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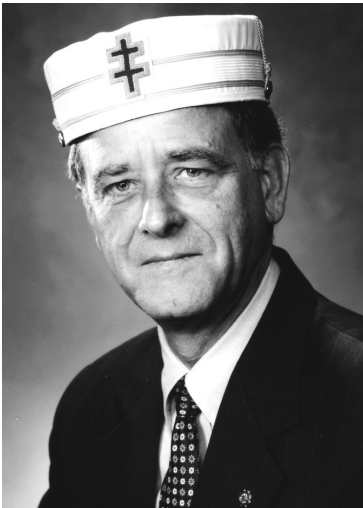
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Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren:

Welcome to the last issue of the *Scottish Rite Bulletin* for 2008. This year has been a challenging one for the Valley, but I feel that we have come through it as well as possible. My thanks go out to all the brethren who have worked hard this year on your behalf. I would like to personally thank Ill. Mike Beijar, 33° for stepping in and seeing that you received the *Bulletin* over the past several months. As many of you know, Ill. Walt Fishback, our editor, has been under the weather for several months and has not been able to see that the *Bulletin* was assembled and delivered to the printer. We look forward to his return to this important job with

Ill. Mike working with him.

I also want to thank Brother Coleman Hill 32° KCCH for agreeing to serve as Assistant Almoner, working with Ill. Vernon Clark 33°, while he is under going medical treatment. We also look forward to his return to this very important part of the work of the Scottish Rite.

The Valley of Tampa will be honored at our November 10th meeting to welcome Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Florida and Grand Prior of the Supreme Council as he makes his official visit to the Valley. Brethren, I encourage you to mark your calendar and attend this meeting. Your lady is welcome to join you for dinner and the meeting to hear the Inspector bring us up to date on what is happening in the Orient and in the Southern Jurisdiction. Please call the Office and make your dinner reservations by Friday, November 7th. You can also make them on line at srtampa.org.

At our October meeting, Brother Carl Gilmore 32° became the first member of the Valley to receive his Certificate of Completion and Lapel Pin in the Scottish Rite's Master Craftsman program. Two other brothers, Brian O'Hair 32° and Ney Delgado-Arias 32° have also completed the program and will be presented with their certificates and lapel pins. The Master Craftsman program is a 6-lesson open book correspondence pro-

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A new light is breaking in the East and Scottish Rite Freemasonry is generating a greater resource for the development of an empowering sense of learning. Our members are gaining a greater appreciation for a developing understanding of life, nature, and themselves. We are learning to become more successful, balanced and happier, even

though difficult circumstances challenge us each day.

The quest of the earnest student of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is to gain a better understanding of his own purpose, place, and part in the grand scheme of life. The infinite will of the Creator, the loving Mind of the Great Architect of the Universe, has involved each seeker in a process of discovery; and we find that we are successful to the degree that we extend that search.

Surprisingly, philosophical and spiritual riches of the Fraternity are constantly coming to light, emerging from lost and forgotten sources. One of the most important examples of recent years is a discovery containing original source materials, a tremendous storage of documents belonging to the Grand Orient of France. After the Nazis captured Paris, they confiscated these records and brought them to Berlin. When the Soviets captured Berlin, the archives were taken to Russia. Only in recent years have these documents - a stack of over 100 meters in height- been returned to the rightful owner, and made available for Masonic research.

Current materials offered in the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program, for advanced Masonic education, and the newly devised WSB Club (Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty) includes a variety of working tools for the development of leadership and communication skills designed to promote the excellence of the Fraternity.

The Masonic quest is always fresh. Sometimes it is informational, sometimes it is deeply personal and transformational, and at other times it may involve the association of Brothers in harmonious group work. In terms of personal development, individuals function on various levels. An enlightening discovery to one Brother may be an obvious experience to another. For this purpose we are a school endeavoring to help and instruct one another.

Masonic light each day deepens our experience of life, of the Divine, and of our self. The building blocks of experience, knowledge, and a growing wisdom, are unfolding from our trusting mind in the presence of an infinite and eternal source.

