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Worshipful Master Recognition Night

by Stephen B. Jacobson, 32°, KCCH

An open meeting will be held at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

The Symbolic Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry are the foundation and cornerstone on which all appendant bodies, clubs and Masonic organizations are based. In recognition of the outstanding work done by the particular lodges, The Scottish Rite, Valley of Tampa, is sponsoring a **Worshipful Master "Recognition Night."** All sitting Worshipful Masters will be individually recognized. All officers and members of the Worshipful Master's Lodge will also be recognized.

Most Worshipful J. Dick Martinez, Grand Master of Masons in Florida, and a member of our Valley, will be in attendance.

This will be an open meeting. Bring friends, family and Brothers of your lodge to support these Worshipful Masters. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As usual, dinner may be purchased for \$7.00 per meal. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Please allow us to accommodate you, your guests and members of your lodge, by making reservations no later than September 1 by calling Trish at the Scottish Rite office, (813) 886-0578.

My Brothers, with your help, we will make this a memorable evening for **Your Worshipful Master.** 🦅

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by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: I would like to spend some time in this article to bring you up to date on the status of your Scottish Rite Valley. I realize that you will be reading this in late August, perhaps early September, but for the first six months of 2010, we appear to be in good condition.

For the first half of 2010, we have operated with a surplus without having to take any funds out of our investment account. This is a result of several factors:

- 1) we are not spending as much money on the repair of our roof since we replaced it in late 2009;
- 2) the results of our Spring Reunion (76 candidates) surpassed what we had budgeted for the entire year;
- 3) all of you have done a tremendous job in reducing the number of Brothers who were suspended for non-payment of dues;
- 4) our reinstatements and affiliations are better than in the past; and
- 5) your Executive Committee has been diligent in the expenditure of your funds.

Even with our Spring Class of 76 new Masters of the Royal Secret, we continue to suffer a decline in our membership. Most of this decline is due to Brothers who have passed away in the first six months of the year. We have no control over this, but we do have control over the number of new members that join us in the Scottish Rite.

Even with our financial results for the first six months, now is not the time to stop supporting your Valley financially. Donations are always encouraged for our Building Fund and for the Almoner's Fund.

Speaking of our Almoner's Fund, a very big THANKS to Ill.: Vernon Clark, 33°, Almoner and Coleman Hill, 32°, KCCH, Assistant Almoner, on their work during the year. These two Brothers are the ones who receive the requests for assistance from the community, investigate the need and make the decision as to whether the Scottish Rite can help and to what extent assistance can be given. As you can imagine, they do not see the pretty things in life, but have the gratification of being able to assist those who live in our communities where they can.

Our September meeting will be an Open Meeting as we continue to recognize the members of the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters within the Valley. Brethren, I encourage you to come out that evening and join us in this recognition. Your ladies are invited to attend so please bring them with you.

In addition, that evening, we will be honoring the Worshipful Masters of the 68 Blue Lodges that are within the Valley of Tampa. This is a new program and is being headed up by Steve Jacobson, 32° KCCH and President of the Valley's Past Masters Organization. As

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General Secretary

by Ill. Paul N. Bardua, 33°

Why The Bible is Not Opened on the Scottish Rite Altar

When we receive a petition for the degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the first thing we do is to look in the List of Masonic Lodges to determine if the lodge the petitioner claims membership in, is one we have fraternal relationship with.

On the petition, there is a space for the petitioner to write his religious preference. Beyond this, we have no right to ask about religious belief. Masonry is a moral practice confined to no particular country, but it extends over the entire world. Wherever the cultural arts flourish, there it flourishes, too.

Add to this that by secret and inviolable signs, carefully preserved among the Fraternity, it becomes a universal language. Therefore, many advantages are gained; the multitude of world religions is embraced, besides the common ties of humanity, there is still a stronger obligation to introduce him to kind and friendly ties.

The spirit of the zealous worshiper will be tamed, and a moral Brother, though of a different faith, will engage his esteem; for mutual toleration in religious opinions is one of the most distinguishing and valuable characteristics of the Craft.

