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Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida New Knights of St. Andrew



Twenty-two members were knighted into the Knights of St. Andrew at the December Consistory meeting. Pictured with the new knights are (back row l-r): John Wermann, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master; Ill.:. Richard Agster, 33°, Wise Master; Coleman Hill, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh, Ben Raposa, 32°, Senior Wardens, Knights of St. Andrew and Stan Rakita, 32° KCCH, Commander of the Council.

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by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As we leave the month of February behind us and the Super Bowl has been played, we head into the springtime of the year. Traditionally, Spring is the time of renewal and hopefully you will renew your dedication to your Scottish Rite. We earnestly encourage you to attend those functions that you can and bring another Scottish Rite Mason with you. I am confident

that both of you will enjoy yourselves.

I am pleased to announce that Brother **Mike Pender, 32°** has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer for the Valley of Tampa. In this position, Brother Pender will be working with **Ill. Dick Whalen, 33°** in the accounting procedures of the Valley. He also will be available to answer questions should they arise and to learn our methods of operation. Brother Pender is a member of Sarasota Lodge No. 147 and the Valley of Tampa along with being a member of Sahib Shriners. He has been a practicing CPA in the Sarasota/Bradenton area since 1975 and is very knowledgeable in accounting for non-profit organizations.

Our Spring Reunion will be here before we know it (May 12 and 19) in memory of **Ill. Wencil (Casey) Stengle, 33°**. Brethren, we need to have a good showing at this Reunion to help replace some of the brothers who were suspended for NPD in 2011 and for those who were called to the Celestial Lodge above. Please encourage those brothers who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. Petitions for the degrees are available from the office or may be obtained by visiting our website, www.srtampa.org.

In this issue of *The Bulletin*, we introduce to you our 2012 Wise Master and Venerable Master. Please take the time to read about their backgrounds. Both of these brothers are very well qualified to lead their respective bodies and I know that they will do a great job for the Valley of Tampa.

I am happy to announce that at our March meeting, **Ill. Dale Goehrig, 33°** will be with us to assist in presenting a 50 Year award to **Ill. Larry Hunt, 33°** who is a member of the Valley of Miami. This presentation will take place at dinner, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Finally Brethren, if you have not been with us recently, please mark your calendar for the 2nd Monday of each month. We would love to have you with us and share in the brotherhood that the Scottish Rite offers its members. 🐾

General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°



Brother to Brother

The Valley of Tampa has a program to assist those brothers who for various reasons are unable to pay their Scottish Rite dues, and face being suspended for non-payment of dues. The last thing the Scottish Rite wants to do, is to suspend a member because they fell on hard economic times and can't pay their dues. Most of the time the member is too proud to ask for assistance from a fellow member. I have a list of brothers who have agreed to pay the dues of a deserving brother who is unable to do so. This program is voluntary, but I would encourage you to sign up if you are able to do so.

When a request is received by my office, the facts are checked out and if it is determined that the brother is unable to pay his dues, the Secretary will send a letter to the next participating brother on the list.

If you are agreeable to assisting the Valley and the Scottish Rite in this program, please contact the General Secretary's office. Either by e-mail generalsecretary@srtampa.org, or phone (813) 886-0578.

Flag Day Committee

If you would be interested on serving as a member of the Flag Day Committee for 2012, please contact the chairman, Scott McAlister by e-mail at 2001ddgm22@verizon.net or by phone at (813) 404-7439.

Scottish Rite Reunion

It is not too early to be asking a member of your Blue Lodge, who is not already a Scottish Rite Mason to join the Scottish Rite (College of Freemasonry.) Our next reunion will be Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, May 19. Please be aware that we have new petitions with the new fees included. The fees for the Scottish Rite reunion are a total of \$300, which includes \$65 for dues.

Please contact the office if you need a petition, or they are available on the website. 🐾

2nd Annual Steak Night

The Valley of Tampa will hold our 2nd Annual Steak Night Dinner to benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. This year's event will be Saturday, April 14, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa.

The menu that evening is steak, baked potato, green beans, rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Dinner will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Preparing the meal that night will be chefs from world famous Bern's Steak House and the Lakewood Ranch and Golf Resort. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Brother Randy Riggelman and his National Variety Show will perform in the auditorium. Brother Randy has played in many locations throughout the country and promises to provide a great night of musical entertainment.

Price of the dinner and show is \$25.00 per person and the price for the show only is \$10.00 person. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Scottish Rite Office (813) 886-0578, Monday through Friday. 🐾

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, Dual Member 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

John E. Kimmel, 32° Leonard E. Nadolny, 32°
Robert L. Van Ornum, Sr., 32°

Dual

George O. Braatz, 33°

Reinstatement

Gregory L. Savage, 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 May/June Bulletin

April 2 - Contributor deadline
April 11 - Office contributor deadline
April 13 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Dee Campbell, 32°
Sherman E. Kennedy, 32°
Joseph R. Lucido, 32°
Malcolm G. Mc Houl, 32°
Walter L. Shurtleff, 32°

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Rose Giuliani Cappelletti
Gerald E. Goacher, 32° KCCH
Karen Goforth-Walker
Raymond H. Grebasch
Lake Region Scottish Rite Club
Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

Perpetual Certificates

Carlos Gutierrez, 32°
H. Terrell Hart, 32°

Good for You

Ill.∴ Robert Kirkpatrick, 33° on receiving his 40-Year award in Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385.

