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Worshipful Master Recognition Night

The Valley of Tampa honored those Worshipful Masters in the 67 Blue Lodges within our jurisdiction

at our September meeting. We were very pleased to have twenty-one Masters in attendance that evening.



Pictured with the Worshipful Masters are: Brother Ken Warner, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh;
R.:W.: Brian Campbell, DDGM, 20th Masonic District;
R.:W.: John Hooker, DDGM, 22nd Masonic District;
and R.:W.: Gary Tuttle, DDGM, 23rd Masonic District.

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by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: What a year 2012 has been for your Scottish Rite. When you receive this in your mailbox, we will be making the final preparations on our Fall Reunion, getting ready to welcome our new Masters of the Royal Secret. If you have not attended a Reunion for some time, please try to make it for at least a part of the first two Saturdays in November. Our

Degree teams have worked hard and perform some of the best ritual work you will see anywhere in Florida. Just like professional actors, they always perform better when there are people in the "house".

To say this year has been a challenge would be an understatement. We again have had to make decisions that affect the Valley and its members financially so that we can continue with the work of the Rite. We have, however, begun the process of starting to "endow" our building through the sale of 2 acres of property that we have owned for years in Lakeland. These funds are going to be preserved and the income earned from those funds will be used to maintain our Consistory building in Tampa. It is not a cure all but a step in the right direction.

Many brothers work hard year after year for the benefit of the Valley of Tampa. I am talking of course about our Valley officers, Reunion committees and our various committees. When you attend our Reunions, you see these names listed in our Reunion Book. Four brothers, however, have been elected by their peers to manage the business of the four organizations within the Valley. A special thank you to Brother Jerry Lee, 32° KCCH, Commander of the KCCH Organization; Ill. Raul Reyes, Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard; Brother Ben Raposa, 32°, Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew; and Brother Woody Newcomb, 32°, President of the Past Masters Organization. Each of these organizations has contributed greatly to the Valley of Tampa this year. If you are not a member of one of these organizations, I encourage you to get involved with them in 2013.

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 Lewis Fletcher, 32° Lake Region Club; Brother Glenn Banks, 33°, North Pinellas Club; Brother Charlie Cheshire, 33°, Pinellas Club; Brother W. Allen Sorbie, 32°, Sarasota Club; and Brother Edmond James, 32°, Sun City Center Club. These brothers work hard in their local area and doing wonderful things 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 fellowship 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. 🐼

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Masters 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

Anthony P. Galanti, 32°
Ernest O. Wasdin, 32°
Richard R. Whitmyer, 32°

Dear Scottish Rite Masons:

I wanted to write and thank you for all of the help you have provided for my son to receive speech therapy at All Children's. When I found out that my insurance would charge me \$45 per visit I knew I would be unable to afford the help that my son needed. As a single mom, my resources are very limited, but wanted to do what was best for my son. Everyone that I contacted in your organization was incredibly helpful and friendly. You provided help right away. It was such a relief to finally get help for him. Everyone at All Children's was also helpful and wonderful to Owen. We are so blessed to have the Scottish Rite to help those like myself and my son who need assistance. I can't tell you how much we appreciate what you



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General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

To Our Dues Exempt Members:

On September 7, 2012, I sent a letter to you detailing the short fall of \$25,540 that the Valley is facing from the continued increase of our per capita, which we are required to pay to the Supreme Council for all our members.

