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## Worshipful Master Recognition Night

Worshipful Masters Night on September 13 recognized our Valley's most appreciated Masonic Lodge Sitting Masters and was attended by twenty-

four Lodge Masters and Most Worshipful Grand Master J. Dick Martinez, 32°, Grand Master of Florida.



The 24 Worshipful Masters in attendance along with the Heads of Coordinate Bodies and M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez, Grand Master of Florida.

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## Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: I am not sure where the year has gone, but I know that 2010 has been fun. Our Master of Kadosh has outlined some of the activities for the year in his article and there will be a few more listed in the next issue of The Bulletin.

When you receive this issue, our 275th Reunion will be right around the corner.

Brethren, there is a lot of work involved in putting on a Reunion here in the Valley of Tampa. I encourage you to visit with us on November 6 and 13, witness some wonderful degree work, and enjoy the association with your Brothers. Webster's defines "reunion" as a gathering of relatives, friends or associates meeting after separation. What a great opportunity for you to come and gather with your friends and Brothers of the Scottish Rite!

At this Reunion, we will confer 14 degrees. Some of these degrees have not been conferred in the Valley of Tampa for several years but we have some Brothers who have committed to bring them back. Every good actor always does better when the house is full and its SRO so let's fill the house. The degrees to be conferred are the 4th, 5th, 6th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 29th, 30th and 32nd. If you have not seen one of these degrees in a while or maybe have never seen a particular degree, now is the time to come back and see it.

Along with our Reunion, we will also welcome Ill. Dale I. Goehrig, 33° and Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida at our November 8 meeting. All Brothers and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this open event as we hear from our Deputy as to the status of the Scottish Rite in Florida. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

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. 🍷

## 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>, hover over Tampa eNewsletter and click on eNews sign up. 🐼



## General Secretary

by Ill. Paul N. Bardua, 33°

The twenty-nine Scottish Rite degrees, the Fourth through Thirty-Second, provide advancement in philosophical, historical, and Masonic knowledge, based on the three preliminary degrees of the Master Mason series.



As a speculative science, information regarding Freemasonry, especially Scottish Rite Freemasonry, is not constrained to the ritual material presented in the three Craft Degrees which are entrusted to the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason rituals.

The main themes espoused by Craft Masonry that center on liberty, equality and the common welfare are too broad to be so restricted from further explanation. The Scottish Rite degrees are, therefore, inspired and furthered by the heritage, philosophy, religion, freedom and toleration espoused within its own teachings.

Lessons contained in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees have made a deep and lasting impression on the minds of all Masons. Brothers that elect to resume their quest for further light are drawn to available advanced teachings.

The Scottish Rite endeavors to progress deeper into those mysteries, philosophies, symbols and teachings in an effort to provide a broader context and more complete understanding of the vast treasury of Masonic wisdom and knowledge.

It is not the intent to presume that the Scottish Rite Mason is higher in rank or stature than his Brother Master Mason. Rather, the work continues and the challenge of the Blue Lodge furthers all Brothers to fit themselves as better-informed Masons.

We seek to widen the horizon of human thought, deepen spiritual consciousness and bring to mind a higher plane of excellence. We are dedicated to the constant search for truth that our lives may be enriched by Masonic knowledge, and that we may

be better enabled to disseminate the principles for which our great fraternity stands entrusted.

Our goal is that a beneficial influence is cast upon the lives within the greater community and world around us. By conducting ourselves in such a manner, we wish to encourage a more enlightened society and a better-informed electorate.

Historically, Masons have received recognition as intelligent, refined and trustworthy citizens, defenders of the precepts of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

The Scottish Rite offers a deep system of philosophy and seeks to impress upon its advocates the nearest approach to a complete comprehension of the Great Architect of the Universe, of human destiny, and strives to demonstrate the most desirable qualities among men.

The truths espoused by the teachings of Scottish Rite Freemasonry set men free from fear, the fear of life, the fear of death and the fear engendered by blind thoughts and impatience.

