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## **270th REUNION**

**MEMORIAL CLASS HONORING**

**ILL. ARTHUR A. REPPENHAGEN, 33°**



**May 10th and 17th, 2008**

Ill. Brother Reppenhagen in life indeed left his footprints etched indelibly in the shared experience of loved ones and his Brothers. His Parting has stirred a note of sadness in all who knew him, yet we find ourselves reminded by his example to follow in his life. We are caused to reflect on those worthy endeavors and achievements.

Brother Reppenhagen was raised a Master Mason in Anchor Lodge No. 182 in Key West, Fl, on 10 July, 1972. On 3 November 1972 he became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Key West Consistory. He was invested a Knight Commander Court of Honour and was Coroneted 33°, Inspector General Honorary.

Ill Brother Reppenhagen was appointed as Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida where he served for 19 years.

**Opening Session, Saturday, May 10th , 2008  
Registration of Candidates 6:30 AM**

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**FROM THE  
GENERAL SECRETARY**



**Paul N. Bardua, 33°**

Upon returning from the Supreme Council's 2008 Leadership Training Conference, I wish to report to you, my Brothers, that there is great enthusiasm and inspiration generating within the Scottish Rite for revitalization, new member enriching programs, and positive future growth.

Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, has requested active participation to implement the Strategic Plan that has been crafted. Valley issues and challenges are being met with exciting new instructive programs and Scottish Rite education activities.

Sessions that I was personally able to attend during the weekend intensive included: Leadership Training for the Orient, Assessing Valley Dues, Organizational Structure for the Valley, Producing a Reunion Notebook for Candidates, Highlighting and Promoting Our Philanthropies, Taking Inventory of Valley Assets, Planning the Financial Future, and Internal Financial Controls.

The Grand Commander announced the Supreme Council's goal to provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity, and to fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.

A revised and modernized edition of "Morals And Dogma" is half completed and scheduled for publication next year. A "Candidates Notebook" is being formulated to assist the new Petitioner through the degrees with important and meaningful guidance for his understanding and retention.

"Knowledge is power," and to support the Membership's benefit with a

**ALLEGIANCE:**

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida acknowledge and yield allegiance to the SUPREME COUNCIL (Mother Council of the World) of Inspectors General, Knights of Solomon of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose seat is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C. of which,

**Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°** is Sovereign Grand Commander

**Ill. John E. Moyers, 33°**

is Grand Secretary General

**Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°**

is Grand Prior of the Supreme

Council and Sovereign Grand

Inspector General in the Orient of

Florida and

**Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°**

is Personal Representative of the

Sovereign Grand Inspector

General in the Valley of Tampa

deepening discovery and understanding of Scottish Rite teachings, the Supreme Council proudly introduced "The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Correspondence Program." This educational course consists of six successive levels of open book tests that may be worked at the individuals pace, or through group discussion at the Valley level. Course texts are *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* (by de Hoyos, 950 pages, normally sold for \$65.00), and *A Bridge to Light* (by Hutchens). The entire course with the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* is only \$35.00. For information visit [www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html](http://www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html). Your gifted award is a handsome lapel pin and personalized certificate of completion. Welcome to the College of Freemasonry.



**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°**

Brethren:

When you read this issue of *The Bulletin*, our Spring Reunion will be right around the corner. As you know, we will be conferring the degrees of the Scottish Rite on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the officers of the co-ordinate bodies I hope that you will be able to attend all or part of this Reunion. Your attendance will provide you with an opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, witness some excellent ritual work by our members and renew your dedication to the Scottish Rite. More information on the Reunion is available in this issue of *The Bulletin* or can be viewed at [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org).