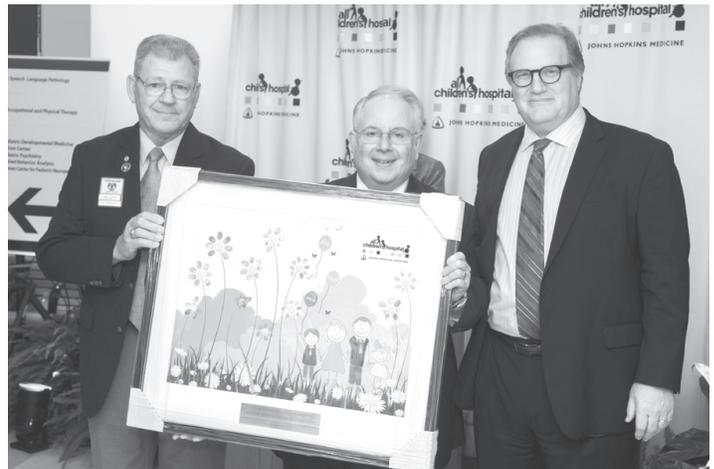
The letter asked for a voluntary contribution of \$20 per member to off-set this short fall. I am very pleased to report that as of press time, approximately \$10,000 has been sent in as a result of that request.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the generosity expressed by those Brothers who answered the call for help. Not only did most of the Brothers give \$20, they gave extra to put to the building operating fund.

My Brothers may "GOD BLESS YOU ALL!" 🐼

Presentation at All Children's Hospital Re-Dedication

by Dr. Jonathan Ellen



(l-r) Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH, Tampa Valley Trustee for our Scottish Rite Foundation, John E. Drewett, 33°, General Secretary and Dr. Jonathan Ellen, President of All Children's Hospital, John Hopkins Medicine.

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 Jan./Feb. Bulletin

December 3 - Contributor deadline
December 12 - Office contributor deadline
December 14 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Twenty-Five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Frederick R. Baltes, 32°
Jon S. DeCaluwe, 32°

Fifty Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Donald L. Winstead, 32°

Millionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

All R's Pest Management, Inc.
North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club
Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Steven J. Silvers, 32°
Richard G. Hoover, 32° KCCH
Richard J. Whalen Sr., 33°
Lynn C. Raposa, 32° KCCH
Tampa Consistory Emblem Shop

Scottish Rite Master Craftsman II Certificate & Lapel Pin

Casey A. Fletcher, 32°

The Fruits of Your Labor Your Foundation at Work

by Patrick C. Palmer Special Assistant
to the SGIG In the Orient of Florida

Recently, my wife and I had the honor of attending an open house at the Speech Language Pathology Clinic at the All Children's Hospital in Saint Petersburg. My wife started a conversation with a lady in attendance. The lady asked my wife what connection we had with the clinic and when my wife told her we were there representing the Scottish Rite the lady became very excited and told us an inspiring story about how the Scottish Rite assisted her family in time of need. I asked permission from her to use her story on our website and in our brochure. She was gracious to grant that permission. Below is the email that she sent me a week later.

Dear Mr. Palmer,

I was so delighted to meet you, your wife, and the other two gentlemen in attendance at the Dedication

and Open House of the new Child Development and Rehabilitation Center of All Children's John Hopkins in St. Petersburg on Thursday, September 20, 2012. To be able to personally thank all four of you for the generosity that was displayed to our family nearly 20 years ago was very gratifying.

My husband Steve and I are the very proud parents of three wonderful children. Our eldest, James, who is now 23 years old, was born autistic. He began receiving the services of speech therapy at All Children's Hospital at the age of three. After approximately one year of therapy, it was clear that much more work was necessary and our insurance carrier denied any further payments. That left us in the perplexing circumstance of desiring the very best for our son, yet not being in the position to supply the much needed help merely due to a financial hardship. As you can well imagine, this was heart-breaking to us.

We were informed by All Children's that there might be financial assistance available to us through your organization, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. We were given the information, filled out the paperwork and quickly were notified that we qualified for a percentage of the costs. The gratefulness we have for this donation of "love" towards our son and his future cannot simply be expressed in this letter. It made all the difference in his life. Had he not received these services, it is entirely possible that James would not be the man he is today. Not only did he learn to speak clearly, but he learned to express his thoughts and ultimately became a voracious reader and speller. He is an avid historian, digesting book after book on his very favorite subjects, WWI and WWII during all his free time. He graduated from high school, even took several college classes and has worked for Publix grocery stores for three years. He is a respected and hard-working employee.

