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In Loving Memory

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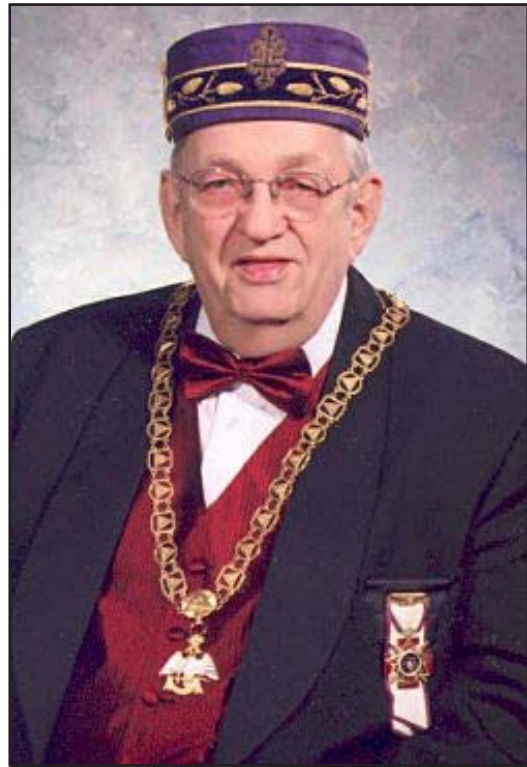
Ill.: Robert L. Goldsmith was born on January 19, 1931 in Malden, Massachusetts. After graduation from Malden High School in 1949, he served in the National Guard for twelve years. He moved to Melbourne, Florida in 1953 where he met and married Evelyn Claire Meadows. He and Evelyn had three children; two daughters and one son.

In Melbourne, Ill.: Brother Goldsmith owned and operated Harbor City Oil Company and as a police officer on the Eau Gallie Police Department. He served as a Director of the Eau Gallie Chamber of Commerce and as an officer in the Eau Gallie Lions Club and was a member of the Rotary Club of Eau Gallie.

Ill.: Brother Goldsmith was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Harbor City Lodge No. 318 on December 7, 1969 and served as Worshipful Master of Harbor City Lodge in 1973. In 1976, he served the Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal and as District Deputy Grand Master of the (old) 23rd District in 1978. In 1980, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida and progressed through the elected line. On May 9, 1983, he was elected M.:W.: Grand Master

In 1970, he became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Lake Worth. He presided over the Council of Kadosh in the Valley of Lake Worth in 1981 as Commander. He was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knights Commander of the

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**Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°
Grand Prior of the Supreme Council
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Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

As you know, Freemasonry lost a dear friend and a hard worker in January with the passing of Ill.∴ Robert L. Goldsmith, SGIG in Florida and Grand Prior of the Supreme Council, S.J. Masonic services were held on Tuesday, January 26 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Winter Park. The auditorium was full of brothers and friends who came to pay their last

respects. I am happy to report that twenty brothers from the Valley of Tampa were able to attend along with our Sovereign Grand Commander and two SGIG's from the Southern Jurisdiction. As you will read in the comments from our Director of Work, our Spring Reunion will be named in memory of Ill.∴ Brother Goldsmith. Brethren, let us make this the largest reunion held in the Valley of Tampa in a long time.

The lower roof on our building has been replaced and I want to thank all of you who donated toward this project. As I write this, we have collected just under \$24,000 from the members, various Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Clubs towards this project. Your generosity has allowed us to borrow less from our investments to pay for this work. Donations are still being accepted and can be sent to the Valley of Tampa, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634.

You already know that our Spring Reunion will be held on May 1 and May 8. Brethren, for the first time in many years, our Valley membership is under 4,000, a statistic that we all need to work on improving. I ask each of us, are we doing our part in reversing this trend? I know I am and so are some other brothers who have agreed to participate in a pilot project with several of our Lodges. This is, however, the responsibility of each of us. We have 68 Lodges (not including the two Memorial Lodges) within the Valley of Tampa. If each Lodge had one member in the Spring Class, we would have 68 new Masters of the Royal Secret. That doesn't sound so difficult, now does it? We have members in each of those Lodges so The Bulletin is getting to every Lodge. Brethren, we have to encourage our brethren to take that additional step in Freemasonry. ***Let's Encourage Them!***

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 Paul N. Bardua, 33°

The decision and action to become a member of the Scottish Rite is the wisest and most beneficial step made by every Master Mason who wishes to further his Masonic knowledge and increase his human potential as a better prepared Brother within the College of the Fraternity.



