

# SCOTTISH RITE **Bulletin**

VALLEY OF TAMPA – ORIENT OF FLORIDA

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
5500 Memorial Highway • Tampa, FL 33634 • (813) 886-0578  
Meets 2nd Monday of Each Month

Volume 34 No. 5 • September - October 2011

[www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org)

[www.helpforkidspeech.org/sr](http://www.helpforkidspeech.org/sr)

## **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 12, 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 James J Harris, Grand Master of Masons in Florida** 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.** 🐾

## Executive Committee

### OFFICERS

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°  
*Chairman*

Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH  
*Master of Kadosh - Tampa Consistory*

Stanley H. Rakita, 32°  
*Commander - Council of Kadosh*

Richard S. Agster, 33°  
*Wise Master - Chapter of Rose Croix*

John F. Wermann, 32°  
*Venerable Master - Lodge of Perfection*

Kenneth A. Warner, 32° KCCH  
*Prior*

Richard J. Whalen, Sr., 33°  
*Treasurer*

### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Casey A. Fletcher, 32°

Carl E. Gilmore, 32° KCCH

Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH

W. Bruce Steube, III, 33°

### VALLEY OF TAMPA CONTACTS

Scottish Rite Office

(813) 886-0578

info@srtampa.org

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

*Personal Representative  
of the Deputy in Florida*

(941) 356-7209

personalrepresentative@srtampa.org

John E. Drewett, 33°

*General Secretary* (813) 886-0578  
generalsecretary@srtampa.org

Trish Warhul

*Administrative Assistant* (813) 886-0578  
info@srtampa.org

Richard J. Whalen, Sr, 33°

*Treasurer*

treasurer@srtampa.org

Coleman L. Hill, 32 KCCH

*Almoner*

almoner@srtampa.org

C. Donald Prosser 33°

*Director of Work*

dow@srtampa.org

Stephen D. Piner, 33°

*Webmaster*

webmaster@srtampa.org

Bulletin Editor

bulletin@srtampa.org



## Personal Representative of the Deputy in Florida

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren, There are many things happening in the Valley of Tampa over the next several months and I hope that you will be able to participate in many, if not all of them. Our September 12 meeting will be an open meeting as we continue our tradition of recognizing those members of DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters who meet

within the Valley of Tampa. That night I ask that you please wear any honors or awards that you have received from these organizations (PMC, PWA, PBHQ jewel, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor, Chevalier or Rainbow Grand Cross of Color). Our young people are our future—let's show them that we support them in their endeavors.

Also on the 12th, we will again recognize the Worshipful Masters of the 67 Blue Lodges in our area. This program was well received last year, and promises to be just as successful this year. Our Worshipful Masters are hardworking brethren who toil in the quarries every day of Freemasonry. We in the Scottish Rite own them a debt of gratitude for their labors.

At our October meeting, we will receive Ill.: Dale I. Goehrig 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida as he makes his official visit to the Valley of Tampa. Please mark your calendar to be with us that evening. It is also an open meeting so our ladies are invited to be with us that evening.

As you will read in this issue of The Bulletin, our Fall Reunion will be October 22 and 29. This Reunion is in memory of Ill.: Vernon T. Clark, Jr., 33° and the long time Almoner of the Valley. Petitions need to be turned into the General Secretary no later than October 14. This Reunion is a great way to show our love and respect for the work that Ill.: Vernon did for the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry.

One of our biggest challenges is not only getting candidates for our Degrees, but also keeping members from being suspended for non-payment of dues. I am happy to announce that Ill.: Jim Rocha, 33° has agreed to chair a new committee in the Valley on Membership Retention. This committee is in the process of making contact with the 300+ members who have not paid their 2011 dues as of this time. This is a monumental undertaking and we look forward to positive results from Ill.: Jim and his committee. Please take a moment and check your Scottish Rite dues card now. Does it have the current year, 2011? If not, please send your \$65 check for your 2011 dues just as soon as possible.

