

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Pensacola

February 2nd, 2017

Lodge Room

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

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 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. 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. We have 2 for affiliation – Fred Guarino & Francis McCabe, 1 for reinstatement – Benjamin L. Smith, Jr. and Stephen H. Smith who was held over from the Fall Reunion.

Hon. Kickliter then called for communications to be known to the Brethren. There were none.

Standing Committee Reports

Bro. Kevin Riley gave a report on the speaker system for the dining room. He figured it would take approximately 8 speakers to provide adequate coverage. This would cost \$926. This does not include labor to install. Hon. Kickliter asked him head up the committee to raise the funds and to plan on raising \$1200 which would take care of any incidentals we had not identified. Floyd Horton said he would donate \$100 to the cause. Bro. Riley will give a status report at the next stated meeting.

Bro. Edward Scheye then gave the **Sickness & Distress report**, (copy attached). We had a very busy year. Bro. Scheye proceeded to read a report he had prepared on the work of the committee over the last year.

Hon. Kickliter called on Bro. Salisbury for a **Membership report**. We have many new master masons in the area. Help us guide them to an outstanding Masonic experience.

Hon. Kickliter called on Bro. Joel Fairbanks to give the **VMAP report**. Bro. Fairbanks asked if anyone had the desire to perform the duties of the Public Relations Chair. It's time to take the duties from the General Secretary and allow the individual to spend more time getting media exposure. How do we get involved in the community? What events do you want to belong to? Runs, Charity functions, etc.

Hon. Kickliter called on Hon. James Gazaway for an **Education Report**. This last month we studied the 24th Degree. This month will be the 25th degree. Plenty of time for question and answers. Then he informed us about the archeological expeditions into the DeLuna landing in East Pensacola Heights.

Hon. Kickliter then called for Old or **Unfinished Business**. There was none.

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

- For future fundraisers – Ron Parks will be assisting with anything that has to do with raffles. The proper paperwork needs to be filed. Anyone interested – especially the other body heads, please get with Ron Parks.
- The ladies asked if they would be responsible for lunches at the reunion. This was affirmed and the ladies will provide receipts to the Treasurer.
- Ill. Floyd Horton brought up that at the last Foundation Trustees meeting they approved bars to be added to the Double Eagle awards. Ill. Horton asked if this was allowed in the Valley. The Personal Representative indicated that this would not be a problem – HOWEVER – he wants to see the materials prior to approval. This is done so that we don't cheapen the Double Eagle award nor minimize the efforts of the Foundation.
- The “meal” cards was delayed due to production issues. Look forward to this in the near future. 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 any comments. The Personal Representative notified all the members they will be receiving a letter from him and a petition. Membership is the life blood of this organization and he asked that everyone make a special effort to get more members into the Valley.

Hon. Kickliter then came off the dias to have a more informal talk with the Brethren present. He asked “what it would take to get people to come back to the Valley. Ideas were thrown out that included:

- More Stated Meetings
- Sending letters to Blue Lodge Masons to get them involved.
- Participation in the See No Limits fishing rodeo.
- Luncheons with good speakers.
- Public Speakers at the dinners.

A couple of ideas bordered on how to support the above issues. These will be handled separately by the Executive Committee.

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.

- Newsletter folding will be February 21, 2017 at 9 AM.

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 8:59 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