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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 10, at 7:00 p.m.

The Symbolic Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry are the foundations 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.

This will be an open meeting. Bring friends, family and Brothers of your Lodge to support these Worshipful Masters. This recognition will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As usual, our monthly dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$9 per person.

Please allow us to accommodate you, your guests and members of your lodge, by making reservations no later than September 5 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.** 🦁

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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 10th 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 10th 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°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 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.

Our Fall Reunion will be held on November 3rd and 10th and will be in memory of Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, Jr. 33° and Past Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. As of this time, we have four petitions for this class and of course are looking for many more. Now is the time to begin talking about the Scottish Rite to your Brethren who have not yet taken this important step in gaining additional light in Freemasonry. When you attend Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grotto, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, High Twelve or Tall Cedars mention the Scottish Rite and see how many Brothers there are not members. If they belong to another Valley, ask if they have ever considered moving their membership to the Valley of Tampa.

The Scottish Rite Temple Association has recently completed the sale of two acres of property in Lakeland. This property is where the Lakeland Scottish Rite Club building is located. We still have two acres adjoining this property that is on the market to sell.

The proceeds of the sale have been invested in a separate investment account and is beginning to earn dividends and interest for the Scottish Rite. The principle amount of funds deposited will not be touched; only the interest and dividends earned will be used to help maintain the Consistory building in Tampa. We hope this will free up

funds from our operating budget so that we can operate in a financially sound manner.

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. 🐼



General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Fall Reunion

Brothers hit your Blue Lodges hard as they go back to being "light" in September, we need petitions for the Fall Reunion. The Fall

Reunion will be Novem-

ber 3 and November 10, 2012. This Reunion will honor Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, Jr. 33° G.C. The fees for the Scottish Rite Reunion are a total of \$300, which includes \$65 for 2013 dues and a beautiful Morals and Dogma textbook.

Surprise Inspections

Recently Hillsborough County conducted surprise inspections of both the kitchen and the log book for the grease lift station, and found no violations.

Omission

In the last Bulletin we reported that Richard C. Daniel, 32° was appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida this year as the Junior Grand Steward. It was left out that he is a K.C.C.H., our sincere apologies R.W. Daniel.

Worshipful Master Recognition Night

We will again be hosting our Worshipful Masters Recognition night on Monday September 10, 2012. We are most appreciative and salute our Worshipful Masters. All Blue Lodge Masons are strongly encouraged to come out and support your own Worshipful Master.

Please make reservations by calling the Scottish Rite office.

Youth Recognition Night

We will also be recognizing our youth on Monday, September 10, 2012. If you are a former DeMolay, make sure that you wear your Cordon or any merit bars or pins and come out and support the future of Freemasonry.

The S.G.I.G. Is Coming

Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General Illustrious Dale I. Goehrig, 33° will be making his official visit on Monday October 8, 2012. This will be an open meeting, so please invite your lady. Let's show our support for our S.G.I.G. by seeing how many members we can turn out from each Scottish Rite Club.

The Holiday Dinners are Coming

L&L Events our in-house caterers, will again be presenting their fully cooked gourmet dinners for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Complete details and menus will be in the November/December Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Dinner Menus

September

Roast Beef
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad
Ice Cream Station

October

Fried Fish or
Chicken Quarters
Fried Okra
Hush Puppies
Roasted Potatoes
Salad
Black & White Pudding. 🐼

27th Degree

The Valley is in the process of bringing back the 27th Degree, Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept. This degree was last conferred by the Valley in 1999.

We are interested in finding members of our Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 classes to take charge of the degree and have it performed at our Spring Reunion (April 27, 2013).

Please contact the General Secretary at generalsecretary@srtampa.org or Brother Casey Fletcher, 32° at cfletcher@palletone.com if you are interested. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club
 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
 in April, May, September and November.
 (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

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Deadline for Nov./Dec. Bulletin

October 1 - Contributor deadline
 October 10 - Office contributor deadline
 October 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Twenty-Five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

George R. French Sr., 32°
 Sherman L. Hendry, 32°
 L. Garfield Sager, 32°

Fifty Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Donald L. Albertson, 32°	John M. Bankhead Jr., 33°
Benjamin R. Bell, 32°	Vernon H. Bielefeld, 32°
Jensen R. Boule, 32°	Ernest R. Cervis, 32°
William E. Collins, 32°	James E. Dawson, 32°
William F. Gaugh, 32°	Gary L. Grissett, 32°
William L. Hall, 32°	Forrest C. Humble, 32°
Lloyd D. Lance, 32°	John E. Mayhall, 32°
William S. McCraw, 32°	Henry Z. Norton, 32°
Eddy R. Ostrom, 32°	Richard A. Rink, 32°
Leon R. Sikes, 32°	J. Homer Smallwood, 32°
Gordon C. Waddle, 32°	Albert Williamson, 32°
Leonard J. Zoefel, 32°	

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Jeffrey M. Pick, 32°

Building & Operating Fund

Richard S. Cowan, 32°

Lake Region Club News

The Lake Region Scottish Rite Club will host Ill.: Elmer Coffman, 33°, PGM and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Florida on Thursday, September 20. Ill.: Brother Coffman will present a program entitled "King Solomon's Temple and the Dome of the Rock." The program is open to all Masons, family members and friends. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. (\$8 per person) with the program to follow.

