

Joplin Valley Council Minutes  
May 6, 2021  
Table Rock Lodge #680  
Kimberling City, MO.

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

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| Venerable Master:    | Brother Ronald G. Hawk, 32° KCCH    |
| Acting Wise Master:  | Brother Ukiah M. Camp, 32°          |
| Commander:           | Brother Thomas D. Shaw II, 32° KCCH |
| Master of Kadosh:    | Brother Edward L. Choate, 32° KCCH  |
| Executive Secretary: | Brother James K. Gilbert, 32° KCCH  |

The Opening Prayer was given by Brother Daniel J. Dove, 32° KCCH.  
The craft were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Brother Roy H. Meadows, 33° IGH.

A motion made by Brother Thomas D. Shaw II to approve the minutes of April 4, 2021 as written was seconded by Brother Ukiah M. Camp, 32°, and carried by a vote of the Council. The Valley Treasurer, Illustrious Brother Robert P. Gephardt 33°, declared that, "the books are in balance, the Secretary and Treasure's receipts are accounted for. Brethren, the Valley is solvent." He then presented the bills and moved that they be received. This motion was seconded by Brother Thomas D. Shaw II, 32° KCCH, and carried by the vote of the council.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Upcoming Business: none

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

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Valley Chairman

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Executive Secretary

Joplin Lodge of Perfection Minutes  
May 6, 2021  
Table Rock Lodge #680  
Kimberling City, MO.

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

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| Venerable Master:   | Brother Ronald G. Hawk, 32° KCCH    |
| Acting Wise Master: | Brother Ukiah M. Camp, 32°          |
| Commander:          | Brother Thomas D. Shaw II, 32° KCCH |
| Master of Kadosh:   | Brother Edward L. Choate, 32° KCCH  |

A motion made by Brother Timothy L. Ritter, 32°, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting as written and communicated was seconded by Brother Ukiah M. Camp, 32°, and carried by a vote of the Lodge. A motion to pay the bills made by Timothy L. Ritter, 32° was seconded by Brother Ukiah M. Camp, 32° and carried by a vote of the Lodge.

Report of the Personal Representative:

Ill. Brother James D. Hardy, 33°, IGH, began his report by thanking Table Rock Lodge for hosting this evening's meetings and for providing the meal prior to their opening. He then confirmed for the Lodge that the June Reunion was scheduled and plans were in process. Ill. Brother Hardy then informed the Lodge that he had submitted the Honors nominees to our S.G.I.G. and that he in turn sent them to the Supreme Council for its vote. He also informed the Lodge that once he receives word from the S.G.I.G. of the Supreme Council's decision that our Valley would schedule an Honors announcement. He then explained the process we use in our Valley and why he decided to implement it. He next informed the Lodge that there was a conflict with the Grand Lodge, about the date we had set for the October Reunion. The Lodge quickly formed a consensus to move our October reunion up one week to the weekend of October 15-16. As a result of this move our October Reunion will be a Grand Master's reunion. Ill. Brother Hardy concluded his report by addressing the on going restoration needs of our building. He went into detail regarding the cost estimates and stated that there was a potential donor who was considering matching whatever funds the Valley's members raised. He reminded the members that this is a private men's' fraternity and that if the members want to keep our historic building than we all have to contribute towards the repair and restoration costs.

Committee Reports:

The Committee chairmen present all reported that their committee would be ready for the Reunion in June.

Education:

Brother Tim Ritter, 32° spoke about the poet, Edgar Allen Poe. In his talk he addressed the long standing speculation amongst masons and Poe fans concerning the evidence that Poe was a Mason. Brother Ritter concluded that despite numerous Masonic allusions in some of Poe's work there was insufficient empirical evidence that he was a Mason and reminded each of us to live in such a way as to leave no doubt in the minds of future generations that we are Masons.

Report of the Executive Secretary:

Brother Jim Gilbert, 32° KCCH, began his report by thanking Ill. Brother Kenny Roller, 33° for setting up a cook crew for the June Reunion. He then asked the KSA for volunteers to assist with serving the meals during the reunion. Brother Mark Johnson, 32° offered to solicit help from the KSA and get back to the Executive Secretary after doing so. He then informed the Lodge of Perfection that Brother Joshua C. Blades, 32°, had been recently initiated into our Lodge at the recent virtual reunion. Brother Gilbert moved that he be admitted into our Valley. His motion was seconded by Ill. Brother Roy Meadows, 33° IGH, and carried by a vote of the Lodge. He then reported that three Brothers desired to be reinstated into our Valley and moved that they be. This motion was seconded by Ill. Brother Dale Roller, 33°, and carried by a vote of the Lodge, (see activity report attached to these minutes). Brother Gilbert concluded his report by reading the names of our recently departed Brothers. (see activity report attached to these minutes). The Venerable master then asked the Lodge to rise and join him in a moment of silence for our departed Brethren.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Pulaski Scottish Rite club presented Joplin Scottish RiteCare with a donation of \$1180.00 from selling popcorn and Ill Brother Steve Tygart, 33°, presented Joplin Scottish RiteCare with \$750.00 from selling popcorn. Both the Club and our Illustrious Brother were thanked for their dedication to our children's charity.

With no further business appearing the box of fraternal assistance was passed by Ill. Brother Dale Roller, 33° IGH. Then the Joplin Lodge of Perfection, Joplin Council of Kadosh, and Joplin Consistory were closed in due form and Joplin Chapter Rose Croix was called from Labor to Refreshment; with peace and harmony prevailing.

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Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master

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Lodge of Perfection Secretary