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by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here it is January 2011. Sorry that the Gators, Bulls, Hurricanes and Seminoles are not in the race for a BCS Championship, but "wait till next year". Your Scottish Rite, however, had a better 2010 than our college football teams. In addition to the accomplishments mentioned in the last

issue of The Bulletin by Jerry Goacher, 32° KCCH, we have also just finished a year with 115 new Masters of the Royal Secret. My thanks to everyone who had a part in this accomplishment. Now is not the time to sit back and rest, 2011 is here

To begin the year, congratulations are in order to those who have been elected to serve the Valley of Tampa in 2011. Of course, I am talking about our new Master of Kadosh, Brother Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH, Commander of Kadosh, Brother Stan Rakita, 32°, Wise Master, Ill.: Rick Agster, 33° and Venerable Master, Brother John Wermann, 32°. I would also like to welcome our new General Secretary, Ill.: John Drewett, 33°. These five brothers along with the other members of the Executive Committee will be working hard during the year to provide the leadership and new ideas that will make us successful this year. For these programs to be successful, we will need the support of as many of our members as possible.

Many brothers worked hard in 2010 for the benefit of the Valley. A special thanks go out to our outgoing heads of the Bodies, Brother John Ellis, 32° KCCH, Brother Sam Pesola, 32° KCCH, Brother Don Hawley, 32° KCCH and Brother Jerry Goacher, 32° KCCH for everything that they did in 2010. I would also like to thank Ill.: David Blate, 33° and Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33° for their years of service on the Executive Committee. Brethren, your work and efforts are greatly appreciated by all the members of the Valley. All of our Committee Chairmen and their committees spent many hours this year getting ready for our Reunions, Flag Day, our monthly meetings and our efforts on behalf of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. Brethren, **THANK YOU** for all that you have done this past year.

In closing, brethren, I ask again that you do what you can for your Scottish Rite in 2011. That may be attending Consistory meetings, Club meetings, volunteering your time for projects that need to be accomplished or encouraging your Blue Lodge brethren who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. As always, ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. 🐾

General Secretary

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°



First of all, I would like to tell the craft just how honored I am to serve as your next General Secretary. I have an open door policy and believe very strongly in doing whatever we can do together to advance the betterment of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Tampa

I would like to thank Ill. Paul Bardua for his years of service and dedication to the Scottish Rite, not only serving as the General Secretary for five and a half years, but prior to that as representative to the Foundation, which he sincerely excelled at. I wish Ill. Bardua nothing but the very best with his retirement, and look forward to the time that I can look out at a meeting and see him sitting there and enjoying himself.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is in desperate need of some attention. I am making an appeal to everyone: If any Brother or Brother's wife can donate any time at all, even if it's just one hour, we need you!

Listed below are a few of the things that need to be done:

- Filing, organizing and cataloging books in the library.
- General cleaning and organizing
- Both minor and major repairs

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting YOUR Scottish Rite and ask that if you are able to donate any time, whatsoever, that you contact the Scottish Rite Masonic Center office at (813) 886-0578. 🐾

One Nation Indivisible



Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh



Our Master of Kadosh, Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH has been active in Freemasonry for many years. He has been the Worshipful Master of two Blue Lodges, served on committees of the Grand Lodge of Florida and served as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Florida in 2000.

He has presided over the three York Rite Bodies and was elected to receive the KYCH in 2001. He also holds the York Rite Order of the Purple Cross.

In the Scottish Rite, Coleman became a Master of the Royal Secret in 1980 in the Valley of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He affiliated with the Valley of Tampa in 2000 and was the Charter Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew, serves as the Degree Master of the 29th and 32nd Degrees, currently serves as the Assistant Almoner and chaired the Budget Committee in 2010. In 2007, he was invested a Knight Commander Court of Honor.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Tall Cedars, Knight Masons of North America, Grottos of North America, Shrine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, Eastern Star, White Shrine, Amaranth and Societas Rosicruciana In Civitas Foederatis. 🐾

Stanley Rakita, 32° Commander of Kadosh



Our Commander of Kadosh, Stan Rakita, 32° is someone that you have seen at the Consistory trying to make sure that our microphones are working properly.

