

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

EXECUTIVE / DIRECTORS MEETING

September 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, Hon. James Gillis, (PRESENT) Replaced by Bro. Mike Phillips effective tonight

Americanism: Bro. Billy Williams, (PRESENT)

At Large: Bro. Michael Phillips, (VACANT)

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

Dining Room: Hon. Chris Villanueva (PRESENT)

Education: Bro. Bobby Kickliter, (PRESENT)

Family Life: Hon. Benito Bernal, (PRESENT)

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, (ABSENT)

Membership: Ill. Edwin Stewart, Jr., (PRESENT) Replaced by Hon. Jim Gillis effective tonight

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, (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:

September 5th, Education and Sandwich Supper, 5:30 P.M.
September 6th, Stated Meeting & Election, 6:15 P.M.
September 8th, KCCH Dinner, Hall's Seafood, 6 P.M.
September 18th, Fellowship Luncheon, Noon
September 20th, NECSRC Meeting, 6 P.M. Fran's Diner, Molino
September 22nd, Grand Masters Visit, Hadji Shrine, 6:30 P.M.
September 27th, CSRC, Ryan's, Crestview 6 P.M.

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

August 1st, Education and Sandwich Supper
August 2nd, Stated Meeting & Election
August 6th, Pensacola 42 Communication
August 10th, York Rite Fundraiser
August 13th, York Rite Stated Meeting
August 20th, Pensacola 42 Communication
August 21st, SR Monthly Fellowship Luncheon
August 29th, YR Executive Committee Meeting
August 30th, Knights of Saint Andrews

CONGRATULATIONS – Edwin Stewart Sr. was recognized by the Escambia County School Board as the Outstanding Employee of the Month. Great Job Edwin.

During the month of July 2012, \$802.30 was collected for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. Additionally, \$369.00 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.
- Ill. Hurd presented a recommendation for the movement of funds to pay for upkeep of the building from the interest in the endowment. Motion: Jim Gillis, Second: Jon Davies PASSED

Secretary's Report:

- As of this date we have received two petitions.
- Check your dues cards. We have 134 individuals who are facing suspension at the end of this year.

Executive Committee Member Reports:

- A. Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Bobby Kickliter: Thursday Bro. Kickliter will be meeting with his officers regarding the November 9th BBQ sale. Flyers are ready to go. The office will need to know the number of flyers to produce. Volunteers are awaiting information on how they can help. More to come at next month's meeting.
- B. Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, Hon. Herman Davies: Bro. John Marshal to fill the spot created by Ill. Kurt Larson's promotion.

- C. Commander, Council of Kadosh, Hon. William Bonifay: Fundraiser is doing well. New monies are received without digging into Masonic pockets again. Ill. Harry Kuchenbrod explained the process for suspensions and who we carry and why. This helped Hon. Bonifay identify future projects for his line.
- D. Master of Kadosh, Consistory, Ill. Jon Davies: Ill. Davies has had discussions with Ill. Kuchenbrod and it has been decided to not fill Ill. Kurt Larson's vacancy until the new year.
- E. Member at Large (Bldg Association), Hon. Jimmie Lindt: Water leaks have not been apparent. This is one fine building.
- F. Member at Large, Hon. James Gillis: Grand Master's visit scheduled for September 22nd. Registration at 5, Dinner at 6.

Reports of Directors were given as follows:

