Rite Education (Bro. Kickliter):

- Bro. Kickliter has been slaving over the Valley Craftsman program. Now he is asking for help as he needs proofreaders. To volunteer – please see Bro. Bobby.
- Education and Sandwich Supper is tomorrow night.

- O. Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida Financial Support (Ill. Epperson):
  - Half the amount normally collected. We need to dig a little deeper to support OUR charity.
  - We need more names on the board. We went through a period adding several a month, now we are adding a couple a quarter.
- P. Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee / Children’s Speech Clinic Representative (Ill. White):
  - Annual meeting held last week in Orlando. All clinics will received the budgeted amounts for 2011-12.
  - This year the Foundation dipped into the endowment to fund the 2012 clinics.
  - The Foundation is looking for statistical trends in the future and beginning the analysis this year.
  - \$5200 check was delivered from the BBQ fundraiser .
  - New brochures are on the way to replace the dated ones we currently have for the Foundation.
  - Cook book sales have reached \$16,000. That is \$3,000 over cost. We are now making money for the Foundation with this effort.
- Q. Director at Large (Bro. Phillips):
  - Data has been entered into the database regarding the survey that was recently completed. Will analyze the data over the next several weeks and look at addressing issues identified by the survey.
- R. Media Projects (Bro. Roberts):
  - Facebook and Twitter are up and running. We have 12 likes on the site.
  - Slide show to show new addresses ready for Thursdays meeting. Bro. Roberts will work with Secretary to finalize.
- S. Building & Grounds (Hon. Briggs):
  - Still have small roof leaks. Major ones mitigated.
  - Intercom installed for safety of people in the building. Look to your right as you enter the building.
  - Still collecting aluminum cans for the Almoner’s fund.
- T. Valley Marshall (Hon. C. Kirtley):
  - The list has gotten very large. We need to discuss who really needs to be introduced during most meetings. As of today, we will only introduce Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen – not Committee Members. Will look at other ways of streamlining and making appropriate introductions.
- U. Northern Escambia County Scottish Rite Club: (President Hon. George Wilson): No report
- V. Crestview Scottish Rite Club: (President, Bro. James Moody): No report
- W. Director of Policy (Hon. Jack Crooke):
  - Work continues on review and development of our policy program.
  - Approved policies are available for review with the Secretary.
- X. SRWA President (Ingrid Crooke):
  - Guest Speaker – Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida
  - Drawing to follow.
- Y. Ambassadors (Gillis):
  - Still working on list and getting commitments from the team.

**Personal Representative Comments:**

- A meeting was held with the incoming presiding officers. They discussed this issues facing each of the lines.
- An effort will be made in the next several months to address vacancies in the lines and new members to fill the Tiler postings. We’re looking for a few good men.
- Need to do a better job for the Almoner’s fund. We are looking at options but really depend upon YOU as members to support your Almoner and through him to those in need within our community.

**The Committee approved the following charity of the month:** Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Unbudgeted item has been identified. Diane's computer is showing signs of problems. A motion was made to purchase a new one for the operation of the Valley. Motion passed.
- Auction for the York Rite – RARA on August 10<sup>th</sup> with Marco Polo spaghetti. Tickets are available from J.D. Gaither or any member of the York Rite.
- Tickets for the York Rite Generator raffle are also on sale from the usual suspects.
- Posters – a five year project has been completed. A sample was shown of the poster to entice visiting Brothers to come visit the Valley (attached).
- At the Council of 400, the Perpetual Membership Investment fund was discussed. Specifically, the liquidation of the annuity. The SGIG has requested each of the PRs determine the direction of the investment of the funds for the Perpetual Membership fund. Currently, these funds are held in an annuity with ING. The annuity will mature in two more years. However, there was some concern expressed at the Council of 400 that we are not getting market value on the funds invested. The annuity pays 4% - no matter what the market does. This can be seen as either a limitation or a good investment. Ill. Hurd broke down the expenses of liquidation, reinvestment, loss of revenue (without 4% coming in from annuity payments) and percentage of what must be realized by the investments to break even. In the first year the investment would need to realize a 7.295% gain to break even. In the second year, the investment would need to realize 5.17%. The question was posed to those present as to what action they felt the Personal Rep should take in response to the SGIGs request. A motion was properly made by Jim Gillis and seconded by Jon Davies to NOT accept the liquidation of the Perpetual Membership Investment annuity. The question was posed to those present and discussion held. Upon a vote, the unanimous decision NOT to accept the liquidation was presented to the Personal Rep for communication to the SGIG.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Kurt P. Larson, 33°  
General Secretary

Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33°  
Personal Representative