As all religions teach morality, if a Brother is found to act the part of a truly honest man, his private opinions are left to God and himself. Therefore, through the influence of Masonry, the disputes



that embitter individuals and stress the tempers of men are avoided, while the common good is faithfully pursued.

Since Scottish Rite Freemasons represent many different religious faiths, we do not open the Bible on the Altar, if we did so, we must open the Holy Books of all of our Brothers. To do otherwise is to reflect discredit on our Brother's religious belief. This we can never do, and at the same time, be true to the spirit of Freemasonry.

Upon our Altar we display the sacred scriptures of many faiths; however, we open the Grand Constitutions of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It is not a book of religion and does not take the place of any Holy Book, but serves as our book of Statutes and Regulations. 🐾

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, Dual Membership 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

Justin Billings, 32°

Dual Member

Giles A. Light, Jr., 32°

Reinstatement

Harout G. Keshishian, 32°

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this is being written, the exact program for this recognition is still being prepared, but knowing Brother Jacobson and his committee, it will be an outstanding one and truly fitting for our Worshipful Masters.

Brethren, I hope your summer is going well for you and that you are spending time with family and

friends. If you are “up north”, we miss seeing you at the Valley and look forward to your return.

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. 🐾

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 Nov./Dec. Bulletin

October 4 - Contributor deadline
October 11 - Office contributor deadline
October 15 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good For You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

Casey A. Fletcher, 32°
William B Garrett, Jr., 32°

Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

Joseph D. Coster, 33°
Richard K. Ogden, 32°
Theodore D. Whidden, 32°

Fifty-Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

James W. Ainslie, 32°	John C. McKeage, 32°
Harold C. Anderson, 32°	John A. Mins, 32°
Ernest M. Breed, Jr., 32°	Chester E. Moen, 32°
Bernard L. Cate, 32°	James G. Nichols, 32°
Maurice A. Chandler, Jr., 32°	Ronald L. Nunn, 32°
Ralph C. Eubanks, 32°	Richard R. Ogden, 32°
William Ewald, 32°	Kenneth A. Prescher, 32°
Dwaine R. Franklin, 32°	Delzie C. Revels, 32°
Mark C. Hollis, 33°	Lowell W. Robinson, 32°
Russell F. Ireland, 32°	Rayferd R. Roy, 32°
Al M. Kaye, 32°	Donald H. Sommer, 32°
John S. Kennedy, 32°	John R. Sundberg, 32°
John D. Kirkpatrick, 32°	Harry G. Thompson, 32°
Edward P. Klein, 32°	Thomas G. Waters, 32°
Maitland F. Knapp, 32°	Carl Weisenberg, 32° KCCH
Charles R. Lanier, 32°	Lawrence H. Wheeler, 32°
Roger D. Lessin, 32°	John B. Zellner, 32°
Alexander J. Lucciola, 32°	

Perpetual Certificate & Wallet Card

Arnold C. Allen, 32°	Lloyd D. Lowell, 32°
Thedford R. Andrews, 32°	Carl A. Lutz, 32°
Richard L. Berry, 32°	John H. Meek III, 32°
John N. Carlson, 32°	Philip L. Mitchell, 32°
Oscar H. Cloutier, 32°	Frank E. Penny, 32°
Peter C. Dittmer, Jr., 32°	Jeffrey M. Pick, 32°
Robert G. Glaze, 32°	Connie Simmons, 32°
Gerald L. Hall, 32°	Frederick E. Soto, Jr., 32°
Ronald C. Hartley, 32°	Robert M. Stalker, 32°
Robert M. Johnson, 32°	Thomas A. Thonebe, 32°
John E. Jackson, 32°	Jerry L. Weber, 32°
Hoyt A. Lawson, 32°	James A. Zink, 32°

To continue our list from our last issue, here are the other brothers of the Valley of Tampa to receive Grand Lodge appointments this year:

