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These brothers received their Knight of the Double Eagle Bars and / or Ribbons at our regular meeting of February 9, 2009. Their names, and the names of other brothers who have qualified for Bars and / or Ribbons, are listed on page 6.

The Knight of the Double Eagle Awards Program recognizes the activities and work of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It is an outstanding rewarding way to “pay wages, if any be due.”

For more information on this program, please visit the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite website at srtampa.org.

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The teachings and complexities of diverse ancient and contemporary philosophies are becoming more relevant to the inquiring minds of modern students of Freemasonry. A renewed interest in the principles underlying various systems of ethics, thought, and the nature of the universe are motivating factors to the Brothers who chose to advance their learning.

vance their learning.

A key example of relevant theme and meaning from ancient to current Masonic usage may be found in the life of the Chinese sage, Laotse, who wrote a book titled *Tao Teh Ching*, 2,550 years ago. The name Laotse means 'Worshipful Master'. When Laotse reached his final days of life, he left his work as Keeper of the Archives to travel to ascend the mountain, there to await his death. But the frontier guards would not let him pass until he had written down his wisdom for future generations.

Laotse's book, like Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma*, was a collection of lessons in Integrity, Virtue, Character, Honor, Reason, Noble Conduct, Intelligence, and Wisdom. A literal translation of the title, *Tao Teh Ching*, also implies the concepts of the Way of Life, Absolute Reality, Truth, and the Design of Nature.

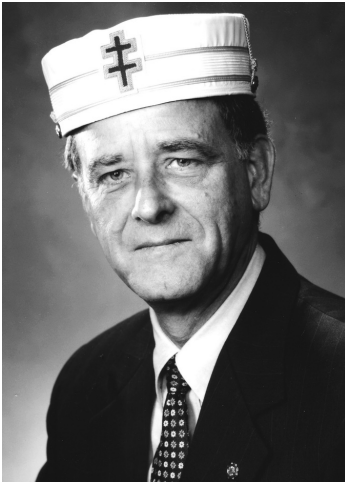
In the introduction to Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma*, the Supreme Council clarified the use of the word 'Dogma' to mean teaching and doctrine; and not to imply dogmatic or dogmatism as the word is used today.

The word 'Morals' also deserves to be understood in the broader context of its meaning since there are at least three usages of the term. In its first descriptive usage 'Morality' refers to a code of conduct which is held to be authoritative in matters of right and wrong. Morals are created by and define society, philosophy, religion, and individual conscience. Second, the word refers to an ideal manner of behavior, with a consideration of moral truths and moral value judgments. In its third usage, 'Morality' is synonymous with ethics, and may deal with views on abortion, wars of invasion, capital punishment, social norms such as liberal versus conservative, and cultural relativism.

Looking across cultures and periods of civilizations, certain virtues prevail that are identified as Wisdom, Knowledge, Courage, Justice, Temperance, Transcendence, and Humanity which includes Love, Kindness, and Social Intelligence.

In Freemasonry, as with psychology, morality is considered to change through personal development.

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**PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**
Ill. Russell B. Glendinning,
33°

Your Scottish Rite is off and running in 2009 and I hope that you will take the opportunity to join with us in 2009. Hopefully you will receive this issue of The Bulletin in time to make your plans to be with us on

March 9, 2009 for the Official Visit of Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith, S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Florida. Our Inspector always brings the brethren words of wisdom and inspiration. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by our annual Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Following the Ceremony, we will adjourn to the Lodge Room for the reception of the Inspector. These events are open to all Scottish Rite brethren and their families. We do ask that you make your reservations for dinner by calling the Office (813-886-0578) or by visiting our web site (srtampa.org). The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person.

As announced in our last communication with you, the Valley is now set up to accept payments for dues, the Degrees, donations to the Scottish Rite Foundation, Perpetual Memberships and merchandise from the Emblem Shop with your VISA, MasterCard or Discover card. Transactions may be made in person, over the telephone or from our website. Please rest assured that all purchases made from the website are secure transactions. As of this writing, several brothers have availed themselves of this method of payment and we encourage you to do the same.

For the past several months, we have been presenting Certificates of Completion and lapel pins to brothers who have completed the Scottish Rite's Master Craftsman program. These brethren have enhanced their knowledge of Scottish Rite Freemasonry by enrolling in this program and the Scottish Rite will be better off due to their dedication and increased knowledge of their fraternity. All Scottish Rite members are encouraged to enroll and complete this 6 lesson open book program.

It seems that in all of my messages to you, I end up

talking about membership and our upcoming Reunion and this issue is no exception. Our Spring Reunion is scheduled for May 2nd and 9th. Please talk to your Blue Lodge brethren about the benefits and fulfillment they will enjoy when they too petition for the Degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. As in the past, any brother who is the First Line signer on 5 petitions for the Degrees in 2009 will have their 2010 dues paid for them by the Valley. Now is the time for us to go to work and make our Spring Reunion a successful one.