Our family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. We talk kindly whenever given the opportunity to share about this organization that so generously assisted our family at a time of need. To finally meet some members, people who work diligently to raise the funds to serve others like ourselves, was thrilling, to say the least. Thank you! We are eternally grateful. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Mona and the Tomlin Family
(Steve, James, Melissa and Patrick.) 🐾



Scottish Rite Masonry is Rite for America

by Kenneth P. Scott 32°
Commander of Kadosh

Greetings to all Masters of the Royal Secret, it is a pleasure for me to welcome all Masters of the Royal Secret as the Commander of the

Council of Kadosh. By becoming a member of this ancient Order, you have already made an important decision to help, aid and assist the continued success of the Scottish Rite.

This important decision is to protect and advance our common core values, shared goals of increasing membership and creating enthusiasm for our members. All of your personal and professional interests that you bring to the table and those of your colleagues, may be exactly what we as an Order have been searching for. I encourage you to participate fully in the activities in the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite in order to make the best use of your membership.

We value your opinion and your suggestions, questions and concerns. We hold regular meetings and welcome your contributions to The Bulletin, so there are plenty of opportunities to keep in touch, express your views, and get involved.

Your Scottish Rite has numerous organizations, clubs, committees, degree teams, technical staff positions, emblem shop opportunities and special assignments that are available if you have the interest. While some of the Valley committees are "standing committees" others are formed to take on a particular project or issue. Any member can ask to join a regular committee or meet with the Executive Committee to look into creating a new one, or create one to address an issue of special interest to you and the organization!

If you have any questions about your membership, joining a committee or becoming more involved, please contact our General Secretary to begin your new participation in what I can assure you is a lifelong feeling of personal accomplishment in freemasonry. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren I am looking forward to our Fall Reunion, which will be the 278th the combined Bodies of Tampa have held. I am asking all Brothers who have sponsored a Brother from your Blue Lodge, to attend both days November 3 and 10. The Degree teams have been holding practices to insure the Scottish Rite lessons being taught during the degrees are clear and understandable. All reunions are a team effort, from the Tilers at the check in desk, to the Stage and Property Committee, Brethren setting the auditorium stage or floor, to the Wardrobe Committee, to the Sound and Lighting Committee, and our soloists and Organ Musicians, and especially our office staff. Of course, all the various degree teams, who practice diligently to present the Scottish Rite lessons to not only our candidates, but the members too. I wish to thank all the Brethren from Sarasota Lodge No. 147, these Brothers have taken up the challenge to bring back three more degrees that have not been conferred for at least 10 years. These Degrees are "5° Perfect Master," "6° Intimate Secretary" and "12° Master Architect." They would appreciate all Brothers to be present for the conferring of these degrees for the wonderful lessons in Scottish Rite Freemasonry taught to all of us. I also ask each of you when you attend, if you meet a Brother you've not seen for a while, or never seen before, walk up shake his hand and welcome him to the Reunion. Your sponsored candidate and all the candidates should be welcomed the same way, after all they are our Brothers. God Bless. 🍷

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have done for us and continue to do for us. Words cannot express how you have touched our lives in a positive way. He is making progress and beginning to use sign language and say a few words...music to my ears! So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Sincerely, Stacy and Owen Taylor. 🍷

L&L Events presents The Holiday Dinner

A fully cooked Gourmet Holiday Dinner. Order a la Carte or one of our convenient packages for additional savings. All orders must be prepaid by November 15, 2012. To Order Call (813) 597-9927.