The Scottish Rite is well worth the time a Mason spends in it. His participation in the work of the extended twenty-nine Degrees expands not only his intellectual and moral horizons; it provides a richer, fuller life for himself, as well as benefiting his family and community.

The Rite is “Scottish” only in a distant historical sense. Scholars present two origins or variations for the term. Some point out that many Masons in Scotland fled their homeland during the political upheavals of the 1600’s and 1700’s. The politically displaced Scottish Masons settled in Southern France where the Degrees of the Rite were being evolved as a means of advancing the Symbolic Lodge. The new Degrees numbering from the Forth to Twenty-fifth, initially, added more Light in the sense that they fostered new insights into Freemasonry’s essential principles.

Other scholars argue that Scotland was viewed during the 1700’s in France as a far away, almost mythical place. Those wishing to add an exotic aura to Freemasonry adopted Ecosais (Scottish) to describe their new degrees.

The extended Degrees of the Scottish Rite reach into the teachings of the Symbolic Lodge to clarify and inspire. The advanced Degrees were formalized under the Secret Constitutions of 1761 and the Constitutions of 1762. They were then conveyed by merchant Brethren from Bordeaux, France, through the West Indies to cities on the American mainland, including Charleston, South Carolina, in 1783.

When the Grand Constitutions of 1786 provided for the extension of the Rite to the Thirty-Third Degree, eleven Brethren seized the opportunity in Charleston, South Carolina and formed the “Su-

preme Council of the 33° of the United States” on May 31, 1801. In a Manifesto dated December 4, 1802, the eleven Founding Fathers confirmed the opening of the first Supreme Council, 33°. All other recognized Supreme Councils through out the world are branches of this original root. In 1813, a northern tier of 15 states was officially granted sovereignty and was surrendered, thus sanctioning the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Scottish Rite Ritual became the avenue of intellectual and moral refinement for hundreds of thousands of Brethren. Because of the size and organizational complexity of the Scottish Rite, there are unique opportunities for broad Masonic and social activities seldom found elsewhere in the Craft.

The Scottish Rite reaches far back into the past and draws its strength from origins well before the Rite’s credited Founding date during the 1700’s. The Scottish Rite, through it’s Degrees, brings modern man the insights of ancient times. The voices of pre-Biblical sages echo throughout Rite ceremonies, and Biblical insights elevate its teachings. The new law of love mandated by Jesus is as central to our philosophy as the laws of Moses, the wisdom of King Solomon and the teachings of Plato, Pythagoras and Socrates.

From this rich blending of the best mankind has ever thought comes Scottish Rite Freemasonry’s premier teaching—tolerance. Ours is a Brotherhood without boundaries, faith without sect, patriotism without party. Ours is a unity of hearts universal, a bonding of good men becoming better through service to all humankind and their Creator. 🐾

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to a Master 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.

Affiliation

Howard Hyzen, 32°

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

Certificates & Lapel Pins

William B. Garrett, Sr., 32° KCCH
Mark S. Parmenter, 32°
Matthew B. Winters, 32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

William B. Garrett, Sr., 32° KCCH
Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

Congratulations

To the Sun City Scottish Rite Club for bringing in six new members at their January meeting.

Knights of the Double Eagle

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

Red Bar

Banks, Glenn 32° KCCH	Bock, Eric 32°
Bockover, James 33° IGH	Campbell, Brian D. 32°
Cyphers, Norman 32°	Heinzmen, Fred 32° KCCH
Humphreys, Joe 32° KCCH	Peel, Joseph E. 33° IGH
Reeder, David James 32°	Wyllie, William 32° KCCH

White Bar

Albinson, Frank 32°	Armentrout, Terry 32° KCCH
Banes, George 32°	Charles, Fred E "Spike" 32°
Ford, James 32° KCCH	Garrett Sr., Wm B. 32° KCCH
James Sr., Kenneth 33°	Lopez, Delfino 32°
Lowell, Lloyd 32°	Porter, Harry Wm. 32°
Pullman, Bryan 32°	Smith, Leonard 32°
Tuttle, Gary 32°	Waltman, Gary Guy 32°

Blue Bar

Cheshire, Charles 32° KCCH Mitchell, Philip 32° KCCH
Tucker III, L. Hollis 32° KCCH