In closing, brethren I encourage you to 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.

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.

Wise Master of Rose Croix
G.M. "Jerry" Lee, 32° KCCH

I fraternally invite you to be present on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to observe the celebration of Remembrance and Renewal.

This is a time that we will hold a memorial service honoring the members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge on high during the preceding year. The cast members have worked very hard preparing for this observance. So please make plans to be with us for this special occasion.

This is an open meeting, so bring family and friends for dinner at 6:00 p.m., cost \$7.00, and join us for the celebration at 7:00 p.m. So let us therefore join in this observance, a sublime celebration of Rebirth, Freedom, and Fraternity.

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MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

March 9, 2009

Green Salad, Corn Beef & Cabbage, Cake/Pie

April 13, 2009

Green Salad, Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom Sauce,
Mash Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Cake/Pie

May 11, 2009

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Mash Potatoes w/White
Gravy, Corn, Cake/Pie

June 8, 2009 – Flag Day Program

Barbeque Chicken, Ribs, Bake Beans,
Potato Salad, Cake

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.

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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Boca Ciega Scottish Rite Club

1st Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291
14020 Marguerite Drive, Madeira Beach, FL

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM
(dark June, July and August)
Winter Haven Lodge No. 186
375 Avenue A SE, Winter Haven, FL

Lakeland Scottish Rite Club

3rd 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 Club

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM
Reservations preferred, phone 727.460.1824
Kally-K's Steakery Fishery
1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

1st Tuesday, 11:00 AM
Kissin' Cuzzins
7100 4th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

2nd 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 Club

3rd Monday, 11:30 AM
(dark June, July, August and September)
Freedom Plaza Club
Sun City Center, FL

Support your Scottish Rite Club!

Special Notice

The Art Auction previously scheduled for February 21, 2009 was postponed to a later date. When scheduling conflicts are resolved, we will advise everyone of the new date.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

SPRING REUNION

May 2nd & May 9th

The Spring Reunion will be in honor of Illustrious Walter W. Fishback, 33°, who was the longtime editor of the Scottish Rite Bulletin. Brother Walt passed away in December 2008. We will have more on Brother Walt in the May - June Bulletin.

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.

Don F. Barnard, 32° John G. Koch II, 32°

HELP WANTED

An editor, and an assistant editor, 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 should have 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.

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Good For You

The following brothers or organizations recently received awards or certificates.

Richard M. Artz, 32° & Barry D. Hart, 33° received their certificate of completion in the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program.

Kenneth D. Balsley, 33° & Michael W. Fletcher, 32° received Certificates of Appreciation for their good work at the Tampa Charity Horse Show:

Dennis E. Jewell, 32° KCCH, Raul A. Reyes, 32° KCCH, the Lakeland Scottish Rite Club, and Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 received Millionaire Certificates.

The following Knights of the Double Eagle qualified to receive Bars or Ribbons to add to their Black Ribbon & Medallion.

Red Bar

Frank S. Albinson, 32°
Terry L. Armentrout, 32°
William J. Bloodgood, 32°
Frederick E. "Spike" Charles, 32°
Gary K. Esteppe, 32° KCCH
William B. Garrett Sr, 32° KCCH
Ronald A. Herring, 33°
Delfino H. Lopez, 32°
Joseph E. Peel, 32° KCCH
Emanuelle D. Pepe, 32°
Bryan G. Pullman, 32°

White Bar

John B Ellis, 32° KCCH
Philip Lewis Mitchell, 32° KCCH
Vernon Lavon Odum, 33°
R. James Rocha, 32° KCCH
Walter Schoepf, 32° KCCH
Leslie Hollis Tucker III, 32° KCCH
Stephen F. Weatherly, 32° KCCH

Blue Bar

Richard S. Agster, 33°
James J. T. Blum, 32° KCCH
Camilo A. Calvo, 32° KCCH
Kenneth R. James II 33°
George Philip Mitchell, 32° KCCH

Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, 32° KCCH
Roger W. Parks, 32°
Kenneth P. Scott, 32°
William A. Van Dyke III, 32°
Glenn David Walters III, 32° KCCH
John F. Wermann, 32°