A man is today where his thoughts have brought him and he will be tomorrow where his thoughts take him. The Scottish Rite is for the man who is not afraid to think, for the man who is willing to confront the greatest problems of faith, philosophy, and the fundamental issues of life and to think them through to a candid and courageous conclusion.

The lessons emphasize not only toleration and understanding, but also freedom of thought, inspiring men to be courageous of opinion, founded on intelligence and mental honesty. The Rite exalts religion as a working platform of life and it promotes worship without superstition.

We are devoted to the cause of that great trinity—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Our cause is to establish righteousness and disregard all dogmas that would imprison the human spirit. The Scottish Rite remains a patron of instruction and learning.

It interprets the symbols and allegories of Freemasonry in the light of increased knowledge obtained by diligent and scholarly search through history and philosophy. It is governed by those who are great students of Masonry.

The Scottish Rite is the University of Freemasonry, a school of enlightenment. Its purpose is to arm its advocates with a moral and spiritual under-

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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.  
Denny's Restaurant,  
34th Street N., St. Petersburg, 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*

## Master of Kadosh

by Gerald E.  
Goacher, 32° KCCH



As your Master of Kadosh, it is with great pleasure that I quote a biblical phrase well known to all Masons: "Behold, how good and

how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." I have found it such throughout the years traveling the various pathways within our Valley. Kindness, service and friendship, and yes, forgiveness when erring is constant and real among this brotherhood.

Our year, so far, has been blessed with a Board of Directors and Executive Committee that have made productive and beneficial decisions based on wise council, experienced leadership, and creative thinking tempered by debate and agreement based on our Masonic instruction—the result of which includes a realistic budget, an outstanding Spring Class in both size and quality of its members, and with the encouragement of our Personal Representative Ill. Bro. Rusty Glendinning, 33°, an expansion of programming within our monthly meetings for the benefit of the Brethren. New programs included an official visit of M.:W.: and Ill. Bro. Dale I. Goehrig, 33° and his Lady Rebba, then Grand Master of Masons of Florida, and currently the Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Florida; the celebration of Mother's Day Week at our May communication highlighted by the beautiful DeMolay Flower Talk with our ladies in attendance; and most recently, the much appreciated Worshipful Masters Night recognizing our Valley's many Masonic Lodge Sitting Masters which was organized by Bro. Stephen Jacobson, 32° KCCH, and attended by twenty-four Lodge Masters and Most Worshipful Grand Master J. Dick Martinez, 32°, Grand Master of Florida.

These programs surrounding our annual celebrations of Remembrance and Renewal, Flag Day, Youth Appreciation Night, the Feast of Tishri observance and the anticipation of another outstanding Class at the Fall Reunion have made this a very eventful and memorable year. Let us, most of all,

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December 6 - Contributor deadline  
December 15 - Office contributor deadline  
December 17 - Transmit print file to our printer



be thankful for the dedication of our degree teams, their leaders and the many reunion committees that continue to rise to the occasion year after year and serve as an inspiration to Freemasons in and around the surrounding communities of the Valley of Tampa.

In closing, please continue your generosity to the Scottish Rite Foundation and Almoner Fund at our monthly gatherings and, lastly, I thank you for your personal support and the honor afforded me to serve such an outstanding and accomplished group of Masons as your Master of Kadosh for 2010. 🍷

## Good For You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

### Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

Justin J. Boros, 32°	William J. Hoge, 32°
Edwin T. Firquin, 32°	James W. Lich, 32°
Jerry A. Haywood, 32°	John W. Westerman II, 32°

### Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

James S. Barwick, 32°	Charles J. Pesola, 32° KCCH
Joseph W. Jung Jr., 32°	George M. Raines, 32°

### Fifty-Year Certificate, Cap Pin & Lapel Pin

Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH

### Perpetual Certificate & Wallet Card

Harland R. Clark, 32°	Howard P. Schiweikhart, 32°
William C. Cunningham, 32°	Frederick E. Soto Sr., 32°
Jerry W. Gardner, 32°	Lawrence Stephens Jr., 32°
John A. Gardner, 32°	S. Gilbert Weisman, 32° KCCH
Wayne R. Garrison, 32°	Herbert H. Whisenant, 32°
Robert L. Hall, 32°	Kenneth E. White, 32°
Marvin R. Murray, Jr. 32°	Leonard J. Zoefel, 32°

