

Joplin Valley Council Minutes
October 6, 2011
Waynesville Lodge #375
Waynesville, MO.

The meeting was called to order by our Valley Chairman, Illustrious Brother Harry Guinn, 33°. An Opening Prayer was given by Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33°, and the Craft were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Illustrious Brother Harry Guinn, 33°.

A motion made by Illustrious Brother Randy Jones, 33° to approve the minutes of September 1st, 2011 as written, seconded by Illustrious Brother James Davis, 33°, was carried by a vote of the Council. A report by the Valley of Joplin Personal Representative included a reminder that there is a Reunion in Joplin in the next few weeks. We need to get candidates to join. Without membership, we can't exist. He was sorry to report that sixty percent of our dues paying members have been suspended. We need to get them back in and get new members signed up. He advised that we are new members' connection to the Scottish Rite. Other activities can take new members' time, but in our fraternity, we learn to live the principles of Freemasonry and you can't put a value on that. Illustrious Brother Guinn then related some of his feeling about our membership and asked us to help grow our family! He also reminded us that in order to break even at a Reunion, we need twenty-one candidates. We've only got fifteen now. Help us bring in our new members!

The Valley of Joplin Treasurer's report was given by Illustrious Brother Lee Smith, 33°. A motion made by Illustrious Brother David Gray, 33° to approve the report as written, seconded by Illustrious Brother Carlin Smittle, 33°, was carried by a vote of the Council. A motion was made by Illustrious Brother Randy Jones, 33° to receive the bills. It was seconded by Brother Tim Couch, 32° KCCH and carried by a vote of the Council. There was no Old Business or New Business to report. Illustrious Brother Guinn announced that the next Valley Council meeting would be held Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Joplin, Missouri.

No further business appearing the Valley Council Meeting was closed in regular form by Illustrious Brother 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 Illustrious Brother David Gray, 33°. A motion made by Illustrious Brother Randy Jones, 33° to accept the minutes of September 1st, 2011 as written, seconded by Illustrious Brother Carlin Smittle, 33°, was carried by a vote of the Lodge. A motion to pay the bills was made by Brother Tim Couch, 32° KCCH, seconded by Illustrious Brother James Davis, 33°, and was carried by a vote of the Lodge.

Illustrious Brother Larry Albright, 33° reported via email that everything looks good for this Reunion. We will present the DeMolay degree at 11:00am instead of the 29th, inasmuch as we are rebuilding that degree. He has not yet been informed as to who will be performing that degree.

Brother Dave McCann, 32° KCCH reporting for the Knights of St. Andrew announced that the Knights are getting fired up again and introduced Brother Jon Pool, 32°. Brother Pool reminded those present that the KSA will be hosting a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn and invited everyone to come out. Brother Gene Bass, 32° was then introduced and announced that the KSA will be electing officers, administrative changes are being made, pins and flashes will be discussed, and the KSA will be forming a drill team. A Master Craftsman recognition plaque will also be developed. Brother Denis Anderson, 32° announced that the Master Craftsman educational classes are starting back up again and that the MC #2 is

much more difficult. The classes will be promoted at the Clubs and the KSA is working on communication and trying to grow the Rite. Brother Dave McCann again reminded everyone of the hospitality room and that a cash bar and finger foods will be available. They plan on having a good time.

Illustrious Brother Carlin Smittle, 33°, reviewed the Golf Tournament and announced that approximately \$4000 had been raised and that 42 golfers had played. Everyone had a good meal and lots of fun. He announced that a hole-in-one prize had almost been won by Brother Steve Tygart's son, he lipped the cup! A total of \$456.00 was presented to Rite Care from Illustrious Brother Mike Wallace, 33° and the Pulaski County Scottish Rite Club and Illustrious Brother David Gray, 33° and the Ridgerunners Scottish Rite Club. He also reminded us of the KCCH Investiture on Friday night and that plans were proceeding well.

