

Joplin Valley Council Minutes
December 6, 2022
Richland Lodge #385
Richland, Missouri

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. Pearce, 32°
Wise Master:	Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33°
Acting Commander:	Brother Kevin D. Bonebrake, 32°
Master of Kadosh:	Brother Gregory J. Walker, 32° KCCH
Executive Secretary:	Ill. Brother James K. Gilbert, 33°

The Opening Prayer was given by Brother Daniel J. Dove, 32°
The Craft were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ill. Brother Michael K. Bodine, 33°

A motion made by Ill. Brother Nicholas Breedlove, 33° to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting as written was seconded by Ill. Brother Daniel W. Stehly, 33° and carried by a vote of the Council. The Valley Executive Secretary, Ill. Brother James K. Gilbert, 33° declared, "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 Brother James W. Pearce, 32° and carried by the vote of the council.

Old Business: The Chairman, Ill. Brother James D. Hardy, 33°, thanked the officers who had attended the Officer meeting in November for their contributions to its success.

New Business: none

Upcoming Business: deferred to the Lodge of Perfection meeting.

With no further business appearing, Chairman Hardy closed the Council in due form with peace and harmony prevailing.

Valley Chairman

Executive Secretary

Joplin Lodge of Perfection #5 Minutes
December 6, 2023
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Joplin Lodge of perfection was opened in due form by and called to Labor by:

Venerable Master:	Brother James W. Pearce, 32°
Wise Master:	Ill. Brother Nicholas L. Breedlove, 33°
Acting Commander:	Brother Kevin D. Bonebrake, 32°
Master of Kadosh:	Brother Gregory J. Walker, 32° KCCH

A motion made by Ill. Brother David V. Collignon, 33° to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting as written was seconded by Brother Timothy L. Ritter, 32° KCCH and carried by a vote of the Lodge. A motion to pay the bills was made Ill. Brother Daniel W. Stehly, 33°. The motion was seconded Brother Thomas D. Shaw, 32° KCCH and carried by a vote of the Lodge.

Report of the Personal Representative:

Our Valley's Personal Representative, Ill. Brother Jim Hardy, 33° GC began his report by informing the Lodge of 2024 Southern Jurisdiction Leadership Conferences. He then asked the members of the Lodge to give him recommendations for Fellows for the upcoming cycle. A consensus formed to recommend the following three brothers; Michael Estright, Eli Lawson, and Dan Dove. Ill. Brother Hardy concluded his report by informing the Lodge that he and Ill. Brother David V. Collignon were organizing a dinner in Branson for men interested in becoming Masons and their wives. He reminded the Lodge that it was the duty of the Scottish Rite to build up the blue lodges in our Valley and in so doing that the Scottish Rite would be the better for it.

Committee Reports:

1. Dining Room: Brother Kevin Bonebrake, 32° asked if the Valley would invest in extra bussing tubs and an additional cart. Hearing no objections, the Secretary said he would look into it near the first of the year.
2. Fund Rasing: Ill. Brother David Collignon informed the Lodge that the Ridge Runners Scottish Rite Club had donated \$500.00 to go towards the Valley's efforts to raise \$10,000 for the Foundation of Missouri as a part of their plan to match funds up to that amount for Joplin Ritecare. An additional \$389.00 was raised by the members of Richland Lodge for this cause by the selling of popcorn.
3. KCCH Club: Brother Tommy Shaw, 32° KCCH reminded the Lodge that raising money for RiteCare was the primary focus of the KCCH Club and that if the Foundation of Missouri was willing to match the funds raised that it would be irresponsible to not do all that we can as Valley to raise the funds. He went on to state that he would be continually working towards that goal and that the club's events would require participation by all Scottish Rite Masons, not just KCCH Club members.
4. Education: Ill Brother David Collignon informed the Lodge that our Personal Representative had approved a change in our degree schedule that will allow the twenty-nine degrees to be performed over a twenty-four-month cycle instead of the current twelve-month cycle. This will afford the class committee sufficient time during the reunions to instruct the class. The new system will also block an hour of time after lunch at each reunion for meetings. Currently many members are unable to attend such meetings because of their participation in the degrees and various reunion committees. Ill. Brother Collignon concluded his report by informing the Lodge that the Valley was working with Brother Ryan Cockerham to edit video material from the one-hundred-year celebration to use for recruitment, education, and for charity fund raising and brand awareness in the community.

Report of the Executive Secretary:

Ill. Brother James K. Gilbert, 33°, reminded the Lodge that it needed to select three Departed Ill. Brothers to honor during the upcoming reunions. It was agreed to honor the following Brothers

1. Spring 2024 Reunion Ill. Brother Carl. W. Carpenter, 33°
2. October 2024 Reunion Ill. Brother Randall J. Jones, 33°
3. Spring 2025 Reunion Ill. Brother John A. Pace, 33°

Ill. Brother Gilbert then informed the Lodge that absent objection he would form the 2024 calendar based on the 2023 calendar with respect to meeting dates and locations. Hearing none the Venerable Master approved the Secretaries recommendation. Ill. Brother Gilbert then informed the Lodge that Brother Thomas W. Hibben had reinstated and that one member had been recorded on the activity report as a demission. He concluded his report by informing the Lodge of the passing of Brother Larry Rosenbaum and reminded the brethren to keep Ill. Brother Sid Rosenbaum, 33° in their prayers. The Venerable Master then gaveled the Lodge to rise and asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence for our departed brother.

New Business The box of fraternal assistance was passed and \$87.20 was collected for the almoner's fund bring its balance to \$3,389.90

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