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to be held on Saturday March 28, 2015
at 6:00 pm

The Feast of the Kadosh to celebrate the founding of the ancient Knights Templars in 1119.
The Tampa Scottish Rite is proud to be the first to bring this type of celebration to Florida

The evening's events will include:

A delicious plated Dinner

Your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Flora Maria

Salutations & Toasts

A play reenacting the Proceedings of the Chinon Parchment*

Fellowship & fraternity for all

**The Chinon Parchment is a direct translation of the sealed & notarized proceedings of the Church's absolution of Jacques DeMolay & his Preceptors from excommunication from the Church*

Tickets are \$35 per person

and may be acquired through the
Tampa Scottish Rite Office at (813) 886-0578

Ticket Pre-Sales & entrée selection are **REQUIRED** no later than
Wednesday March 18, 2015

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Ladies - A nice dress or a pantsuit.



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by Ill. : Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Hold on to your hats. There is a lot going on in March and April at your Scottish Rite. The month begins with our annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on March 9. More details on this very important event are in this issue of the Bulletin.

On March 28 we will hold our first Feast of Kadosh. Our General Secretary discusses this event in his article. We are honored to be having with us that evening Ill. : Ronald Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and his wife along with Ill. : Dale I. Goehrig, 33°, SGIG and his wife. Also our Grand Master, M. : W. : James W. Ford will be with us. Brethren, this will be the event of the year and you don't want to miss it. We will be performing a 15-minute play based on the Parchment of Chinon, where the Catholic Church absolved Jacques DeMolay and his Preceptors of their sins and welcomed them back into the Church. Our cast for this performance is comprised of Senior DeMolays who are members of the Valley of Tampa and are also past elected State Officers from three jurisdictions. This event is open to everyone and anyone. Make your dinner reservations no later than March 18th to insure your seat will be waiting for you.

Finally, don't forget our Spring Reunion on April 11th and 18th. Talk to your Blue Lodge, York Rite, Grotto and Shrine brothers who are not members of the Scottish Rite and encourage them to join with us in the teachings of our degrees. Several new and exciting things are planned for the Reunion so you will want to be there also. 🐼

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

At our March 9, 2015 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite we will be honoring those who have passed away during in 2014 with our annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, Stephen Jacobson, 32° KCCH and the Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix in this beautiful and moving tribute to our departed brethren. This ceremony, which was formerly called Maundy Thursday, is obligatory to all members of the Chapter of Rose Croix. Brother Joe Gonzalez, 32°, Degree Master, will begin this ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. The families of our fallen brothers and all Masons and non-Masons are invited. 🐼



General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

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We encourage everyone to come and show you support to your Tampa Scottish Rite. 🐼

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Masters of the Royal Secret who has joined us by Affiliation and Dual Member since publication of our last bulletin. Scottish Rite Freemasonry welcomes all its members and visitors within its portal - visit us as often as time permits, we guarantee good fellowship, new friends and an opportunity to work with us for the benefit of Freemasonry and Scottish Rite in particular.

Affiliation

Jonas C. Roel, 32°

Dual Member

Mark L. Mason, 32°

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

John M. Bankhead, 33°

Richard A. Vogt, 32°

Good For You

Congratulations to the following members of the Valley of Tampa who have recently been installed Worshipful Master of their Blue Lodge:

Timothy W. Williams	Tuscan Lodge No. 6
Clifford Allen	Hillsborough Lodge No. 25
John Steiner	Manatee Lodge No. 31
Edward McMichael	Star Lodge No. 78
Eric T. Horne	Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79
Thomas Collins	Hernando Lodge No. 97
John Ferguson	St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139
Richard Riddling	Trilby Lodge No. 141
Andrew Gluchov	Sarasota Lodge No. 147
Steve Fortier	Port Tampa Lodge No. 153
David Gardner, Sr.	Fort Meade Lodge No. 160
John E. Bockover	Winter Haven Lodge No. 186
Charles Summerlin	Haines City Lodge No. 219
Patrick Devold	Tampa Lodge No. 240
Arthur J. Ahrens, III	Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248
Charles Osborne	J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251
Timothy Pierce	Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252
Thomas Gavagan	Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290
Jerry A. Haywood	Community Lodge No. 292
Derek Lynn	Venice Lodge No. 301
Jeffrey McConkey	High Twelve Lodge No. 317
Conrad P. Dreadin	Travelers Lodge No. 390
Patrick C. Palmer, 33°	Memorial Lodge No. 920
Roger Turgeon	Memorial Lodge No. 923
David S. Agster	Florida Lodge of Research No. 999

VMAP Member Education

Brothers participating in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman programs and/or in the Valley of Guthrie's College of the Consistory program are encouraged to notify the General Secretary or our VMAP Member Education Chairman, Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH, cfletcher@palletone.com. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

Tuscan Lodge No. 6, 6:30 p.m.