The Lake Region Club meets at Lakeland Lodge No. 91 located at 505 N. Massachusetts Ave. in Lakeland. For dinner reservations, please contact Brother Cloyd Conley, 32° at (863) 899-4172 or at lonewolf240@yahoo.com no later than Friday, September 14. 🐾

Coleman L. Hill, 32° KCCH Almoner



Due to the generosity of the Brethren of the Scottish Rite, the Almoner has avoided taking space that can be better used by other officers. However, during a recent conversation with a Brother, I spent most of the time listening to his recitation of his Masonic resume (with emphasis on his personal recognition) as though the offices to which had been appointed or elected were the sole measure of his value as a man and a Mason—disregarding the responsibilities inherent in wearing the apron.

It should be pointed out that we take an oath, in almost every degree in our advancement in the Craft, to dispense charity, to care for widows and orphans. However, there is a significant difference between charity and generosity. The function of the Almoner's office is to dispense, to the needy, the generosity of the Brethren. The allocation of the funds available for this purpose is called charity and could not exist without that generosity. Like those who preceded me, I am truly honored to be entrusted with this responsibility.

The Craft has been marked, from its beginnings as a Fraternity, as an institution concerned with our community—both within AND without the Craft. We are a caring entity, more concerned with good works than with the recognition of our charitable efforts.

I cannot say enough about the Brethren who have recognized this. This article is to remind others of who we are, what we are, and what we need to remain. Several of the degrees within the Rite, especially the 29th degree, remind us of the indivisible connection that exists between Masons and charity.

We have consistently and accurately stated that we are not a religion! Rather, we are, or should be, men who aspire to be better, men who are role models to our community, men who care more about others than we do about the supposed glories associated with vanity and personal recognition.

There is no such thing as a Fraternity of one. We are, by our own definition, a Fraternity that not only

recognizes the existence of others—but a Fraternity that demonstrates that recognition by its visible caring for the less fortunate. Brethren, our expectations should be focused more on our giving than on our receiving. Although we seek to improve ourselves, we should focus even more on how much we have improved the lives of others. Our ultimate judgment by the Great Architect will be determined, not by our own resumes, but by the resumes of those whose lives we changed through our efforts.

The next time the Almoner's purse is presented for your contribution, please think about the extent to which who you are, what you have done, contributes to who you aspire to be. 🐾

Feast of Tishri

by Ronald P.
Lupien, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master



Prior to our regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012, Brother Gil Weisman, 32° KCCH will present a program on the Feast of Tishri. This program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This celebration is done by us so as to rededicate ourselves to the purposes, charities and beliefs of what we hold so dear within the Masonic fraternity. This is why this re-affirmation, if you will, is considered one of the obligatory observances of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Once again in the Book of Forms and Traditions, the Feast of Tishri, this Jewish holiday, is done in remembrance of the dedication of King Solomon's Temple and was adopted into the Scottish Rite and is then celebrated by us as Freemasons as we are the allegorical inheritors of King Solomon's legacy.

Prior to this celebration, we ask that you join us in the dining room for our usual meal during which time you can enjoy the company of the other members and their spouses. The cost of the dinner is \$9 per person. Reservations are suggested by calling the office at (813) 886-0578 no later than October 5, 2012. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, most of our Blue Lodges are dark during the month of August; however, that does not mean Scottish Rite is “dark” in August. This is the time to make contact with those new Master

Masons raised in your lodge so far in 2012 and 2011. Now is the time to approach these Brothers and assist them in making the decision for Further Light, by joining the “College of Freemasonry.” In the Ritual of the Master Mason Degree, it instructs the new Master Mason to seek “Further Light,” that the door stands wide open for his search for this new knowledge. For those new Masters of the Royal Secret who have not found a slot to fill in Scottish Masonry, my Brothers your Valley of Tampa needs your help. Where? On the following committees: Sound and Lighting, Stage and Properties, Costumes (especially brothers who can sew), musical instruments and singers. Finally, last but not least, Degree Ritual workers. Brothers we still need degree teams for the following degrees: Spring Degrees – 16° Prince of Jerusalem, 23° Chief of the Tabernacle, 26° Prince of Mercy. Fall Degrees – 8° Intendant of the Building, 19° Pontiff, 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent. Your Lodge, Scottish Rite Club, Shrine or York Rite Body can form a degree team and help “Your Valley” of Tampa finally again completely confer each of the 29 degrees to our candidates. All of the renewed degrees are from the “New Adopted Work” from the Supreme Council. I ask for your help in this matter. 🐼

"Oh Wonderful Masons!"

