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Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° – Memorial Class**



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Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: What a GREAT Spring Reunion. If you have not heard, 76 Master Masons became Masters of the Royal Secret in the Ill.: Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° Class. A very fitting tribute to the memory of Ill.: Goldsmith. My thanks to everyone who played a part in making this Reunion the success that it was.

We followed our Spring Reunion with our Annual Flag Day Celebration on June 14, and again Ill.: **Tom Vann, 33°** outdid himself as we demonstrated to the residents of Hillsborough County that Scottish Rite Masons are proud of our country's heritage. After 10 years of organizing this very important event, Ill.: Vann is stepping down as the Chairman of Flag Day. It seems that "Thank You" is not enough to thank him for the many hours he has put forth in planning this event over the past decade. Please, when you see him at the Scottish Rite or at the grocery store, thank him personally for what he has done and accomplished in gaining recognition for the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Tampa.

I would like to formally announce that **Brother Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH**, has agreed to take over the planning of our Flag Day Celebration beginning in 2011. Brother Scott has some big shoes to fill but he is up to the job and we are confident that we will not miss a beat in this annual celebration.

Brethren, I cannot resist mentioning that the dates for our Fall Reunion are November 6 and 13. This Reunion will be in memory of Ill.: **L. V. White, 33°**. I challenge each of you to obtain petitions for this Reunion. As mentioned earlier, we had 76 candidates in our Spring Class. Let's have at least 77 in our Fall Reunion. We are on the right track, so let's not let the momentum stop now.

Last, and certainly not least, I would like to congratulate **M.:W.:** **J. Dick Martinez, 32°** on his installation as Grand Master of Masons in Florida on June 2, 2010. M.:W.: Martinez is a member of the Valley of Tampa and has participated in the 31st Degree. I would also like to congratulate the other 30 brothers of the Valley of Tampa on their selection to serve Grand Lodge as officers or as members of Grand Lodge committees. All of these appointments are listed in this issue of The Bulletin.

In closing, ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. You may contact either the General Secretary at generalsecretary@srtampa.org or me at personalrepresentative@srtampa.org. The office telephone number is (813) 886-0578 and is answered Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 🐼

General Secretary

by Ill. Paul N. Bardua, 33°

Each of the Twenty-Nine Degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, 4° - 32°, imparts multiple lessons, which are outlined below for future reference.



Lodge of Perfection:

The Ineffable Degrees, 4°-14°

4° - Secret Master: Reflection and study are the gateways to opportunity. The teachings are secrecy, obedience, fidelity, duty and the relationships to God, family and country.

5° - Perfect Master: Honesty and trustworthiness are foundation virtues and are basic to all undertakings. Concurrent teachings espoused are honor, sincerity and good faith.

6° - Intimate Secretary: Emphasizes duty, charity and toleration. We are instructed to reshape our thinking for self-control, success and to become peacemakers.

7° - Provost and Judge: Impartial justice protects the person, property, happiness and reputation. Judge with patience and impartially.

8° - Intendant of the Building: We strive for perfection by using the great principles of God's inherent love, charity, morality and kindness.

9° - Elu of the Nine: Truth, candor and generosity are most reflected in this degree. We are taught to use these truths to shape our lives and conduct.

10° - Elu of the Fifteen: This degree teaches tolerance and to respect the opinions of others. The freedoms of political and spiritual ideologies are to be shared by all.

11° - Elu of the Twelve: Be compassionate and sympathetic to all mankind. It is our pledge that we will rather die than betray another or be overcome through fear or fault.

12° - Master Architect: This degree teaches faith in morality and virtue in God. "Life is what each man makes of it. The optimist turns a trial into a blessing."

13° - Royal Arch of Solomon: Liberty lives within our hearts and minds. The major lesson is to be motivated by duty and honor.

14° - Perfect Elu: This degree teaches the initiate to reflect and scrutinize himself, to strive to be true to his own highest nature and to God.

Chapter of Rose Croix: Religion, Philosophy, Ethics and History, 15°-18°

15° - Knight of the East: Fidelity to obligations and perseverance of purpose under difficulties and discouragement are the lessons of this degree.

16° - Prince of Jerusalem: We learn the heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice and compassionate judgment, together with charity, fidelity and brotherhood.

17° - Knight of the East and West: Loyalty to God is a man's primary allegiance. The temporal governments not founded upon God and righteousness will inevitably fall.

18° - Knight Rose Croix: This degree emphasizes that life and its strength comes from God. The initiate is taught to be tolerant of the errors of others and of their faults.

Council of Kadosh: Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees 19°-30°

19° - Grand Pontiff: In this degree we learn how the past affects the present and how the present determines the future. We strive to produce, endure and improve life around us.

20° - Master of the Symbolic Lodge: We are counseled to comprehend Deity, the forces of nature, good and evil. The lessons of liberty, fraternity and equality are emphasized.

21° - Noachite or Prussian Knight: Arrogance, defamation and cowardice are unworthy attributes of a Mason. Humility, modesty and courtesy are taught to be noble virtues.

