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## **Meet Our New Deputy in Florida**

In the last issue of The Bulletin, it was announced that Ill.: Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° and SGIG in Florida has passed away on January 22, 2010. We are happy to introduce to all members of the Valley of Tampa, Ill.: and M.:W.: Dale I. Goehrig, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida as the newly appointed Deputy to the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Florida.

Our new Deputy was born in Washington, D.C. in 1938 and grew up in Annapolis, Maryland, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, St. Petersburg, Florida and Pemberton, New Jersey. Ill.: Goehrig served three years in the U. S. Air Force Security Service, after which he earned an Associate's Degree from Ocean County College in Toms River, New Jersey and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Miami.

After ten years in the marine industry, Ill.: Goehrig spent 30 years in real estate and real estate finance, retiring in 2006. This time was spent in management positions with several major banks and commercial real estate firms. He maintains his real estate broker's and mortgage broker's licenses in the state of Florida.

Our Deputy was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Harmony Lodge No. 18 in Toms River, New Jersey in 1966. He transferred his membership to Coconut Grove Lodge No. 258 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1978 and again in 1987. He also served Coconut Grove Lodge as Secretary from 1991-98. He is currently a plural

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**Illustrious Dale I. Goehrig, 33°**  
**Deputy to the Supreme Council**  
**of the Scottish Rite in Florida**

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## Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Our Spring Reunion is upon us on the first two Saturdays of May. This Reunion is a special one for many as it is named for Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° and our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida for twenty years. Please plan to attend this Reunion on both Saturdays or as your schedule

permits. The schedule of events can be viewed at our Website <www.srtampa.org>. Your degree teams have been working hard to impress upon our candidates the teachings of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Let's have a good turnout on May 1 and May 8 and show our new Masters of the Royal Secret that the Scottish Rite is alive and well in the Valley of Tampa.

Our May 10 meeting will be an open meeting, so please bring your wives (ladies) and family with you. We will be celebrating Mother's Day at this meeting with a special presentation of the DeMolay Flower Talk, perhaps the single most impressive representation of motherhood. The Flower Talk will be given by Cory Hutson, an active DeMolay from South Seminole Chapter in Casselberry, Florida. Cory is a student at the University of South Florida and has been active with Paul Revere Chapter sponsored by Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. For this meeting, please let Trish know if you will be attending and how many ladies you will have with you. This is very important not only for dinner preparation, but in this case also for the meeting.

Spring is here and soon the summer months will be upon us. Traditionally at this time, many of our northern brethren are returning to their homes and families in the north. Your attendance at our monthly meetings is always important to us, but this would be a good time to attend a meeting if you have not been able to be with us during the busy season.

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. 🇺🇸

## One Nation Indivisible



## General Secretary

by Paul N. Bardua, 33°

The Scottish Rite University of Freemasonry explores philosophy, history, comparative religion, situational ethics and the ultimate truths that guide our lives.



Whereas the three Craft Degrees prepare us for wisdom, Scottish Rite curriculum of twenty-nine Degrees transfers our outward relationship with the world and others into ourselves—to become wise—and for this advancement, we must learn to know ourselves. The Scottish Rite provides us with the tools for this journey of self-knowledge and self-realization.

The role of the Scottish Rite is to show men where to look and what to look for in their journey to self-awareness, personal insight and individual enlightenment.

The Degree is a play, a type of theatre, which became popular in the Middle Age in Europe. It was primarily to teach stories from the distant past, mythology, and the Bible to a populace, which could not read. Through the advancement of the Scottish Rite Degrees, a Master Mason receives an opportunity to learn much more, and to be more knowledgeable about Masonry.

The Degrees do not actually teach—they give the person an opportunity to learn. The difference is important. Degrees do not attempt to teach specific lessons. Instead, they give parallel examples from earlier cultures; they raise questions, and challenge us to think.

Freemasonry is a journey of self-discovery and self-development. Its purpose is to help us become more fully ourselves—to attain our own human potential. We would strive to become self-confident without being arrogant, generous without being condescending, willing to learn and willing to share our knowledge, and always treat *all* Brothers with respect and honor at *all* times. Free Masonry tries to help us develop ourselves into that kind of person.

In every mythology, there is the story of the Hero's quest. If we are to benefit from the twenty-nine Scottish Rite Degrees, it is important to understand that the very system of Degrees is to set each of us on a personal path to self-enlightenment, or higher awareness.

An opportunity is given to us to transcend our passions and prejudices, and become true to who we truly are. Through introspection within the quarries of our own effort, we transform the human psyche by integrating the Degree lessons into our life.