### Worshipful Masters' Certificates of Recognition

Michael W. Barnes	David N. Hodges
Glen B. Bishop	Michael J. Kenny
Dennis L. Bryant	John R. Latta
James F. Bustin	Delfino Lopez
Donnell G. Cortright	Nelson LoPresto
M. Nyle Davenport	Thomas W. McVeigh
Wayne C. Davis	Peter A. Merrill
David D. Ehret	Earl C. Ray
Wayne K. Ekren	Dwight N. Ridgeway

Benedetto N. Gagliano  
Dennis J. Gomes  
James G. Harden

Milton R. Trahan  
John F. Wermann  
Andrew P. Wormington

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standing, and in so doing it endows them with a power of wisdom.

The Scottish Rite stands opposed to those actions and teachings that are contrary to our American ideals and our way of life as set forth in our great documents of liberty and self-government.

Masonic principals are applied justly and harmoniously with all people of good will and they are applied individually and democratically to the social problems of the present day. The principles and virtues of our fraternity reveal each Brother in his relation to God, his community, and country.

Masonic Unity is a bond that stems the tide of adverse changes which would overwhelm the sanctity of America's strength, tranquility, and its national treasures of free enterprise and self-rule.

Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to God, to the tenants and principles of our Masonic Fraternity and to the responsibilities of our nation's wellbeing. Let us preserve for our children and grandchildren a way of life which has been so kind to us and for which our fathers and forefathers have sacrificed so much. 🍷

## 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 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.

### Affiliation

Alexander Christianson, 32°  
Raul O. Pinto, 32°

### Reinstatement

Rodger A. Dodson, 32°  
Robert W. Laubenthal, 32°

## Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Sometimes we need to look back and reflect on where it started and how far we've come. Modern Freemasonry began in England in 1717, during the time in history called "The Age of Enlightenment." Because of the very basic principles of equality, a belief in a supreme being, regardless of your individual religious persuasion, truth in all each man's daily life, and finally charity in helping all in need, Freemasonry spread wherever men gathered to improve themselves and the world they lived in. Democracy was very apparent in the American Colonies, and with Masonic influence, led to our nation's freedom and establishment as a republic, basically founded on Masonic principles. This was reflected in the Brothers who became leaders in our fight for freedom, and especially in the writing of all of the major documents establishing our country as a free nation, under GOD. Freemasons were in every phase of our fight for independence.

Our first Masonic Lodge in Florida was established in 1771 as St. Andrews Lodge; however, things proved unfavorable, and all it's members fled to Charleston South Carolina, where in 1787 it became a founding lodge in the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. On July 9, 1830, the Grand Lodge of Florida was formed with a total of 76 Brothers from Jackson Lodge, Harmony Lodge and Washington Lodge. Our Scottish Rite in Florida began with petitions of establishment April 22 and 27, 1853 in Alligator Florida (later changed to Lake City.) This body did not survive the Civil War. The Valley of Tampa, actually began in Plant City on October 16, 1899, when a Lodge of Perfection received its charter. The McLean Chapter of Rose Croix received its charter on August 7, 1899. The Bruce Preceptory of Kadosh received their Charter sometime in 1900, but due to a fire, its charter was lost. Finally, the Tampa Consistory received their charter in 1901, again lost because of a fire. I encourage you to learn more about the history of the Valley of Tampa, by purchasing a copy of the History of the Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies, if you do not have a copy. 🐼

## Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

November 8, 2010

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

December 13, 2010

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetables and Apple Pie

January 11, 2011

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

February 8, 2011

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

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. 🐼

## 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.

Saturday, November 6, 2010:

Fall Reunion – Day 1

Monday, November 8, 2010:

Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Open Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 2010:

Fall Reunion – Day 2.