22° - Knight of the Royal Axe: Work ethics are emphasized to admonish all men to perform good and helpful work, to improve their character and become better Masons.

23° - Chief of the Tabernacle: He who forgets his duty to God, family and country will face moral and spiritual decay through his unworthy thoughts and lack of ambition.

24° - Prince of the Tabernacle: A Mason must show evidence of compassion, piety and justice, serve humanity and manifest social virtues in order to receive their rewards.

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Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

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

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
Reservations preferred, phone (727) 460-1824
Kally-K's Steakery Fishery
1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

1st Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.
The Seminole Family Restaurant
6864 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, FL
Information & Reservations (727) 577-5923

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. in odd numbered months
(dark July)
Sahib Shrine
600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

or

1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. 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 a.m.
(dark June, July, August and September)
Freedom Plaza Club
Sun City Center, FL

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Good For You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°

Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

David R. Meade, 32° KCCH

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°

The following Brothers have been appointed to serve our Grand Lodge of Florida during this year:

Elected Grand Lodge Officers

M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez 32°, Grand Master

Appointed Grand Lodge Offices

Robert J. Liekefet, 32° KCCH, R.:R.: Grand Chaplain
C. Richard Reaves, 32°, W.: Grand Standard Bearer
Jim Ford, 32° KCCH, W.: Senior Grand Deacon
Joseph L. Meketsy, 32° W.: Grand Marshal
David R. Meade, 32° KCCH, W.: Grand Musician

District Deputy Grand Masters

Steve Jacobson, 32° KCCH, District 22
Frank Albinson, 32°, District 27

District Instructors

Jim Clouser, 32°, District 21
Houston White, 32°, District 22
C. Elwood Vinson, 32°, District 24

Grand Lodge Committeemen

Raul Reyes, 33°, Penal Affairs Chairman
R. James Rocha, 33°, Lodge Assistance Chairman
Edward Jordan, 33°, Lodge Assistance
Bob Alderson, 32°, Lodge Assistance
Richard Hoover, 32°, KCCH, Masonic Leadership Trng, Co-Chair
S. Gil Weisman, 32° KCCH, Masonic Leadership Training
Vernon Clark, 33°, Masonic Jurisprudence
Rusty Glendinning, 33°, Masonic Jurisprudence
David Henderson, 32°, F.A. 100
David Lopez, 32° KCCH, LYPMGC, Chairman
Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH, Committee on Work
William Burris, 33°, Committee on Work
Mike McCool, 32°, Masonic Education
Lenny Lorenzo, 33°, Arrangements Chairman
Anthony LoCicero, 32°, Arrangements
Ronald Newton, 32° Coordinating Chairman
Kenneth Balsley, 33°, Coordinating
Ed Street, 32°, Coordinating
Chris Schlenker, 32°, Public Relations
John Wermann, 32°, Masonic Youth Activities

Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 2 - Contributor deadline
August 11 - Office contributor deadline
August 13 - Transmit print file to our printer

Electronic Delivery of the Bulletin

by Ill. Stephen Piner, 33°
Webmaster



We are initiating a pilot program to offer electronic delivery of the bi-monthly *Tampa Scottish Rite Bulletin*. Initially, those choosing to receive the *Bulletin* via electronic delivery will continue to receive the mailed printed version; however, if the program proves to be popular we will remove those who choose to continue with electronic delivery from the mailing list, thus providing the Valley considerable cost reduction (as well as saving a few trees!).

If you would like to participate in this pilot program, you can sign up via our regular "Newsletter"

sign-up page. Click on the "Tampa eNews/eNews Signup" link on the left side of our Web page <<http://srtampa.org>> and then click on the "Electronic Delivery of Bulletin" checkbox, and then the "Submit" button.

If you are already a newsletter subscriber, you can click on the "Change email address / Leave mailing list" link at the bottom of the next newsletter to reach the sign-up page.

If you are already a subscriber, and wish to use the "Tampa eNews/eNews Signup" link on the left side of our webpage page, be sure to use the same email address to which you are presently receiving the newsletter, unless you want to receive the bulletin at a different email address.

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25° - Knight of the Brazen Serpent:

Conceptualities of purity and the eternal soul are explicated. Look within your own faith, life and God for a clear look at your true self.

26° - Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian:

The rewards of the Trinity or God's attributes are explored - wisdom/intelligence, force/strength and harmony/beauty.

27° - Knight Commander of the Temple: The apprentice must scorn selfishness and uphold the knightly virtues of charity, truth and honor and assist the poor and infirm.

28° - Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept: We learn in this degree that love for God manifests itself in our love for truth, justice and the nobility of the soul.

29° - Scottish Knight of St. Andrew: The lessons are 'Love of God, active resistance to unfair judgment, loyalty to worthy superiors and faithful adherence to one's promise.

30° - Knight of Kadosh: The lessons: Be true to yourself, stand for what is right, be just to others,

always trust in God, be of service and express your own highest nature.