Illustrious Brother Dale Roller, 33° reporting for Speech and Language, thanked the KCCH Club and expressed his appreciation for their efforts. He announced that changes are occurring at the Foundation and that a Joplin Valley budget is being established. Peanuts and popcorn sales help. Illustrious Brother Roller also announced that a new Director for CMN in Springfield has been hired and our Rite Care officials will meet him next week. Finally, Illustrious Brother Roller offered many thanks for the help we've received from our members. We're continuing to help kids.

Illustrious Brother Larry Houge, 33° reported the Stage was ready. Illustrious Brother Dale Roller reported the Auditorium is ready and that the Auditorium will be working this Reunion in memory of Illustrious Brother Bart Tucker, 33°. Illustrious Brother Randy Jones reported the Wardrobe is ready. He also reported that the 32° banners for the camp scene are newly made thanks to Brother Phil Kent's wife. In Membership, Illustrious Brother Mike Wallace, 33°, announced that work will be starting on the list of members who have not yet paid dues and are due to be suspended. A letter from his committee will be sent out. Brother Jim Davis, 32° KCCH reported that the Kitchen will be ready. He also asked the Lodge to recognize the cooks for our meal tonight. Brother Roy Meadows, 32° KCCH reported that the Library is ready. At this time the New Inspectors General Honorary and Knights Commanders Court of Honor were asked to stand and be recognized.

During the Secretary's Report, a list of reinstatements was read by the Executive Secretary. Illustrious Brother Randy Jones, 33°, made a motion to accept the reinstatements. The motion was seconded by Illustrious Brother Wallace Willard, 33°, and carried by a vote of the lodge. The Secretary then read the reports of deaths in our Valley. Illustrious Brother David Gray, 33°, held a moment of silence for our departed Brothers. Illustrious Brother Guinn took this time to provide information about Honors Men who choose to be suspended NPD. Honors Men who reinstate within one year retain their honors; Honors Men who reinstate after one year lose their honors. This information could be a good incentive to get Honors Men who are near suspension to pay their annual dues. The Secretary then moved on to an update on the Camaro giveaway. It has been decided by the Committee with the consent of the Personal Representative, Secretary, and Treasurer that the drawing be delayed until the March Reunion. A notice was sent out by various electronic communications and a notice was posted in the Joplin Globe.

Illustrious Brother Wallace Willard, 33° asked about the credit card difficulties the Valley was experiencing. Illustrious Brother Harry Guinn, 33° updated the Lodge on the credit card issue. The office is waiting on papers to be mailed to the Valley to consider the matter. He advised that the members have a right to information about the Valley. He continued by explaining his and Illustrious Brother Willard's job responsibilities. Illustrious Brother Lee Smith, 33° advised that we have no financial liability as the bill has been paid. Lengthy discussion ensued. Illustrious Brother Guinn then went on to outline upcoming events. Illustrious Brother Davis has promised prime rib for the Investiture banquet on Friday night. There will be no Shrine reception that night and new members can witness the Investiture ceremony. That will allow everyone to go home a little earlier on Saturday. Illustrious Brother Guinn also asked the Officer's Line leadership to contact their officers and confirm that they want to stay in the line. He urged them all to be present for the election and the Installation ceremony in January.

Illustrious Brother Wallace Willard, 33° then advised the Valley to assemble the Committee Chairmen and discover what the financial needs of each Committee was to assemble a good budget for the upcoming year. There was some discussion. Illustrious Brother Willard advised our SGIG also needs

monthly information on expenses and income from the Valley. Brother Tim Couch, 32° KCCH advised that Brother Pete Nielsen will fill a vacancy in the Kadosh line. Illustrious Brother Randy Jones announced that the 33° Conferral Team will confer a 3rd Degree at Hazelwood Lodge next week. Finally, the box of Fraternal Assistance was passed with a grateful acknowledgement from Illustrious Brother Lee Smith, 33°.

No further business appearing, the Lodge of Perfection was closed in due form by the Venerable Master, Illustrious Brother David Gray, 33°.

Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection Secretary