The torch of an enlightened mind is passed from one to another, from

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Attend your Blue Lodge

MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

November 10, 2008

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole,
Cranberry Sauce & Pumpkin Pie

December, 08, 2008

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Mash Potatoes,
Vegetables & Apple Pie

January 12, 2009

Green Salad, Beef Stew w/Green Peppers,
Onions, & Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans & Fruit Cake

February 9, 2009

Caesar Salad, Baked Chicken w/Cream Sauce,
Baked Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli
& Coconut Cake

Please note that reservations are required to properly plan the requisite quantity of food.

To make reservations, please call the Tampa Scottish Rite Office at 813.886.0578 by the Friday preceding the regular monthly meeting. You may also log onto the Tampa Scottish Rite website (srtampa.org) and click on "Make your dinner reservations" at the bottom of the Home Page.

GOOD FOR YOU

James W. Hogg, 32° recently joined the Board of Directors of The Masonic Society, a brand new North American research society in Freemasonry. He is also a founding member of the Society.

The Masonic Society was founded in May, 2008, and as of September, 2008, has approximately 400 members throughout the United States and abroad. Its website is located at: themasonicsociety.com.

If you are a member of the Valley of Tampa who has been selected to receive a Masonic or community (non-political) award, or know of a Tampa member who has been selected for such an award, please forward the information to bulletin@srtampa.org.

ALLEGIANCE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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 House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which

III. Ronald A. Seale, 33°

is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and

III. John E. Moyers, 33°

is the Grand Secretary General, and

III. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°

is the Grand Prior of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida, and

III. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

is the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Valley of Tampa.

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the Divine to that aspect of man that is awakened in his own quest. Consider the spiritual and moral lessons, and the instructional informational that is presented by this Fraternity, and make use of its great resource for your own benefit.

We have inherited a greater vision from antiquity, from ancient colleges that possessed the wisdom of mythical doctrines, the knowledge of timeless mysteries, and the birth of our present arts and sciences.

Our dedicated endeavor beholds, with a merging light of understanding, the perishable symbols of ancient times and esoteric schools, which have instilled imperishable convictions within our minds. Man becomes the wisdom he seeks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Don't forget election of officers of Tampa Scottish Rite at our regular meeting on December 9, 2008.

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gram to enrich our knowledge of the Scottish Rite. There are many members of the Valley who have enrolled in this program and I encourage all members to do the same. Additional information can be obtained from the Office or from the Supreme Council's website, scottishrite.org.

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, we re-introduced the Brother To Brother Program. To those of you who have agreed to participate, I thank you. Your interest in the Valley will allow us to assist a brother who is unable to pay his Scottish Rite dues. Please contact the Office for further information on how you can be of assistance.

Finally, brethren, shortly after you receive this issue of the *Bulletin* you will have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote in city, county, state and national elections. For whom and what you vote for is your choice and your choice alone. I encourage you to exercise this right and to vote for the candidates and issues of your choice. Our forefathers fought to give us this right and it is our duty and obligation to go to the Polls on November 4th and let our voices be heard.

We will soon be entering the Holiday Season. Brethren, at this time of the year, please spend time with family and loved ones and enjoy each other's company.

In closing, I again want to thank you for what you do for Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Together we will make an impact on Freemasonry.

SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA U. S. A.

5500 Memorial Highway
Tampa, Fl. 33634

My Brothers, I am sending you this personal message, because I have missed seeing you at our meetings and functions here at Tampa Scottish Rite. I am sure this is no fault of yours, since you may not drive at night, or you live too far from Tampa, or work related, these are good reasons.

But I have a way for you to participate and feel that you are part of the team, which will help our kids and our clinics. Our Scottish Rite Foundation is a 501 C-3

entity which will allow a deduction on your income tax. Remember Brothers 93 cents out of every dollar goes directly to the care of our kids. By sending a donation of \$ 100.00 [AND THAT IS ALL WE WILL ASK FOR THIS FOUNDATION YEAR] you will be designated a millionaire and receive a millionaire certificate to display at work or home.

Our children are tomorrow's citizens and with services of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, they can overcome their challenges, which are major obstacles of their future. To hear, speak, and understand are the basic steps of language development. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida has brought children from silence, loneliness and despair to speaking, companionship and happiness.

