

Joplin Valley Council Minutes
May 5, 2009
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Joplin, MO.

The meeting was called to order by Valley Chairman Ill. Brother Harry Guinn, 33°

An Opening Prayer was given by Ill. Brother Dale Roller, 33° and Ill. Brother Harry Guinn, 33° led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion made by Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH to approve the minutes of April 2, 2009 as written, seconded by Brother David Higgins, 32°, was carried by a vote of the Council.

The Valley of Joplin Treasurer's report was presented by Brother Lee Smith, 32° KCCH. The Valley of Joplin's bills were then presented. A motion to receive the bills was made by Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH and seconded by Brother Roger Wreath, 32° KCCH. The motion carried by a vote of the Council.

No old business was reported. No new business was reported. The Valley Council was reminded of upcoming events, including the next Valley Council meeting at the Pulaski County Shrine Club and the next Reunion on August 15th during the Reunion. Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH, asked how many candidates were expected at the Pulaski County Reunion on August 15th. The Secretary reported that the Pulaski County members promised twenty-five candidates for the August Reunion.

No further business appearing the Valley Council Meeting was closed in regular form by Ill. Harry Guinn, 33°.

Valley Chairman

Executive Secretary

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The Lodge of Perfection for the Valley of Joplin was opened in due form by Brother David Higgins, 32°.

A motion to accept the posted minutes of the April 2, 2009 Lodge of Perfection meeting as written was made by Brother John Watson, 32° KCCH, seconded by Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH, and the motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Brother John Watson, 32° KCCH, seconded by Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH and the motion carried.

Reports from the various committees included a report by Brother Dave McCann, 32° KCCH, who advised that the KSA is moving ahead and has grown a bit. The KSA should be proud of their progress but cautioned that the Knights weren't trying to reinvent the wheel. The KSA continues working on a flag presentation team, Master Craftsman education programs, and degree ritual teams. If ritual help is needed, count on the KSA. The KSA will be visiting the Wichita SR on May 29 to learn about ways to improve our organization. Brother Arnet Whalen, 32° spoke briefly about the flag ceremony and outlined the program. The KSA is still looking for the 3rd member of their team.

Brother David Gray, 32° KCCH, thanked everyone for their support and reported that popcorn and peanut sales were on a very good pace. Brother Gray had some for sale tonight! Brother Gray then presented a check for \$1,035 to the Valley Treasurer, Brother Lee Smith, 32° KCCH. He proceeded to update the Valley on the Joe Anderson Benefit Golf Tournament and announced the date had been moved up a week to make it more available. He also announced a need for sponsors.

Ill. Brother Dale Roller, 33°, speaking for the Speech and Language Clinic, stated that we're getting more kids. The Stage, Auditorium, Class, Wardrobe, Dining, Pit Crew and Kitchen were all reported ready. It was announced that the meals for the Pulaski County Reunion will be provided by the Pulaski County Shrine Club. Brother Tim Thomas, 32° KCCH reported that the Library will be purchasing some books to help complete our collection and thanked Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH for his donation of books.

Ill. Brother Harry Guinn, 33°, then made a report for Archives and included an update on the condition of Ill. Don McCoy, 33°. Ill. Brother McCoy has received his prosthesis and is doing very well.

Ill. Brother Harry Guinn, 33°, announced a suspension of the planned dues increase. Scottish Rite dues for next year will be the same as last year. There will be lots of discussion at the Foundation meeting regarding the increase. We need to remember that the Joplin Valley works through the cooperation and the efforts of the entire Valley. Ill. Guinn advised us to keep doing what we're doing and that we should be very proud of our Valley. Keep treating each other as Brothers.

The Secretary's report included the reports of two brethren's reinstatements, three brethren's suspensions, and seven brethren passing away. A moment of silence was held for our departed brethren. A motion was made by Brother David Collignon, 32° KCCH, to reinstate the brethren that were announced, seconded by Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH, and the motion carried.

Ill. Brother Harry Guinn, 33° then spoke of the Grand Master's visit to the four Fellowship Lodge brothers in the nursing home, including Ill. Bill Carter, 33°, the oldest living 33° in the Valley of Joplin. MWB Rocky Weaver impressed the brethren who went with him to the nursing home. Ill. Guinn asked the Lodge to remember our brethren in nursing homes. Brother John Kuehn asked the Lodge to also remember Ill. John Pace, 33° and his lady, Linda. Both of them, but especially Linda, are very ill.

Brother David Gray, 32° KCCH, announced a KCCH meeting immediately following the Valley Council meeting. Brother Nick Breedlove, 32° KCCH announced the number of boxes of peanuts that were available for sale. Brother Dave McCann, 32° KCCH asked for the rules governing names for reunions. Ill. Harry Guinn, 33° reviewed the rules. The Secretary will send an email reminding the members of Ill. Bill Carter's 100th birthday. The Secretary then gave a summary of prices for roof ledge repairs and that a contractor has been chosen by the Building Committee. They will begin work very soon. Brother John Kuehn, 32° KCCH announced the outdoor Texas 3rd degree in Webb City. Ill. Brother Dale Roller, 33° gave an update on MOCHIP events in Missouri.

The box of Fraternal Assistance was passed with a grateful acknowledgement from Ill. Brother Gayle Bedell, 33°.

No further business appearing the Lodge of Perfection was closed in due form.

Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection Secretary