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Scottish Rite Youth Month Proclamation

Whereas, the members of the Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Jobs Daughters, are young Americans who we, we as Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of Florida, recognize and acknowledge as highly destined youth who have demonstrated clearly, by word and deed, their entitlement to their complete and continuous support by our generous financial donations, and an expression of our sincere interest in them as individuals, and in their activities represented by planning visitations to their regular meetings and events.

Whereas, these youth groups, representative of the finest and best youth of America are the potential future leadership of this great country, and the future preservers of the American way of life. They are among the ones whose responsibility it will be to speak out for our precious freedoms and to safeguard the rights granted to us under the constitution.

Now therefore, I do proclaim and direct that the month of September, 2008, be designated as "Scottish Rite Youth Month" for all Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of Florida, and request that each Scottish Rite Valley emphasize our youth groups in meetings, newsletters, and when possible, local electronic and printed news media. I further encourage financial contributions to those most worthy youth groups as often as possible, particularly during this designated month.

Be it further proclaimed that this Proclamation be read at each meeting of the Scottish Rite Consistories throughout September 2008.

Signed and dated at Jacksonville, Florida this 9th day of July, 2008.

Robert L. Goldsmith
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida



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The Orient of Florida recently concluded its twentieth annual meeting of the Council of 400, which was held in Ocala on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

The Council of 400 was formed to unite the eleven Scottish Rite Valleys in the Orient of Florida for the purpose of establishing a Uniform Code of By-Laws, standardized goals, and to assist associated Valley's with problem resolutions and to present proven methods for effective operations.

Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Florida and Grand Prior of the Supreme Council, is Chairman of the Council of 400. Members include the Special Assistant to the S.G.I.G., the eleven Personal Representatives and eleven General Secretaries throughout the Orient.

Responsibilities include reviewing the goals and activities of the Perpetual Membership Plan, the fourteen Childhood Language Disorders Clinics, fundraising events, Valley budgets, fees for dues, other membership fees, Reunion fees, Long Range Planning, Sentinel Program activity, Valley

leases, degrees and ceremonies, status of the Knights of St. Andrew, tax procedures, investment and financial reports, organizational charting, training requirements, and expense controls.



What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.

-Joseph Addison

ALLEGIANCE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

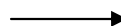
The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida acknowledge and yield allegiance to the SUPREME COUNCIL (Mother Council of the World) of Inspectors General, Knights of House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third and last degree 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

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

Ill. John E. Moyers, 33°
is Grand Secretary General

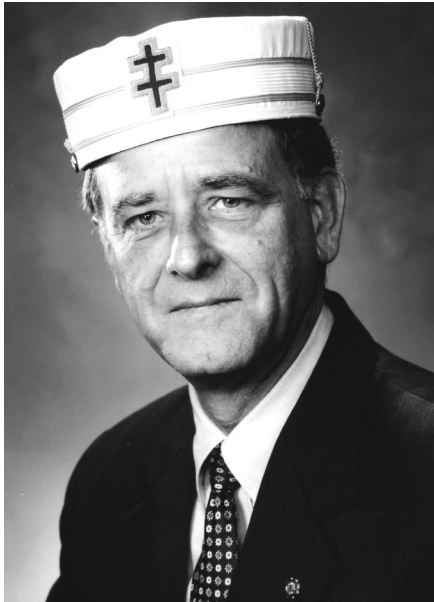
Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°
is Grand Prior of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida, and

Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
is Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Valley of Tampa.



PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°



Brethren, here we are, getting ready to enter the last quarter of 2008. Before we know it, 2009 will be here. *Are you ready for it?* Before we get to 2009, however, there are some upcoming events scheduled in the Valley of Tampa that I hope you will make plans to attend.

To begin with, prior to our September meeting on September 8th, we will be recognizing OUR Masonic Youth Groups in the Valley of Tampa. This program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all members and their wives and family. Brethren, our young people deserve and need our support. For the most part, these are the young people that you do not read about in your local newspaper because they are not out breaking laws. Many of you got your start in our fraternity by joining the Order of DeMolay and others are married to women who were in the Order of Rainbow or Job's Daughters. I encourage you to attend this special recognition program.

As you will read in this issue of *The Bulletin* our Fall Reunion will be held on November 1st and 8th. This Reunion is being held in memory of Ill. Ashley Lanier, 33°. Ill. Lanier served the Valley of Tampa for many years as our Treasurer along with other tasks that he undertook. Please make plans to be with us for all or as much of this Reunion that your schedule will permit.

Finally, November 10th is the date that Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Florida will make his official visit to the Valley. This meeting is open to you and your family. It is always rewarding to hear the words of wisdom from the Inspector as to what is going on in the Orient of Florida and what lies ahead for us in the new year.