A new event will be held at the Scottish Rite in May and all members are encouraged to participate. We will be holding a Mother's Day Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Brunch selections will include a Salad Station, Breakfast Station with eggs or omelets made to order and meats and pastries, a Pasta Station, Carving Station with Roast Beef, Chicken, Roast Pork, Beef Tips, potatoes, beans and rice and a Dessert Station and Drink station. The price for adults is \$18.95 plus tax and gratuity and \$9.95 plus tax and gratuity for children under 8 years of age. Reservations must be made by calling the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 813-886-0578 or 800-330-0578. *Take Mom out to brunch on her day.*

Last, but certainly not least, the Valley of Tampa will be celebrating Flag Day on Monday, June 9, 2008. This celebration will take the place of our monthly Consistory meeting. Make plans to be at the Scottish Rite at 4:00 p.m. and waive Old Glory to those cars traveling on Memorial Highway that day. A free BBQ dinner will be served along with entertainment by some of the area's most talented entertainers. Come out and show your pride for the United States of America.

Brethren, I do hope that those of you who will be traveling this summer have a safe trip and we look forward to your return later in the year. For those of you who will be staying in Florida this summer, there is lots of things going on at your Scottish Rite. Make plans to attend some of our activities and share the brotherhood offered by the Scottish Rite.

**VALLEY OF TAMPA  
270<sup>TH</sup> REUNION  
SATURDAY MAY 10, 2008**

- 6:30 A. M. Class Registration
- 7:15 A. M. Class Assembly, Opening Ceremony – Lodge Room
- 8:00 A. M. 4° – Secret Master – Conferred
- 8:40 A. M. 5° – 6° – 7° Communicated – Lodge Room
- 9:00 A. M. BREAK
- 9:15 A. M. 8° – 9° - 10° – Communicated – Lodge Room
- 9:30 A. M. 11° – Elu of the Twelve - Conferred
- 10:10 A. M. BREAK
- 10:25 A. M. 12° –13° Communicated – Lodge Room
- 10:40 A. M. 14° - Perfect Elu – Conferred
- 12:00 P. M. LUNCH
- 12:45 P. M. Class Picture with 33° and Valley of Tampa Officers
- 1:15 P. M. 15° – 16° – 17° Communicated – Lodge Room
- 1:30 P. M. 18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred
- 3:00 P. M. BREAK
- 3:15 P. M. 19° – Communicated – Lodge Room
- 3:20 P. M. 20° – Master of the Symbolic Lodge - Conferred
- 4:15 P. M. CLOSE

**SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

- 7:30 A. M. Class Assembly, election of Class Orator – Lodge Room
- 8:00 A. M. 21° – 27° – Communicated Lodge Room
- 9:00 A. M. BREAK
- 9:15 A. M. 28° Knight Commander of the Temple – Conferred
- 10:10 A. M. BREAK
- 10:25 A. M. 29° – Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew - Conferred
- 11:25 A.M. 30° – Knight Kadosh – Conferred
- 12:40 P. M. LUNCH
- 1:15 P.M. 31° – Inspector Inquisitor – Conferred
- 2:15 P. M. BREAK
- 2:30 P. M. 32° – Master of the Royal Secret – Conferred
- 3:50 P. M. BREAK

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER  
MONTHLY DINNER MENUS**

May 12, 2008

- Green Salad
- Baked Ham
- Mash Potatoes with White Gravy
- Corn
- Cake/Pie

Please be reminded reservations are required to determine the amount of food necessary! Please call the Scottish Rite Office by the preceding Friday to allow time for preparation.



**“DON’T BE TROUBLED”**

**Ill. M. Dean Lovett 33°  
PRELATE**

**Never have I seen** a farmer surprised by his crop. They always believed whatever they planted would be what they expected to grow up out of the ground. Some farmers I knew would sow large fields of potatoes, while others had planted in cotton or soybeans. Recently I have seen many acres devoted to a crop of corn, but once the seed had been sown, none of these farmers were startled when the plants began to emerge from the earth.

That's how God designed the world "We reap what we sow." We live on a planet where sin has been sown by all humankind. We know this is true because of a multitude of wars. More and more children commit or become victims of violent crime. Conflict surrounds us as turmoil rages in the human heart.

As we suffer through these painful times. God gives us peaceful encouragement. "do not be troubled or anxious." As long as people sow rebellion against God, we will see similar tragedies. God invites us to sow faith in him, so we can reap abundant life. Lord help us to not sow seed of discord in our lives, but **seed** of peace.

