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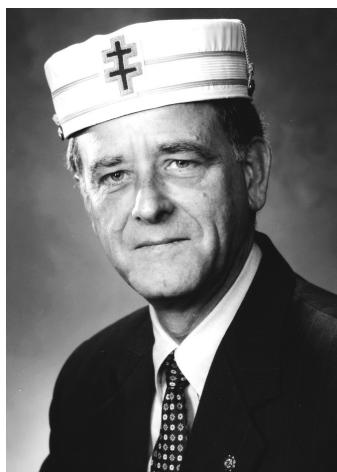
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Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren, when you receive this issue of The Bulletin, the days of summer will be here. While many of you will be gone for the summer, things are still happening at your Scottish Rite Valley. To kick summer off, we celebrated Flag Day on June 8th with a great crowd of Scottish Rite members, members of all of the allied and appendant bodies and various Tampa civic groups. Ill. Tom Vann, 33° and

his crew are to be commended for their work and effort all year in making Flag Day the success that it was.

Brethren, we have just been informed that the roof on the building is in desperate need of being replaced. If you do not know, the Grand Lodge of Florida laid the cornerstone of the Consistory in 1973 and we still have the original roof. Can you imagine the condition of any roof in Florida after 36 years? We are currently in the process of obtaining estimates for the replacement of the roof. One estimate has been received for \$163,000. We are currently researching several fund raising activities to help pay for this needed replacement of the roof. As we finalize the details, we will let every member of the Valley know. Your participation will be greatly appreciated as we try to preserve our building.

Brethren, we recently suspended 160 brothers, as they were delinquent in their dues. Several brothers have volunteered to contact these brothers to see if there is something that we can do to have them continue their membership in the Scottish Rite. If you have some time and are interested in helping in this project, please contact Ill. Paul Bardua, General Secretary. We have lists of these members sorted by geographic area and by Lodge membership. Your Valley needs and wants their support for many years to come.

In closing, brethren please contact me with any suggestions or comments that you may have regarding the Valley of Tampa. You may do so by sending me an email at personalrepresentative@srtampa.org. I solicit your comments so that we can improve the Valley and to provide the programs and activities that you wish to attend.

Tampa Scottish Rite Accepts Credit Cards

The Valley website, (srtampa.org), now accepts Visa, Discover, and Master Card payments online for the payment of Membership Dues and Contributions to the Almoners Fund, Building Fund, and Scottish Rite Foundation, as well as for dinner reservations.

MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

July 13, 2009

Caesar Salad, Baked Pasta, Chicken Parmesan, Ice Cream & Cookies

August 10, 2009

Green Salad, Baked Chicken w/Cream Sauce, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Coconut Cake

September 14, 2009

Green Salad, Beef Stew, Mash Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Pie

October 12, 2009

Green Salad, Chicken Salteado w/Chorizo, Onions & Peppers, Mash Potatoes, Fruit Pie

November 9, 2009

Turkey, Mash Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie

December 14, 2009

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Bake Potatoes, Vegetables, Apple Pie

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.

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world.

It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.

Henry Van Dyke

General Secretary

Paul N. Bardua, 33°

Wisdom is the true Light of Masonry. The human soul ever travels toward the Light and God. It never wholly loses the sense of its own powers, but there are many faculties within us of which we are dimly conscious. To arouse that slumbering soul-consciousness to the realization of Truth is the most divine object of all human helpfulness.

Masonry strives to develop these half-forgotten, God-given traits and to induce men to accept them as their guide. Life is what each man makes of it; the optimist turns every challenge into a blessing, the pessimist sees only risk and loss. All of our earthly transactions and institutions are based on faith in our fellow man.

How much more so must we believe in God. The belief in a Supreme Being is a natural instinct in all races. No man can struggle and conquer, can suffer and be patient, can improve himself and become happy without faith in a just, wise, and beneficent God.

A certain kind and degree of spirituality enters into the largest part of even the most ordinary life. You can carry on no business without some faith in man. You cannot even dig in the ground without a reliance on the unseen result.

You cannot think or reason or even step, without confiding in the inward spiritual principals of your nature. All of the affections and bonds, and hopes and interests of life center in the spiritual, and you know that if that central bond were broken, the world would rush into chaos.

Believe that there is a God; that He has a paternal interest in your welfare and improvement; and that He has given us powers, by means of which we may escape from fault and ruin. The Great Architect of the Universe has destined us to a future life of endless progress toward perfection and a knowledge of Himself – believe this as every Mason should, and you can live calmly, endure patiently, labor resolutely, moderate yourselves cheerfully, hope steadfastly, and be conquerors in the great struggle of life.



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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

Perkins Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd. N. Largo, FL

(corner of Starkey Rd.)

