

Joplin Valley Council Minutes
June 4, 2015
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Joplin, MO.

The meeting was called to order by our Valley Chairman Illustrious Brother Jim Hardy, 33°. An Opening Prayer was given by Brother Roy Meadows, 32° KCCH, and the Craft were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Sarah Tygart. A motion made by Brother Chris Nickle, 32° to approve the minutes of May 7, 2015 as written, was seconded by Brother Steve Tygart, 32° KCCH and carried by a vote of the Council. The Valley of Joplin Treasurer's report and the bills for the Valley were given by Brother Rob Gephardt, 32° KCCH. Brother David Appleby, 32° KCCH then made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Brother Steve Tygart, 32° KCCH and carried by a vote of the Council. Brother David Appleby, 32° KCCH then made a motion to receive the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Brother Royce Wahl, Jr., 32° and carried by a vote of the Council. In Old Business, and after months long discussions, Brother David Appleby, 32°, KCCH made a motion to increase our Valley's annual dues to \$125.00. Brother Tom Ross, 32° seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of the Council. In New Business, Illustrious Brother Hardy advised that the Officer's Meeting scheduled for August 8 conflicted with another event he and the Secretary needed to attend. After discussion with the Officers, it was decided to cancel the August 8 Officer's Meeting. Brother David Appleby, 32° KCCH then made a motion to adjourn the Valley Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Brother Royce Wahl, Jr. 32° and carried by a vote of the Council. No further business appearing the Valley Council Meeting was declared closed by Illustrious Brother Jim Hardy, 33°.

Valley Chairman

Executive Secretary

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The Lodge of Perfection for the Valley of Joplin was opened by Brother Tom N. Ross, 32°. A motion made by Illustrious Brother David Collignon, 33° to approve the minutes of May 7, 2015 as written, seconded by Brother Phil Kent, 32° KCCH, was carried by a vote of the Lodge. A motion to pay the bills was made by Illustrious Brother David Collignon, 33°, seconded by Brother David Appleby, 32° KCCH, and was carried by a vote of the Lodge.

Illustrious Brother Jim Hardy, 33° chose this time to make his Personal Representative's report. It had come to his attention that Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33° and his RiteCare Team, along with the Widow's Son's Masonic motorcycle riders group, had manned the phones at a recent CMN Telethon and had represented the Valley well. Illustrious Brother Hardy reported that as of this date, 26 reinstatements had been reported by our Valley with another six recorded just this week. He thanked the Membership Committee for their outstanding work and expressed his appreciation. He announced the KSA are beginning the process of calling Brothers on their birthday. He announced that after looking at the age of members across the various Valleys in Missouri, we are one of the youngest. And we're attracting younger members. He finished his report by announcing that a lot of great things are happening with our members making it happen!

In Committee Reports, The Ritual, Stage, Auditorium, Wardrobe, and Class Committees all reported that they were ready. Brother Denis Anderson, 32° KCCH, reported that he was proposing programs for the Clubs to help increase membership. As an example, he pointed to the Metro Club in Springfield which will be holding a Trivia Night next month. Illustrious Brother Hardy added that a new Club was getting started in Carthage which will focus on Masonic Education as well as the Master Craftsman courses. He encouraged them to be a Valley Club and he encouraged membership to non-Scottish Rite members. Brother Anderson thought that could work. Brother Patrick Stewart, 32°, reporting for the Knights of St. Andrew, advised that the KSA are beginning to make birthday calls to our membership. Brother Phil Kent, 32° KCCH announced a new KCCH Club fund raiser, a Lulu Roman concert set for August 29. He advised that preferred seating will be \$25.00 and balcony seating will be \$20.00. Flyers and tickets will be developed and advertising/promotions will begin soon. Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33° announced that he has received a commitment from the folks at CMN to help. Brother Kent continued that 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will be going to RiteCare and concession sales will go toward Valley operations. Illustrious Brother Hardy advised that a packed house could net \$4,000.00. Brother Kent also announced dates for KCCH Investiture practices after Labor Day. The Executive Secretary will email

practice dates and times to the KCCH cast. At this time the following checks were presented; Brother Denis Anderson, 32° KCCH presented \$1,050.00 from Golf Tournament hole sponsorships, Illustrious Brother Mike Wallace, 33° presented \$400.00 from popcorn sales, and Brother Steve Tygart, 32° KCCH presented \$135.00 from peanut sales.