A donation from you will be greatly appreciated as it will allow the Foundation to continue its mission in providing the best care possible for our kids with language disorders.

What a joy it is to know that you, my brother, have brought a ray of sunshine into these little ones lives, and see their faces light-up when they discover they can overcome their speech defects.

Please make your check payable to the Scottish Rite Foundation and mail to Tampa Scottish Rite, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa Fl. 33634.

And thanks again for being a part of this great cause.

Ill. Louie A. King, Foundation Trustee

AFFILIATIONS

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Masters of the Royal Secret who has joined us by Affiliation 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.

Dee Campbell, 32°	Joseph F Stella, 32°
Hampton L Crimi, 32°	Ronald K Topp, 32°

Attend your Blue Lodge

Boca Ciega Scottish Rite Club1st Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291

14020 Marguerite Drive, Madeira Beach, FL

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM

(dark June, July and August)

Winter Haven Lodge No. 186

375 Avenue A SE, Winter Haven, FL

Lakeland Scottish Rite Club3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM Social Time

6:30 PM Dinner and 7:00 PM Meeting

(dark June, July and August)

Reservations necessary, phone 863.682.8001

Scottish Rite Club Building

New Mulberry Highway, Lakeland, FL

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM

Reservations preferred, phone 727.460.1824

Kally-K's Steakery Fishery

1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club1st Tuesday, 11:00 AM

Kissin' Cuzzins

7100 4th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL**Sarasota Scottish Rite Club**1st Friday, 11:45 AM in odd numbered months

(dark July)

SAHIB Shrine

600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

or

1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM in even numbered months

(dark December)

Scottish Rite Club Building

240 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club3rd Monday, 11:30 AM

(dark June, July, August and September)

Freedom Plaza Club

Sun City Center, FL

*Support your Scottish Rite Club!***2008 Fall Reunion**November 1st, 2008

0630 - Class Registration

0715 - Class Assembly & Opening Ceremonies in
Lodgeroom

0800 - Confer 4° in Auditorium - Secret Master

0840 - Break

0855 - Confer 5° in Auditorium - Perfect Master

0945 - Break

1000 - 6° Communicated – Auditorium

1005 - Confer 7° in Auditorium - Provost & Judge

1115 - 8° - 12° Communicated - Lodge Room

1140 - Confer 13° in Auditorium - Royal Arch of
Solomon

1215 - Lunch

1300 - Class Picture with 33° and Valley of Tampa
Officers

1330 - Confer 14° in Auditorium - Perfect Elu

1450 - Break

1505 - 15° - 17° Communicated - Lodge Room

1520 - Confer 18° in Auditorium - Knight Rose Croix

1640 - End of November 1st, 2008 SessionNovember 8th, 20080730 - Class Assembly, Elect Class Orator in Lodge-
room

0745 - Communicate 19° - 20° in Lodgeroom

0800 - Confer 21° in Auditorium - Noachite or Prus-
sian Knight

0850 - Break

0905 - Confer 22° in Auditorium - Prince of Libanus

1000 - Break

1015 - Communicate 23° in Auditorium

1020 - Confer 24° in Auditorium - Prince of the Tab-
ernacle

1120 - Communicate 25° - 27° in Lodge Room

1145 - Lunch

1230 - Communicate 28° in Lodge Room

1235 - Confer 29° in Auditorium - Knight of St. An-
drew

1340 - Break

1350 - Confer 30° in Auditorium - Knight Kadosh

1510 - Break

1520 - Communicate 31° in Lodge Room

1530 - Confer 32° in Auditorium - Master of the Royal
Secret

1650 - Break

1700 - Consecration of Class in Lodge Room, Bene-
diction and Closing of the Consistory

End of Reunion

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2008 YOUTH PROGRAM

September Meeting Valley of Tampa



Miss Kim Parker, a member of the Grand Executive Board of Rainbow, addresses the members and guests present, thanking Scottish Rite for their contribution to Rainbow.

Miss Errin Sleeper, Hike Coordinator of Job's Daughters, thanks Tampa Scottish Rite for their donation to Job's Daughters.



Brother Jesse Knafla, Master Councilor of Paul Revere Chapter Order of DeMolay and Illustrious Knight Commander Col. James "Nick" Rowe Priory - DeMolay Order of Knighthood, thanks the Valley of Tampa for their help and financial support to DeMolay.



