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Officers of the Bodies and Distinguished Brothers Front -Left: Russell B. Glendinning, 33° - Personal Representative; John E. Drewett, 33° - General Secretary. First Row- C. Donald Prosser, 33°, Director of Work; Ronald S. Kalisz, 33°; Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°; Raul A. Reyes, 33°; Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH-Venerable Master; Louis E. Nelsen, 32° KCCH-Wise Master; Kenneth P. Scott, 32°-Commander; Kenneth A. Warner, 32° KCCH-Master of Kadosh; W. Bruce Steube, III, 33°; George F. Crotinger, 33°; Louis H. Ortt, 33°-Prelate. Second Row-Left: Kenneth R. James, II, 33°; M. Dean Lovett, 33°; Glenn G. Banks, 33°; Right: Gary K. Esteppe, 33°. Third Row-Left: Richard J. Whalen, Sr., 33°-Treasurer, Right: Robert G. Kirkpatrick, 33°.

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Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: I would first like to thank Brother **Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH** in organizing a GREAT Flag Day celebration at your Scottish Rite on June 11. This is a monumental task to pull together and Brother Scott and his committee did a fantastic job. If you were not one of the 350+ who attended, you missed an enjoyable time and some great brotherhood not

to mention a wonderful BBQ.

As you will read in this issue of The Bulletin, several brothers and friends stepped forward to help in paying the cost of new carpet and painting of our Valley Office. This work has greatly enhanced our appearance to our members and to those non-members who visit the Valley during the business day.

Our Spring Reunion is now in the history book and we welcome the twenty-nine new Masters of the Royal Secret. I invite them to come back to their Scottish Rite and be with us at our monthly meetings as their cable tow permits, always remembering to support their Blue Lodge as well.

I would like to exercise some editorial license this month and talk about the three Masonic Youth Groups that we as Masons in Florida support. Of course I am talking about DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters. We are fortunate to have all three of these groups active within the Valley of Tampa. Brethren, these fine organizations have been entrusted to the Masonic fraternity to support and nurture since their beginnings in the early 1900's. In fact, the first DeMolay Chapter in the world was sponsored by the Valley of Kansas City, MO.

At the present time there are seven Rainbow Assemblies, two Job's Daughter's Bethels and five DeMolay Chapters within our jurisdiction. These young people are energetic, thoughtful and eager to learn life skills in preparation for when they become adults. They are not the ones that you see in your daily newspapers in articles about their interaction with law enforcement. If you have some time and would like to work with them in any way that you can, please contact me at <personalrepresentative@srtampa.org> and I will provide you with the contact information that you need. I can guaranty you that the "pay" that you receive will make you a richer person.

With summertime here, many of you will be travelling and visiting family and friends. You can keep in touch with us through our web site <www.srtampa.org> or check us out on Face Book at Tampa Scottish Rite.



General Secretary

by Ill. John E. Drewett, 33°

Building Operating Fund Donations My Dear Brothers, as you may or may not know our building is forty years old, and in need of constant repairs.

Unfortunately, our membership is dwindling, but the repairs keep coming.

Several years ago we had to put a new roof on the second level of the Masonic Center, repair the seawall, and purchase a new air conditioner because the parts needed were obsolete. We are constantly repairing the other air conditioners, which we are still able to get parts for. At the end of last year we had the third level roof patched. These were just a few of the things that needed immediate attention. I could go on with a list, but there would not be enough room in this article to do so.

A few years ago our Brethren responded to a plead for contributions to pay for the new roof. A lot of our Brethren came to our aid with their donations which helped towards the \$108,236 invoice. As our appreciation, we gave them a Roof Deed for donations of \$100 or more.

This year I had asked for donations to replace the original office carpet, and to paint the office. We received fourteen contributions thus far. We would like to thank the following for their contributions:

Glenn G. Banks, Russell F. Bareford, Patrick T. Carson, Council of Kadosh members, George A. Dietz, John L. Erdly, George E. Feaster, Harold C. Hillcher, the KCCH Organization, Harry L. Todd, Trish Warhul, Richard J. Whalen, Sr., Barney H. Whitman and A. Mike Wilson.