On November 12, 2011, the Valley of Tampa will host the Ill.: Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° Honors Weekend where the Knights Commander Court of Honor will be invested on 39 Masters of the Royal Secret from throughout the Orient of Florida and 18 KCCH brethren will be coroneted 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons. You will find in this

issue of The Bulletin a list of those brothers from Tampa who will be receiving their KCCH or 33rd Degree on November 12. When you see them, please congratulate them.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Honors Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Tampa. Our special guest for the banquet will be Ill. Ronald Seale 33°, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A.:.A.:.S.:.R.:. of the Southern Jurisdiction. The banquet is open to all members of the Scottish Rite and their ladies. Information may be obtained from the General Secretary or on our Website, [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org). This promises to be an exciting weekend for the Scottish Rite in Florida and we are honored to have our Grand Commander with us as we honor these brothers for their work and efforts in and on behalf of the Scottish Rite. The deadline for making banquet reservations is November 1, 2011.

In closing, you can see there is activity at your Scottish Rite and I hope you will be able to be a part of it. Please don't forget our Scottish Rite Clubs. They are providing programs to those in their areas that perhaps are not able to attend the Consistory meetings. 🐾

## 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 Plural Membership 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

Frederick E. White, 32°

### Plural

Ronald K. Bart, 32°

John J. Meek, 32°

## General Secretary

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°



The last weekend of July, The Council of 400 had a two-day meeting at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Ocala, Florida. The Council of 400 is made up of the Personal Representatives, General Secretaries and one other member from each of the valleys located in the Orient of Florida. The Council of 400 was originally set up in 1989 by Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith 33° S.G.I.G. of Florida. The Council got its name at the first meeting when Inspector Goldsmith asked the members present to tell him how many years they have been in Freemasonry. The total number added up to be 400 plus, hence the name of the group became known as “The Council of 400.”

The Council meets once annually and is charged with plotting the course for the next year for the Scottish Rite of the Orient of Florida.

Since the beginning of the Council, Illustrious Jim Kirby, 33° Grand Cross, from the Valley of Lake Worth has served as Special Assistant to first Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° S.G.I.G. and now to Illustrious Dale I. Goehrig, 33° Deputy for Florida. Illustrious Kirby announced at this Council meeting that he would be retiring as the Special Assistant. Illustrious Goehrig has appointed one of our very own, Illustrious Patrick Palmer, 33° to that position.

Until this year, Illustrious Palmer was the General Secretary for the Valley of Miami for many years. Illustrious Palmer is now a valuable dual member of the Valley of Tampa, and also serves as the Director for the Thirty Third Degree Tableau.

At this meeting, Illustrious Goehrig went around the table and asked each member the same question that Illustrious Goldsmith had asked back in 1989. “How many years have you been in Freemasonry?” It totaled up to 1,000 plus. 🐾

## 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 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:

### Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Karl J. Andre, 32°

Glenn D. Bridges, 32°

Robert E. McIntrye, 32°

Roger M. Smith, 32°

Frank S. Stafford Jr., 32°

### Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Louie A. King, 33°

## Supreme Council Honors

The Supreme Council has unanimously elected the following brothers from the Valley of Tampa to receive honors this year.

### Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

William Clifford Cobb, 32°

Robert Dale Davidson, 32°

Richard Clay Hollie, Sr., 32°

Stanley Howard Rakita, 32°

Lynn Charles Raposa, 32°

John Francis Wermann, 32°

### Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary

Glenn Gower Banks, 32° KCCH

Claud Charles Cheshire, 32° KCCH

Congratulations to these brothers who have worked tirelessly for Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite and their communities. 🐾

## Honors Weekend

The Orient of Florida will combine the investiture of new Knights Commander of the Court of Honor and coronation of Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Masons on the same day. These events will take place at the Valley of Tampa on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Traditionally, these events have been held on separate days and in separate locations. On this day, thirty-nine brethren will be

### Deadline for Nov./December Bulletin

October 3 - Contributor deadline

October 12 - Office contributor deadline

October 14 - Transmit print file to our printer

invested with the rank and dignity of a Knights Commander of the Court of Honor and eighteen KCCH brethren will be coroneted 33rd Degree Masons as members of the Ill.∴ Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° Memorial Class.

The culmination of the day's events will be the Honors Banquet at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Tampa that evening. The keynote speaker at the banquet will be Ill.∴ Ronald E. Seale, 33° Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction.