Information & Reservations 727-577-5923

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club2nd Friday, 11:30 AM in odd numbered months

(dark July)

SAHIB Shrine

600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

or

1st Wednesday, 6:30 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!***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 the Sovereign Grand Commander, and

Ill. John E. Moyers, 33°

is the Grand Secretary General, and

Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°

is the Grand Prior of the Supreme

Council and Sovereign Grand

Inspector General in the Orient of Florida,

and

Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

is the Personal Representative of the

Sovereign Grand Inspector General in

the Valley of Tampa.

Notify The Scottish Rite

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 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.

**One Nation Indivisible**

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Affiliations and Reinstatements

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

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Richard A. Gabriel, 32°; Robert Graziani, 32°;
Jimmie D. Majors, 32°

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D. Columbus Robbins, Jr., 32°



The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

HELP WANTED

An editor, and ideally, an assistant editor too, for the Scottish Rite Bulletin.

If you have a knack for getting the news of the Valley of Tampa from the various sources (office, officers, committee chairmen, etc.) and placing it into the Scottish Rite Bulletin, we have a job for you.

Candidates possess some computer skills such as email, publishing software (Microsoft Publisher, better is Adobe) and producing a PDF file. Use of graphics software is a plus, but we can help you there.

Send an email to bulletin@srtampa.org and copy the office.

Master of Kadosh

Scott McAlister, 32°



Summer's here. School's out. Time for picnics and vacations (or staycations, as the case may be). Many Lodges go "dark" for the summer. However, the Tampa Scottish Rite does not. There is still work to be done, even in the hot, summer months.

A lot has been going on so far this year:

- Brothers are hard at work earning their Master Craftsman certificates, Double Eagle bars and ribbons, and millionaire and billionaire certificates.
- In March, the Chapter of Rose Croix put on the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. During our regular meeting, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° knighted new members of the Knights of St. Andrew's.
- In May we had a great Spring Reunion. The degree teams practiced hard and it showed as they did a great job exemplifying the degrees for our new Masters of the Royal Secret.
- On June 8th, we had another great Flag Day celebration. Thanks to Ill. Tom Vann, 33°, we had a great turnout, lots of flag waving, patriotism and good barbecue!

The hours of the future will have their own duties: the last two Saturdays in October (the 24th and 31st) we will have our Fall Reunion. Don't wait till the last minute to turn in a petition! Membership is our lifeblood. Many Lodges had success this past year with the short-of-time classes. We need to tell these newly raised Master Masons that there's still further light in Masonry to be had in the Scottish Rite. So let's get out there and "shake the bushes!" Think MEMBERSHIP!

If you haven't gotten your perpetual membership yet, times a wastin'! The cost of perpetual memberships will be going up next year. You don't have to pay for it all at once. Now that we take plastic, you can charge it!

In closing, I hope all of you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. If you're traveling, we wish you a safe journey. If you're not, we hope you'll attend our meetings. Come enjoy a good dinner and the fellowship of your Brethren. It's a great way to beat the heat!

P.S. Remember the Scottish Rite in your wills and gifts!

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Good For You

These following brothers recently received awards or certificates.

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman
Certificate & Lapel Pin
Gary K. Esteppe, 32° KCCH

Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin
Richard G. Krause, 32°

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin
Mary & Gerald M. Lee, 32° KCCH

Knight of the Double Eagle Award

Jerry Goacher, 32 KCCH

The Knight of the Double Eagle Award Program is very active in the Valley of Tampa with 300 Brethren actively participating in the past 6 months, 129 of which have already qualified for various levels of achievement. Many first year Masters of the Royal Secret are already earning points in this program. The awards are based entirely on man-hours of labor that benefits the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite Center, the Scottish Rite Foundation and the Clubs in this Valley. The greatest advancement parallels those who are most active in the degree work of the reunions, special project leaders and workers at the Consistory and Club levels, loyal attendance to Valley events, and those who spend many volunteer hours assisting in the office and with building projects. The Knight of the Double Eagle Program is very active in the Valleys throughout the Orient of Florida as witnessed by the number of medallions seen when attending Scottish Rite events held throughout the state.

The Following Brethren have earned Ribbon Color advancements since January 1st, and generally speaking these point accumulations are equal to one hour of personal work for every 10 points. Red Neck Ribbons (5000 points): John Bankhead 33°, Paul Bardua 33°, John Drewett 32° KCCH, Russell Glendinning 33°, Don Hawley 32° KCCH, M. Dean Lovett 33°, Thomas Vann 33°, and Kenneth Warner 32°. Brothers who have already obtained the Red Ribbon level

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include Kenneth Balsley 33°, David Eschrich 33°, James Long Sr. 33°, Louis Ortt 33°, Stephen Piner 33°, and Thede Tooma 33°.

Brothers achieving the White Neck Ribbons (7500 points) are Jerry Goacher 32° KCCH, Barry Hart 33°, Edward Jordan 33°, Louie King 33°, and Richard Whalen Sr. 33°.

