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The 272nd Reunion

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
May 2nd and May 9th, 2009



Memorial Class Honoring Illustrious Walter W. Fishback, 33°

Illustrious Brother Fishback was born in Kahoka, Missouri on February 22, 1928. He was retired from the United States Navy and Hartford Steam Boiler Company as an Engineer. He moved to Sun City Center, Florida from Hartford, Connecticut in 1986.

Illustrious Brother Fishback began his Masonic career in Pearl Harbor Blue Lodge No. 598, Honolulu, Hawaii, on October 28, 1963, and became a Dual Member with DeSoto Blue Lodge No. 105, Riverview, Florida on March 11, 1997. Ill. Brother Fishback served as Lodge Secretary for six years, and was District Chairman for Public Education and Citizenship Committee for two years.

Ill. Brother Fishback was a member of the United Community Church in Sun City Center and was very active in various community organizations. He was Past Secretary of the Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club, President of Sun City Center Shrine Club, Sun City Center Men's Club, Hi-Twelve Club and former Chief of Security Patrol for Sun City Center. In 1993 he was selected by his peers as Sun City Center Man of the Year.

Ill. Fishback petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 1996. His dedication and effort on behalf of the Valley of Tampa and Scottish Rite led him to being invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2001.

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SELF-KNOWLEDGE has been the central quest of man since time immemorial. In ancient times travelers to Delphi came to Apollo's oracle bearing questions concerning life and the universe. The words printed above the door read, "KNOW THYSELF." To know ourselves is the best way to know the universe and our own fate. It is our relative strengths and our relative weakness that most accurately predict our destiny. The most valuable direction to our questions is inward. Our future is not something necessarily imposed on us from outside, but more truly emanates from within. By gaining self-knowledge we gain the ability to know when to press forward and when to yield, and when to practice moderation. Just as it is important to know what self-knowledge is, it is critical to know what it is not.

It is not a kind of psychotherapy that explores our personal past history for episodes that have damaged our psyches. Self-knowledge implies the search for more general characteristics of personality that are predictive of future behavior and future choices. The search for self-knowledge is simultaneously deeper and broader since it does not address situations in the present but surveys the full range of possible interactions between the kind of people we are and the types of situations we may encounter. It does not superficially cover our wound, but asks us how and why we caused pain to ourselves or to another in the first place. It asks us to courageously probe our human strengths and weaknesses and to find out within ourselves the means of our cure, freely admitting our own ignorance even as we seek illumination.

Modern scientific models that are used in quantum physics tell us as much about how our mind works as they do about the universe. For instance, quantum particles are not specific to any particular place until we observe them, then they become stationary, until we stop looking at them, then again the particles are free to be randomly anywhere. This tells us that any description of the universe is a description of the observer, and that any description of the universe that leaves you out of the equation is not accurate. The universe is a complex unified system, greater than any of the scientific models we have devised. Our description of the universe does not describe the universe; it describes what our brains are capable of at any particular time.

Human perception is what we call reality. In philosophy it is called naive realism, suggesting that we are incremental points of view within our own reality perspective. Mind, the Builder, cooperates with the quantum universe and becomes a creator within the temporal world of dimensional consciousness. The spectrum level of quantum energy is a higher frequency operating in a unified field of substances amenable to thought, where human comprehension actively assists the Divine plan of creation. "Look not only from the mind, but also from the soul, for the life that is

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Proclamation

232nd Anniversary of our National Flag

Whereas: The Continental Congress of the United States, on June 14, 1777, adopted the Official Flag of the United States; and

Whereas: The Congress of the United States, on August 3, 1949, officially designated June 14 of each year as "National Flag Day" and

Whereas: The Congress of the United States, on June 30 1985, adopted a resolution by the President to recognize a pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day Ceremonies and urged all Americans to participate on that day by reciting in unison the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag at 7:00 Pm Daylight Savings Time; and

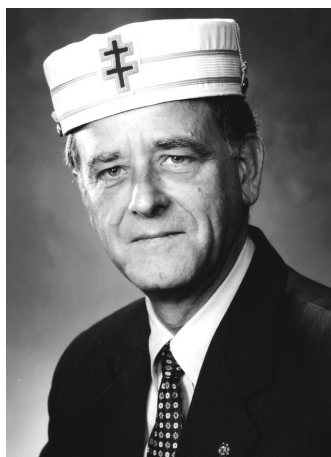
Whereas: The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A., State of Florida, has always been proud of our National Flag and what it symbolizes, knowing that it stands for the best that humankind has ever sought and achieved in the whole history of this world; and

Now Therefore: we, as members of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A., Orient of Florida proclaim our intention to share activity in this National Flag Day Commemoration on June 14, 2009, and

Be it further proclaimed that we encourage and invite all citizens to join in the common declaration of faith represented in the words of the pledge of Allegiance.