The banquet is open to all Scottish Rite Masons. Please visit the Valley of Tampa's Website: [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org) for complete information and to download a registration form or contact Ill.∴ John E. Drewett, 33°, General Secretary, Valley of Tampa. 🐾

### Ill.∴ Vernon T. Clark, Jr. 33° Reunion Schedule

#### October 22, 2011

- 6:30 a.m. Class Registration
- 7:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 8:00 a.m. 4th Degree – Secret Master
- 9:00 a.m. 5th Degree – Perfect Master
- 10:10 a.m. 6th Degree – Intimate Secretary
- 11:00 a.m. 7th Degree – Provost & Judge
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. 12th Degree – Master Architect
- 2:20 p.m. 14th Degree – Perfect Elu
- 4:00 p.m. 15th Degree – Knight of the East
- 5:00 p.m. 17th Degree – Knight of the East & West

#### October 29, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Class Assembly
- 8:00 a.m. 18th Degree – Knight Rose Croix
- 9:40 a.m. 21st Degree – Noachite or Prussian Knight
- 10:40 a.m. 22nd Degree – Prince of Libanus
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. 24th Degree – Prince of the Tabernacle
- 2:30 p.m. 30th Degree – Knight Kadosh
- 4:00 p.m. 32nd Degree – Master of the Royal Secret
- 5:30 p.m. Consecration of the Class. 🐾

## Grand Lodge Appointments

The Valley of Tampa is proud of the following Brothers who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida this year.

### District Deputy

Charles R. Jordan, 32° ..... DDGM, 21st District

### Committeeman

#### State Event Coordinator

Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°

#### Public Relations & Publicity

Stephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH Zone 6 Chairman

### John Wermann, 32° Venerable Master

#### “Feast of Tishri”

Prior to our regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., Brother Gil Weisman, 32° KCCH will present his paper explaining the “Feast of Tishri.”

This is one of the most important events on the Scottish Rite calendar, as well as the Hebrew calendar.

For it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying, “Ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord.”

The Feast of Tishri is also one that affects the history of Masonic lore. The dedication of King Solomon's Temple was held in conjunction with the Feast of Tishri.

Prior to this presentation, we are pleased to serve a fitting dinner for such an auspicious occasion (regular fare.) Please bring your families and friends, as this will be most informative and extremely enjoyable for all. 🐾





## Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

My Brothers, many of us have experienced a feeling of accomplishment after we have completed our journey through the Three Symbolic Degrees. Then we are ready to search for that “Future Light” we were told about,

but were left with a feeling of “where and how do I find the path to it.” Scottish Masonry was that pathway for us, when we were approached by a Brother and given that opportunity. Remember the purpose of Freemasonry is to help all of us to become better men; Scottish Rite Freemasonry is the natural progression of that pathway. We all owe a debt to Freemasonry by its teachings and philosophy to help each of us to be not only better men, but also better husbands, fathers, citizens, workers, employers and protectors of our own parents in their later years. So each of us have a debt to Freemasonry to pay, how can we do it? By approaching our own Blue Lodge Brethren and inviting them to join Scottish Rite Freemasonry, to continue seeking for and finding “Further Light.” You should have a petition and the pamphlet “There is more than the three degrees in Freemasonry.” These are the Brothers who will be the future degree members, officers and the lifeblood of, not just Scottish Rite, but also the future leaders of Freemasonry in their own Blue Lodges and in the Grand Lodge of Florida. You will be assuring your community and country of men of great morals and dedication to all the great standards Freemasonry has passed down to us through the years. We will be conferring the 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, 12°, 14°, 15° and 17° on October 22. On October 29, we will be conferring the 18°, 21°, 22°, 24°, 30° and 32°. Our 276th Reunion is dedicated to Ill. Vernon Clark 33°. He was a dedicated Brother, we can all be proud of having him as our Masonic Brother. Let all of us make this Reunion one of the great events in 2011, as we continue to help our Blue Lodge Brethren increase in knowledge and Further Light. 🐾

## Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Continuing a look back at the time of great trials that were to come in our country with the beginning of the Civil War, and events in the local area during that time. In 1860, local men would collect scrub cattle for food and for transport to the north by ship and by ship to Cuba for sale. This proved beneficial during the war when future Scottish Rite Brothers John Darling and Joseph Robles, with other Masonic Brothers would round up the scrub cattle, and using several schooners shipped them to Cuba, in return for guns and ammunition given to the Confederacy Militia stationed at Ft. Brooke. Brother Darling was Master of Hillsborough Masonic Lodge No. 25 (14 times,) and whom John Darling Masonic Lodge No. 154 was named. Brother Joseph Robles also served as Master of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. Florida seceded from the Union on January 10, 1861, news of this did not reach the area for several months, when the local newspaper printed the headline, “TO ARMS, TO ARMS!” and announced the surrender of Ft. Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina on April 10, 1861. In 1862, Union gunboats entered the harbor and proceeded to shell the Village of Tampa. However, the ships were driven off by one of our own worst enemies, the Florida mosquito. The Union did land some troops at the local salt works, located at the corner of what is now the corner of Bayshore Blvd. and Gandy Blvd. However, Brother Robles stopped them with his 10-gauge shotgun, by pretending he was several Confederate troops hidden in the scrub woods and wilderness and killed or capturing the first group who tried to land. The captured “Blue Coats,” were taken to Ft. Brooke as POWS. 🐾

## 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](http://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. 🐾

## Prelate Emeritus

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

### “The Secret”

Paul wrote, “*I have learned the secret of being well-fed and going hungry by having plenty and of being in need.*”



The secret the apostle Paul learned was to be found in God (Philippians 3:9), and to be empowered in him (Philippians 4:13). Even when he was hungry or poor Paul always rejoiced in the Lord (Philippians 4:4).

As a believer, I should know that I can overcome any problem in my life with God by my side... and yet, even Paul said that he had to learn the secret. Acquiring this knowledge was a gradual process.


Prayer: *Lord guard our hearts and teach us the secret of abiding in you.*

Amen. 

## Good for You

Congratulations to Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33° for being named *Shriner of the Year* (2011) at Sahib Shrine.

Congratulations to Gary Schweinhaupt, 32° KCCH, editor of Sahib Shrine's monthly magazine, *The Reporter*, for their 1st Place designation in the International Shrine's 2011 Dromedary Award competition in the over 1,000 member category.


Congratulations W.: William Garrett, (aka W.: Dad) received his 40-year certificate at Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385, F&AM, on Saturday, June 11; with 50 Brothers present. 

## Scottish Rite Club News

Sergeant Lloyd Harris, a member of the Polk County Historical Commission and regular contributor to many historical publications, presented a program recently to the Lake Region Scottish Rite Club about the history of Polk County.

Mr. Harris reviewed the ancient origins of the area, its inhabitants, the incursions of the Spanish and the earlier settlers; the formation of the county,

the effect of the railroads, the War between the States and Seminole Indian wars. He also discussed the origins of Freemasonry in the area, notably the role of Brother Jacob Summerlin in forming Bartow Masonic Lodge No. 9 (now Tuscan Masonic Lodge No. 6.) He sponsored the first lodge building circa 1850, which served as the local school and community center for many decades. Brother Summerlin also donated the lands that are now the communities of Bartow and Orlando.

The Brethren and guests deemed the program excellent and Mr. Harris will return for another program later in the year. 

## 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.

September 12, 2011:

Executive Committee Meeting,

Dinner and Open 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. 

Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
5500 Memorial Highway  
Tampa, Florida 33634-7336

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U. S. Postage Paid  
Permit #1  
Manasota, FL

Scottish Rite Bulletin  
Volume No. 34, Issue No. 5  
September - October 2011

## 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



Daniel A. Bertoch, 32°  
August 8, 2011

Robert L. Dykes, 32°  
June 23, 2011

Don C. Pierson, 32°  
June 9, 2011

Larry W. Bowling, 32° KCCH  
August 8, 2011

Timothy D. Green, 32°  
July 21, 2011

Carl R. Simmons III, 32°  
December 18, 2010

Howard L. Chamberlin, 32°  
August 6, 2011

Edward B. Laney, 32°  
December 31, 2010

Franklin R. Ybanez, 32°  
July 12, 2011

Vernon T. Clark, Jr., 33°  
June 20, 2011

Richard T. Lawrence, 32°  
July 1, 2011

William J. Zimmerman, 32°  
August 5, 2011

Gerald W. Davis, 32°  
December 26, 2010

Gene P. LeRoy, 32°  
July 20, 2011