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## Worshipful Master Recognition Night

Worshipful Master's Recognition Night on September 12, 2011 recognized our Valley's most appreciated Masonic brethren, our Worshipful Masters. We were

pleased to have sixteen Masters with us that evening along with M.: W.: Jim J Harris 32°, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.



Pictured with our Worshipful Masters are Brothers Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh; Stephen Jacobson, 32° KCCH, Chairman of the Program; M.: W.: Jim J Harris, 32°, Grand Master of Florida; Ill.: Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG in Florida and Ill.: Rusty Glendinning, 33°, Personal Representative in Tampa.

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## Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Here we are again, at the end of another year and the beginning of the holiday season. 2011 has indeed proven to be a challenging year for your Valley. Like you, we have had to deal with an economy that has not been kind to our investments or to our members. Like you, we have had to put off some expenditures that we wanted to make but took into consideration many

things and decided to put some projects on hold. In addition, like you, we have made it through another year; looking ahead to 2012.

There are many brothers who work hard year after year for the benefit of the Valley of Tampa. I am talking of course about our officers, Reunion committees, Past Masters Association, Scottish Rite Guard, Knights of St. Andrew, our KCCH Organization and our various committees. When you attend our Reunions, you see these names listed in our Reunion Book.

There is one group of members though, that never seem to get listed anywhere, but nonetheless, are tireless workers on our behalf. I am talking about our Club Presidents; Brother **Casey Fletcher**, 32° Lake Region Club; Brother **Glenn Banks**, 32° KCCH, North Pinellas Club; Brother **Charlie Cheshire**, 32° KCCH, Pinellas Club; Brother **Steve Weatherly**, 32° KCCH, Sarasota Club; and Brother **Robert Lohr**, 32° Sun City Club. These brothers work hard in their local area to promote the Scottish Rite. We are very fortunate to have five Scottish Rite Clubs in our area. Please check the listing of each club and where they meet in this issue of *The Bulletin*. I hope that their meeting dates and times will allow you to attend one of our club meetings. They are great times and afford a wonderful opportunity to meet new brothers and share in the brotherhood that the Scottish Rite offers.

Brethren, this is the time of the 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. 🐾

## Scottish Rite Club News

Brother Jerry Hill, State Attorney of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, presented an informative program recently to the Lake Region Scottish Rite Club. He is a member of Winter Haven Lodge No. 186, the Valley of Orlando and the Bahia Shrine.

Brother Hill reviewed the history of the judicial system for the circuit, which includes Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, since his election in 1984. 🐾

**General Secretary**

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°



**Caterer Gets Permit**

Recently our in-house caterers, L&L Events, passed an exhausting inspection conducted by the Hillsborough County Department of Health.

After a flawless inspection, they were issued a permit allowing them to cook on the premises.

**L&L Events presents The Holiday Dinner**

Are you going to be alone for Thanksgiving? Or would you just like someone else to do the cooking this year? If so, you are in luck! L&L Events is presenting their fully cooked gourmet holiday dinner. Order ala carte or one of their convenient packages for additional savings. All orders must be prepaid by November 14, 2011 by calling (813) 597-9927. You will be able to pick up your dinners on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dinners may be picked up at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Kitchen, located in the rear of the building at 5500 Memorial Highway Tampa.

**The Menu**

**Entrees:**

- Fried Turkey
  - Regular 10-12 lbs., 7-10 servings . . . . \$34.99
  - Large 16-18 lbs., 14-18 servings . . . . \$49.99
- Spiral Sliced Ham
  - Regular 7-8 lbs. 10-18 Servings . . . . \$49.99
- Fried Turkey
  - Breast 2.5 lbs. 6-8 Servings . . . . . \$19.99

**Breads**

- Biscuits . . . . . \$2.50 for 6
- Rolls . . . . . \$2.50 for 6
- Corn Muffins . . . . . \$6.00 for 6

**Desserts**

- Apple Pie . . . . . \$8.00 Each
- Pecan Pie . . . . . \$10.00 Each

- Pumpkin Pie . . . . . \$10.00 Each
- Cinnamon Apples . . . . . \$8.00 Each
- Chocolate Chip Cookies . . . . . \$8.00 Dozen