District Deputy Grand Masters

Henry A. Hagen, 32°, District 23

Grand Lodge Committeemen

Thomas E. Johnson, Jr., 32°, Endow. & Invest.
 David W. Jones, 32°, Endow. & Invest.
 Montague R. Chancey, 32°, Gen. Services Panel
 Richard C. Daniel, 32°, Gen. Services Panel
 Bruce Marger, 33°, Attorney – Board of Trustees
 Mark A. Fowler, Sr., 32°, LYPMGC
 Richard C. Hollie, SR., 32°, LYPMGC
 Randal A. Currelly, 32°, Property Comm. Chair.
 John C. Bates, Jr., 32°, Property Comm.
 Gary E. Tuttle, 32°, Property Comm.
 Reed Rue, 32°, Gen. Services Panel
 Joe K. West, 32°, Masonic Education
 Gerald Goacher, 32° KCCH, Masonic Education
 Jackie W. Keen, 32°, Public Relations
 William P. Jones, 32°, Youth Activities
 Thomas M. Edwards, II, 32°, G.M. Charity
 James E. Rachel, 32°, G. M. Charity
 Martin H. Horowitz, 32°, G. M. Charity
 David Rasmus, 32°, Child I.D.
 Peter A. Merrill, 32°, Child I.D.
 Ronald C. Mincey, Jr, 32°, Jurisprudence

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ill.: Jack H. Jones, 33°, on a successful year as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. Welcome home Ill.: Sir.

Ill.: Charles Levan, 33°, was elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay in June.

Ill.: W. Bruce Steube, III, 33°, received the Award of Merit from the Shrine of North America.

Jesus Cabalo, 32° on receiving his 50-Year Award in Sarasota Lodge No. 147

Charles J. Pesola, 32° KCCH for receiving his Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay

Thomas C. Newton, 32° for receiving his Active Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay

Robert J. Meguiar, 32°, on his election as a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay

Mike Pender, 32°, Elected President of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Ill. Steube honored by Shriners

Illustrious W. Bruce Steube, III, 33°, recently received the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit. The Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa is proud of our distinguished forty-three year Brother and we congratulate Bruce with esteemed regard.

The Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit is awarded for an individual's outstanding achievements and selfless and extraordinary contributions to the heritage, culture or mission of Shriners International or Freemasonry; to the mission of Shrine's Hospitals for Children; or for the good of his local community in a manner that reflects positively on Freemasonry and Shrine International.

Please join in this congratulatory recognition to our honored Brother, Illustrious Sir W. Bruce Steube, III, International Shriner of Merit and Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Freemason. 🏆

Check your Dues Card

Brothers if you have not attended a Scottish Rite meeting or activity lately, please take this moment to verify that your dues card is current. You may make payment online at www.srtampa.org or by calling the office at (813) 886-0578. We accept Visa, Discover and Master Card. Purchases at the Valley Emblem Shop may be paid with credit or debit cards also. 🏆

Fall Reunion Charges

Fall Reunion charges will be held to the reduced price of \$200 plus \$65 for the 2011 annual dues. This too may be paid with a credit or debit card by using the online Website or Valley Office credit system. The November 6 & 13, 2010 Fall Reunion will be dedicated to our late Brother, Illustrious L. V. White, 33°. 🏆

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. 🏆

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The year 1941 was a turning point in the history of America and the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa. The first recorded meeting in 1941 was held on March 3; during which we continued to renew by ballot, 373 candidates to receive the degrees and another renewal ballot was held on September 5, 1941 for 189 Brothers. This was done because America was still in the throes of the Great Depression and many Masonic Brothers were still struggling financially.

A "One Day" Convocation was held on April 8, 1941, with 19 new Masters of the Royal Secret.

The Fall Convocation was held on October 14 and 16, 1941 with 54 new members. The Class was named for Brother Spessard L. Holland, Governor of Florida and a member of the class. Also a member of the class was Brother Nick C. Nuccio, County Commissioner and future Mayor of Tampa.

Previously the Valley of Tampa received a "Thank You Letter," from the former King of England, the Duke of Windsor, for a donation of \$1,500 for our distressed English Brethren. It was announced that Ill. Cary B. Fish, 33°, Past Grand Master in 1926, has passed.

Honors received from the Supreme Council for 1941 were Brothers Wayne A. Connor 33°, future Grand Master in 1949, and H. G. Turner 33°. Finally disaster struck America on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor and commenced World War II. 🐻

Feast of Tishri

Brothers, please mark your calendars for Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., where the Lodge of Perfection will again be hosting the Feast of Tishri. This is a festive time of the Jewish year around Succoth. Our speaker this year is our own KCCH, Gil Wiseman.