April 16, TBA

May 21, TBA

September 27, TBA

November 19, TBA

Sebring Lodge No. 249, 6:30 p.m.

March 30, 4th Degree

April 29, 8th Degree

June 30, 15th Degree

September 30, TBA

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Last Friday at 6:00 p.m.

VFW Post No. 1029

Spring Hill, FL

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Reservations preferred, phone (727) 460-1824

Kally-K's Steakery Fishery

1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

1st Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Perkins Family Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd., N, Largo, FL

Information & Reservations (727) 577-5923

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (dark July)

Sahib Shrine

600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in even numbered months
(dark December)

Scottish Rite Club Building

240 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

3rd Monday, 11:30 a.m.

(dark June, July, August and September)

Freedom Plaza Club

Sun City Center, FL

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

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282nd Reunion Schedule

Saturday, April 11, 2015

7:00 a.m. Class Registration - Lobby

7:30 a.m. Class Assembly - Lodge Room

Opening Ceremony

4° - Secret Master - Conferred

5° - Perfect Master - Communicated

6° - Confidential Secretary - Communicated

7° - Provost & Judge - Conferred

8° - Intendant of the Building - Communicated

9 & 10° - Elu of the Nine

and Fifteen - Conferred

11° - Elu of the Twelve - Conferred

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Class Photo – Valley Officers, 33° Brethren

12° - Master Architect - Communicated

13° - Royal Lodge of Solomon - Conferred

14° - Perfect Elu - Conferred

3:50 p.m. BREAK

15° - Knight of East,

Sword or Eagle - Communicated

16° - Prince of Jerusalem - Communicated

17° - Knight of the East & West - Communicated

18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred

6:40 p.m. Close First Day of Reunion

Saturday, April 18, 2015

7:00 a.m. Class Registration

7:30 a.m. Class Assembly – Election of Class Orator

19° - Grand Pontiff - Communicated

20° - Master of Symbolic Lodge - Conferred

10:00 a.m. BREAK

21° - Noachite

or Prussian Knight - Communicated

22° - Knight Royal Axe,

Prince of Libanus - Communicated

23° - Chief of the Tabernacle - Communicated

24° - Prince of Tabernacle - Communicated

25° - Knight of the Brazen

Serpent - Communicated

26° - Prince of Mercy,

Scottish Trinitarian - Communicated

27° - Knight of Sun,

Prince Adept - Communicated

28° - Knight Commander

of Temple - Tentative

29° Scottish Knight

of St. Andrew - Conferred

Deadline for May-June Bulletin

April 6 - Contributor deadline

April 13 - Office contributor deadline

April 15 - Transmit print file to our printer

11:45 a.m. LUNCH

30° - Knight Kadosh - Conferred

31° - Inspector Inquisitor - Conferred

32° - Master of the Royal Secret - Conferred

5:20 p.m. Consecration of 282nd Class

6:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony.

Specific start times for each degree will be posted to the Internet and communicated to Degree Masters. 🐼

Stephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH

**Wise Master -
Chapter of Rose Croix**



Brother Stephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH was installed Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter Rose Croix in January for the year

2015. Brother Steve is a Muskogee, OK native, but his family moved to Tampa in the 1950's. He graduated from H. B. Plant High School in 1961. After high school he continued his education and received an AA from St. Petersburg Junior College and a Bachelor's Degree in History (with High Honors) from Eckerd College in 2003.

He received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in 1966 in Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. He served as Worshipful Master of Hillsborough Lodge in 1975. He chaired the Lodge's Joseph Moore Award Committee for nine years and was Chairman of Hillsborough Lodge's Sesquicentennial Celebration. In 2010, M.: W.: J. Dick Martinez appointed him District Deputy Grand Master in the 22nd District. Following his year as DDGM, Brother Jacobson served as Zone Chairman of the Public Relations Committee in 2011 and as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee in 2012.