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The Building Site - Living and working conditions had to be arranged sometimes for a large work force, and at times by impressed men on Royal Projects. An example of this is at Harlech Castle in 1286. There were 227 masons, 115 quarrymen, 30 smiths, 22 carpenters, 546 general workmen or

common laborers and only 4 clerks to take care of all the paperwork. To our present day Lodge Secretaries, nothing seems to have changed in 750 years, they still wind up with all the paperwork.

An example of one of the major responsibilities of the Master, was obtaining the proper kind of stone, timber and any other required materials for construction of the project. We can understand their use of the plumb, level, square to begin the structure with the foundation, and those same instruments and what they represent are still the foundation of our fraternity today. In those days the trestle board might be drawn on hand made wooden flats, then called tracing boards. They still had to use the basic principles of constructive geometry with measuring poles and chalk lines marked out on the actual site, and by the use of pegged rope.

Churches in that time period were by tradition laid out from east to west. This allowed for sunlight to enter the building through large decorated glass windows. If you will note it is still a practice that prevails to our present time, in present day churches. Many of our present day lodge buildings have also followed that building practice. The one item that was not true was that the cornerstone was “NOT” traditionally laid in the Northeast Corner.

Using measurements and wooden templates provided by the Master to the hewers at the quarry, who then worked the rectangular blocks called ashlar and other needed shapes. At the east of every present day lodge we still find the rough ashlar and perfect ashlar.

When carving elaborate features, either proposed stone, plaster or glass, again the Master used full size drawings on flat pieces of wood. An example of this is still in existence at “York Minster.” The carpenters erected hoists and scaffolding for the masons including timber frame works called centering to support the arches and vaults during construction. As the building rose, so did the scaffolding. Everything was lifted or carried into place using manpower; a treadmill hoist sill exists at Canterbury Cathedral.

Using trowels and heavy mauls, both recognizable in our ritual today, the “layers” bedded the stone in mortar while testing them with level and plumb. Structural cavities were filled with mortared rubble and if necessary, the masonry was reinforced with metal clamps or tie-bars. Sometimes molten lead was also used to strengthen other areas. Typically, it took 40 to 60 years to complete the main

body of a cathedral, but towers, elaborate fronts would take longer, and were continued so the completed structure was done progressively.

In conclusion, the age of the operative mason drew to a close in the 16th century, for the reason, that brick became more popular as well as extremely cheaper in construction. During the following centuries ecclesiastical building declined and the numbers of specialist contractors grew. Also architectural design was no longer an operative skill, as classical revival and sophisticated techniques were used, making it become a scholarly profession. For a time Gothic architecture came to be regarded as monstrous and even barbaric. Happily, however, some of these beautiful structures still exist. A truly classic example is the last Gothic church ever built, stands as America's National Cathedral, in the Nation's capitol.

Source: "Oh Wonderful Masons!" (*Seeking the Medieval Stonemasons in a Modern Lodge.*) This is the fourth and concluding excerpt. Printed by the West Kent 2015 Masonic Samaritan Fund Festival, by W. Bro. Clive Moore LGR. It should be noted, these articles refer to English Masonry and its history, but gives modern Freemasons the source of many of the "working tools, dress and customs." 🐼

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.

Monday, September 10, 2012:
Worshipful Master's Recognition Night
Masonic Youth Recognition Night
Begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium
Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2012:
Sovereign Grand Inspector General official visit
Feast of Tishri at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium
Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting 🐼

Prelate

by Ill. Lou Ortt, 33°



Mother Teresa after ten years of prayer heard a call, a call within, a call to minister to the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. Having great trust in God along with compassion for those dying on the streets, she began taking them in and giving them basic care. With no resources and only a strong faith, she begged for food and supplies to care for those in need. When others came to help she started the Missionaries of Charity who have helped thousands of people. Thus we have the demonstration of what our faith and trust in God can do.

I am reminded of the public fountain which provides water for everyone. No one is excluded. How much we take depends on the size of the vessel we use. A small vessel can only hold little, while a large vessel can hold a lot. I like to think of the fountain as the heart of God; the water as His love and mercy always pouring forth for all who will receive it; and the vessel is our trust and faith in Him.

Perhaps Mother Teresa said it best, "We can do not great things, only small things with great love." What is important is not how much you do, but how much love you put into doing it. 🐼

Good for You

Congratulations to Brother Casey Fletcher, 32° for receiving the Soaring Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of Polk County as the outstanding Boy Scout Leader for the year. 🐼

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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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