Illustrious Brother David Collignon, 33°, speaking for Fund Raising, reminded us of the deadline for Golf Tournament hole sponsorships and team entries and thanked the Brethren for their work. He expressed appreciation to Brother Steve Tygart, 32° KCCH and Illustrious Brother Don Rives, 33° for their fund raising work. He reminded us of the \$10,000.00 fund raising goal and that we were well on the way to reaching it. He reminded us of the \$10/Month Club and that automatic payment was available. He urged us to consider that option. Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33°, reporting for Speech and Language, announced that one child is in process for receiving hearing aids and one was getting speech therapy. He announced that our RiteCare presented a check of over \$36,000.00 at the CMN Telethon and he congratulated us on doing it together. He shared the latest thank you card and advised that we're working with lots of hospitals. He thought the Lulu Roman concert was a good idea and a good way to show off.

Illustrious Brother Mike Wallace, 33° reporting for the Membership Committee thanked his team for their work in getting reinstatements and advised the team would like to go back another two years. He also wants to work with the Lodge Ambassadors to get \$50.00 Reunion Program Book ads for next years book. Brother Steve Eberharter, 32° advised that they haven't been doing anything special, just showing that they care. The letters that were sent out were simply heartfelt. Illustrious Brother Wallace also advised that the Pulaski County Club had a golf tournament coming up and asked for a hole sponsorship of \$100.00. Illustrious Brother Collignon moved to make a \$100.00 hole sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Brother Tom Ross, 32° and carried by a vote of the Lodge. Brother Steve Tygart, 32° KCCH mentioned that the Tri-county Club has a special fund for Scottish Rite candidates and asked if other Clubs had considered this option.

Brother Chris Nickle, 32° reporting for the Ambassadors, advised that additional volunteers are needed to staff Ambassador positions in Valley Lodges. He also announced that the Ambassadors have branched out into College Fraternal organizations and asked Brother Don Greenlee to be the Ambassador/Liaison to college fraternities in the area. Illustrious Brother Hardy then announced that the Valley was ordering 300 of the "Presenting the Scottish Rite" recruitment booklets. Brother Nickle showed the invitations for Scottish Rite membership and announced that the envelope would hold a petition, an invitation and the booklet. The Valley is purchasing the booklets for the member's use. A Brother to Brother Committee report was made by Brother Steve Eberharter, 32°. He announced that the mentoring program is expanding and that they will be getting in touch with the March 2015 Class. The Master Planning Committee report was made by Illustrious Brother Hardy. He advised the ledge repair bids are being reviewed and will hinge on warranties. Two options are being compared right now. The Building Committee report was made by Brother Chris Nickle who reported on progress with the Billiards Room restoration. Actual restoration work will be starting soon and he solicited additional funds for completion of the work. He reported the project should be complete by the October Reunion.

The Executive Secretary then made his report. The Secretary read the reports of deaths in our Valley. Brothers Clarence Adams, Robert Laptad, Stephen Millsap, Robert Swan, and James Wiley had all been reported as having passed away since our last meeting. Brother Tom Ross, 32° held a moment of silence for our departed Brothers. The Secretary then solicited candidates for our August Reunion. In Sickness and Distress, it was reported that Illustrious Brother James Davis, 33° was holding his own; Illustrious Brother Dennis Smith, 33° had been declared cancer free; Brother Jack Proffitt, 32° was having some problems, but his heart seemed to be ok. Prayers was encouraged in all these needs. In Old Business, Illustrious Brother Hardy reported that the Rose Croix portion of our VMAP project was nearly complete and that he needed the other Bodies to complete their sections. It was reported that the Consistory had turned in some of their portion. Illustrious Brother Collignon advised that it would be nice to present our VMAP project to our SGIG at the October Reunion. Illustrious Brother Wallace advised we will be performing the new ritual for our 14° in October and Illustrious Brother Hardy advised there will be lots of dignitaries at the October Reunion. In New Business, Illustrious Brother Wallace announced he had one new petition for this August's Reunion.

Finally, the box of Fraternal Assistance was passed by Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33° With no further business appearing, our meeting was closed by Brother Tom N. Ross, 32°.