In today's time, we have some brothers who have to make decisions on how they spend their money each month. For several years, the Valley has had a Brother To Brother program where members agree to pay the dues of a brother who is financially unable to pay them and maintain their membership in the Scottish Rite. In this issue, there is a coupon for you to return to the General Secretary if you wish to participate in this program and if called upon, pay the dues of a well deserving brother.

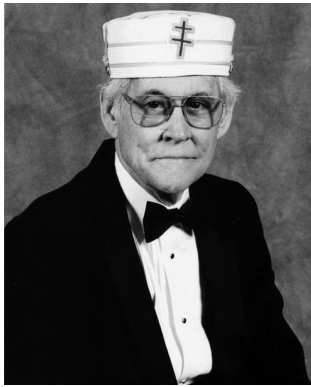
Brethren, in closing I want to thank you for what you do for the Scottish Rite. Together we will make an impact on Freemasonry.



Illustrious Rusty Glendinning, 33°, Personal Representative, left, Presents Alvin M. Petow, 32° with his 25 Year Certificate and Robbin I. Tate, 32° with a Millionaire Certificate with the assistance of Master of Kadosh Rick Hoover, 32° KCCH.

FEAST OF TISHRI

At 7:00 PM, prior to our October meeting, the Lodge of Perfection will host our annual Tishri Program in the auditorium. This is a Scottish Rite day of obligation. More information on this important day will be in the next eNewsletter. If you haven't subscribed to the Valley of Tampa eNewsletter yet, please visit our website at srtampa.org.



PRELATE 

Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

“DRIFT AWAY”

I remember as a youth going with my family to the beach on vacation. My favorite thing to do was to get on my raft and float in the ocean. My parents knew that the ocean was not too friendly to floaters who do not pay attention.

My parents would choose a place on the beach where they could keep their eyes on my every move... My dad would shout out and say, “Son keep your eyes on me. If you keep your eyes on me, you’ll know when you begin to drift away.

From time to time, I would become distracted from looking at him, and just as he said, I would drift away.

Our spiritual journey sometimes is like my experience with the ocean. If we drift away from God...making our way back sometimes is hard. If we focus on God as we move through life, we will not drift too far away from him. Just as my dad would standup and wave for me to return— our heavenly Father will call us back where we need to be.

Prayer:

Lord help us to stay focused on you.



MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

September 8th 2008

Green Salad, Beef Stew,
Mashed Potatoes & Corn
Fruit Pie

October 13, 2008

Green Salad, Chicken Salteado with
Chorizo, Onions & peppers
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Pie

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

Please note that reservations are required to properly plan the amount of food needed.

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

NOTIFY SCOTTISH RITE..

And your Blue Lodge, the Shrine, and other Masonic Bodies... 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 all Masonic Bodies 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 HISTORICAL NOTES

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

With the Attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, our country entered into WW II. The end of the depression also effected our nation and Freemasonry again began to come out of it's own depression as many new Brothers joined Blue Lodges and became Scottish Rite Brothers. Many of our Scottish Rite Brothers who had been lost due to their inability to pay their Lodge and Scottish Rite dues, came back into active membership. This was evidenced by the large fall class of 54 new Scottish Rite Brothers, in 1941 This class was named in honor of Bro. Spencer L. Holland, Governor of Florida, and a member of the class. Another member was County Commissioner and future Mayor of Tampa, Brother Nick C. Nuccio. The Valley of Tampa began to support our country during the war by purchasing the first of many Defense Bonds for \$1,000.00. The Executive Committee authorized the amount of \$99,900.00 to be paid to the First National Bank in Cathedral Bonds, freeing our Valley of debt for our building, on September 3, 1942.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Fall Reunion will be held on the first two Saturdays in November, the 1st & 8th. This Reunion is named in honor of deceased Brother, Illustrious Ashley T. Lanier. Brother Lanier served as Treasurer of the Valley of Tampa for many years as well as on the budget, and investment and endowment committees.

We hope you will plan to attend this Reunion as a part of a degree team, support committee member or to support the Scottish Rite.

SCOTTISH RITE eNEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR OF WORK Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

In the last issue I asked each of our Brothers to attend their Blue Lodges and support Scottish Rite by involving them in our job of helping our Blue Lodge Brothers find "FURTHER LIGHT" by becoming members of the "College of Freemasonry." Have you done this?

Many Lodges are dark in August, but reopen in September, but candidate classes in our Lodges do continue. Have you contacted all the new Master Masons in your Lodge with information about Scottish Rite and offered them the opportunity to become members, if not check with your Lodge Secretary and ask your Worshipful Master's permission to speak about Scottish Masonry to these new Master Masons, and a brief information talk about Scottish Masonry at a Stated Meeting. Lastly, in 2009 fees for the degrees will be \$300.00, dues \$65.00, so they will save \$110.00 by joining the Fall Reunion Class.