Brother Rakita joined the fraternity in 1984 in Shorewood Lodge No. 339 in Milwaukee, WI. After

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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

Deadline for March/April Bulletin

February 7 - Contributor deadline
February 14 - Office contributor deadline
February 18 - 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

Fred F. Ciampi, 32° John H. Meek III, 32°

Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

William C. Cobb, 32° Ralph W. Fredenburg Jr., 32°
Richard L. Davis, 32° Lenn R. Pruitt, 32°
Gary K. Esteppe, 33° Paul M. Segal, 32°
James B. Terry, 32°

Perpetual Certificate & Wallet Card

Alain Bertrand, 32° Bobbie D. Owens, 32°
M. Nyle Davenport, 32° Dorwin A. Pulford, 32°
Wiley R. Gillespie, 32° Bryan G. Pullman, 32°
William H. Manthey III, 32° David H. C. Riley III, 32°
Joseph R. Mitchell, 32° Daniel R. Spencer, 32°
Ralph Mizrahi, 32° William C. Sundquist, 32°
Morris E. Moore, 32° Thomas E. Young, 32°

Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteering at the 2010 Harvest Day Horse Show

Herbert H. Atwood, 32°
Audrey & Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH
Joyce & Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°
Joseph P. Wells, 32°
Dorothy M. & James W. Long, Sr., 33°

New Knights of the Double Eagle

Congratulations to the following brothers who were invested with the Knight of the Double Eagle award at our November 2010 meeting.

Medallion

Larry Alexander, 32° KCCH Kenneth Allen, 32°
James Benjamin, 32° James F. Bustin, 32°
Jon B. Coats, 32° Richard Daniel, 32° KCCH
Juan De La Rosa, 32° Nathaniel Di Domenico, 32°
Frank Dyer, 32° KCCH Andy Foster, 32°
Joseph Gonzalez, 32° Mark Harmon, 32°
Don Harwood, 32° John Hubbard, 32°
Kenneth Kent, 32° Joe Lucido, 32°
Douglas McCaw, 32° William McDonald, 32°
Dennis McGurk, 32° John W. Mollner, 32°
William Moody, 32° Bill Niehr, 32°

Ken Shipley, 32°	Jeff Snyder, 32°
Robert St. John 32°	Joshua Sussman, 32°
Delmar Tanner, 32°	David Thompson, 32°
Harmon Van Horn, 32°	Leonard Whalen, 32°
Houston White, 32°	

Medallion with Red Bar

Chester Ferguson, 32°	Dennis Thompson, 32°
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2011 Valley Officers

Tampa Consistory

Master of Kadosh Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH
 Prior Kenneth A. Warner, 32° KCCH
 Preceptor Barry D. Hart, 33°
 Chancellor Brian H. Manne, 32° KCCH
 Minister of State Jerome E. Murray, 32° KCCH
 Marshal of Ceremonies Brian D. Campbell, 32°
 Expert Norman R. Newcomb, 32°
 Asst. Expert Stephen F. Weatherly, 32° KCCH
 Capt. Of the Guard Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32°

Tampa Council of Kadosh

Commander Stanley H. Rakita, 32°
 1st Lt. Commander Kenneth P. Scott, 32°
 2nd Lt. Commander James J.T. Blum, 32° KCCH
 Chancellor Robbin I. Tate, Jr., 32°
 Orator Lynn C. Raposa, 32°
 Marshal of Ceremonies Ronald Ramos, 32°
 Turcopilier Richard C. Hollie, Sr, 32°
 Draper Gerald L. Torgerson, 32°
 First Deacon Harmon S. VanHorn, 32°
 Second Deacon Benjamin J. Raposa, 32°
 Bearer of Beasant Casey A. Fletcher, 32°
 Bearer White Standard Robert L. Helms, 32°
 Bearer Black Stand Edward L. Villiaume, III, 32°
 Lt. of the Guard Joshua S. Sussman, 32°

Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Ill.: Richard S. Agster, 33°
 Senior Warden Louis E. Nelsen, 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden Fred F. Ciampi, 32°
 Orator William F. Wyllie, 32° KCCH
 Master of Cere Stephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH
 Expert James W. Ford, 32° KCCH
 Asst. Expert F. E. Street, 32°
 Standard Bearer Herbert H. Atwood, 32°
 Guardian of the Temple Steven J. Silvers, 32°

Tampa Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master John F. Wermann, 32°
 Senior Warden Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden William B. Garrett, Jr. 32°
 Orator George D. Hernandez, Sr., 32°
 Master of Cere Dwight N. Ridgeway, 32°
 Expert Leonard J. A. Smith, 32°
 Asst. Expert Theodoor A. Vreuls, 32°
 Captain of the Host James E. Finnegan, 32°

For the Four Coordinate Bodies

General Secretary Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°
 Treasurer Ill.: Richard J. Whalen, Sr., 33°
 Almoner Ill.: Vernon T. Clark, 33°
 Asst. Almoner Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH
 Prelate Ill.: Louis H. Ortt, 33°
 Tiler Armando G. Coto, 32° KCCH
 Associate Tiler Jose D. Diaz, 32° KCCH

Changes In Our Valley Leadership

As we begin 2011, we would like to welcome Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33° as our new General Secretary and Ill.: Louis Ortt, 33° as our new Prelate. These two brothers are taking on the responsibilities of two very important positions in any Scottish Rite Valley.

Ill.: Drewett will be taking over this position due to the retirement of Ill.: Paul N. Bardua, 33°, who served as our General Secretary for five years. John brings to his new position a very impressive resume in Masonic and management accomplishments. He is no stranger to the members of the Valley as he has served as the Degree Master of the Fourth Degree for many years in addition to serving on the Classroom Director's staff for our Reunions. Ill.: Drewett always has a smile on his face and is ready to tackle any task that is given to him.

Ill.: Ortt will be taking over the position of Prelate with the retirement of Ill.: M. Dean Lovett, 33°. Ill.: Dean has served as our Prelate for many years and did an outstanding job in providing the spiritual direction that we all need. Ill.: Ortt also is not a stranger to the Valley as he has served as Associate Prelate for several years and as Classroom Director since 2007.

We wish Ill.: Bardua and Lovett the best in their retirements and look forward to seeing them at Valley events as their schedules permit. 🍷

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moving to Florida, he demitted to John Darling Lodge No. 154 in Tampa where he served as Lodge Instructor from 2001 to 2007 and then demitted to High Twelve Lodge No. 317 in Lutz, receiving his 25-Year Award in 2009. He currently holds his Silver and Blue Proficiency cards from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 1987 and served as the Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew in 2008. In addition, he is a member of the 11th, 22nd, 29th and 31st Degrees. He has been a member of our Light and Sound Committee since 2001 and is currently the principal lighting technician of that committee.

Brother Rakita is also a member of Tampa Council No. 8 R&SM, serving as Illustrious Master in 2008 and Tampa-Cushing Chapter No. 3, RAM where he served as Excellent High Priest in 2009. 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

As we close the year 2010, it was a Historical Year for the Valley of Tampa. We had the largest Reunion Classes in many years. Our attendance at our regular meeting, family functions and Reunions by our members, showed a renewed commitment to be active in the life of the Valley of Tampa, by increased attendance.

What is the “History” of the Valley of Tampa? It is all of our members living their lives as Scottish Rite Freemasons, from the lessons we encountered while advancing through our Blue Lodge Degrees, and then the College of Freemasonry, and its “Scottish Rite Twenty-Nine Degrees.” Thus, Freemasonry will have truly have lived up to its basic goal, that of taking good men, and making them better.