**Sides - Serves 4-6**

- Turkey Gravy . . . . . \$2.00
- Mashed Potatoes . . . . . \$6.00
- Green Bean Casserole . . . . . \$6.00
- Potatoes Au Gratin . . . . . \$6.00
- Sweet Potato Souffle . . . . . \$6.00
- Macaroni & Cheese . . . . . \$6.00
- Stuffing . . . . . \$6.00
- Smoked Corn on the Cob . . . . . \$6.00
- Yellow Rice . . . . . \$6.00
- Black Beans . . . . . \$6.00
- Fried Plantains . . . . . \$6.00

**Packages**

- The Indian** . . . . . \$24.99
  - Turkey Breast, 1 side, Turkey Gravy, Biscuits or rolls
- The Pilgrim** . . . . . \$54.99
  - Reg. Turkey, 2 Sides, 1 Dessert, Turkey Gravy, Biscuits or Rolls
  - \*Add \$4.99 for Large Upgrade
- The Governor** . . . . . \$119.99
  - Reg. Turkey, Reg. Ham, 3 Sides, 2 Breads, 2 Desserts, Turkey Gravy
  - \*Add \$4.99 for each Large Upgrade. 🍷

**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**

- Thomas D. Frey, 32°
- Richard A. Vogt, 32°

**Reinstatement**

- Emile P. Boudreault, 32°
- Michael W. Neveitt, 32°
- Mason D. Pratt, 32°



## Scottish Rite Clubs

### Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

(dark June, July and August)

Lakeland Lodge No. 91

505 N Mass. Avenue, Lakeland, 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 Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Perkins Family Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd., N, Largo, 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

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## Deadline for Jan./Feb. Bulletin

December 5 - Contributor deadline

December 14 - Office contributor deadline

December 16 - Transmit print file to our printer

## Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

### Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Segundo A. Carreno, 32°

C. Charles Cheshire, 32° KCCH

G. Gordon Goodman, 32°

Richard E. Hugel, 32°

Donald L. Kelly, 32°

### Fifty-Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

George L. Brown Jr., 32° William N. McKown, 32°

Gustine Butler, 32° William W. Merrill, 32°

William J. Castagna, 32° Carl A. Northrup Jr., 32°

Russell J. Caughey III, 32° Billy J. Osborne, 32°

George G. Cumming, 32° James M. Peterson, 32°

Harold L. Cuthbertson, 32° Alonza L. Pullen, 32°

George A. Dietz, 32° Frank Rosado Jr., 32°

Alvin J. Downing, 32° George E. Stringer, 32°

Albert M. Fernandez, 32° Owen H. Van Cleave, 32°

Norman H. Geisel, 32° Ralph W. Wallen, 32°

Charles F. Goldston, 32° John R. Wood, 32°

Walter L. Jacques Jr., 32°

### Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

John M. Bankhead Jr., 33°

Jerome E. Murray, 32° KCCH

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

### Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

Kenneth A. Warner, 32° KCCH

Michael E. Woodley, 32° KCCH

## Honors Weekend

The Orient of Florida will welcome Ill. Ronald Seale, 33°, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction to the Orient's Honors Weekend in Tampa, on November 12, 2011. On that day, 18 brothers will be coroneted 33° Scottish Rite Masons and 39 brothers will be invested with the rank and dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

The culmination of the weekend will be the Honors Banquet on November 12 at the Hyatt Regency Tampa. Our Grand Commander will be the main speaker for the banquet, which is open to all members of the Scottish Rite and their families.

More information and the registration form are available on the Valley's website, [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org).

On the home page click on the link to the registration form on the section pertaining to our Honors. Deadline for reservations is November 1, 2011. If you have questions, please call the Valley Office at (813) 886-0578. 🐾

## Good for You

Congratulations to Ill.: John Stafford, 33° on receiving his 40-Year Pin in Sarasota Masonic Lodge No. 147.

Congratulations to Ill.: Ken Balsley, 33° on his appointment to the Grand Master's Coordinating Committee for the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Past Master John Westerman 32° was recently honored as Mason of the Year in the 24th Masonic District in a special presentation by Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim J Harris. Worshipful Westerman currently serves as Zone 7 Chairman of the Grand Master's Charity. He is a Past Master of Travelers Lodge No. 390 in Lake Alfred, Florida, past President of the District's Masters and Wardens Association and a Scottish Rite Master Craftsman.

Congratulations to Ill.: Thede Tooma, 33° on receiving his 60-Year Blue Lodge Membership Award. The presentation was made by M.:W.: Jim J Harris, Grand Master of Florida.