Signed and dated Jacksonville, Florida this 3rd day of April, 2009.

Robert L. Goldsmith
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Florida



PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ill. Russell B. Glendinning,
33°

Brethren, summer time is almost here and many of our brothers will be leaving the Tampa Bay area and returning to their homes up north. To the brethren who will be leaving, we say, "we will miss you over the summer

time and look forward to your return to the Valley later this year." For the brothers who are here year around, make plans to attend our monthly Consistory meetings. There is plenty of good fellowship either around the dinner table or after our meetings. I would like to challenge all members of the Valley to attend at least one meeting during the balance of 2009. I feel confident that you will enjoy yourself.

By the time this issue of *The Bulletin* reaches you, we will have completed our Spring Reunion. This Re-

union was named in memory of Ill. Walt Fishback, who served the Valley for many years as either the Associate Editor or Editor of this publication. Ill. Walt did a fantastic job in these capacities and helped us to further advance the causes and principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He has, and will continue to be missed by those of us who knew him and worked with him in the Scottish Rite.

Brethren, can you help a brother? We have some members who for reasons beyond their control are unable to afford to keep their membership in the Scottish Rite. Without some assistance, they are dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. If you can help, please contact the General Secretary and let him know that you are willing to help a brother should the need arise.

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Personal Representative

P. S. See, not one mention of membership in this article (until now).

The wisest mind has something yet to learn

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!

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°

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forming is already before us, manifesting in the world”.

Our destiny is created from the interplay of the character that we possess and the circumstance in which we find ourselves. We come to terms with who we are by observing the ancient equation: character + circumstance = destiny. Circumstances may not be of our choosing, but our character is always its mold.

A search for self-knowledge requires that we identify our personal strengths and weaknesses; by identifying them we take measure of who we are, and who we can become. From the acknowledgment of our strengths comes the positive resolve to excel, and from the recognition of our weaknesses comes the good sense to avoid extremes.

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III. Brother Fishback served as Assistant Editor for the Scottish Rite Bulletin from 2000 to 2004, when he then became the Editor until 2008. He became a Scottish Rite Perpetual Member on November 2, 2002 and his Scottish Rite career culminated at which time when he was coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Inspector General Honorary in 2007.

III. Fishback was truly a dedicated Freemason; a Mason's Mason. In every facet of his life, the lessons of Freemasonry were always at the forefront of his actions.

III. Fishback Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above December 17, 2008.

MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

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.

Try not to become a man of success, but rather to become a man of value.

Albert Einstein

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.

**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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Good For You

The following brothers or organizations recently received awards or certificates.

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificates & Lapel Pins

James W. Hogg, 32°
Stephen B. Jacobson, 32°
Louie A. King, 33°
Lynn Raposa, 32°
S. Gilbert Weisman, 32°

Fifty Year Certificate Blue Cap & Lapel Pin

Richard S. Cowan, 32°

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Beverly & Richard J. Whalen, Sr., 33°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Jean & John M. Bankhead, Jr., 33°
Ruth & Glenn G. Banks, 32° KCCH
Judith & Frederick C. Buss, Jr., 32°
Renea & Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Dennis E. Jewell, 32° KCCH
Alice & Louie A. King, 33°
Lake Region Scottish Rite Club
Benjamin J. Raposa, 32°
Sarasota Scottish Rite Club
Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club
Tampa Scottish Rite Emblem Shop
Tampa Scottish Rite Guard
Robbin I. Tate, 32°
Kenneth A. Warner, 32°

The Knight of the Double Eagle Honor has been achieved by the following Brethren with Award Levels as indicated.

Medallion

Herbert Atwood 32°
Glenn Banks 32° KCCH
Eric Bock 32°
James Bockover 32° KCCH
Brian Campbell 32°
Fred Ciampi 32°
Joe Costa 32°

Norman Cyphers 32°
Peter Fernandez 33°
George Hernandez Sr 32°
Rolf Hohmann 32°
Richard Hollie Sr. 32°
Gary Humberson 32°
Joe Humphreys 32° KCCH
Brian Manne 32° KCCH
Jerry Murray 32°
James Reeder 32°
Tom Robinson 32°
Dennis Thompson 32°
Jerry Torgerson 32°
Theo Vreuls 32°
Paul Woodman 32°
Stephen Yarbrough 32°

Medallion & Red Bar

George Banes 32°
James Ford 32°
Carl Gilmore 32°
Lloyd Lowell 32°
Harry Porter 32°
Ron Ramos 32°
Benjamin Raposa 32°
Leonard Smith 32°

Medallion & Red & White Bar

Stephen Jacobson 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.



Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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DIRECTOR OF WORK

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

My Brothers now is the time to approach those Brothers in your Lodges who are not Scottish Rite Masons and ask them to become members of "THE COLLEGE OF FREEMASONRY." You should have petitions with you and on hand at your Lodge as well as the new pamphlet promoting membership in Scottish Rite and why this is a continuation of the "Search For More Light." If you need these items, feel free to call our General Secretary's Office for a supply or pick them up at our Masonic Center.

As always, please continue to ask your Worshipful Master to give you a few minutes at each Stated Communication to promote Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

And as a very famous Brother of ours used to say, "May God Bless," (Ill. Brother Red Skelton 33°).

HISTORY

The year 1939 was another year in the midst of the "great depression," Freemasonry and all of America was just beginning to turn the corner. All of Freemasonry had suffered as well, with many Brothers lost due to hard times and the need to simply take care of their families basic needs, which meant Lodge and Scottish Rite dues had to be left for better days.

The Valley of Tampa did continue to receive petitions, approve them and place them on hold if requested by the candidate. An example of this was during the meeting held on May 1, 1939, when 203 candidate petitions were re-balloted on and approved to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees. A Special "One Day convocation was held on January 19, 1939, another was held on May 2, 1939 with a total of 14 new Masters of the Royal Secret communicated the 29 degrees. During the August 7, 1939 meeting another 196 candidate petitions were re-balloted and approved by the membership.

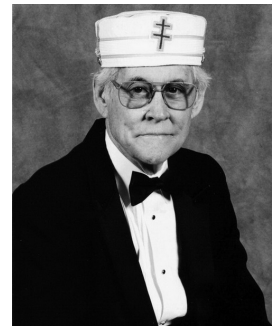
The last Convocation of the year was held on October 10-12, 1939 with 11 new Masters of the Royal Secret joining the Valley of Tampa.

PRELATE



Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"Kind Care"



Many times in our life we go through hard times, troubles, and distress and we wonder why— Some times the answer to our problems doesn't seem to come to us, and yet down the road when we have endured...the light does shine upon us. Our trials and dismay pass away; and hope and peace come to us.

Let us hear these word's that were penned many years ago— I believe the answer lies here.

God hath not promised skies always blue— Flower strewn pathways, all our lives through. God hath not promised sun without rain; joy, without sorrow; peace without pain.

God hath not promised— we shall not know toil and temptation, trouble and woe; he hath told us, we shall not bear many a burden— many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads, swift easy travel, never a mountain rocky and steep, never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.

—Annie Johnson Fliat—

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.

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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



Oscar E. Alvarez, 32° March 4, 2009	Noble L. Gordon, 32° February 13, 2009	Richard H. Myers, 32° March 28, 2009	Robert D. Rushing, 32° December 2, 2008
John Bacia, 32° October 25, 2008	Ray S. Harris, 32° March 16, 2009	Thomas J. Newsome, 32° January 5, 2009	Charles L. Sherman, Jr., 32° March 14, 2009
Randall Boonstra, 32° February 11, 2008	Martin F. Hartmann, 32° January 9, 2009	Ray A. O’Neal, 32° December 21, 2008	Russell F. P. Staerkel, 32° January 3, 2009
Darrell M. Boyd, 32° March 4, 2009	Russell D. Howell, 32° April 8, 2009	Philip S. Pappas, 32° March 16, 2009	James F. Trusley Jr., 32° March 16, 2009
Walter J. Braband, 32° April 7, 2009	Francis Klesyk, Jr., 32° November 22, 2008	Walter J. Pollak, 32° March 31, 2009	Vertrice “Bert” Ward, 32° April 1, 2009
Francis E. Bristol, 32° February 22, 2009	Manuel Martinez, 32° February 24, 2009	Darrell Pugin, 32° February 13, 2009	Charles H. Watters, 32° March 4, 2009
Walter B. Ellis, 33° April 3, 2009	Richard C. Moore, 32° March 20, 2009	John C. Racer, 32° October 29, 2008	Percy E. Wheeler, 32° February 23, 2009
Grover C. English II, 32° February 10, 2009	Robert M. Morgan, 32° July 4, 2008	G. Barclay Ross, 32° March 15, 2009	Mack W. Worden, 32° February 14, 2009