Our Wise Master received the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, becoming a Master of the Royal Secret on May 11, 1966. He has served as the Commander of the KCCH Organization (2014), President of the Past Master's Association (2007)

and Captain of the Guards (1976). On November 7, 2009 he was created a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour by our Supreme Council. In the York Rite, he is a member of Tampa Cushing Chapter No. 3, RAM, Tampa Council No. 8, R&SM, Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35, Knight Mason and Manasota Council No. 305, AMD. Brother Steve has served as an Advisor to Paul Revere Chapter, Order of DeMolay, receiving the Honorary Legion of Honor in 2011 as well as being a holder of the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color (1976).

Outside of Freemasonry, Brother Jacobson spent many years in the window business both as a plant employee, sales and as the owner of Jacobson Window Co., Inc. He is an author of two books, one on Vertebrate Fossils and one on the Masonic symbolism in paperweights. 🐼

Dwight N. Ridgeway, 32° Venerable Master - Lodge of Perfection

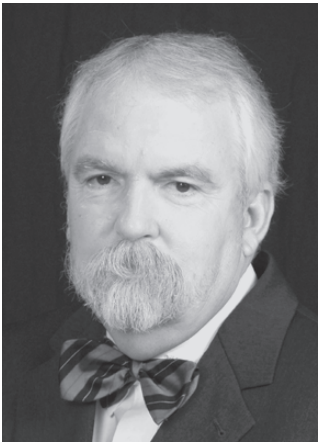


Brother Dwight N. Ridgeway, 32° serves this year as the Venerable Master of Tampa Lodge of Perfection. Brother Dwight was born and raised in Canton, OH

where he worked as a field engineer for IBM. In 1974, IBM transferred him to Poughkeepsie, NY where he retired as a Staff Engineer to the Director of Large Systems Designs & Development in 1997. While working for IBM in New York, Brother Ridgeway also worked as an EMT/Paramedic from 1977 until 1997. He also served as an instructor & trainer for 12 years. As he says, he "retired from ALL" on April 1, 1997. He and his family moved to Ellenton, FL in September 2002.

Brother Ridgeway petitioned Braidentown Lodge No. 99 to receive the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 13, 2006. He served Braidentown Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2010 and currently serves as Treasurer of Venice Lodge No. 301, where he is a Perpetual member. He currently serves the Grand Lodge of Florida as Zone 8 Chairman of the

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Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

As our new year unfolds, let us pause to pay homage to Illustrious C. Donald Prosser 33° for his years of service as the Valley of Tampa's Director of Work. His efforts have been tireless, his contribu-

tions immeasurable and the results laudatory.

Brother Prosser, we both commend you and thank you.

Preparations for our Spring Reunion on April 11 and 18 are well underway. A listing of degrees to be conferred can be found elsewhere in this Bulletin. Specific start times for degrees will be posted later to our website and communicated to the Degree Masters.

Notably, we will confer the 29th Degree, Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, which depicts a founding legend of our Fraternity. A members' break-out educational session on the 15th Degree, Knight of the East, Sword or Eagle, is being planned.

As we recruit new members, practice our lines and otherwise make ready ourselves, let us pause and reflect upon our purposes. The Reunion inducts new members, yes. But the Reunion's degrees are our principal way of teaching and learning, of understanding what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

A few Brothers have seen all twenty-nine degrees, many have experienced half to two-thirds of them; all have seen at least five. However, none of us can rightly claim to understand them all, how they point back to the Blue Lodge and how they weave together to provide sage advice and counsel. Therefore, the Reunion is for all of us.

An important word in Freemasonry is "inculcate." It means to learn by repetition. In Scottish Rite Masonry that means, among other things, re-attending our degrees to refresh our memories, to reinforce previous lessons learned and to capture what we may have previously missed. The words in our degrees will be the same each time. However, the meanings we derive from them change and develop. As Scottish Rite Masons, we learn and

grow by repetitively attending our degrees.

We always hope to have a large class of candidates (and your assistance in making it happen is earnestly solicited) but we should remember that, really, we're all *still* "candidates" in life. We have much to learn.