As this is an open presentation, please feel free to invite your spouses and friends. 🐻

Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

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 and Pumpkin Pie

December 13, 2010

Green Salad, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetables and 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. 🐻

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, September 13, 2010:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Open Regular Meeting

Monday, October 11, 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. 🐻



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, many Blue Lodges are dark during the summer months; however, this is a perfect time to contact your own members personally, especially your new Master Masons, and invite them to join the

College of Freemasonry at the Valley of Tampa. The Executive Committee has again allowed lowering on the fees for the degrees to \$200, plus \$65, 2011 dues. All Brethren can now pay their annual dues, make purchases at the item shop, and candidates pay their initiation fees by credit card. I recommend asking your lodge secretary to assist you in contacting your new Master Masons, as well as any Brother not a Scottish Rite member. We have a wonderful Scottish Rite pamphlet intended for these Brothers entitled, "There's More to Masonry than three Degrees," available to assist you in recruiting your Lodge Brothers.

We will be conferring the following Degrees during our Fall Reunion; 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, 12°, 13°, 14°, 17°, 18°, 21°, 22°, 24°, 29°, 30° and 32°. The complete Reunion schedule will be published later. I request all Degree Masters to notify our office of any changes to their casts, and committee chairmen of changes to their staff. Degree Masters are requested to contact me by email if you plan to hold degree practices at the Scottish Rite Temple for the Fall Reunion.

Now is the time to work for another 76-candidate class for our Fall Reunion. If any Scottish Rite Brother is interested in being a part of our Reunions in any capacity, please contact our office and I will be glad to assist you in becoming part of our Reunions. 🐼

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°

"Traditions vs. Justice"

They went to Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the leaders and said, "The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with the brothers of their father, according to the Lord's commitment."

Joshua 17:4

Ancient Hebrew Law allowed only sons to inherit property. Zelophehad had no sons but had five daughters who believed they had a right to their father's inheritance. They took their case to Moses, who in turn took it to the Lord. The decision was made to give the daughters what was rightfully theirs.

How often do we make decisions based solely on how things have always been done. Moses listened with wisdom to the daughters of Zelophehad and understood that their situation was unique. Following God's will, he evaluated the problem and did what was right even though it went against long-standing tradition.

It may take a few extra moments to listen to those around us, to try to understand what each person is experiencing and what each one's individual needs are. By doing so it can enable us to treat others with care as God would, in doing the right thing even if it means breaking old habits of tradition.

Prayer:

Lord help us to respond in an individual way to each person whose path we cross today.

Amen

Ask yourself- Do I treat people by traditional standards or by God's standards. 🐼



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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



Gordon C. Beckman, 32°
May 10, 2010

Rufus E. Bowermaster, 32°
May 5, 2010

Philip B. Brinen, 32°
July 21, 2010

Richard D. Brown, 32°
June 16, 2010

Kenneth B. Bryan, 32°
June 4, 2010

Robert F. Burton, 32°
July 18, 2010

James D. Cartmill, 32°
June 27, 2010

Edward M. Collins, 32°
July 1, 2010

George T. Dwyre, 32°
June 20, 2010

David E. Eaton, 32°
April 24, 2010

James A. Graham, 32°
June 16, 2010

John E. Greenslade, 32°
June 17, 2010

James H. Holley, 32°
September 28, 2009

William R. Huff, 32°
November 28, 2009

Douglas J. Hunt, 32°
May 15, 2010

Leonard L. Little, 32°
July 23, 2010

Delmar L. McDonald, 32°
June 29, 2010

Harold A. Mulhauser, 32°
April 2, 2009

John W. Pinkley, 32° KCCH
June 12, 2010

David L. Preshur, 33°
July 4, 2010

David A. Schutte, 32°
July 11, 2010

John S. Tasch, 32°
June 4, 2010

Horace E. Whallen, 32°
July 6, 2010

Ivon D. Wofford, 32°
July 6, 2010

Joseph J. Wolfer, Sr., 32°
February 22, 2010

Dale W. Wood, 32°
June 4, 2010