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William R. McKee, 33° Memorial Class



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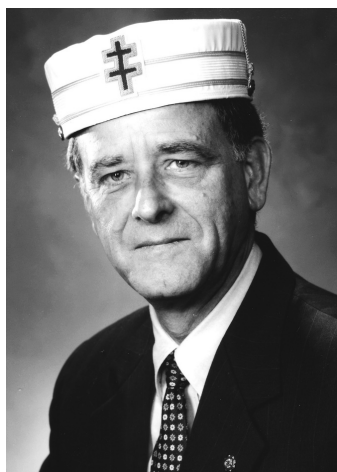
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Brethren:

Another year is fast coming to an end and we are gearing up for 2010. This past year has been an exciting one at the Valley and I hope that you were able to take part in the activities that were held here for our members.

With a new year comes new Officers. We have a great group of new presiding officers who are ready to take the reins of leadership in

the Valley but they will need your assistance. I encourage you to attend our Installation of Officers that will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 and show your support for them. The installation will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Along with new officers, *The Bulletin* is also getting a new staff. Beginning with the next issue, our editor will be **Ill. Paul Bardua, 33°**, General Secretary of the Valley of Tampa. Assisting Ill. Bardua will be **Brother Gary Schweinshaupt, 32° KCCH** as our Assistant Editor. Brother Gary has been the editor of SAHIB Shrine's monthly *Reporter* for many years and has done an outstanding job with that publication.

I want to thank **Ill. J. Michael Bejar, 33°** who has been our editor for the last two years, filling in for **Ill. Walter Fishback, 33°** when he became ill. Ill. Bejar willingly agreed to pick up the task of seeing that our *Bulletin* was assembled, printed and mailed on our normal schedule until a replacement could be found. Ill. Mike, you have my THANKS and the thanks of all of the members for your work and efforts to see that our *Bulletin* continued to get into the hands of our brethren on a timely basis.

As we get ready to close out the year, we are very close on getting our roof replaced. By this time, all members should have received a letter from our Master of Kadosh asking for your help in this major project. Brethren, I would ask that you please consider this request and contribute if you are able to do so.

Brethren, this is the time of year that we not only give thanks for everything that we have, but we also celebrate various religious holidays. Whatever your faith, I encourage you to celebrate the appropriate holiday with family and friends and be thankful for everything that we as human beings have been afforded throughout our lives.

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.

COMING MASONIC EVENTS

Please note ALL Scottish Rite masons may attend the Executive Committee meetings. The Executive Committee meetings start at 4:00 PM, Dinner is 6:00 PM & Regular Meetings at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa website for the latest information on meetings and events.

Saturday, November 07, 2009: 1:30 PM. Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs (near Orlando) KCCH Investiture.

Monday, November 09, 2009: Executive Committee Meeting, Dinner & Regular Meeting.

Saturday, November 14, 2009: 33° 1:15 PM, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Tampa. 33rd Degree Coronation.

Saturday, November 21, 2009: 3 - 6 PM. Foundation Ribfest. Menu includes Ribs, Southern Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, Tea & Coffee.

Monday, December 14, 2009: Executive Committee Meeting, Dinner & Regular Meeting.

Saturday, January 09, 2010: 10:00 AM. Installation of Scottish Rite Officers of the Four Coordinate Bodies and Officers of the Scottish Rite Clubs & the KCCH, Guard, & Knights of St. Andrew Organizations.

Monday, January 11, 2010: Executive Committee Meeting, Dinner & Regular Meeting.

Monday, February 08, 2010: Executive Committee Meeting, Dinner & Regular Meeting.

Monday, March 08, 2010: Executive Committee Meeting, Dinner & Regular Meeting.

General Secretary

Paul N. Bardua, 33°



Ordo ab Chai, Order out of Chaos, is a cornerstone motto of the Scottish Rite, because the Rite, like all of Freemasonry, is based on order. We understand that the Great Architect of the Universe has ordered all creation and that life, as we live it, is not random. We are not drifting within a sea of chance, because a great pattern controls the world. Witnessed from history, it is clear that in time knowledge overcomes ignorance, freedom defeats tyranny, and the human spirit, assisted by the Divine Plan, not only endures, but triumphs.