Referral Directory

Brothers, we are looking to put together a Referral Business Directory of Scottish Rite Masons, who operates a business, ie: Air Conditioning, Electrical, Painting, Plumbing, Roofing, etc.

Send your contact information to the General Secretary to be added to the Referral Directory.

War Stories

About a year ago at a general meeting, there was a Brother who was requesting war stories for a group of college students who were studying the subject. I recently was contacted by a Scottish Rite Brother, who has a diary from a very good friend of his who was a P.O.W. in China during World War Two.

He would very much like the world to hear his story, so if you were that Brother teaching college students and is interested in this diary, please contact the General Secretary's office.

Perpetual Membership

Questions Most Asked

Question: Who gets the money? Answer: A separate fund is maintained for each Valley in the Orient of Florida. The fund is an endowment and the "Corpus" will never be spent. All of the interest from the endowment will be sent to the Valley annually. Question: Will I still owe dues? Answer: No. But you will receive an annual statement showing that you owe no dues. And you will be given the opportunity to contribute voluntarily to such things as the Almoner's Fund, Childhood Language Disorders Program or the Building Fund. Ouestion: Can I get my money back? Answer: No. Contributions to the Perpetual Membership endowment are non-refundable.

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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

David L. Douglas, 32°

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 Sept./October Bulletin

August 6 - Contributor deadline August 15 - Office contributor deadline August 17 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

Perpetual Certificates

Timothy A. Pelaez, 32°

Good for You

Congratulations to Brother Larry Gillespie, 32° on his election to Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida and Brother John Wermann, 32° KCCH on his election to Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

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Question: If I am a Perpetual Member can I ever be suspended or expelled from my Valley?

Answer: Yes, If you're suspended or expelled from your Blue Lodge, you will automatically be suspended from your Scottish Rite Valley. It is therefore, advantageous to consider purchasing a Perpetual Membership in your Blue Lodge. Your Blue Lodge Secretary can help you with this.

Should You Have Further Questions: Call the General Secretary, who will be most pleased to answer them (813) 886-0578. You can also obtain a copy of the Perpetual Membership Application form on our website, click on the 'Petitions' tab.

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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.

Grand Lodge Officers

Jim Ford, 32° KCCH Senior Grand Warden Raul A. Reyes, 33° Senior Grand Steward Richard C. Daniel, 32° Junior Grand Steward

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Panel of Attorneys

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Masonic Jurisprudence

J. David Neveitt, 32° Houston D. White, 32° John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH

Foreign Relations

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Committee On Work

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Grand Master's Coordinating Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°

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S. Gilbert Weisman, 32° KCCH

Masonic Education

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Penal Affairs

Joseph L. Meketsy, 32° - Vice Chairman

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Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH Lewis C. Sasser, Jr., 32°

Public Relations & Publicity

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Grand Lodge Flagship Charity

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Child ID

David J. Rasmus, 32° James E. Rachel, 32°

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund David A. Henderson, 32°

Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

I congratulate our Class Directors, Ill∴ Louis Ortt 33° Chairman., Ill∴ John Drewett 33°, Gerald M. Lee 32° KCCH and S. Gilbert Weisman 32° KCCH, for the excellent work in communicating a

total of eighteen degrees to our new Brothers. If you are one of the "missing" Brothers during the Spring Reunion, I say to you, my Brothers you really missed an opportunity to renew the search for "Light" by listening to the Communicated Degrees and observing and enjoying the conferred degrees. We did have outstanding attendance from our Brother Scottish Rite members. Now is not the time to take a vacation from Masonry.

Question - are there members of your Lodge not Scottish Rite Members? Have you approached them with the Scottish Rite information pamphlet: "There is More to Freemasonry than Three Degrees?" Do you have newly raised Brothers in your Lodge who want to continue in their search for "Light?" Do you have available Scottish Rite petitions available on display together with the afore mentioned Scottish Rite pamphlet? If not, please offer your fellow Lodge Brothers an opportunity to further their Masonic Life and knowledge, by inviting them to become a Scottish Rite Freemason.

