

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Pensacola

March 2nd, 2017

Lodge Room

Commander James Gazaway, 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. Hon. James Gazaway gave the invocation. Hon. Gazaway introduced the Pensacola Council of Kadosh 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 Hon. 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

Commander of Kadosh, James Gazaway, 32°, KCCH opened the Pensacola Council of Kadosh with the following officers present:

- 1st Lt. Commander – Cris L. Villanueva, 32°, KCCH
- 2nd Lt. Commander – James A. Draeving, 32°, KSA
- Chancellor – Carl G. Kirtley, 32°, KCCH
- Minister of State –, Ronald L. Parks, 32°, KCCH
- Master of Ceremonies – J.D. Gaither, 33°
- Tercouplier – Thomas Hood, 32°, KSA
- 1st Deacon – Gene P. Bodkin, 32°, KSA
- 2nd Deacon – Otto E. Thiergart, 32°, KCCH
- Tyler – Kevin Riley, 32°, KSA

Hon. Gazaway 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. Gazaway 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. Gazaway 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. Gazaway 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. Gazaway, called for applications for membership. We have 2 for affiliation – Fred Guarino & Francis McCabe, 1 for reinstatement – Benjamin L. Smith, Jr. and 1 – Stephen H. Smith who was held over from the Fall Reunion as well as W. Clark Yates, Jr. and Donald Deacon.

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

Hon. Gazaway turned the meeting over to the Master of Kadosh.

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. To date \$100 has been received from Floyd Horton, \$800 from Jerry Sumlin, \$436 from the KSA fundraiser, and \$64 from Kevin Riley. Bro. Riley will give a status report at the next stated meeting.

Bro. Edward Scheye then gave the **Sickness & Distress report**, (copy attached).

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**. The VMAP program is going well. We would like to have our report ready by October.

Hon. Kickliter called on Hon. James Gazaway for an **Education Report**. This last night we studied the 25th Degree. Next month will be the 26th degree. Plenty of time for question and answers. Then he informed us the historic significance of Brother Albert Pike – 1809-1891.

Hon. Kickliter then called for Old or **Unfinished Business**.

- Meal Cards are available and you can purchase them for \$80 from the ladies before meals. This card is good for 12 meals or buy 10 get two free. You must present the card to get a meal ticket. The card will expire 18 months after purchase whether you use all 12 meals or not.

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

- Tablet and credit card reader so that we can pay for our meals. Cash not needed. The application has been made with Square and will be available by May.
- Remember to bring your non-Scottish Rite friends to dinner. This may encourage them to join.
- May will be our Double Eagle awards presentations.
- In February the Master Kadosh visited Jay Lodge. He was extremely excited about how we can partner with them and other lodges to improve freemasonry in our area.
- Floyd Horton announced you can now get your CCW license at the Warrington Tax Collectors office.

Hon. Kickliter called upon the Personal Representative for any comments. The Personal Representative told us we had plenty of room and lots of chairs in the Lodge Room. Come join us for an excellent reunion.

Hon. Kickliter turned the meeting over to the Commander of Kadosh.

Hon. Gazaway 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. Bobby Kickliter, Master of Kadosh, Pensacola Consistory for any comments they felt necessary. All thanked the Brothers for their help in making this Valley so successful.

Hon. Gazaway called upon the 1st and 2nd Lt. Commanders for comments proper to be made. He then opened the floor to any member present.

Hon. Gazaway called upon the 2nd Lt. Commander 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 7:55 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