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Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: There are many things going on in your Valley and I am not sure exactly where to start this article. Maybe I should follow the advice of one of my school teachers who always said, "start at the beginning of page 1" (I always did get good advice from her.)

We are starting the month of May with a fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. On that day, we will start by serving a rib eye steak dinner. Dinner service will begin at 4:00 p.m. continuing through 5:30 p.m. The preparation of the meal will be supervised by one of the chef's from the world famous Bern's Steak House in Tampa. At 6:00 p.m., we will get to meet some of the children who we support at our Rite Care Clinics. Then at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Dennis Lee takes the stage in the auditorium for a two-hour show. Dennis has performed for over ten years and has opened for Lee Greenwood, The Beach Boys, Joey Dee & the Starlighters among others in the music business. Cost of the dinner and show is \$25 per person. Tickets for the show only are \$10 per person. Please call the Scottish Rite office and make your reservations. It promises to be a great night of food and entertainment.

At our May Consistory meeting, we will have a special presentation by Ill. Patrick Palmer, 33° on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. Mark your calendars to attend this meeting (and the dinner that precedes it at 6:00 p.m.) as we pay our tribute to the veterans and active members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

On June 13, we will hold our Annual Flag Day Celebration at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. This meeting is open to everyone so invite your family, friends, next-door neighbors and everyone else you know. The award winning Heralds of Harmony will highlight entertainment.

Brethren, please don't miss these important events being held at **your** Scottish Rite. We think you will find your time spent with us on the 2nd Mondays of the month to be well spent and you will meet the nicest people in the world. 🐾

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. 🐾

General Secretary

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°



It is with great pleasure that I announce that L&L Events will be the new in-house caterer for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. They are in the process of cleaning and organizing the kitchen in preparation for an inspection by the Department of Health. Once the inspection is completed successfully, a permit will be issued and they will be able to prepare food on the premises.

Luis Rovira and L.J. Lamelas are childhood friends who were both born in Cuba. The respective families came over from Cuba when L.J. was nine months old and Luis was a teenager. Their fathers worked together and L.J. and Luis got to know each and have been best friends ever since.

Luis Rovira has been in the entertainment and hospitality business for over 22 years. He is an accomplished disc jockey, photographer, production director and chef. His vision of the full service event company captured L.J.'s interest and imagination. Together, they formed L&L Events. L&L stands for Luis and L.J. Luis Rovira's specialties in the kitchen are Spanish and Italian Cuisine and of course, good old American food.

L.J. Lamelas is a co-owner of L&L Events. He is also a chef and is the financial backer. He handles the financial/accounting and contracts for the company. L.J. owns and manages properties for lease and handles much of the repairs of his rental properties. He also builds props for events. L.J.'s specialties in the kitchen are smoked meats, soups and desserts including 3-D cakes.

I would like to personally invite all of the members and their wives to come out and try our new caterer. We have gotten great reviews so far, and they are eager to please your pallet. For the May meeting we will be having a very special dinner to celebrate the new partnership between L&L Events and the Scottish Rite that you will not want to miss. 🐾

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

Charles R. Bailey, 32°
Richard E. Barrett, 32°
Harris E. Dundore Jr., 32°
Vaughn L. Yeager, 32°

Reinstatement

Clarence B. Law, 32°

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida

The Scottish Rite Foundation is managed by Scottish Rite Masons, motivated by Masonic principles and administered with Masonic integrity. One of the two missions of the Scottish Rite Foundation is to support the many Scottish Rite Language Disorder clinics located in major cities throughout our beautiful State of Florida.

Mission #1 is to provide adequate funding for our highly efficient and desperately needed clinics. Our Foundation support consists of furnishing the clinics with necessary funds to operate the facilities and to hire and teach speech pathologists on staff. With the scope of the foundation being statewide and its diligent Board of Trustees, infused with renewed spirit and vigor, there will be an ever-expanding number of children being reached for treatment in new clinics being opened. Learn more at: www.scottishritefoundationofflorida.org 🐾

Good For You

Congratulations to the 102 brothers who attended our April meeting and dinner. This is one of the largest turnouts in recent years for a regular Consistory meeting. 🐾