Monday, December 13, 2010:

Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Open Regular Meeting. 🐼



## Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brothers, our 275th Reunion will commence on November 6, 2010 and conclude on November 13, 2010. I am proud and pleased to announce that 15° - Knight of the East and 17° - Knight of the East &

West, will again be conferred after an absence of years. I urge all Brothers to attend and enjoy the revival of these two wonderful Scottish Rite Degrees, together with the other degrees being conferred and communicated for our candidates and "MEMBERS." It is time to renew your Friendship and Brotherly Love with your Scottish Rite Brothers that many only see occasionally. It is also time to renew those philosophies and teaching we received as candidates ourselves.

Brothers, are you sponsoring a candidate either in your Blue Lodge or Scottish Rite? If you are, you owe it to that man to be present during his journey in Freemasonry.

Last but not least, My Brothers, on November 2, 2010, we as citizens and Freemasons, have a duty and responsibility to vote for the welfare and future of our great country. This is not a duty we can shirk or ignore, I charge each and every Freemason to do their duty as Americans. We have thousands of young men and women fighting overseas for our country, and fighting to protect American Freedoms, who may have to pay the ultimate sacrifice for our rights. Since America was established, our right to vote has been paid for in the lives and blood of our citizens soldiers. So do your duty, VOTE! 🐻

## November Meeting

At our November meeting, we will be receiving Ill. Dale I. Goehrig, 33° Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida for his first Official Visit to the Valley of Tampa. This will be an open meeting and family and friends are invited to attend this meeting with you. Please make dinner reservations with the Valley Office no later than Friday, November 5, so that proper arrangements can be made. 🐻

## Prelate

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

### "Lean On Me"

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

— Isaiah 40:31

After years of suffering, depression hit me hard. I asked my doctor for a sedative. He replied, "The medicine I will prescribe will help you relax and sleep, but it will not solve your problems."

Then I remembered the passage in Isaiah 40:31. I realized that in dealing with my depression, I had relied solely on counselors and doctors, forgetting the power of God, nor did I stop to see the Lord's outstretched hands. I did not hear God saying—

*"come to me...and I will give you rest."*

— Matthew 11:28

I had exhausted myself searching for answers and the Lord had been there all along waiting for me to lean on him. Waking up to the fact and recognizing that God was there for me changed my attitude and my life.

Prayer:

*O God help us not to wait until our life is torn apart to 'lean on you.'*

Amen

*The only one who makes us truly whole is the Lord.* 🐻



## Order of DeMolay

Congratulations to DeSoto Lodge No. 105 and Nitram Lodge No. 189 for their dedication and support to the youth in our communities. DeSoto Lodge No. 105 is the sponsoring body of the new Walter Fishback Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Nitram Lodge No. 189 has agreed to become the sponsoring body of St. Petersburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay. 🐻



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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 R. Adams Jr., 32°  
December 24, 2009

Mark L. Barnett, 32°  
July 26, 2010

Luther T. Bollman Jr., 32°  
July 17, 2009

Lester C. Bower, 32°  
August 7, 2010

Frederick W. Cannoles III, 32°  
September 8, 2010

Milton H. Dudley, 32°  
July 1, 2010

Wayne K. Ervin, 32°  
February 22, 2009

Sidney Gilbert, 33°  
August 30, 2010

Luther D. Godwin, 32°  
March 26, 2010

Fred Hethrington, 32°  
December 16, 2009

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September 29, 2010

Leslie N. Lavever, 32°  
June 7, 2010

Raymond F. Lantzer, 32°  
August 16, 2010

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September 14, 2010

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September 4, 2010

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September 20, 2010

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August 24, 2010

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September 20, 2010

Duane E. Scott, 32°  
August 27, 2010

John W. Sibert, Jr., 32°  
June 29, 2010

Roger D. Thayer, 32°  
July 13, 2010

Max D. Trout, 32°  
August 9, 2010

William J. Tucker, 32°  
September 12, 2010

J. Douglas Yerger, 32°  
July 1, 2010