Mark 13:7 reminds us- "**When** you shall hear of wars and Humors of wars, be not troubled for such things must be; but the end shall not be yet."

If we sow good seed, we will grow faith and peace in our hearts.

Prelate  
Illustrious M. Dean Lovett 33°

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**DIRECTOR OF WORKS  
ILL. C. DONALD PROSSER, 33°**

Our Spring Reunion is scheduled for May 10 and May 17, there is still time to get petitions in for this class. All it takes my Brothers, is to ask a Brother Master Mason to become a member of the "College of Freemasonry" and continue his progress in his Masonic search for "FURTHER LIGHT." I ask that if you are sponsoring a Brother you attend with him to show your support as well as interest in renewing your own "Further Light" search. "Time waits on no man" is a favorite quotation, and it should behoove you to want to assist other Master Masons in their Masonic Education.

C. Donald Prosser 33° DOW



**VALLEY OF TAMPA HISTORICAL EVENTS**

BY

**ILL. C. DONALD PROSSER, 33°**

HISTORY - C. Donald Prosser 33°

On January 2, 1928, Holyrood Lodge was granted permission to use the small Lodge Room for their meetings. On November 5, 1928 a meeting was held honoring all Master Masons in which 145 Blue Lodges represented by 927 Brothers, enjoyed a wonderful gathering of Fellowship. It was announced in the meeting that Ill. A. B. Stuart 33° Deputy, had been badly injured in an automobile accident. On December 9, 1928 Ill. Brother Stuart resigned due to poor health. Most Worshipful Leroy Brandon, Grand Master was the featured Speaker of the night. A hurricane struck south Florida in the Lake Okeechobee area inundating many homes, and over 2,000 lives were lost. Ill. Doyle Connor 33° was elected Governor of Florida. Hotel Don CeSar was opened for business in Pinellas County. Brother Herbert Hoover was elected 31st President of the United States.

## FLAG DAY CELEBRATION JUNE 9TH 2008

*Ill Brother Tom Vann 33°, gave the following speech at the April Consistory meeting, and for the benefit of those unable to attend, we are re-printing it in this issue.*

We as the Masonic Family have a major goal as leaders in our communities in America. We must let the public know that we love America and the American Flag. We must take every opportunity to let our light shine. We have this opportunity on Monday, June 9, 2008 to let the world know just how much we really love and appreciate our American Way of Life. The annual Flag Day celebration will be held at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, which is located at 5500 Memorial Highway. We are expecting at least 1700 Patriotic Americans to come and show our real love for our American way of Life. Here is an outline of our schedule:

***Flag Waving starts at 4:00.***

***Florida Blood Services will start the Blood Drive at 4.***

***Barbeque dinner will start being served at 4:45 PM.***

***Debby Bacon will start entertaining in the lobby at 5.***

***Patriotic Program starts at 7 PM. This program is Outstanding.***

Our Major Goal as Scottish Rite Masons is to provide the necessary care for our children in our clinics. Our entire Masonic Fraternity all has our major purposes to be in existence. We must fight to make sure that we have the right to continue as Free Americans to show our love for our American Way of Life. I would like to share the following story with you to illustrate on why we should show our Love for American:

“At an area Meeting of Dale Carnegie instructors in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago some years ago, a student speaker started like this:

‘Liberty, Equality, Fraternity’

These are the mightiest ideas in the dictionary of mankind. Without liberty, life is not worth living. Imagine what existence would be like if your freedom of action would be restricted on all sides.”

That is as far as he got, because he was wisely stopped by the instructor, who then asked him why he believed what he was saying. He was asked whether he had any proof or personal experience to back up what he had just told us. Then he gave us an amazing story!