Gold Bar

Agster, Richard 33° IGH	Blum, James T 32° KCCH
Mitchell, George 32° KCCH	Van Dyke III, William 32°
Walters III, David 32° KCCH	Wermann, John 32°

White, Blue & Gold Bars

Esteppe, Gary 33° IGH	Pepe, Emanuele 32°
Ramos, Ron 32°	Raposa, Benjamin 32°

White & Blue Bars

Gilmore, Carl 32° KCCH

Red, White & Blue Bars

Manne, Brian H. 32° KCCH Vreuls, Theo 32°
Robinson, Thomas E. 32°

Red & White Bars

Murray, Jerome 32° KCCH Hernandez, George D. Sr. 32°
 Atwood, Herbert 32° Ciampi, Fred 32°
 Hollie Sr., Richard 32° Woodman, Arthur Paul 32°

Blue & Gold Bars

May, David 32° KCCH Ellis, John B. 32° KCCH
 Schoepf, Walter 32° KCCH Weatherly, Steve 32° KCCH

Red Ribbon

Bejar, Michael 33° IGH Bidoul, Edmond 33° IGH
 Hoover, Richard 32° KCCH Preshur, David 33° IGH
 Rakita, Stan 32° Tate, Robbin 32°
 Weisman, S. Gilbert 32° KCCH

White Ribbon

Balsley, Kenneth 33° IGH

Knight of the Double Eagle Presentations



These brothers received their Knight of the Double Eagle Bars and/or Ribbons at our regular meeting on February 8, 2010. Their names, and the names of other brothers who have qualified for Bars and/or Ribbons, are listed starting on page 4.

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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Court of Honor in 1977 and in 1983 was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary 33°.

On May 3, 1988, Ill.∴ Goldsmith was appointed a Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida and on October 13, 1989 was unanimously elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida. During his years of service on the Supreme Council, he served as Grand Orator, Grand Minister of State

and in 2005 was elected Grand Prior. Since 1993, he served the Supreme Council as the Chairman of the Jurisprudence and Legislation Committee.

Ill.∴ Brother Goldsmith will be missed by everyone in the Masonic family in Florida. He was always ready to serve and to help in any way that he could. We have lost a great friend of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in general and the Valley of Tampa in particular. 🕊

History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

1931 was an eventful year in Tampa and the Tampa Bay area. Our first "Convocation" of the year was held on March 23 and March 26, 1931, with 14 new Masters of the Royal Secret.

The Masonic Relief Society reported that its distressed Brother Funds were down to just \$100. The Brethren were requested to give whatever they could to assist two Brothers and their families in desperate need, and funds were provided as requested.

A special "Slow Class" commencing on June 4, 1931 and concluding on July 30, 1931, with eight new Masters of the Royal Secret, was dedicated to the Cuban hero Brother Jose Marti.

Brother Robert Joughin, Sheriff of Hillsborough County, ambushed W. G. Peoples, alias "the Carnation Kid," in west Tampa, and killed him with one shot between the eyes.

In 1931 Tampa Junior College was established at the new Hillsborough High School in Seminole Heights. It later moved to the famous Plant Hotel and became the present day University of Tampa.

Brother Charles Lindbergh's son was kidnapped and murdered. The U. S. Congress then passed the "Lindbergh Law" making kidnapping a federal crime.

Finally WWI Veterans marched on Washington, DC in protest of Congress's refusal to pay the veterans promised WWI bonus. Brother and General Douglas McArthur led troops to break up the protests and destroy the veterans' shacks. 🐾

KCCH Honor Wall Pictures to be Taken

Photographs will be taken on the afternoon of May 1, 2010 for any KCCH brother who wishes to have his picture displayed on the west wall of the Lodge Room at the Consistory. These will be 8 x 10 in color and nicely framed. The cost to each brother is \$35.00 to cover the cost of the photograph and frame.