What we build matters—we primarily build ourselves, and the selection of the materials we use for our intellectual and spiritual life are the most important decisions we will ever make. Our greatest quest is an understanding of our being and a deeper awareness of the spark of the divine within each of us. 🐼

## Valley of Tampa eNewsletter

We encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter which will keep you informed of news and events at Tampa Scottish Rite. Please visit <[srtampa.org](http://srtampa.org)>, hover over Tampa eNewsletter and click on eNews signup. 🐼

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## 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](mailto:mike@beijar.us). 🐼

## 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 and Dual Membership 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

Thomas W. Dickson, 32°

### Dual Member

Gerald L. Hall, 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*

## Deadline for July/August Bulletin

June 7 Contributor deadline  
June 16 Office contributor deadline  
June 18 Transmit print file to our printer

## Good For You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

### Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificates & Lapel Pins

David L. Preshur, 33°  
L. Edward Villiaume III, 32°

### Perpetual Membership Certificates & Lapel Pins

Thedford R. Andrews, 32°

### Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

## Flag Day Celebration

**Monday, June 14, 2010**

### Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

We will be honoring all Military Veterans of all wars. These men and women are the ones responsible for America being a free nation. In the past 10 years, our Scottish Rite Valley with the help of the patriotic public has become real leaders in patriotism in our nation.

We are planning to serve 1,000 barbeque dinners to our guests without any charge to our visitors and members.

We are expecting at least 2,000 Patriotic Americans to come and wave our wonderful American Flag in front of our facility. In addition, we will be having Florida Blood Service mobile unit to collect blood donations that will assist in meeting the needs of our community in providing this important gift of life.

Flag Waving begins at 4:00 p.m.

Barbeque Meal will start being served at 4:30 p.m.  
Valerie Gillespie and her group will start entertaining in the main hall at 4:45 p.m.

Patriotic Program starts in the main hall at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Ill. Tom Vann, 33°, at the following numbers: (813) 978-1803 or (813) 503-5475. 🇺🇸





## Wise Master Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix

by Sam Pesola, 32°, KCCH

Brothers: Thank you for allowing me to serve as Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix for 2010. I am honored by the trust that you have placed in me,

and I will attempt to serve you to the best of my ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ill. Gary K. Esteppe, 33° and the members of the cast of the 18th Degree Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal for their arduous hours of practice, and their wonderful performance. The ceremony was especially poignant in light of the recent passing of Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Florida.

There are two upcoming events of great importance to our Valley. First, is our Spring Reunion and second is Flag Day. Both these events take the dedicated hard work of all our members. If you do not have a particular responsibility during the

Reunion, come out and volunteer to help, or just watch the conferral of the Degrees and renew old friendships and refresh your knowledge of the gentle craft of Freemasonry.

The next major event that our Valley will hold will be the June 14 Flag Day celebration. As always, Ill. Tom Vann, 33° has planned a program to enlighten and entertain all who attend. This celebration, to be successful, needs the support of all our members. If you can, come out and support our country, and those who defend it. If you cannot attend, please send a contribution to Ill. Vann to help defray the cost of the food and entertainment, which is provided to the crowd free of charge.

Because I will forget later, I would like to take a moment to thank in advance all those who work so hard to make our Flag Day event the success it has always been. The Brothers who prepare the food and clean up afterward deserve a special thanks. Two of the organizations that deserve special mention for all the work they do helping with the Flag Day celebration are the Knights of Saint Andrew and the Scottish Rite Guard; these dedicated Brothers labor long before, and long after everyone else has enjoyed the event.

Again, thank you Brothers. 🐼

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member of Clermont Lodge No. 226 and a dual member of Harmony Lodge No. 18 in Toms River, New Jersey.

Ill. Goehrig was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1982 by M. W. Harvey B. Eddy of the old 29th District. For the next 20 years, he served the Grand Lodge of Florida in various capacities including Junior Grand Deacon in 1985, Grand Sword Bearer in 1988 and as a member/ chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Finance and Accounts Committee, LYPMGC Committee, Properties Committee and on the Board of Trustees of our Masonic Home. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2006 and was elected and installed as our Grand Master in 2009.

Ill. Goehrig was made a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Miami in 1977 and has

served as the presiding officer of the four coordinate bodies. He was invested with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1981 and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1993. He is also a member of Mahi Shriners, the Miami York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Mi-Am-I Grotto and the Royal Order of Scotland. He served two years as Worthy Patron of Temple Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in Miami and is currently an officer in Clermont Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Ill. Goehrig has been married to his wife, Rebba for 29 years and they are the parents of three sons and four grandchildren.