He had been a French underground fighter. He told us of the indignities he and his family suffered under Nazi

## MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH

is planned for members, guests, and the general public on Sunday, May 11, 2008. Six R.S.V.P. serving times are scheduled between the hours of 10:30 a.m. And 1:45 p.m. Greeters will welcome, escort, and seat our guests. The Menu features a Salad Station with spring mix or Romaine lettuce; Breakfast Station with eggs, or omelets made to order, breakfast meats, and pastries; Pasta Station; Carving Station; and Desert Station. Reservations are \$18.95 for adults, and \$9.95 for children under eight years old, plus tips and gratuity.



rule. He described in vivid language how he escaped from the secret police and how he finally made his way to America. He ended by saying:

When I walked down Michigan Avenue to this hotel today, I was free to come or go, as I wished. I passed a policeman and he took no notice of me. I walked into this hotel without having to present an identification card, and when this meeting is over I can go anywhere in Chicago I choose to go. Believe me, freedom is worth fighting for.” He received a standing ovation from that audience. \*Taken from Speaking Effectively – Page 46, & 47.

In addition, in 1955 I was stationed in Ansbach, Germany. A fair-haired young man showed up one day in my unit. His name was Private Yerkey. He was the best ping-pong player that I had ever watched play this game. He was soon the champion in Germany. One day he told me about how he and his twin brother attempted to escape from the Russians. His twin brother was shot but he was able to swim a river and made it to the American Zone. One day he was arrested because he had a concealed weapon in his possession. At this time it was explained that the Russians was still trying to capture him and therefore he was released. However, he was then shipped out to enable his identity to be concealed. We should always be thankful for the Freedoms that we enjoy as free Americans.

I hope and pray that we can have at least 500 Scottish Rite Masons at this showing of Patriotic Love for our country on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Remember – Those who refuse to learn by history must of necessity repeat it. GOD BLESS AMERICAN!

## THE LODGE ROOM OVER SIMPKINS' STORE

Dated November 19, 1898, Written by MW Lawrence N. Greenleaf, the Grand Lodge of Colorado

The plainest lodge room in the land was over Simpkins' Store,  
 Where Friendship Lodge had met each month for fifty years or more.  
 When o'er the earth the moon full-orbed had cast her brightest beams,  
 The Brethren came for miles around on horseback and in teams,  
 And O! what hearty grasp of hand, what welcome met them there,  
 As mingled with the waiting groups they slowly mount the stair,  
 Exchanging fragmentary news or prophecies of crop,  
 Until they reach the Tyler's room and current topics drop,  
 To turn their thoughts to nobler themes they cherish and adore,  
 And which were heard on meeting night up over Simpkins' Store.  
 To city eyes, a cheerless room, long usage had defaced,  
 The tell-tale lines of lath and beam on wall and ceiling traced.  
 The light from oil-fed lamps was dim and yellow in its hue,  
 The carpet once could pattern boast, though now 'twas lost to view.  
 The altar and the pedestals that marked the stations three,  
 The gate-post pillars topped with balls, the rude carved Letter G,  
 Were village joiners clumsy work, with many things beside,  
 Where beauty's lines were all effaced and ornament denied.  
 There could be left no lingering doubt, if doubt there was before,  
 The plainest lodge room in the land was over Simpkins' store.  
 While musing thus on outward form the meeting time drew near,  
 And we had a glimpse of inner life through watchful eye and ear.  
 When Lodge convened at gavel's sound with officers in place,  
 We looked for strange, conglomerate work, but could no errors trace.  
 The more we saw, the more we heard, the greater our amaze,  
 To find those country brethren there so skilled in Mason's ways.  
 But greater marvels were to come before the night was through,  
 Where unity was not mere name, but fell on heart like dew.  
 Where tenets had the mind imbued, and truths rich fruitage bore,  
 In plainest Lodge room in the land, up over Simpkins' store.  
 To hear the record of their acts was music to the ear,  
 We sing of deeds unwritten which on angel's scroll appear.  
*A widow's case - Four helpless ones* - lodge funds were running low.  
 A dozen brethren sprang to feet and offers were not slow.  
 Food, raiment, things of needful sort, while one gave load of wood,  
 Another, shoes for little ones, for each gave what he could.  
 Then spake the last: "I haven't things like these to give - but then,  
 Some ready money may help out: - and he laid down a *Ten*.  
 Were brother cast on darkest square upon life's checkered floor,  
 A beacon light to reach the white - was over Simpkins' store.  
 Like scoffer who remained to pray, impressed by sight and sound,  
 The faded carpet 'neath our feet was now like holy ground.  
 The walls that had such a dingy look were turned celestial blue,  
 The ceiling changed to canopy where stars were shining through.  
 Bright tongues of flame from altar leaped, the G was vivid blaze,  
 All common things seemed glorified by heaven's reflected rays.  
 O! wondrous transformation wrought through ministry of love -  
 Behold the *Lodge Room Beautiful!* - fair type of that above,  
 The vision fades - the lesson lives! and taught as ne'er before,  
 In plainest Lodge room in the land - up over Simpkins' store.