Any KCCH brother interested should contact the Valley office to make the necessary arrangements. Dress for the picture is dark suit and tie or black tuxedo. In both cases your Red Cap should be worn. 🐾

Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

March 8, 2010

Green Salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage
Cake/Pie

April 12, 2010

Green Salad, Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom Sauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables
Cake/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. 🐾

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, March 8, 2010:

Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

Monday, April 14, 2010:

Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

Saturdays, May 1 & 8, 2010:

Spring Reunion will be in honor of
Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, SGIG

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. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, at a recent Masonic meeting, a fact was presented, that I feel is of great importance to our Fraternity and especially to Scottish Freemasonry. In the 22nd and 23rd Masonic Districts in 2009, there were one hundred and three new Master Masons. I am sure that in your own Masonic Districts, there also were considerable new Master Masons. Yet the Valley of Tampa only had a total of 45 candidates in both the Spring and Fall Reunions, **Why?** I ask you all this question, **“Did You or Your Lodge”** approach each new Brother raised in your Lodge with information about the benefits of becoming a Scottish Rite Mason? If not, then you are failing that Brother and Freemasonry by not informing him of the benefits to **“Further Light in Masonry.”**

There is available a wonderful pamphlet entitled **“There’s more to Masonry than three Degrees.”** That in very understandable language, tells a Brother why he should belong to this great part of Freemasonry. This pamphlet and numerous other pamphlets about Scottish Rite are available at our Temple. If you or your Lodge does not have a supply of these, you should call the General Secretary’s office, and you will be furnished them for your Lodge.

There is no reason the Valley of Tampa should not be having Reunion Classes of at least 100 candidates for each Reunion. Membership is the Life Blood of not only your Lodge, but also Scottish Rite. If you the members accept the responsibility of helping your own Brethren and the Valley of Tampa, those Masonic Obligations you took to assist a Brother Mason, could not be a more loving act than to assist him as a Brother, to become a Scottish Rite Brother. Our 274th Reunion is dedicated to our Beloved Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith 33°, and I cannot think of a better way to honor his memory than to have the largest class the Valley of Tampa has had in 20 years.

I ask that **All Degree Masters** send me your requests for practice dates in Tampa, or dates of practice elsewhere. I also request you send to our Personal Representative Ill. Rusty 33°, General Secretary Ill.

Paul 33° and myself, a listing of your degree cast and committee members. If your cast or committee members have not changed, just an email of this fact. I have already started putting together the Spring Reunion schedule. God Bless. 🙏

Prelate

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

“A Renewed Mind”

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good pleasing and perfect will.



(Romans 12:2)

As creatures with minds, we humans can become accustomed to relying on rational thought to make the decisions that can lead us to happiness or to misery. It is possible to live as if we are self-sufficient, not realizing that we need God.

I lived by logic for many years; I didn’t think that following God was logical. However, the Lord kept nudging me until I finally surrendered to him. After I met God, I brought my problems and placed them at his feet, believing he would give me answers. I now seek to understand what God wants for my life as I try to obey and walk with him. I see God’s amazing strength and mercy and have come to understand his goodness. God wants only good for us. Just as Romans 12:2 tells us—*when we surrender ourselves to God—our minds are renewed.*

Prayer:

Dear loving God, we realize you are our only sure guide. Give us the ability to understand what you want for us and the will to obey. Amen

Thought:

As we walk with God, we **discover the wonderful life God wants for us.** 🙏

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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



William L. Atkins, 32°
December 9, 2009

Joseph E. Bass, Jr., 32°
January 28, 2010

Earl G. Blanton, 32°
August 14, 2009

Homer A. Brown, 32°
April 23, 2009

Thomas Bruce, Jr., 32°
May 5, 2009

Arthur B. Chevalier, 32°
December 26, 2009

Clarence R. Cooper, 32°
December 18, 2009

Charles R. Daniel, 32°
December 25, 2009

James E. Eadens, 32°
August 27, 2009

Orville I. Fleming, 32°
December 3, 2009

Glenn C. Friedly, 32°
January 24, 2010

Luis G. Gonzalez, 32°
December 21, 2009

C. Grady Heath, 32°
December 23, 2009

Billy J. Kirkland, 32°
January 1, 2010

Vincent J. Madden, 32°
August 16, 2009

Roy M. Marler, Jr., 32°
January 26, 2010

Emory A. Mikell, 33°
January 18, 2010

Kenneth J. Monska, 32°
January 8, 2010

Philip G. Moon, 32°
January 15, 2010

Fredericus W. Muiselaar, 32°
January 10, 2010

Gerald S. Peters, 32°
January 1, 2010

Robert E. Pyle, 32°
October 6, 2009

John M. Roach, 32°
December 17, 2009

John E. Sands, 32°
November 27, 2009

Arthur G. Shannon, 32°
December 28, 2009

Howard D. Stanton, 32°
December 10, 2009

Elam L. Swilley, 32° KCCH
February 4, 2010

Edward A. Terepka, 32°
December 10, 2009

Wilbur B. Weatherford, 32°
December 14, 2009