Looking forward to seeing a full house in April, I remain your humble and obedient servant. 🐼

Coming Masonic Events

Please note ALL Scottish Rite Masons may attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee Meetings start at 4:30 p.m., Dinner time is 5:45 p.m. and regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. and cost is \$10 unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

March 9, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Meeting

Ceremony of Rememberance and Renewal

Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta w/Meatballs, Vegetable Blend, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

March 28, 2015:

Feast of the Kadosh

April 11 & April 18, 2015:

Spring Reunion

April 13, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Meeting

Program by Ill. Patrick Palmer, 33°

House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Di Amore,

Rice Pilaf, Spinach Casserole, Cupcakes,

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. 🐼

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

To briefly retrace the actions during 1915 in the Valley of Tampa. The First Convocation of 1915 was completed on April 9, 1915 with 37 new Masters of the Royal Secret consecrated by Ill. 33° Olin S. Wright Deputy of the Supreme Council. The

second Convocation was completed on October 29, 1915 with Ill. Olin S. Wright 33° Deputy once again consecrating 48 New Masters of the Royal Secret. Ill. Wright 33° was always provided accommodations at the DeSoto Hotel during Convocations. It was announced that Ill. Brother Albert Pike's "Morals and Dogma," could be purchased for \$2, and individual Patents at a cost of \$6.50 each. It was announced that Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. George F. Moore 33° had reappointed Ill. Olin S. Wright 33° as Deputy for Florida. The following Brothers were Coroneted 33° Honorary during the Supreme Council Session in 1915, Ill. J. L. Young 33°, Ill. A. S. Scheider 33° and Ill. W. V. Cole 33°. The Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star graciously assisted the Valley of Tampa by assisting in cooking all the meals for the members, during both Convocations.

On the world front, World War I was in its full bloody battles, killing millions with the Imperial Empires of Germany and Austria locked into trench warfare against the Imperial Empires of Great Britain, France and Russia, bearing the greatest loss of lives. Airplanes had suddenly become weapons of war, and it would be 20 years before they became transportation for the public. 🐼

...continued from Page 5 – Dwight N. Ridgeway, 32°

Flagship Charity Committee, a position he has held beginning in 2012. He has also served as the State Administrator in 2013 and 2014.

Our Venerable Master is a member of Manatee River Chapter No. 18 RAM, Bradentown Council No. 9 R&SM and Trinity Commandery No. 16. He has presided over all three York Rite bodies and currently serves as District Deputy Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Florida. He became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa on November 8, 2008.

He is a member of Sahib Shrine, becoming a noble in 2006. He is a member of their Past Master's Unit, having served as President in 2014. Other appendant bodies include Manasota Council No. 305 AMD, Knight Masons Council No. 35, Pentagon York Rite College No. 62, St. Sebastian Conclave, RCC and Cortez High Twelve Club No. 538. 🐼

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



Amos 4:6-13

There are signs everywhere we look. We notice them while we are driving (I hope); they remind us of the change of seasons, the upcoming holidays, the reconciliation of a brother, the greeting of a friend. Each and every sign has a meaning: for example; we are entering Spring, a term derived from the springing up of vegetation, the forming of new blossoms on the trees, the longer hours of daylight and the warmer weather. It is a time for new life and growth. Nature has provided these signs for us to help us prepare for what is ahead. If we listen and react appropriately we will have a good year. If we don't we may have a very lean year.

Amos warned the people of Israel of the danger of failing to see the judgments of God as signs and reminded them that they needed to change their ways. God's words, spoken through Amos, called them sternly to repentance. God's thoughts and words with promises of love and mercy provide the insight and power to change our cycles of inadequate behavior. We must be receptive to the signs and react accordingly.

Within our Scottish Rite we have been seeing signs which indicate we need to make some changes. Our membership is decreasing each year. Each and every one of us needs to get out and expound on the Masonic education received from the degrees, the comradery among our members and the work being done through our foundation. As Scottish Rite Masons, we can surely respond to the signs before us and make our Scottish Rite grow and prosper and eliminate the lean years.

Remember the words of an old philosopher, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different result." Let's start some new trends. Let's make a change by our upcoming Reunion on April 11 and 18. 🐼



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In Memoriam

“Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea, but such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, when that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark; for tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.” – Tennyson



David F. Altimier, 32°
January 28, 2015

James M. Conn, 32°
January 27, 2015

James B. Moore, Jr.
January 11, 2015

Robert W. Andrews, 32°
December 1, 2014

Lawrence E. Cotton, 32°
November 9, 2014

Richard K. Ogden, 32°
January 1, 2015

Lionel Q. Blakeney, 32°
January 10, 2015

James F. Edenfield, 32°
December 15, 2014

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January 27, 2015

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January 22, 2015

Chester V. Frost Jr., 32°
September 7, 2014

Donald L. Plagge, 32°
December 14, 2014

Clarence J. Brauner, Jr., 32°
October 6, 2014

Marlin J. Marsh, 32°
January 9, 2015

Stanley Preston, 32°
November 2, 2014