While I'm handing out "well done's" all the degree teams were excellent in their work, the sound and lighting really worked by having to jump around with various problems, which they solved. The Stage & Properties did a super job with all the staging of the various degrees. The Wardrobe crew has been working hard to bring our costumes into much better condition and promised to continue to upgrade and replace as needed old worn out costumes. Finally our Reunion Tilers were there from the time the doors opened until they closed on both Saturdays, thanks my Brothers.

Finally, remember you promised to aid and assist a Brother Mason, sign him up for the fall class. We hope to bring back the ninth, tenth and possibly one more of our degrees not seen in ten years. God Bless.

"Oh Wonderful Masons!"

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Most working masons wore long leather aprons over their everyday tunics. The more skilled may have left the "flap" down to show they did not do the rough tasks that required its protection. In some Speculative Lodges, apprentices still wear the "flap" up. Our speculative forebears adopted as their badge, plain leather aprons and wore white gauntleted gloves. However through the years the aprons have gotten smaller and been adorned with ribbons, rosettes and badges. The custom of wearing plain white gloves remains, but only principle officers are gauntleted by embroidered cuffs.

Working Tools - Tools such as plumb lines and squares have been used symbolically from ancient times by writers. There is no evidence the masons ever moralized upon their tools and the first record of speculative masons doing so, did not appear until the 18th century. We allocate just three tools to each degree, "the first set is relevant to labor," "the second to testing the stone," and the third "design."

A medieval masons' wooden rule or straight edge did not fold and was not necessarily 24" long. They also used much longer measuring rod and lines. Standard linear measurers were not fixed by law until the 14th century. These masons drew with a metal stylus called a lead point. A medieval pencil was a fine brush, used by painters not masons, graphite for the type of pencils we know and use were not discovered until the 1560's. Iron squares were usually made of wood from cask staves. When marking our ground these tools were used, and possibly a spool or skirret to feed our line. Operative masons also used a variety of hammers and mauls. Plumb lines and bobs were an essential tool for medieval masons, to form levels and plumb rules.

Source: "Oh Wonderful Masons!" (Seeking the Medieval Stonemasons in a Modern Lodge.) This is the third 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."

Kenneth A. Warner, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh

Brothers, the year is half past and we have been busy.

At our 277th Reunion Honoring Ill∴ Wencil H. (Casey) Stengl, 33° we

have added many new faces. Many new Masters of the Royal Secret ready to be encouraged by our members. Time has already begun for us to start looking for the candidates for the 278th Reunion Honoring Ill. C. Frederick Kleinknecht, Jr. 33° on November 3 and 10.

I want to welcome and congratulate all of the new District Deputy Grand Masters, District Instructors and Grand Line Officers. We look forward to your visits and fresh approaches.

I am still planning a Day at the Rays and hope to have a date to publicize soon. I never realized how many days of the week are already filled with Masonic events. We will find one... soon!

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, July 9, 2012: Executive Committee Meeting Dinner and Regular Meeting

Monday, August 13, 2012: Executive Committee Meeting Dinner and Regular Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012: Executive Committee Meeting Dinner and Regular Meeting Prelate Emeritus

"A Good Neighbor Policy"

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Lev.19:18



This commandment from the Old Testament follows instructions to the Israelites that they are not to rob their neighbors (Lev. 19:13); that they are to judge their neighbors' way of life fairly (verse 16): and they are to love and forgive them (verse 18). In treating their neighbors this way they would give witness to the nations that Jehovah was the true God. In this summary of the law we see a blending of the cultural requirements and the ethical obligations derived from the ten commandments.

What was true for Israel is also true for Christians. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" is quoted in the New Testament as the second commandment (Mark 12:31).

"Neighbor" in the Leviticus passage means a fellow Israelite, but in the New Testament the law to love your neighbor as yourself is extended to include the sojourner.

A good neighbor policy fulfills God's command and it may even help bring someone to God if we ourselves learn the fear of God; and then prove our love for Him by showing love for our neighbor.

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

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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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