The lead article in the Winter 2011 issue of *The Plumblin*, the official publication of the Scottish Rite Research Society was written by Brother Casey Fletcher, 32°. The article is entitled "Learning from Machiavelli." The second part of the article will be published in the next issue of *The Plumblin*. 🐾

Valley of Tampa eNewsletter

We encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter which will keep you informed of news and events at Tampa Scottish Rite. Please visit <srtampa.org>, hover over Tampa eNewsletter and click on eNews signup. 🐾

One Nation Indivisible



**Louis E.
Nelsen, 32°
KCCH
Wise Master**



Brother Louis (Lou) Nelsen, 32° KCCH was installed Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter last month, for the year 2012.

A native of Walnut Grove, Minnesota, Brother Lou retired and moved to the Tampa area with his wife 18 years ago. He is a member of Temple Terrace Lodge No. 330, having been raised in Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290 in April 1998. The next year, he became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa and has remained active in many areas since then. A charter member of the Tampa Valley Knights of St. Andrew, he is also a Past Commander of the Tampa Scottish Rite Guard, having served in that position in 2007. He has also taken an active part in several of the Scottish Rite degrees and has earned his white ribbon in the Knight of the Double Eagle program. For his work and efforts, Brother Nelsen was invested with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council in 2005.

After being honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy, Brother Lou began his career with the Brook Haven National Laboratory in their Atomic Energy Department. He spent considerable time with Brook Haven working on the Cosmotron Accelerator. He is a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota and Florida. In Florida, his license indicates that he is a 1st Class Grade A engineer and authorized to work in power plants of unlimited size. He has been retired for the last 18 years. 🐾

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. 🐾

**Ronald P.
Lupien, 32°
KCCH
Venerable Master**



Our 2012 Venerable Master, Ronald P. Lupien, 32° KCCH, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and moved his family to Tampa in 1948. Not only has he been a member of the Scottish Rite for 50+ years, he has also been married to Audrey for 50 years. Brother Ron retired from the Florida Army National Guard after 36 years of service with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four in 1992.

He had the privilege of being Raised a Master Mason in November 1958 by his father in Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290. He served Palma Ceia Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1991 and has been the Lodge Secretary for 18 years. He has served the Grand Lodge of Florida as Senior Grand Deacon in 1999, State Chairman for Masonic Renewal in 2000, District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District in 2002, a member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees in 1997 and 1998 and was appointed Grand Representative from Belgium in 2000.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret in May 1960 and was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2007. He has been a member of the Credentials and Registration Committee for many years, serving as Chairman of the Committee since 2006. In addition to his work on this committee, he is also the Secretary of the Past Masters Organization and serves as Prelate in our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal.

Brother Ron is also a member of the Tampa York Rite Bodies, Zenda Grotto, President of the Masonic Park and Youth Camp, Inc., President of the Masonic Low Twelve Club, Treasurer of Suncoast Forest No. 165 Tall Cedars, where he is a Past Grand Tall Cedar and is the Assistant Florida State Chairman of the National Camping Travelers. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Dear Brethren, since I was appointed as Director of Work, we have through "YOUR" hard work and dedication, brought many degrees back from inactivity for our candidates, as well as all our Brethren. At

times, this necessitated mixing Spring and Fall Degrees together in order to fill out the schedule. You have most graciously complied with this request to the joy and enjoyment of all concerned. It has required our Valley to spend funds to repair our costumes, sound system, stage and floor material properties, at a time when the cost of our normal expenses like our own personal expenses have risen almost beyond belief. However, through your Executive Committee's hard work, and your own desire to help by obtaining candidates, we have survived and continued to improve and make the necessary improvements needed. I would also like to mention that a number of Brethren have most generously assisted, financially in many areas anonymously, and I personally wish to thank them for this Brotherly love for our Valley. You, my Brothers, should also be proud of what we have accomplished in the past five years, but we cannot and must not stop now. The costs of everything continue to rise, we do need your help, so do pay your dues on time, do attend your Blue Lodge regularly, when attending, carry Scottish Rite material, especially "Bridge to Light," including Scottish Rite petitions, tell your Brothers about the "College of Freemasonry" and completing their journey to Further Light.

Finally, so we all will be on the same page in the future, here are the Spring and Fall Degrees, which may from time to time be changed.

Spring: 4° - 7° - 11° - 13° - 14° - 18° - 20° - 28° - 29° - 30° - 31° - 32°

Fall: 4° - 5° - 6° - 12° - 14° - 15° - 17° - 18° - 21° - 22° - 24° - 30° - 32°.