This fundamentally optimistic and positive Masonic philosophy confirms Albert Pike's message of dynamic equilibrium, a theme woven throughout the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, inferring Order. Forms and patterns are keys to Scottish Rite philosophy. They offer enlightenment to the mind and sanctuary from the competition and chaos of contemporary life. Order reigns within our Temples and is reflected in our ceremonies. This perfection signifies a larger meaning, the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

In a world too often lost in chaos and ignorance, the Scottish Rite truly offers order and decorum, tradition and stability, knowledge and insight.

King Solomon's Temple is the archetype of Freemasonry, and, as such, it is each man's inner temple of integrity, morality and character. As we reflect on the labors of our past Brethren, we continue our dedication to further the good works of our august Fraternity, both in our own lives and in the world.

- With excerpts by C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, P.S.G.C.

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Salve Fraters - Welcome Brothers, to each of our twenty-three newly consecrated Thirty-Second Degree, Master's of the Royal Secret. We receive you in fellowship and with pride.

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Congratulations to all elected honorees in Valley of Tampa. There are fifteen newly elected Knights Commander of the Court of Honor, and eight newly elected

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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***Good For You**

These following brothers recently received awards or certificates.

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman

Richard S. Cowan, 32° & Edward L. Jordan, 33°

Perpetual Member Certificates

John W. Mollner, 32°; C. Donald Prosser, 33°;
& L. Edward Villiaume, 32°

Millionaire Certificates

Palma Ceia Lodge #290

Double Eagle Awards

The following brothers have advanced to the next ribbon level in the Double Eagle Program.

Red Ribbon (5000 Points)

David A. Blate, 33°

Vernon T. Clark, 33°

Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH

Louis E. Nelson, 32° KCCH

C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Lynn Raposa, 32°

Raul A. Reyes, 32°

White Ribbon (7500 Points)

Louis H. Ortt, 33°

Blue Ribbon (10,000 Points)

Edward L. Jordan, 33°

Richard J. Whalen, 33°

Elected to be invested KCCH

These following 32° brothers were elected to invested with the Rank and Dignity of Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH). The Investiture was held November 7, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Altamonte Springs:

Terry L. Armentrout

Frederick C. Buss

James W. Ford

Haynes T. Hendry

Darian W. Johnson

Jerome E. Murray

Kenneth A. Warner

Robert D. Wise

Tommy W. Brown

William W. Carter

Carl Emmett Gilmore

Stephen B. Jacobson

Scott McAlister

Gary C. Schweinsaupt

S. Gilbert Weisman

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Brother To Brother

Brethren, as we get ready to start a new year (yes, 2010 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

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Elected to be Coroneted 33° Inspectors General Honorary

The Valley of Tampa is proud to announce that the following 32° KCCH brothers have been elected by the Supreme Council to be coroneted 33° Inspectors General Honorary. The coronation will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa:

James D. Bockover	William L. Burris
John Ernest Drewett	Gary K. Esteppe
Joseph E. Peel	Raul A. Reyes
R. James Rocha	James A. Smith

Degree Teams Wanted

Brothers, there are several degrees which have not been exemplified in a number of years. The Director of Work would like to see all 29 degrees exemplified in the Valley of Tampa.

If you would like to participate on a degree team, please contact the Director of Work at 813.610.4044 or email to pro06157@aol.com.

If any law enforcement officers (active or retired) would like to participate on a “Law Enforcement Officer Degree Team, please contact Mike Beijar at mike@beijar.us.

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 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.

Affiliations

Edwin T Firquin, 32° Arthur C Monson, 32°

Reinstatements

Clark C Walters, 32°

Four Things

FOUR things a man must learn to do
 If he would make his record true:
 To think without confusion clearly;
 To love his fellow man sincerely;
 To act from honest motives purely;
 To trust in God and Heaven securely.

Henry Van Dyke

Welcome

We want to welcome Gary C. Schweinshaupt, 32° KCCH, as the Assistant Editor of the Scottish Rite Bulletin. The General Secretary assumes the position of editor.