Ceremonial and Official Degrees of the Consistory, 31° and 32°:

(Notice that they are different from each other in both form and content.)

31° - Inspector Inquisitor: Reviews the dynamic relationship that existed for centuries between human law, as a means of achieving justice and divine justice as an ideal. In this degree, the apprentice learns prayerful self-examination. Today's mistakes should not be committed tomorrow. Look within yourself and learn to live in the future.

32° - Master of the Royal Secret: Reviews the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Council of Kadosh. The lessons taught are that genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion and esteem. Be charitable; always look for the good in others and make allowances for their shortcomings. Trust in the Supreme Architect to lead you to friendship, with morality and brotherly love. 🐼

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The year 1940 saw America and the Valley of Tampa in transition. Previously on September 1, 1939, Germany had invaded Poland, and England and France declared war on Germany, but America still held to its isolationistic policy. The Hillsborough County School Board reduced the public school year to only six months, due to a lack of funds to maintain the system. The U. S. Army Air Corps established an airfield at "Catfish Point," later to be named for Col. Leslie MacDill, and Brother Lt. Col Jimmie Doolittle dedicated the base by landing a B-25 Bomber there as the first official flight. Due to the still lingering depression, the Valley of Tampa re-balloted three different times on candidate applications to keep them active in the amount of 109, 92 and 309. There were three Convocations held during the year with a total of 60 new Masters of the Royal Secret consecrated. The General Secretary made a wonderful report to the Brethren, that as of May 31, 1940, the Valley of Tampa was finally completely debt free. The second radio Station in Tampa , WFLA, began operation. 🐼

Coming Masonic Events

Please note ALL Scottish Rite Masons may attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee Meetings start at 4:00 p.m., dinner is 6:00 p.m. and regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

Monday, July 12, 2010:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Open Regular Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2010:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Open Regular Meeting.

Saturday, November 6, 2010:
Fall Reunion – Day 1

Saturday, November 13, 2010:
Fall Reunion – Day 2. 🐼

Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

July 12, 2010

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

August 9, 2010

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

September 13, 2010

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

October 11, 2010

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

November 8, 2010

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

December 13, 2010

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Mashed 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. 🐼

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. 🐼



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, I would like to again welcome all our new Masters of the Royal Secret as members of the Valley of Tampa. I most especially wish to thank all the Degree teams, and following

Committees; Lighting and Sound, Costumes, Tilers, Stage and Floor Properties, Class Directors, Musician Brother Bob Davidson, our General Secretary and especially "Trish Warhul" for their combined effort in making our 274th Reunion a wonderful and fulfilling event for all of us. It takes a combined effort from all these devoted people, working together for the "College of Freemasonry" to have a successful and memorable reunion for our new Brother members, I ask that you join us in working in Scottish Rite's various committees during future reunions, as well as joining in the many family events the Valley of Tampa conducts during the year. If you would like to contribute in the coming years to help others Freemasons as they receive our Degrees, please let us know, by notifying your wishes to our General Secretary. He will then see that your the appropriate committee is notified. 🐼

Degree Team Wanted

If any law enforcement officers (active or retired, and inclusive of local, state, federal or military) would like to participate on a "Law Enforcement Officer Degree Team," please contact Mike Beijar at mike@beijar.us. 🐼

2010 Membership Incentive

During the year 2010, any brother who is the First Line Signer on the petitions of five new Masters of the Royal Secret will receive his 2011 Scottish Rite dues remitted. For those who are Perpetual Members, you will receive a \$65.00 credit at the Emblem Shop. 🐼

Prelate

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"The Lord Loves You"

Bless the Lord... who satisfies you with good as long as you live.

Psalm 103:1,5



A few years ago, my wife and I went through a great crisis. I had served the Lord for 23 years and we had always placed our confidence in God. Never did I doubt that God would sustain us. But the day came where I begin to feel worthless. You may ask why did you feel this way? I will truly share the reason with you.

Two of our children died within three years apart. Nothing hurts any more than the loss of a child! These two wonderful and loving children, David and Tina went to that great place—Heaven. They are at peace forever more. God is merciful, he left a healthy and wonderful son with us to keep us strong. My wife in her prayer, as she asked God "why"—the voice she heard said, "trust me." Those two wonderful words she heard gave us the gift of strength. God sent a message to fill our empty hearts.

I recognize the great love and kindness we find in God who speaks to us through the beauty of a flower or in the melody a bird sings. God values us and loves us, and the work we do for his kingdom... and that work will never be in vain. My wife and I have almost 40 years now in the ministry; and—God speaks to us every day through life's goodness and life's trails.

Prayer:

God, thank you for the ways you speak to us and provide us the strength we need during difficult times.

Amen. 🐼

Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals

Current Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals may be viewed on the Scottish Rite Web page in the Honors Menu under Knight of the Double Eagle Awards. 🐼

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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



Darell F. Austin, 32°
February 10, 2010

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April 2, 2010

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June 6, 2010

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