Brother Sheriff Grady Judd, 32° KCCH was awarded the Community Service Award for 2011 from Egypt Shriners. 🐾

## Supreme Council Action

The Supreme Council has informed the Valleys in the Southern Jurisdiction that beginning with the Fall 2011 Reunions, all candidates will receive an annotated version of Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma upon becoming Masters of the Royal Secret. In light of this action, beginning with our Spring 2012 Reunion, the fees for the Degrees will be increased from \$200 to \$235 to cover the Valley's cost in purchasing a sufficient number of copies of Morals and Dogma for our new candidates.

Should any member of the Valley wish to purchase a copy of the annotated version of Morals and Dogma, the price is \$75 plus shipping and may be ordered directly from the Supreme Council. 🐾

## Monthly Dinners

At the October meeting of the Executive Committee, it was approved to increase the cost of our monthly dinners to \$9.00 per person. This increase is the first increase that we have had to impose since July 2007 and is due to the increase in food costs incurred by our caterer.

The Executive Committee discussed this increase to great extent before approving the increase, but felt it was necessary to keep the quality of our meals at the current level. We sincerely hope that you will understand the need for this increase and continue to support your Valley by attending our dinners prior to each of our monthly meetings. 🐾

## Coming Masonic Events

Please note ALL Scottish Rite Masons may attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee Meetings start at 4:30 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.

November 7, 2011:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Regular Meeting

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.

December 12, 2011:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner, Regular Meeting and Election of Officers

January 9, 2012:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Public Installation of Officers

February 13, 2012:  
Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Regular Meeting. 🐾



## Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, the 2011 Reunion, KCCH Investiture and Thirty Third Degree Coronation held in the Tampa Masonic Center have been great occasions in 2011 in the Valley of Tampa. I have requested

that all Brethren who sponsored any candidates be in attendance to welcome our new Masters of the Royal Secret to our Valley. There is another request that I would like to see all Brothers and Candidates comply with, showing your appreciation to all those Brothers who have been members of the various degree casts, members of the Lighting and Sound Committee, Stage and Floor Properties Committee and the Wardrobe and Make-Up Committee. These Brothers give of their time and talents to insure our candidates and members have the very best Reunion each year. They labor in the quarries of Scottish Freemasonry, mostly unknown and unrecognized, but out of their love for our Fraternity. When you receive your Reunion Book, look up those Brothers and please express your gratitude for the dedicated and hard work they perform year after year. It will not cost you anything but a few minutes, but to those Brothers, words of thanks mean a lot. God Bless. 🙏

## The Holy Saints John

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Some basic information is necessary, before we discuss Masonry's Patron Saints. Freemasonry has adopted John the Baptist and John the Evangelist as its Patron Saints. With this reasoning then, these Patron Saints belonged to a Lodge, and that it must have been in the city that they lived in, which was Jerusalem.

By this tradition, all Lodges came from this one Lodge in Jerusalem. Therefore, all Masons came from such a Lodge, and proves that he comes from "a just and legal legally constituted Lodge."

St. John Lodges belonged to those Masons, who were members of the fraternity prior to the organization of the First or Premier Grand Lodge of England. They also came to be identified with the regular, but unaffiliated Masons of England.

In the Exposed Rituals of 1723, those Rituals emphasized Christian doctrine, however by 1830 and the union of both English Grand Lodges, all references to Christianity had been removed from its rituals, and the rituals changed to reflect "the God all Men worship, the Grand Architect of the Universe." Nevertheless, it still organized its annual assemblies and feasts on the birthdays of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in Chapter II, in 1848, it declares that this body practices and recognizes no degrees of Freemasonry, but that of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

The workings in America resembles that of Scotland, more than that of the Grand Lodge of England. In the union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813, with the elimination of Christian doctrines removed from their ritual, all Lodges were then dedicated to King Solomon, though the New Testament was retained.

Before we discuss John the Baptist, some explanation of baptism in the Jewish religious practices is necessary. Jewish Ritual Baptism or "TUILAH," is the act of immersion in its natural sources water, principally the River Jordan. In the Hebrew Bible and other Jewish texts, immersion in water for ritual purification was established for restoration to a condition of "ritual purity." It represents a status in regards to purification, restoration and qualification, for full practice in the life of the community. This change of status could be repeated.