One Nation Indivisible



MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENUS

November 09, 2009

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

December, 14, 2009

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

January 11, 2010

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

February 08, 2010

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

March 08, 2010

Green Salad, Corn Beef & Cabbage, Cake/Pie

April 12, 2010

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

May 10, 2010

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

June 14, 2010 – Flag Day Program

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

July 12, 2010

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

August 09, 2010

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

September 13, 2010

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



DIRECTOR OF WORK

Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The 273rd Reunion is now history and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make this year's Reunion a success. It is a work of love and devotion to the cause of Freemasonry and Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This month we will celebrate "THANKSGIVING," that was first designated by President Abraham Lincoln. This "THANKSGIVING" is in "THANKS" to "the Supreme Architect of the Universe" for all the Blessing He has so graciously bestowed on all of us and America. I hope all members will remember this and take time to thank God for his blessings on this very special day. God Bless All.

History

In 1899 the Supreme Council appointed Ill. Olin S. Wright 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council for Florida. He held this position for the next 18 years, before being appointed as S.G.I.G. in 1917. The Acme Lodge of Perfection of Plant City, received its Charter October 16, 1899. The McLean Chapter of Rose Croix received its Charter on October 20, 1899. It was named in honor of Ill. William A. McLean 33°, third S.G.I.G. of Florida. Both Bodies were eventually transferred to the Valley of Tampa. Both bodies are now celebrating their 100th Birthdays. The only records still in existence now is the Original Charters, as all other records prior to 1903 were destroyed by fire.

Foundation Fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida will be held at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Saturday November 21, 2009. The menu includes Ribs, Southern Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, Tea & Coffee. The meal will be served by the Rainbow Girls. There will be entertainment and guest speakers. A \$10.00 donation is requested and all proceeds will go to the Foundation for the Children's Clinics.

PRELATE

Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

When The Storm Comes

We live in paradise if we live in Florida... We enjoy the weather, the sunshine, the beauty we have in our great state. Nevertheless, for several month's we are sometimes dealing with the storms called hurricanes. The strong winds and torrential rains, and sometimes disaster and danger we must deal with.

When I have to face a storm that is blowing around me, I will remember that God is the calm center in the midst of my storm. God is the peaceful "I Am" is the "Eye" of all our storms.

Even in the midst of our tribulations he said,
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

(John 14:27)

Even during those tough times we can let the peace of God rule in our hearts.

Prayer:

Dear God, be with us in times of sorrow and stormy tribulations... Amen

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Thirty-Third Degree, Inspectors General Honorary.



Thank you, to our many Brothers and true Masons who have contributed to the financial support of the charitable Scottish Rite programs throughout this year. In particular, the philanthropy expressed by anonymous members and friends in support of our essential fund raising programs is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Throughout the Orient, we are funding fourteen Scottish Rite Foundation clinics for children with speech, language, hearing, and learning disabilities. Within the Valley of Tampa, we are supporting the Almoner's Fund, the Brother-to-Brother Program, the Building Fund, and the immediately urgent Roof Fund for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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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



John C. Boutwell, 32°
August 3, 2009

Marvin E. Brown, 32°
July 27, 2009

Fernando M. Carreno 32°
September 19, 2009

Alexander B. Daniels, 32°
January 30, 2009

Robert J. Enersen, 32°
June 4, 2009

Frank M. Engelhardt, 32°
June 21, 2009

Larry L. Gibson, 32°
August 17, 2009

Paul D. Gibson Jr., 32° KCCH
July 25, 2009

Harold R. Hayes, 32° KCCH
August 30, 2009

Rolf Hohmann, 32°
August 17, 2009

Wayne T. King, 32°
July 22, 2009

Eugene V. Landon, 32°
August 22, 2009

Lyle B. Martin, Jr., 32°
August 14, 2009

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August 11, 2009

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September 17, 2009

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February 18, 2009

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February 5, 2009

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March 12, 2009

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May 4, 2009

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August 19, 2009

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August 16, 2009

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September 11, 2009

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September 5, 2009

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February 28, 2009

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June 26, 2009

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August 30, 2009

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October 7, 2009