There are still nine degrees dormant that are being communicated. If your Lodge or Brothers would like to form a Degree team and take one of these dormant

degrees, please see Our General Secretary for a copy of the Script of the new ritual, none take over 45 minute on the floor. 🦁

Good For You

Congratulations to the following members of the Valley of Tampa who have recently been installed Worshipful Master of their Blue Lodge:

Doug Stobbs	Tarpon Lodge No. 112
Richard Sikes	Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146
Ken Giesow	Dunedin Lodge No. 192
Jon Coats, Jr.	Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252
Michael O'Roake	Star Lodge No. 78
Matthew Winters	Nitram Lodge No. 188
Steve Culbreath	Northside Lodge No. 283
Fernando Salazar	Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291
Frederick Kalkbrenner, Jr.	Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385
Joseph Gonzalez	Hillsborough Lodge No. 25
Stephan Korda	Holyrod Lodge No. 257
Hoyt A. Lawson	DeSoto Lodge No. 105
Jeffrey Shreaves	Brandon Lodge No. 114
Ted Grubbs	Tuscan Lodge No. 6
E. B. Smith	Travelers Lodge No. 390
Mike Grimes	Manatee Lodge No. 31
Robert Ware, Sr.	Braidentown Lodge No. 99
Jim Gillett	Sarasota Lodge No. 147
Roger Neihart	Phoenix Lodge No. 346

Congratulations to Brother Richard N. Leger, 32° on his installation as Potentate of Egypt Shriners and to Brother Charles M. Levan, 33° on his installation as Potentate of Sahib Shriners. 🦁

"Oh Wonderful Masons!"

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

These men were the builders of the magnificent Gothic cathedrals that still stand and fill the world with wonder today. There were levels or degrees of craftsmen of various skills, this building period then caused the rediscoveries of old skills long lost, as well as new construction techniques. This also allowed the division of the craft into lead contractor and architect, called master masons. However unlike our generic degrees, this was a very special distinction, allowing management of the masons. These specialized craftsmen would prepare designs,

solve technical problems and laissez with other crafts and suppliers.

Trained masons other than masters were called "fellows." The designation of "freemason" does not appear until the late 14th century and despite later connotations it was probably a connotation of the term freestone mason. Freestone was the best stone for carving, so was worked by the more skilled masons. Masons learned their skills in the quarries, on site and in the Lodges, often they were passed down through families, formal apprenticeships first appeared in the 14th century. The most skilled working masons were the stone hewers and carvers, the best might become imaginers or sculptors; less skilled were the stone layers or setters and the rough masons who built the walls and working alongside the quarrymen cut the stones into rough blocks (Section 2 to follow.)

Source: "Oh Wonderful Masons!" (Seeking the Medieval Stonemasons in a Modern Lodge.) This is but a brief dissertation from the entire booklet. Printed by the West Kent 2015 Masonic Samaritan Fund Festival, by W. Bro. Clive Moore LGR. 🐾

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.

March 12, 2012:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Open meeting with the Ceremony of
Remembrance and Renewal at 7:00 p.m.
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

April 9, 2012:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

April 14, 2012:
Scottish Rite Foundation Steak Night. 🐾

Prelate Emeritus

by Ill. M. Dean Lovett, 33°

"Our Dreams"

"But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

Psalm 39:7



The Apostle Paul reminded us that on occasion we do not know how to pray, especially during a personal family crisis.

I begin my prayers with confidence that I know how I want my prayers to be answered. It is important to recognize that God is able to do far more than I can even imagine or understand. I tend to confine God... All my ideas about God... Only God alone can teach me who God really is. In prayer I communicate with God, who's love far exceeds my grandest dreams. 🐾

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

The Tampa Chapter Rose Croix will hold its annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on Monday, March 12, 2012 in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all members of the Rite, their families and friends.

During this ceremony, the Knights of the Chapter honor those members who have left their midst in the past year. It is also a time to reconcile themselves with those they may have offended.

While this ceremony is not a religious observance, it does commemorate the spirit of both the celebration of Passover and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

For those living in Sarasota and Manatee counties, the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club will hold their Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club building. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the ceremony being held at 7:00 p.m. 🐾

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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



Willard R. Benton, 32°
March 5, 2011

Donald W. Jones, 32°
January 2, 2012

Luther A. Tullis, 32°
December 28, 2011

Peter G. Bessken, 32°
December 30, 2011

Robert P. Kyllonen, 32°
January 20, 2012

Lawrence D. Wheeler, 32°
October 22, 2011

William J. Burke, 32°
August 31, 2011

Charles R. Miles, 32°
February 8, 2012

Warren P. White, 32°
January 10, 2012

James T. Carson, 32°
December 12, 2011

Henry F. Pfeil, 32°
January 24, 2012

James R. Williams, 32°
January 4, 2012

Maurice A. Chandler, 32°
December 25, 2011

Marshall N. Rackley, 32°
April 12, 2011

John R. Wood, 32°
January 2, 2012

Edward E. Croney Jr., 32°
February 2, 2012

Daniel M. Saunders, 32°
January 19, 2012

Daniel H. Zeigler, 32°
January 17, 2012

Glen G. Handschy, 32°
January 14, 2012