*At South Park City in Fairplay, Colorado there has been restored a pioneer lodge room, which has been appropriately named "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store." The lodge room is completely equipped with pioneer lodge furnishings donated by more than twenty of the older Masonic Lodges of Colorado. It was dedicated on June 13, 1959 by the Grand Lodge of Colorado in memory of PGM Lawrence N. Greenleaf, who wrote this poem on November 19, 1898.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is a fraternal organization first established in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801. Through scholarship grants, Childhood Language Disorders Clinics, and patriotic programs, the Scottish Rite benefits communities across the nation in direct and dynamic ways every day of the year. Its 500,000 membership reflects the many professions of America.

### Scottish Rite Junior ROTC Program for High Schools

Commencing in 1998, the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, initiated a program of recognition for outstanding Junior ROTC students (high schools), earlier approved in November 1997 by the Assistant Secretary of Defense. This initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) with an award for their scholastic excellence and demonstrated ideals of Americanism. The award consists of a medal and ribbon to be worn on the JROTC uniform and a certificate suitable for framing.

### Scottish Rite ROTC Program for Colleges/Universities

In 2002, the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, initiated an additional Scottish Rite, Youth Program. This initiative, approved by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense in August 2002, recognizes second and third year cadets enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) with an academic standing in the top 25 percent of their class and who encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects. A similar award exists for cadets in the Junior ROTC program. Like the JROTC Award Program, the recipient receives three recognitions: a certificate suitable for framing, a medal engraved with the Scottish Rite Double-headed Eagle, and ROTC Education and Americanism; and a ribbon which, like the medal can be worn with the ROTC uniform.

### For information about ordering JROTC or ROTC Medals:

#### Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

For high schools or colleges/universities located within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction JROTC/ROTC officials of high schools or colleges/universities should direct their inquiries to William Holland, Director of Operations, at 800-814-1432, Ext. 3313 or email at [wholland@supremecouncil.org](mailto:wholland@supremecouncil.org).

#### Southern Jurisdiction

If the high schools or colleges/universities located within the Southern Jurisdiction do not have a point of contact, JROTC/ROTC officials of high schools or colleges/universities should direct their inquiries to Christopher Mullaney at 202-777-3132 or [cmullaney@scottishrite.org](mailto:cmullaney@scottishrite.org). Also, Scottish Rite Valley Secretaries of the Southern Jurisdiction may contact Christopher Mullaney.

Members of the Valley of Tampa may contact Brother Dale Goodson, 32° \_\_\_\_\_.



## NOTIFY THE SCOTTISH RITE...

the Shrine... the Blue Lodge... tell your loved ones; your wife, daughter, son or any close relative of your affiliation within the Masonic Fraternity.

Yes my Brother, in the event of your death, tell them to notify the Secretary of the above and any other Masonic Body in which you hold membership.

There are a number of cases each year where we are not notified of the death of a Brother, and we send an embarrassing dues notice to his loved ones.

# VALLEY OF TAMPA FLORIDA



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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, hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.



Max G. Allen, 32° September 16, 2007	Raymond C. Eimer, 32° February 27, 2008	Joseph G. Manix, 32° December 30, 2007	Emdon C. Townsend, 32° November 7, 2007
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