Gold Bar

J. Michael Beijar, 33°
Edmond L. Bidoul, 33°
David A. Blate, 33°
James E. Bradford, 33°
Fredrick C. Buss, 32°
Vernon T. Clark, 33°
Armando G. Coto, 32° KCCH
Jose D. Diaz, 32° KCCH
John E. Drewett, 32° KCCH
Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Donald T. Harriott, 33°
Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH
Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH
Gerald M. Lee, 32° KCCH
David Lopez, 32° KCCH
David A. May, 32° KCCH
Scott McAlister, 32°
David L. Preshur, 33°
C Donald Prosser, 33°
Stanley H. Rakita, 32°
Lynn C. Raposa, 32°
Raul A. Reyes, 32° KCCH
Robbin I. Tate, Jr., 32°
S. Gilbert Weisman, 32°

Red Medallion Ribbon

Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°
Paul N. Bardua, 33°
Gerald E. Goacher, 32° KCCH
Barry D. Hart, 33°
James W. Long Sr. 33°
M. Dean Lovett, 33°
Louis H. Ortt, 33°
Thede Tooma, 33°
Thomas W. Vann, 33°

White Medallion Ribbon

Edward L. Jordan, 33°

Those who were unable to attend the February meeting may obtain their Bars from Chairman Jerry Goacher the evening of the March 9, 2009 meeting.

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DIRECTOR OF WORK

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren we have a new year and new goals to accomplish. The dates for our 2009 Spring and Fall Reunions are May 2nd & 9th, and October 24th & 31st.

We have lost several of our hard working Brothers in various degrees to the GAOTU. The degree teams therefore will be asking for your assistance in volunteering to replace these deceased Brethren. I ask that you become a working member of one of these degree teams. First you will be giving back to Scottish Masonry some of what has been given to you, and next I am sure that you will find that it is "FUN" as well as enjoying the fellowship and Brotherly Love as a Brother.

Our largest goal for 2009 is membership. The lessons that each of us has received in our search for "FURTHER LIGHT," is there waiting for our Blue Lodge Brethren. Now it is up to each of you to promote this message to your Brethren by simply asking them to join Scottish Rite and passing to them the information pamphlets that we have for potential new members.

The Valley of Tampa again will be the host for the 33rd Ceremony for the Orient of Florida.

HISTORY

The country entered 1929 with no idea that a financial catastrophe was coming. The Valley of Tampa as well as all Masonic bodies were to feel the effects of the coming depression for the next 20 years, with loss of membership and difficult financial effects.

On February 4, 1929 the Supreme Council announced that Ill. James Donn 33°, had been appointed DEPUTY for the jurisdiction of Florida.

The Valley of Tampa with approval of Ill. Donn 33°, Deputy, began a "SLOW CLASS," with 22 Brothers receiving the 4th – 14th Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, on April 30, 1929 and continued on a

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PRELATE

Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"WITHERED FLOWERS"

Due to the economy, thousands upon thousands of people have lost their jobs. They feel they have been cast aside like a wilted flower— thrown out....

After working for years, some as many as 20 to 30 years, their families are in despair. Their place of work has closed their doors upon them.

There is an answer—

*"The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever."*

Isaiah 40: 8

The same God who made the flowers, also created these people who have lost their jobs and are feeling despair. They must realize that their worth did not come from their work on the job, but the fact that they were created in God's image. They have a God whose word stands forever, a God who will make a way, and—

The flowers in your life shall bloom again...

"weekly basis," and concluded on October 4, 1929.

Due to financial difficulties of members, Ill. Donn 33°, Deputy, allowed any Brother who had not paid his 1928 or 1929 dues to be reinstated within 60 days of notification, as a financial hardship Brother.

Locally with the 1929 market crash, Tampa's largest Bank, the Citizen, closed and depositors lost their entire saving and personal accounts of over ten million dollars.



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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



Frank Accurso, 32° December 11, 2008	Stewart R Hudson, 32° December 31, 2008	John C Morton, 32° November 1, 2008	Eugene E. Summers, 32° October 6, 2008
Eugene D Asbel, 32° January 14, 2009	Thomas J Hughes, 32° December 25, 2008	John K Pew, 32° December 5, 2008	John L Toth, 32° February 4, 2009
William B Childers, 32° December 1, 2008	Douglas Jones, 32° November 5, 2008	Robert A Randall, 32° December 1, 2008	Jack L Vuncannon, 32° November 12, 2008
Philip J Cusmano, 32° January 14, 2009	Gerald D Kidd, 32° December 16, 2008	Elmer L Raynes, 32° November 1, 2008	John P. Williams, 32° January 17, 2009
Henry L Davis, 32° January 24, 2009	Wilburn T Lister, 32° May 1, 2007	William W Reed, 32° January 28, 2009	James P Young, Jr, 32° December 10, 2008
Horace M Engelhardt, 32° January 24, 2009	K Warriston McCracken, 32° November 1, 2008	Clement Salerno, 32° December 18, 2008	
Walter W Fishback, 33° December 17, 2008		Richard W Schultz, 32° December 7, 2007	