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

Good For You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

James D. Bockover, 32°
Charles R. Jordan, 32°

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman II Certificate & Lapel Pin

Jerry A. Haywood, 32°

Twenty-five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

Allen R. Stevens, 32°

Perpetual Membership Certificate & Wallet Card

Leonard J. A. Smith, 32°


Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Glenn G. Banks, 32° KCCH
R. James Rocha, 33°

Scottish Rite Membership

We have recently received the membership report from the Supreme Council for Scottish Rite membership, Southern Jurisdiction as of December 31, 2010. At the end of 2010, there were 209,515 members of the Southern Jurisdiction. Of those, 15,454 were members of the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Florida. In fact, the Orient of Florida ranks third in the Southern Jurisdiction in total Scottish Rite membership. The largest Orient is Texas with 25,462 members, while the second largest is California with 18,393 members.

On the Valley level, the largest Valley is the Valley of Dallas (Texas) with 6,282 members. The Valley of Knoxville (Tennessee) is second with 4,607 members. The Valley of Guthrie (Oklahoma) is the third largest with 4,178 members and the Valley of Tampa is right behind them with 3,670 members.

Isn't it great to be a member of the fourth largest Valley in the Southern Jurisdiction? Let's share this information and our pride, to those brothers who have not taken the next step in Freemasonry. Ask them to join the Scottish Rite. 

Deadline for July/August Bulletin

June 6 - Contributor deadline
June 13 - Office contributor deadline
June 17 - Transmit print file to our printer

Annual Flag Day Celebration

Monday, June 13, 2011

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center



Please plan to attend our Annual Flag Day celebration, which will be held on Monday, June 13. This event is free and open to the public; however, contributions will be gladly accepted to help defray

the cost of the food and entertainment. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Let's show our community that Masons are patriotic—we love our country and the flag for which it stands!

The festivities will begin with flag waving (led by the *Bayshore and Lutz Patriots*) at 5:00 p.m. The free barbecue dinner will start being served at 5:30 p.m. Our patriotic program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in our auditorium.

As usual, Florida Blood Services will have a bloodmobile on site to collect blood donations to help meet the need of our community (we need to have 15 donors to give the gift of life to make this blood drive successful,) and Valerie Gillespie and her group will entertain us in the auditorium before the program begins.

The flag presentation and folding ceremony will be conducted by the *Heroes of '76*, and *The Herald's of Harmony* will once again entertain us with patriotic songs and their wonderful harmonies.

In closing, I would like to commend Ill. Tom Vann, 33°, for the fantastic job he has done with this program for the past ten years. He has been a patriotic leader in our community and fraternity. Thanks, Tom!

If you have any questions, contact Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH, at: (813) 404-7439. 🐾

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal



The Brothers of the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club performed The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal at the Sarasota Scottish Rite Temple on April 6 to a full crowd.

The cast included: Front row (l-r) Philip L. Mitchell, 32° KCCH; Edward L. Jordan, 33°; Gerald E. Goacher, 32° KCCH; guest speaker Richard S. Agster, 33° and Joe Humphreys, 32° KCCH. Center row (l-r): Theo Vreuls, 32°; Stephen A. Yarbrough, 32°; Russell B. Glendinning, 33°; Barry D. Hart, 33°; George P. Mitchell, 32° KCCH and Fred Heinzman, 32° KCCH. Back row (l-r): Allen Sorbie, 32°; Paul Woodman, 32°; G. David Walters, 32° KCCH and Stephen F. Weatherly, 32° KCCH.



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, the Executive Committee after much thought and discussion have canceled our 2011 Spring Reunion, due to a lack of candidates. This action was not done lightly, but with much consideration. I ask

that each of you return to your lodges and redouble your efforts to recruit, and I am not ashamed of that word, "RECRUIT," members of your lodge and other Master Masons who have not yet had the benefit of becoming a Member of the "College of Freemasonry." One of the things many of our newest Master Mason Brothers are looking for after receiving the three Symbolic Degrees, is "more knowledge and understanding of what Freemasonry means and what they can obtain to better inform them about Freemasonry." Scottish Rite Freemasonry gives them that opportunity and source. Consider it your duty to assist your new Brothers by helping in their search for "Further Light."