The year 2011 will also be a another Historical Year for the Valley of Tampa, as this is our 110th year in existence arrives. I urge each member to bring a new Brother from your lodge into more Masonic Light in the coming year. We have reprinted and updated the History of the Valley of Tampa, and it will be on sale in our Emblem Shop for \$10, all profit goes the Scottish Rite Foundation and is tax deductible.

May each of you have a wonderful holiday with your families. God Bless. 🐾

Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

January 10, 2011

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

February 14, 2011

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

March 14, 2011

Green Salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage
Cake/Pie

April 11, 2011

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, January 10, 2011:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Open Meeting

Installation of Scottish Rite Officers of the Four Coordinate Bodies and Officers of the Scottish Rite Clubs and the KCCH, Guard, Knights of St. Andrew and Past Masters' Organizations.

Monday, February 14, 2011:

Executive Committee Meeting,

Dinner and Regular Meeting. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

I wish to thank all the Brethren in each of our Reunion Committees, for their dedicated and hard work during the year, and especially during our Spring and Fall Reunions. We renewed two degrees that

had not been conferred in 10 years, had the largest candidates entrance into the Valley of Tampa in many years, and the most efficient, smooth operation of every phase of our Reunions.

To those new Masters of the Royal Secret, I encourage each of you to become an active member of the Valley of Tampa Reunion Committees of Lights and Sound, Costumes and Floor and Properties. Due to death, and other factors, we need new Brothers to become members of these committees.

Here is another suggestion for you to consider, talk to your Scottish Rite Brothers in your own lodge, about forming a degree team. We still have a number of degrees that have not been conferred in over 10 years, none take over an hour, and some even less, with the new approved Supreme Council Rituals. If you and your Brothers decide to become a committee member, or work in a degree, please let our General Secretary know, and he will pass this information to me.

There is a possibility that we will be able to add another two degrees to the 2011 Reunions. The scheduled Spring Reunion dates are April 9 and 16, 2011; the Fall Reunion dates are October 22 and 29, 2011.

God Bless each of you. 🐾

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. 🐾

Sr. Prelate ✝

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

“A Wish Becomes – Blessing”

In our families for years, we all have followed traditions. One example would be the act of wishing and hoping that events would come true, or something we dreamed about would come to pass.

Always as children's birthdays would come, the big cake set upon the table, and candles would be lit—we were instructed and told to *make a wish* and blow out the candles... hoping our wish would come true.

During the early fifties, a great movie came to all the theaters, titled: “*Three Coins In A Fountain.*” It was filmed in beautiful Rome.

The story line was about three young ladies looking and hoping 'mister right' would come along. The theory was that each of the ladies would toss a coin into the fountain—in hopes their dream would become a reality. The lyrics of the song soundtrack went like this: “Only one wish can be granted, which one will the fountain bless?”

All of these things we have done over the years—the birthday cake with candles—making a wish—watching a movie about a fountain, hoping for its blessing—they were all good intentions, but did they really bring results?

Let's look at one last choice that could be the best for having our wishes, dreams and hopes come true. Reach and pick-up the old Book of our ‘Faith and Practice.’ For many ages it has been relied upon. Let us refer to this scripture as our guide.

A greeting in the opening letter from John the Apostle to his dear friend Gaius... “*I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers.*”

(III John 2)

A wish with the intent of a prayer becomes a blessing. 🐾



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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 A. Beegle, 32°
May 6, 2010

Richard A. A. Martin, 32°
December 4, 2010

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December 1, 2010

Truman W. Cole, Jr., 32°
October 13, 2010

John W. McDonald, 32°
October 24, 2010

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February 6, 2010

Arthur M. Dees, Jr., 32°
September 27, 2010

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June 14, 2010

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June 2, 2009

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October 13, 2010

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October 21, 2010

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November 16, 2010

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September 10, 2010

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November 25, 2010

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October 1, 2010

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October 2, 2010