From left, Raul Reyes, 32° KCCH, Wise Master of Rose Croix; Ill. Louie King, 33°, Commander of the Council of Kadosh; Ill Russell Glendinning, 33°, Personal Representative; members of Job's Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay; and Rick Hoover, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh of the Consistory; and Gil Weisman, 32°, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

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DIRECTOR OF WORK

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

I personally would like to thank all those Brothers who work so very hard in the Degrees, Lighting Committee, Stage and Property Committee, Costume Committee, Registration Committee, our Scottish Rite Guard and the Office Staff. We are all one team working toward the same goal, to further our Brother Freemasons knowledge about living our lives as Freemasons, by attending "THE COLLEGE OF FREEMASONRY."

I would urge each and every Brother who has sponsored a candidate to "please," attend the Reunion and enjoy it with your candidate. To all our Brother members, how long has it been since you received your Degrees? Have you forgotten the beauty of the wonderful messages in the ritual, the warmth of being with your Brothers as you progressed through the degrees?

Come join with us and renew those wonderful times. I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you.



VALLEY OF TAMPA HISTORICAL NOTES

The Valley of Tampa voted and approved setting up a "Masonic Service Center on January 4, 1943. This was a 50 bed dormitory for servicemen who were Freemasons, sons of Freemasons and their buddies. This project continued until the end of WW II.

The Valley of Tampa acquired 252 new Masters of the Royal Secret in the Spring and Fall Reunions in 1943, which included 4 Brothers who were communicated the Degrees due to leaving for overseas duty immediately.

The Executive Committee authorized purchase of two war bonds for a total of \$15,000.00.

Brother Curtis Hixon 32° was elected Mayor of
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PRELATE

Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

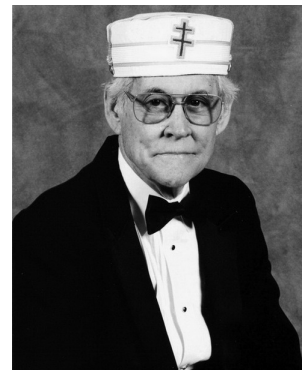
"The Tent of Life"

John Adams, the second President of the United States, lived to be 90 years old. One morning as the very elderly Adams took his daily walk another walker greeted him by saying, "And how is Mr. Adams today." Adams is said to have replied, "This old tent I live in may be falling down, but John Adams, sir, is quite well indeed." Those words reveal a keen sense that life is much more than the condition of our mortal bodies.

The Apostle Paul wrote of this truth saying—*"Though our outer nature (our tent) is wasting away, our inner nature is being rendered day by day. (2nd Corinthians 4:16)* Our weak and imperfect bodies bring challenges. Our mortality is obvious and the "tent" we live in will indeed decay with time.

The scripture (John 10:10) tells us—*"We can have life more abundantly."* God offers life that springs from a different source... "The Eternal," it is divine life that defies biology. *"You O Lord are my hope."* (Psalms 71:5)

When the "Old Tent" falls down, God will raise us up with Life Eternal.



Valley of Tampa eNewsletter

We encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter which will keep you informed of news and events at Tampa Scottish Rite. Please visit srtampa.org, hover over Tampa eNewsletter and click on eNews signup.

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Tampa for the first time.

The population of Tampa in 1943 was listed as 167,000 citizens.

Meatless Fridays were observed by the Tampa Tribune Grill, with their famous fried mullet with all the trimmings.

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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



Edward V Bethel, Jr, 32°
June 15, 2008

Thomas W Lowe, 32°
April 25, 2008

Herbert H Osborne, 32°
August 29, 2008

Clifton C Curry, Sr, 32°
September 2, 2008

Jon P Malone, 32°
August 29, 2008

Charles F Shadron, 32°
January 15, 2008

George Demas, 32°
September 21, 2008

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August 7, 2008

Jack V Sheesley, 32°
August 20, 2008

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July 5, 2008

Belding McCurdy, 32°
June 29, 2008

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September 28, 2008

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August 9, 2008

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April 21, 2008

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July 24, 2008

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