Does your lodge have a display about becoming a Scottish Rite Brother, with petitions and information pamphlets? If not, you should consider it part of your aid to your Brothers to furnish this information. Freemasonry is experiencing a tremendous influx of young men under 30 years of age. We must not lose this opportunity to advance not only Scottish Rite Masonry, but each Brother's Masonic knowledge as required in each Blue Lodge Charge to all new Master Masons. These young Brothers are the future of their Lodges and Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

God Bless and thank each of you for your help in assisting in the future of our great Fraternity. 🙏

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, this month is the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War that shaped our country. Our forefathers who wrote the Declaration of Independence and Constitution sought to give all citizens the rights that today makes our country the greatest democratic republic ever known in the history of the world.

I do not intend to get into a discussion on the causes and issues raised. I would like to acknowledge some of our own Scottish Rite Brethren, who were active on the local scene for the Confederacy. Since during this time of crisis the only Masonic Lodge was Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, the Brethren were active in both Masonic bodies, although the Valley of Tampa was established much later. Florida seceded from the Union on Jan. 10, 1861; however, the city of Tampa did not receive this information until April 10, 1861, when the Florida Peninsular Newspaper published the headline "To Arms, To Arms." Brothers John Darling, Joseph Robles and John Henderson, collected Florida scrub cattle, shipped them to Cuba in return for guns and ammunition for Confederate forces. Brother Robles, (who Robles' Park is named after), had a salt works at what is the present location of Bayshore and Gandy Blvd's. The Union Navy came ashore and attempted to destroy the only source of salt for the tiny community. Brother Robles caught them in the attempt with his ten-gauge shotgun, and killed several soldiers, captured a few, and saved his salt works. He then took his captives to Fort Brooke and turned them over as POWs to Confederate forces. Both Brothers Darling and Robles were also members of the founders of the Valley of Tampa. Brother Darling was Master of Hillsborough Lodge fourteen times, and Brother Robles three times, and was the developer of the area now known as Tampa Heights. 🙏

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, May 9, 2011:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Regular Meeting

Special Program on the Vietnam Memorial and a salute to our veterans

Monday, June 13, 2011:

Annual Flag Day Ceremony and Program

BBQ Dinner

July 11, 2011:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting

August 8, 2011:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting

September 12, 2011:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting
Special programs recognizing our Masonic Youth
Groups and the sitting Worshipful Masters

October 10, 2011:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Open Meeting
Official Visit of Ill. : Dale I. Goehrig, 33°,
Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of
Florida.

October 22 and 29, 2011:
Fall Reunion
Now is the time to start getting candidates to
become Masters of the Royal Secret

November 12, 2011:
Orient of Florida Honors Weekend in Tampa.
KCCH and 33rd Degree Coronation will be held
at the Scottish Rite in Tampa. Banquet that
evening at the Hyatt Tampa with the Sovereign
Grand Commander in attendance. 🐾

Monthly Meeting Dinner Menus

New menus are being worked on, please check the
listings in the next Bulletin.

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. 🐾

Sr. Prelate

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"The Joy of Masonry"

Dear Brothers "we were first made a Mason in our hearts," the small seed which was planted in our hearts began to grow as we moved through the three degrees—the feeling grew from a small seed to become a great oak. The emotions first became pride, then love, and at last everything in our heart, mind and soul turned into joy. Webster describes joy as "a very happy feeling of great pleasure and delight." This joy has not disappeared into outer space! Some Brothers have just laid it aside.

Masonry has not changed—as Masons we still have our landmarks of brotherhood, relief and truth.

- We still love one another
- We still help in time of distress
- We still have truth in our degrees

So Brothers please do some searching for that lost "joy." Look under your old easy chair where you sit or the TV remote where you enjoy the program on lodge night—but last look on the soul of your shoes. The shoes that once were worn to the lodge and there you just may find the "joy" of Masonry you once had in your heart. Brothers, your lodge needs you and you need what the lodge can give back to you. What you had when you first knocked at the door of Masonry. "Joy" is still just inside that door.

"May God bless you and yours," is my prayer. 🐾



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. 🐾

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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



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March 1, 2011

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March 27, 2011

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January 26, 2011