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## Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida Double Eagle Award Recipients February 2011 Consistory Meeting



24 Brothers received their new Double Eagle Award bars at the February Consistory meeting. Double Eagle Award points are earned by any member of the Valley for their participation in Valley events and Valley and Club meeting attendance. Points accumulate from year to year and bars are awarded as point levels are attained. A complete description of the Double Eagle Award program is available at the Valley's Website: [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org).

Congratulations to these brothers for their continued dedication to the Valley of Tampa and to the principles of the Scottish Rite.

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## Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren:

There are some changes being made in the Valley of Tampa as was experienced by those who were able to attend our February meeting. At that meeting, we heard the first of several Masonic education programs that will be offered this year by Casey Fletcher, 32°. Brother

Fletcher's talk was well accepted by the brethren and was very informative. We hope you will be able to be with us for his next presentation.

Other additions to our program is a suggestion box at the Tyler's desk where members are encouraged to make suggestions as to what they would like to see their Valley do to make their membership more beneficial. The suggestion box will also be on the Website soon, so if you cannot make a Consistory meeting, you will still have an opportunity to express your feelings. Please take advantage of this.

Our Wise Master, Ill.: Rick Agster, 33°, is implementing a program to recognize our Scottish Rite Club members who attend our monthly meetings. We hope to encourage our Club members to attend as often as possible and we hope that this new program will meet our objectives.

Finally brethren, our Spring Reunion will be held April 9 and 16 and is in memory of Ill.: Wencil (Casey) Stengle, 33°. Candidates are needed and we encourage all of you to attend all or part of this Reunion. The Reunion schedule is posted on the website ([www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org)). Please check it out. 🐾

## Your Scottish Rite Foundation

by Rusty Glendinning, 33°, Personal Representative

Brethren, we have been informed by our Scottish Rite of Foundation of Florida that they are incurring a budget crunch to meet the needs of the children that we serve through the fourteen Rite Care clinics in Florida. An appeal has been put out by our Deputy for the Scottish Rite brethren in Florida for HELP so that our good work can continue.

Please take a moment and join me by donating \$20 to the Foundation and mailing it to the

Scottish Rite of Tampa, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634. Your check should be made payable to the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc.* It is only with our financial support that our clinics are able to support those children who suffer from being able to communicate effectively with their families and friends. Our help and assistance is needed to allow them to have a happy childhood. 🐾

## General Secretary

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°

A meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee was held at the Scottish Rite on January 22. As a result of the meeting, the four heads of the bodies were charged with selecting a project from the list and seeing that the project will be completed during their respected terms of office.



- Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh - Identify a representative from the appendant bodies to promote Scottish Rite.
- Stanley H. Rakita, 32° Commander - Passport ( 4° - 32° ) first time visitor cards.
- Richard S. Agster, 33° Wise Master - Recognition award for largest club representation at meetings.
- John F. Wermann, 32° , Venerable Master - Suggestion Box. 🐾

## 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

Paul D. Barber, 32°

## 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. 🐾

## Ill.: Richard Agster, 33°

Wise Master

Our Wise Master, Ill.: Rick Agster, 33° has served the Fraternity in many capacities over the years. A Past Master of Fellowship Lodge No. 285 in Tampa, Ill.: Agster was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the old 20th W Masonic District in 1987 by M.: W.: George Hayes. His service to the Grand Lodge of Florida actually started in 1983 when he was appointed to the Penal Affairs Panel. For twelve years he was one of the attorneys for our Masonic Home and also served on the Panel of Attorneys for the Grand Lodge for fourteen years.

An active York Rite Mason, Ill.: Agster was appointed to the bottom of the line of Royal & Selects Masters of Florida and served the Grand Council as M.:I.: Grand Master in 2000.

Ill.: Agster became a Master of the Royal Secret in 1973 in the Valley of Tampa, was invested with the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989 and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 2007. He has served as the Degree Master of the 31st Degree for many years. 🐾



## John Wermann, 32° Venerable Master

Our Venerable Master, John Wermann, 32° is certainly no stranger to the Valley of Tampa. Brother Wermann received his Scottish Rite degree in 2000 in the Valley of Fort Myers and affiliated with the Valley of Tampa in 2004. Since then, he has become very active in the Valley, including his year as Venerable Master of the



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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 May/June Bulletin

April 4 - Contributor deadline  
April 11 - Office contributor deadline  
April 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

Guillermo Carreras

### Fifty Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

Wallace D. Clements, 32° Emanuel Schonberger, 32° -  
Wallace Ziprik, Jr., 32°

### Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

Ray E. Gibson, 32° KCCH Gary L. Grissett, 32°

### Perpetual Certificate & Wallet Card

Gerald A. Campbell, 32° John C. McLaughlin, 32°  
James K. Davis, 32° Rendle F. Taylor, 32°

### Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Circle of Life Animal Hospital  
Charles J. Pesola, 32° KCCH  
Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH  
Patricia & Lynn C. Raposa, 32°  
Alice & Louie A. King, 33°  
Pinellas Scottish Rite Club  
Lake Region Scottish Rite Club  
Peggy & C. Donald Prosser, 33°  
N. Central Scottish Rite Club  
Beverly & Richard J. Whalen, 33°  
New York Yankees Tampa Foundation  
Tampa Scottish Rite Emblem Shop

## The fruits of his labor...

by Coleman  
Hill, 32° KCCH  
Master of Kadosh

A number of years ago, I made a necessary trip to Washington D.C. and found time to visit the House of the Temple.

I would be misleading you if I merely described it as an amazing experience. My guide was Bro. John Crull, Jr., and he took great pains to make sure that I was able to see everything that might even slightly interest me. However when we reached the crypt containing the



bust of Albert Pike, I paused for a long time. At first, he walked on, unaware that I had stopped. A few seconds later, when he noticed that I had stopped, he came back to me and stood silent for a moment before noting, "He was an amazing man, wasn't he."

I never corrected his incorrect impression that I was awed by the bust of the great man. In fact, it was not the bust that caught my eye; rather, it was the inscription below the bust: "He has lived. The fruits of his labor live after him."

I have never forgotten that moment; it changed my view of Masonry, of Masons and of my perception of what Masonry is all about. At some future date, it will be said of each of us, "He has lived." More importantly, how many of us will have the fruits of our labor live after us? If we are to be true Masons and Brethren of our Ancient Rite, it is not who we are that counts, it is what we *Do* that *Really* matters.

Masonry is full of titles, many earned, many appointed or elected and many honorary. Sometimes

I think there are more titles than there are Brethren entitled to use them. But, how many of us stop to think—we are all mortal and our bodies die, but the titles live on—and are bestowed upon another. Most of our names will be somewhere inscribed upon a roll of deceased Brethren. Perhaps our regalia will be passed on, perhaps not. But, the real memorial, the greatest memorial, and perhaps the only memorial commemorating our individual lives as Masons, will be the contributions our collective and individual efforts have made to the Craft.

We close each prayer with "So mote it be." Who first used the term? Where did it come from? Who knows? Who cares? The important thing is that most of us, as Masons, cannot imagine a prayer—in a Masonic setting—that could be ended with any other phrase. The "it" does not refer to a man, deceased or still active. It refers to our belief that those things we have prayed for are possible and will occur if it is the will of an all-powerful God, The Great Architect of the Universe.

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### BROTHER TO BROTHER

Brethren, as you can imagine, we have Brothers who for various reasons are not financially able to pay their Scottish Rite dues and may run the risk of being suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. The Valley of Tampa has a Brother To Brother program where you may volunteer to pay the dues of a worthy and distressed Brother if it is necessary.

If you are able to assist in this program, please complete the form below and return it to the General Secretary at 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634. You may not be called on this year to assist a brother but I can guarantee you that you will not be called on more than once in any given year.

Rusty Glendinning, 33°  
Personal Representative

Dear Brother Drewett:

Yes, I am willing to participate in the Valley of Tampa's Brother To Brother program and will gladly remit a check for the dues of a Brother who is unable to pay them to retain his Scottish Rite membership.

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Please Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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It is my firm belief that the deceased are not rank-ordered by The Creator, according to the number and loftiness of their titles. However, I do believe that an all-knowing God is aware of our deeds. Each of us should be able to examine our respective consciences and ask, “What have I done; what was my contribution today, yesterday, this week?” Pity the Brother who asks these questions and finds no answer.

Today, this year, this minute, we have a unique opportunity to provide an affirmative answer and to allow others to do the same. We are early into a new millennium. What will we do now that will change the future to make it better than it would have been without our efforts?

When you next enter the Consistory, you will find a suggestion box at the door—use it. But, more importantly, when the time arrives, lend your efforts to make your suggestion a reality. You don’t have to sign your name. But, if you truly devote yourself to the task at hand, it should be enough to know that, at some future time, some Brother will say, “*The fruits of his labor live after him.*” 🐾

## Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

This year 2011, is a “Historical Year” for the Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies, as it begins our 110th year in existence. The returns of 1911 show our four Scottish Rite Bodies with the following membership; Lodge of Perfection with 155 members, Chapter of Rose Croix with 253 members, Council of Kadosh with 244 members, and our Consistory with 242 members. During the Supreme Council session of 1911, Brothers George P. Sullivan and Brother John C. White our Consistory Secretary, were coroneted Honorary 33°. The Chapter of Rose Croix began the First Maundy Thursday and Easter Services in 1911. During 1911, 38 Lodge of Perfection Brothers received the Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees, all degrees were communicated. The Preceptory of Kadosh in 1911 communicated the 19°-30° to 14 Brothers, among whom was local photographer Jeane E. Burgert. The Tampa Consistory communicated and consecrated eleven new Masters of the Royal Secret, including Brother Burgert, to close the year 1911.