Members of the Knights of St. Andrew Organization who were members of the 29th degree team were recognized. The 29th Degree had not been exemplified in a number of years. From left, Brothers Gil Weisman, 32°; John Wermann, 32°; Stan Rakita, 32°; Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH; Lynn Raposa, 32°; Steve Jacobson, 32°; Richard Cowan, 32°; and BJ Raposa, 32°. Not in the photo, but on the degree team were Stanley Denison, 32°; Miles Hartnett, 32°; Houston White, 32°; and James W. Ford, 32°.

BROTHER TO BROTHER

Brethren, as we get ready to start a new year (yes, 2009 is not that far away), I would like to remind you of the Valley of Tampa's Brother-To-Brother program. For our newer members, the Brother-To-Brother program is to assist those brothers who for various reasons are unable to pay their Scottish Rite dues and face being suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. In every case, these brothers are deserving of our help and assistance.

Toward this end, the Valley of Tampa, like many Valleys, has a list of brothers who agree to pay the dues of a deserving brother who is unable to due to a financial setback. This program is voluntary, but I would encourage you to sign up if you are able to do so.

When a request is received by the General Secretary, the facts are checked out and if it is determined that the brother is unable to pay his dues, the Secretary will send a letter to one of the brothers who has returned the below coupon, asking them to send their check for \$65.00 to pay a brother's dues for that year. There may be years that you are not called upon to assist a brother, but you will never receive more than one letter a year.

If you are agreeable to assisting the Valley and the Scottish Rite in this program, please complete the coupon below and mail it to the General Secretary at 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634 or fax it to 813-249-1711.

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Personal Representative

Dear Brother Bardua:

Yes, I am willing to participate in the Valley of Tampa's Brother-To-Brother program and will gladly remit a check for the dues of a brother who is unable to pay them to retain his Scottish Rite membership.

Please Print Name

Membership Number

Signature

Date

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following special events are scheduled for the year 2009 by the Council of 400:

1. Council of 400 meeting, Fort Myers, Florida, August 1, 2009.
2. Knight Commander Court of Honor Investiture, Orlando, Florida, November 7, 2009.
3. Thirty-Third Degree Coronation, Tampa, Florida, November 14, 2009

DID YOU KNOW

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"Bro. Gasparo Luigi Pacifico Spontini, born at Majolati, Italy in 1774 has been honored twice on stamps released by the Italian postal authorities—in 1937 and 1975. The stamp shown was issued on Oct. 25, 1937. He was a member of the lodge "L'Age d'Or" in Paragia, Italy.



Educated at the Conservatorio de Turchini at Naples, he produced successful operas at Rome, Florence, Naples and Palermo and then settled in Paris. While there he established the style called "Grand Opera" and several of his works were produced from 1804-14 while he was director of the Italian Opera there. He then settled in Berlin by invitation of Frederick William II and supervised all music performed at the Prussian court. He retired to his birthplace in 1850 and bequeathed all his belongings to the poor when he died the following year."

GOOD FOR YOU

John Drewett, 32° KCCH, Past Master of Kadosh and Degree Master of the Fourth Degree, received the *Active* Legion of Honor at a ceremony held at the Masonic Home of Florida on August 17, 2008. This is the highest award given to a Senior DeMolay by the International Supreme Council.

At this same ceremony, Joseph Dick Martinez, 32°, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida received the *Honorary* Legion of Honor. The *Honorary* Legion of Honor is presented to Masons who were not DeMolays.

Ill. Brother Donald T. Harriott, 33° was recently appointed Grand Governor of Florida of the York Rite Sovereign College.

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.

ARTICLES INVITED

Articles about craft Freemasonry or Scottish Rite Freemasonry, of an educational, historical, ritualistic, or philosophical bent; or otherwise of general Masonic interest, are invited. Submissions should be about 200 – 300 words in length. If applicable, links to more detailed information should be included.

Unless they are original writings by the person submitting them, appropriate permission to use and reprint should accompany the article. All articles are subject to editing. No compensation is allowed.

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Anyone having a question about submitting an article may send an email to bulletin@srtampa.org.

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Jim Blum, 32° KCCH, left, presents a \$1,000 check from the Emblem Shop to the Foundation to Master of Kadosh Rick Hoover, 32° KCCH, and Illustrious Rusty Glendinning, 33°, Personal Representative.

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God Bless America

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.



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June 6, 2008
Arlington, TX

Donald W. Dignan, 32°
April 22, 2008
Brooksville, FL

Richard J. Filitti, 32°
January 3, 2008
Queensbury, NY

Robert C. Ward, 32°
January 10, 2008
Live Oak, FL

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Alden, NY

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July 14, 2008
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