The Valley of Tampa congratulates our new Deputy in the Orient of Florida and we look forward to his continued service to Freemasonry for years to come. 🐼

## History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The year 1934 showed that Scottish Freemasonry was affected, as was all society, by the Great Depression of 1929. Our Valley was visited during its first meeting of the year, held on March 24, 1934, by our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. John H. Cowles 33°. At our next meeting held on April 2, 1934 the Valley again re-balloted on 324 candidates in order to keep their petitions active. Only one Convocation was held during the year. The first session was held on June 29, with eight Brothers receiving the 4°-14°. They completed their degrees receiving the 15°-32° on September 3.

Our Executive Committee hired a custodian at \$15 a week to make any needed general repairs, as well as taking care of our degree costumes and floor material used for degree work.

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 had previously had their charter suspended due to financial problems, as well as been evicted from their building in 1934. The lodge had been meeting in our temple and arranged for the use of our temple to meet with Grand Master, M.:W.: B. W. Helvenston, and with the lodge's members. The Grand Master met with the members of Hillsborough Lodge and then granted the reinstatement of their charter, together with electing new lodge officers, on April 3, 1934. The lodge also made financial arrangements with the mortgage holder, Acacia Insurance Company, to regain their building, and celebrated by having their first meeting in 1934, on Christmas Day December 25, 1934. 🐼

## 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. 🐼

## Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

May 10, 2010

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

June 14, 2010 – Flag Day Program

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

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

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](http://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](http://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, our 274th Reunion, dedicated to Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith 33° SGIG of Florida, is a wonderful opportunity for all Brethren to honor him, as well as assisting our Masonic Brothers to receive

“Further Light,” from the College of Freemasonry. As has been stated many times, all you have to do is ask a Brother Mason to become a Scottish Rite Brother as a further sign of your Brotherly Love for him and his journey in Freemasonry. Previously I have asked for your help in reinstating Degrees that have been without casts for a number of years. Several Brothers have come forward, with the result that we will be conferring one new degree in our Spring Reunion that has not been conferred since 1999. I ask that all Brethren plan to attend this Reunion to again witness and join with your Brethren in the educational and beautiful lessons of Scottish Masonry. I especially ask that if you sponsor a candidate, plan to attend and welcome him among us. 🐾

## KCCH Honor Wall Pictures to be Taken

For those Knight Commander Court of Honor recipients who have not yet had their pictures taken for the Wall of Honor, the opportunity will again be offered at the morning of the May 1 Reunion. Red cap with tuxedo or dark jacket with white shirt and dark tie is mandated attire and your contribution of \$35 is required at that time. 🐾

## 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°

### “In Uncertain Times”

As we live, life is not always good to us. It sometimes brings awful things such as sickness, issues in your work, financial problems and many other burdens during these uncertain times that can bring us down in our mind and heart.

Please do not despair, reach over and pick up the great old book—the “Bible” and read **Isaiah 43**. God speaks to you with these powerful words—

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.”*

Remember, God will see us through.

Thank you Lord God for your promise to be with us in all circumstances of life. When we feel uncertain, hold us close and reassure us of your presence.

*Amen*

God’s word offers us hope and peace. 🐾



## 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.

Saturdays, May 1 & 8, 2010:

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

Monday, May 10, 2010:

Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Open Regular Meeting  
Mother’s Day and DeMolay Flower Talk.

Monday, June 14, 2010:

Flag Day Ceremony and BBQ  
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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 R. Aumann, 32° KCCH  
March 10, 2010

Jerome S. Beckett, 32°  
March 20, 2010

Raoul O. Besse, Jr., 32°  
March 6, 2010

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May 29, 2009

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December 31, 2009

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March 25, 2010

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April 8, 2010

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January 23, 2010

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October 29, 2009

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March 31, 2010

Robert E. Loper, 32° KCCH  
March 22, 2010

Donald J. Marshall, 32°  
March 28, 2010

Frank V. Martin, 32°  
February 28, 2010

William L. McPeck, 32°  
February 20, 2010

Branty Meadows, 32° KCCH  
April 2, 2010

Edward A. Parker, 32°  
November 15, 2009

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January 12, 2010

Walter F Renaud, 32° KCCH  
March 28, 2010

August H. Schaper, 32°  
October 31, 2009

William R. Williams, 33°  
March 11, 2010