

Joplin Valley Council Minutes
February 1, 2023
Laclede County Shrine Club

The meeting was called to order by the Valley Chairman Illustrious Brother James D. Hardy, 33° GC. In addition to the Chairman the following officers were present:

Venerable Master:	Brother James W. Pierce, 32°
Wise Master:	Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33°
Commander:	Brother Charles A. Koonce, 32°
Master of Kadosh:	Brother Gregory J. Walker, 32° KCCH
Valley Treasurer:	Ill. Brother Robert P. Gephardt, 33°
Executive Secretary:	Ill. Brother James K. Gilbert, 33°

The Opening Prayer was given by Ill. Brother Dale R. Roller, 33°
The Craft were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ill. Brother Steven S. Tygart, 33°

A motion made by Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33° to approve the minutes of the January 5th, 2023 meeting as written was seconded by Brother Kevin D. Bonebreak, 32° and carried by a vote of the Council. The Treasurer, Ill. Robert P. Gephardt, 33°, declared that "the books are in balance, the Secretary and Treasure's receipts are accounted for, and, the Valley is solvent." He then presented the bills and moved that they be received. This motion was seconded by Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33° and carried by the vote of the council.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Upcoming Business:

Valley Chairman confirmed that the officer meeting schedule would approximate the prior few years schedule and that once the times and exact dates were confirmed that the Executive Secretary would send an email to the Valley Council.

Valley Chairman

Executive Secretary

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Joplin Lodge of perfection was opened in due form by and called to Labor by:

Venerable Master:	Brother James W. Pierce, 32°
Wise Master:	Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33°
Commander:	Brother Charles A. Koonce, 32°
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A motion made by Brother Daniel W. Stehly, 32° KCCH to approve the minutes of the January 5th, 2023 meeting as written was seconded by Ill. Brother Steven S. Tygart, 33° and carried by a vote of the Lodge. A motion to pay the bills was made Ill. Brother David V. Collignon, 33°. The motion was seconded Ill. Brother Steven S. Tygart, 33° and carried by a vote of the Lodge.

Report of the Personal Representative:

Our Valley's Personal Representative, Ill. Brother James D. Hardy, 33° GC installed two appointed officers to the Lodge of Perfection and one appointed officer to the Council of Kadosh who were absent at the January 5th, 2023 Installation Ceremony. After which he invited the following Brothers to the front to receive their Joplin Scottish Rite Cathedral Association lapel pins and personal thank you letters for their pledges to the Cathedral restoration fund raising campaign;

Brother Troy W. Steinert, 32° KCCH (Silver Level)
Ill. Brother Steven S. Tygart, 33° (Silver Level)
Brother Jeff A. Stokes, 32° (Bronze Level)
Brother Tim S. Southard, 32° (Bronze Level)

Ill. Brother Hardy then reminded the Lodge that it was an Honors' year that nominations must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than February 15, 2023.

Ill Brother Hardy informed the Lodge that he had emailed and mailed Leadership Applications to the entire Valley membership, and that the Valley would be creating an Americanism Committee to be chaired by Brother Christopher L. Story, 32°.

Ill. Brother Hardy concluded his report by asking soliciting help from the Brethren in staffing the Sixteenth degree team. He advised those interested and able to participate in this degree to reach out to its director, Brother Daniel W. Stehly, 32° KCCH.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ill. Brother Nick Breedlove, 33°, spoke about the plans developing for the on hundred year celebration of the cathedral. His presentation included information regarding a past Executive Secretary, Ill. Brother Floyd Cole, 33° and the success his efforts had in creating membership growth.

Technology: Brother Greg Walker, 32° KCCH informed the Lodge that ACIS IT Solutions, Inc. was updating the entire Cathedral's internet wiring and wireless network at no charge to the Valley. This company paid the entire transportation and labor costs associated with sending a work team/crew of professionals for the week but also covered the substantial material costs associated with this large project. Brother Walker then informed the Lodge that ACIS IT Solutions, Inc. is owned by Brother Travis Schnelle, 32° KCCH.

Building: Brother Dan Stehly, 32° KCCH informed the Lodge that the Cathedral's roof replacement was completed and that the newly installed windows on east side of the building were sealed. He then explained that these costly yet necessary investments had corrected the detrimental water intrusion issue. He concluded his report by informing the Lodge that the Joplin Cathedral Preservation Association Board agreed that when the funds were available that the Cathedral's exterior Terracotta was the next signification priority to be followed by interior remediation.

Report of the Executive Secretary:

Ill. Brother James K. Gilbert, 33° announced that Brothers Chandler Huffman and Kyle Lane were initiated on December 29, 2022. Ill. Brother Steve Tygart, 33° moved that they be received into the Valley of Joplin. His motion was seconded by Brother Dan Stehly, 32° KCCH and passed unanimously by a vote of the Lodge. Ill. Brother Gilbert then announced that Brother Bradley Roam had reinstated his membership. The Secretary then announced that the following Brothers had past between January 5th and January 31st, 2023; Noel S. Campbell, Clarence L. Chartier, Charles K. Cowin, Jim L. Eakins, Jacob J. Weber. Ill. Brother Gilbert concluded his report by informing the Lodge that the Valley had suspended twenty-four members at the end of 2022 for non payment of dues. He then briefly explained the efforts that the membership committee, the Executive Secretary, and his secretary, Mrs. Tamara Breedlove, go through each year to reduce the number lost through non payment of dues and that our P.R. and S.G.I.G. insist that every effort to reach out and help these Brothers are made prior to approving the suspensions.

After the box of fraternal assistance was passed and with no further business appearing, the Joplin Lodge of Perfection, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory were closed in due form and the Joplin Chapter Rose Croix was called to refreshment with peace and harmony prevailing.

Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection Secretary