*Note: Brethren, we now have on sale the Revised History of the Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies for \$10. I recommend that if you do not have a copy, you purchase a copy of this beautifully revised History of Your Valley. It would make a nice gift for a Brother or your Lodge, the cost is only \$10.00. You may obtain a copy at our Emblem Shop. 🐾*

## Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

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](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.

Monday, March 14, 2011:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

Saturdays, April 9 & 16, 2010:  
Spring Reunion will be in honor of  
Ill. Wencil H. (Casey) Stengle, 33° SGIG

Monday, April 11, 2011:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Regular Meeting. 🐾



## Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, the Supreme Council has again honored the Valley of Tampa by granting the 33° Coronation, and KCCH Investiture to the Valley of Tampa on November 12. This will require our Valley to change

both the Spring and Fall Reunion dates, the Spring Reunion will be held on April 9 and April 16. Therefore, all Brethren should begin to recruit your Blue Lodge Brothers that have not joined the College of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite. Since this is our 110-Year Anniversary, it should be a major selling point for new members. Remember that your dues as well as initiation fees can be paid by credit card now. I request that "ALL DEGREE MASTERS," NOTIFY the Secretary's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Trish Warhul, Ill.: Rusty Glendinning and me, of the members of your cast. If there are no changes in your cast members, you must still notify all concerned, "Degree No. xxx, NO CHANGE IN CAST." Thank you all for your help in this matter. Another reminder to Degree Masters, if you plan to conduct your degree practice at the Masonic Center, you must request the dates from me. This will allow our Reunion committees to assist you in sound, and floor arrangement. 🐾

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Knights of St. Andrew in 2009. He is also a member of the 5th, 21st, 29th and 30th degrees .

While working in the Scottish Rite, John has also served as Worshipful Master of Venice Lodge No. 301 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in the 27th Masonic District by M.:W.: Joe Fleites. He has also served the Grand Lodge with appointments to several Grand Lodge Committees. He is currently the Worshipful Master of the Florida Lodge of Research.

He is also active in the York Rite, having served as the presiding officer of all three bodies and was elected a KYCH in 2010. He is also a member of the Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, the York Rite College and the Red Cross of Constantine. 🐾

## Sr. Prelate

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

### "Winter Will Not Last"

*"As long as the earth  
endures seed time and  
harvest cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day  
and night, shall not cease."*

Genesis 8:22



Winter is not the most popular of the seasons. It is a time of dark short days and long nights- blizzards- heavy snow-hardened earth and ice...

The season of winter is a time when beautiful trees and flower gardens become wilted and destroyed. Yet in all this darkness and despair, we know that the sun and warmest of weather will soon come again; that roses will bloom again, because God has designed it this way—"WINTER WILL NOT LAST."

Some people are going through the spiritual or emotional winter in their lives today. It may be a company's downsizing that leaves them out of work; a terminal illness; or the death of a loved one. But we can trust that the flowers will bloom again. We can be sure without a doubt the warm summer will return in our lives, because "winter will not last," because God who keeps us through the winter, the same God will set spring in motion.

Always remember everything is still under God's control. Through God our Lord we can have the strength to endure the winters of our lives.

Prayer:

*Dear God help us to accept the challenges of life without losing hope. Amen. 🐾*

## Good For You

Congratulations to the Sun City Scottish Rite Club for four new members in February.



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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



Leland G. Beebe, 32°  
December 31, 2010

Jerry D. Lambert, 32°  
January 6, 2011

Charles H. Robbins Jr., 32°  
January 22, 2011

Paul R. Chafin Jr., 32°  
January 29, 2011

Luis M. Luis, 32°  
December 15, 2010

Glenn A. Swenson, 32°  
December 25, 2010

Charles L. Dearmin, 32°  
January 29, 2011

Douglas F. Lynn, 32°  
September 9, 2010

Jollie F. Trent, 32°  
November 21, 2010

Daniel W. Hall Jr., 32° KCCH  
January 19, 2011

Herschell Mallory Jr., 32°  
December 26, 2010

Harold E. Voss, 32°  
December 6, 2010

Lawrence W. Halter, 32°  
December 30, 2010

Warren H. Miller, 32°  
January 9, 2011

Edward A. Walters, 32°  
December 12, 2010

Frederick W. Hanning, 32°  
January 16, 2011

Maurice G. Murray, 32° KCCH  
December 10, 2010