## John The Baptist

John was born in June 24, 6 B.C. and executed 36 C.E. He was the son of Zachariah, a Jewish Priest and his wife Elizabeth, a daughter of Aaron, making John a direct descendent of Aaron through his mother and father. His mother had lost hope of giving birth due to her age and being barren, but received a divine message in her sleep that she would conceive a child.

John lived a very simple life as a grown man, with clothes made of camel skin and carried a staff to assist him during his travels. His diet consisted of natural foods found wherever he happened to be, such as locusts. He has been regarded as a prophet by the famous Jewish historian Josephus, and by Christian, Islam, Bahia Faith, Aramaic Mathew, the Qur'an, and the New Testament. He was baptized at the River Jordan while preaching to obey the laws of God. He was a practicing Jew, who lived by Jewish Laws. He

received Jesus of Nazareth and his Apostles, and baptized all in the River Jordan. He acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah found in the Old Testament in Malachi 3 verse 1, and found in the New Testament in Luke Chapter I, and Jewish Antiquities Book 18, Chapter 2 & 5, written by Josephus.

Herod the Great had John imprisoned because John had denounced Herod for marrying his brother's divorced wife, Herodias, which was against Jewish Law. During John's imprisonment, Herodias conspired with her daughter Salome to dance before Herod, after Salome had danced, Herod told her she could have any wish, and she asked for John's head on a platter. Herod complied and John was executed.

However, Josephus gives a different account of the reason for the execution of John. John had acquired a huge following with his preaching and baptizing of the people. Because of this huge following, he not only became a religious threat, but a political one as well, to Herod's reasoning. Obviously, Herod looked upon John's teachings as possibly causing a rebellion; therefore, he ordered that John be executed. It is possible both accounts are true, as John spoke against the immorality of the life Herod was living against Jewish Laws.

### John The Evangelist

John the Evangelist was born December 27, 1 A.D. and died in 100 A.D. His father was the son of Zebedee and his mother was Salome, and he was the brother of James the Greater. He came from a family of fishermen consisting of his father and brother. John was called as an Apostle of Jesus of Nazareth, and was one of the original twelve Apostles. When Jesus was brought before the Jewish priests for trial, John was present and followed Jesus when he was brought before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate for his decision as to the fate of Jesus. He became the only one of the Apostles to accompany the journey of Jesus to the place of execution by crucifixion. He was also the first of the Disciples to see the first appearance of Jesus after the crucifixion together with Peter, as well as all the other appearances prior to the ascension. After the crucifixion, he and the other Disciples remained in the area for approximately 12 years. They were scattered by the order of Herod Agrippa I, which saved their lives. John then began a journey to Asia Minor where he remained for many years, returning in 51 A.D. to Jerusalem for a meeting with other ministers of the new Christian faith. John has been recognized

as author of the Three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelations. In his later years, he went to live on the Island of Patmos, where it is said, he wrote the Book of Revelations. His burial site is reportedly at Ephesus.

As a further note, he is the Co-patron Saint of Freemasonry, with John the Baptist, and thus associated with the Masonic and Military Order of "The Red Cross Of Constantine."

**Reference:** *Coils Masonic Encyclopedia and the Grand Lodge of Florida Mentor's Manual.* 🐾

### Prelate Emeritus

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

### "Don't Be Troubled"

Never have I seen a farmer surprised by his crop. They always believed whatever they planted would be what they expected to grow up out of the ground. Some farmers I knew would sow large fields of potatoes, while others had planted in cotton or soybeans. Recently I have seen many acres devoted to a crop of corn, but once the seed had been sown, none of these farmers were startled when the plants began to emerge from the earth.

That's how God designed the world. "We reap what we sow." We live on a planet where sin has been sown by all humankind. We know this is true because of a multitude of wars. More and more children commit or become victims of violent crime. Conflict surrounds us as turmoil rages in the human heart.

As we suffer through these painful times, God gives us peaceful encouragement. "Do not be troubled or anxious." As long as people sow rebellion against God, we will see similar tragedies. God invites us to sow faith in him... so we can reap abundant life. Lord help us to not sow seed of discord in our lives, but seed of peace.

Mark 13:7 reminds us –

*"When you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled for such things must be; but the end shall not be yet."*

If we sow good seed, we will grow faith and peace in our hearts. 🐾





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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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August 19, 2011

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September 4, 2011

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September 5, 2011

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August 11, 2011

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September 9, 2011

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August 12, 2011

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July 1, 2011

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September 17, 2011

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September 12, 2011

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July 12, 2011