- A. Membership (Hon. Gills): Thanks for the challenge. Give me your ideas. If we tried in the past – let's try again. Letters have been sent out to prospective members and sales team. The sales team will follow up before the next reunion.
- B. Public Relations (Vacant): Even though the post is vacant, Ill. Larson informed the Brothers about the strategic plan and how we are fairing. As of this date we are 51% of our goal. Take into account we have had no report from Brother Mick which lowers the total score. Ill. Larson will meet with anyone assigned areas to go over their individual results.
- C. Volunteers (Ill. Gaither): Volunteers are ready for November or any other event.
- D. Family Life (Hon. Bernal): Family Values team would like to have a gathering on Sunday before the Stated Meeting in May with the Officers and the Families being honored as a way of making it truly a Family Values Event.
- E. Sickness/Distress (Ill. Stewart Sr.): Great list – only two pages. We went thru August without losing a Brother. Keep the families and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.
- F. KCCH Cmdr. (Hon. Gillis): 50 Gun Raffle with the Shrine went well. Ticket sales check to come back soon. Many winners from the Scottish Rite. Don't forget the Honors Dinner this Saturday at Hall's Seafood. And lastly, don't forget the 2013 elections are coming up. Please give it some dedicated thought as we want to continue the success we have had with the KCCH over the last 5 years.
- G. Knights of St Andrew (V.M. Bro. Mick): Hon. Freddie Briggs reported on November 29th, KSA will be having a "Homecoming". If you were ever a KSA no matter your hat color today, you're invited. They hope to have a dinner – look for RSVPs.
- H. Director of Work (Ill. Davies): Feast of Tishri is coming up and is very rewarding. Reunion October 13th and 27th. Need help with Stage Crew. Lonnie Majors will not be available this time around. Tony Stepleton is number 2 at Shrine. Volunteer Director was asked for assistance to search for those who can help this reunion.
- I. Americanism (Bro. Williams): Getting ready for Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor. Veterans Day will be a program and Pearl Harbor a quick remembrance due to the activities of that meeting.

J. Official Photographer (Hon. P. Davies): No Report

K. Support Systems (Ill. M. Kiker): Ill. Larson reported that the newsletter will be reformatted. Please turn in your articles by the 15th. In the future articles will be due at the Stated meeting the month of publication (i.e. for Jan – Mar the due date will be December Stated Meeting).

L. Food Services (Bro. Hoffert): Hon. Villanueva reported dinner to be Pot Roast.

M. Dining Room (Hon. Villanueva): Will set up Thursday since the dining room will be unavailable on Wednesday.

N. Scottish Rite Education (Bro. Kickliter): Thanked everyone who has participated in reviewing the documentation that has been put together. We still have a few to go. Looking for launch sometime in 2013.

O. Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida Financial Support (Ill. Epperson): Need to dig deeper. The amount recorded earlier in the minutes is not up to our standards. We know times are tough, but the children need your help.

P. Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee / Children's Speech Clinic Representative (Ill. White): Nothing New.

Q. Director at Large (Bro. Phillips): Surveys mailed to non-contacted members. We are awaiting returns on those surveys.

R. Media Projects (Bro. Roberts): No Report

S. Building & Grounds (Hon. Briggs): Jimmy Lindt stole his thunder. We did turn in \$27 in cans for the Almoner.

T. Valley Marshall (Hon. C. Kirtley): List of introductions has been updated. See you Thursday.

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): Working to finish the list of policies and job descriptions. Thank you for the reviews and the timelines.

X. SRWA President (Ingrid Crooke): Ladies to have silent auction for baked goods on Thursday. Reunion luncheon for the 1st Saturday ladies will prepare. They requested \$200 budget. Ill. Hurd said there were funds available and to simply turn in receipts.

Y. Ambassadors (Bro. Phillips): Trying to meet every Ambassador. Wants to make sure we have brochures and petitions available to each.

Personal Representative Comments:

- Back to coat and tie this meeting.

- Grand Master's visit. Please show your support.
- NPD's were discussed and Jim Gillis will be working to keep those members. If you know of someone who needs our support – let us know.
- Salesmen need your help to get new members.
- While Eddie Stewart has stepped down as Membership Director – thank him for his dedicated service. He's not off the hook yet.

The Committee approved the following charity of the month: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NW Florida
 Motion: Jon Davies Second: Fred Hurd PASSED

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Get the word out – We Care! Call a brother at least twice a year. Call a brother. Not just the ones you see all the time or don't see all the time. Just call a Brother.
- Hon. Bonifay saw a man in the grocery store with a KCCH shirt on. He spoke with him and found out he had not been active in a while since he was mad at someone. Hon. Bonifay invited him back indicating it was time as things had changed. Bring back those we've scared off.

New Business:

- Articles for the newsletter due on September 15th.
- Almoner Fund Generator – Ingrid and Jack Crooke donated a generator. All funds raised from the silent auction go to the Almoner's Fund.
- York Rite Festival this weekend and the 29th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

Kurt P. Larson, 33°
 General Secretary

Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33°
 Personal Representative