For more in depth information about the Knight of the Double Eagle Program - how to earn points, etc., go to the "Awards Tab" on the Tampa Scottish Rite Website at srtampa.org.

Valley of Tampa History 1941

Our first meeting of the year was held on March 3, 1941. During this meeting the Valley reballoted on 373 candidates to receive the degrees.

A letter of appreciation from the former King of England, Edward, Duke of Windsor, for the donation of \$1,500.00 for aid to our British Brethren.

At our September 1, 1941 meeting, it was announced that Ill. Cary B. Fish 33°, Past Grand Master of Florida had passed to his rewards on August 12, 1941.

The Fall Convocation was held on October 14 - October 16, 1941 with 54 candidates, which gave a total of 73 new Masters of the Royal Secret for the year 1941. The Fall Convocation was named for Ill. Spessard L. Holland Governor of Florida, who was a member of the class. Another distinguished candidate was Nick C. Nuccio, County Commissioner, and future Mayor of Tampa.

Brother Wayne A. Connor, future 1949 Florida Governor, and Brother H. G. Turner were coroneted honorary 33°.

Last but not least, December 7, 1941, saw America attacked at Pearl Harbor by the Japanese and America entered WW II.

C. Donald Prosser, 33°

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DIRECTOR OF WORK

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, the vacation days are here and many of us will be traveling around the country. I urge you to visit and attend other Valleys if at all possible. Best visit of all would be to visit our Supreme Headquarters in Washington D. C. If you have never visited our beautiful Temple, you have really missed a treat. If you are in the D. C. area, I suggest a trip to Mt. Vernon, our Illustrious Brother George Washington's home. Arlington Cemetery should be a required visit also.

Now is the time to talk to your Blue Lodge Brethren who are not Scottish Rite Brothers, about "FURTHER LIGHT," and our "College of Free Masonry." I urge you to attend your own Blue Lodge as frequently as possible. Take the new Brochures, "There's More to MASONRY than 3 DEGREES," as well as several petitions and leave them for your Brothers.

Question, do you have friends or relatives who are not Masons? If you do, remember that "old false rule" about "No Solicitation" is dead and buried. There is a wonderful pamphlet available free from Grand Lodge entitled "WHO ARE THE MASONS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?". Remember that friend or relative must first be a Mason before he can join Scottish Rite.

Next, I'm requesting your help on returning our old ritual books if they are not actually being used. You know, the ones with the brown front and back covers? About 4 & 1/2 by 8 inches. If you have one and you're not actively using it, please be so kind as to return it to me. If you are currently in a degree and are using it, that's fine, but please tell me. My email is dow@srtampa.org and my phone is 813.932.1216.

Lastly, it has now been 65 years since "d-day," and the "greatest generation," these Brethren are getting fewer and fewer. Let's not forget the sacrifices they made for our country and the free world. If you meet one of these Brethren and/or non-Masonic men who served, reach out and shake their hand and say thanks.

PRELATE

Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"Candles or Curses"

Many years ago, while I was a young boy, I heard a sermon our pastor preached. He quoted some words that lived in my heart and even 'til this day they flood through my mind. The pastor's words were— "Let us be lighters of candles to give light to the world, rather than curses of the darkness."

Like Job, when bad things happen to us, we may want to curse the day we were born, as he did. (Job 3.) When great problems arise such as lack of money, loss of job, hurt feelings, anger and the list goes on... But that is cursing the darkness. I've learned a great lesson. I am of far greater use to God and others when I light candles. I do this by giving thanks for the good that I experienced in my life, for the blessings I have now, and for the good that is yet to come. Psalm 27: 13-14 comes to my mind,

"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord: Be strong, and let your heart take courage: Wait for the Lord."

As we live with faith in God, we may even see the difficult moments and painful hours of life as opportunities to learn compassion, forgiveness and a deeper quality of love than you and I have ever known.

Coming Events

Monday, July 13, 2009: Executive Committee Meeting at 4:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM & Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM. All Scottish Rite masons may attend the Executive Committee Meeting.

Saturday, October 03, 2009: Foundation Golf Tournament hosted by Sneaky's Sports Bar & Grill.

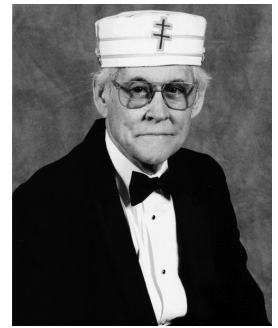
Saturday, October 24, 2009: Fall Reunion – Day 1.

Saturday, October 31, 2009: Fall Reunion – Day 2.

Saturday, November 07, 2009: KCCH Investiture.

Saturday, November 14, 2009: 33° Coronation.

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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



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May 1, 2009

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February 2, 2009

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April 16, 2009

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