The Menu

Entrees:

- 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. 10-14 Servings \$49.99
- Fried Turkey
 - Breast 2.5 lbs. 6-8 Servings \$19.99

Breads

- Rolls \$2.50 for 6

Desserts

- Apple Pie \$8.00 Each
- Pecan Pie \$10.00 Each
- Pumpkin Pie \$10.00 Each
- Chocolate Chip Cookies \$5.00 Dozen

Sides - Serves 4-6

- Turkey Gravy \$2.00
- Loaded Mashed Potatoes \$6.00
- Green Bean Casserole \$6.00
- Sweet Potato Souffle \$6.00
- Macaroni & Cheese \$6.00
- Yellow Rice \$6.00
- Stuffing \$6.00

Packages *

- The Indian \$24.99
 - Turkey Breast, 1 side, Turkey Gravy & Rolls
- The Pilgrim \$54.99
 - Reg. Turkey, 2 Sides, Turkey Gravy, 1 Dessert & Rolls
- The Governor \$119.99
 - Reg. Turkey, Reg. Ham, 3 Sides, Turkey Gravy, Rolls & 2 Desserts,

*Add \$19.99 for each Large Upgrade. 🍷



**Kenneth A.
Warner, 32°
KCCH
Master of Kadosh**

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to thank everyone for an enjoyable year.

As with any organiza-

tion, it has been so, only through your comments, positive input and support.

From the Installation, to the reunions, the Masonic Youth Night and then honoring so many of our local Worshipful Masters. Even the night at the RAYS game was topped off by a win.

The opportunities to present the Master Craftsman awards and honoring those Brothers who have achieved 25 and 50 years in the Craft, definitely inspirational.

I thank you all for the opportunity to have experienced these events as your Master of Kadosh.

I look forward to continuing the support for the future officers and members. 🐾

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 3 and 10 2012:
Fall Reunion
Memorial Class Honoring
Ill.∴ C. Frederick Kleinknecht, Jr. , 33°

November 12, 2012:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting

December 10, 2012:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner, Regular Meeting and Election of Officers

January 14, 2012:
Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Public Installation of Officers. 🐾

Prelate ✝️
by Ill. Lou Ortt, 33°

It is that time of the year when we join to celebrate the holidays and the feasts. In today's world, we often think of these days as a time to sleep in, an afternoon to watch football or to gather with family to see how much food we can consume. While each of these activities, or lack thereof, is important, we need to look back at the real meaning of these events.

In the Book of Genesis we encounter the first holiday when God allowed his people to work for six days, then gave them time to rest on the seventh so they could continually acknowledge the love of God - a remembrance of his work of creation.

In the Book of Leviticus, beginning at the 23rd chapter, we have other holidays or feast days which were given to Moses by the Lord. The Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, First Harvest, Blowing of Trumpets, Day of Atonement.

In later days, we added celebrations of All Saints' Day when we remember those who have gone before us, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

What we must remember is that each of these holidays is there for a specific reason. They are here to remind us all of God's presence in our lives and by celebrating them repetitively we gain a better understanding and build closer bonds with our Heavenly Father.

We hope you each maximize these holidays. 🐾



Good for You

Congratulations to Brother Casey A. Fletcher, 32° for being named the Mason of the Year in the 24th Masonic District.

Congratulations to Brother Gil J. Hernandez, 32° for being named the Man of the Year for 2012 by Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. 🐾

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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



Gilbert N. Andrick, 32°
July 9, 2012

Arthur H. Barker, 32°
August 11, 2012

Tom F. Brown, 33°
September 29, 2012

Roland E. Chacon, 32°
August 11, 2012

George H. Gage, 32°
October 2, 2012

Wilbur R. Gorman, 32°
June 27, 2012

Jimmie J. Guagliardo, 32°
July 4, 2012

John A. Guyton, 32°
September 18, 2012

Ezra O. Hall, 32°
June 3, 2012

Walter R. Hudson Jr., 32°
July 8, 2012

Donald G. Jefferson, 32°
September 13, 2012

Robert T. Leggiere, 32°
September 16, 2012

Charles W. Magee, 32°
May 24, 2012

Claude Moore, 32°
September 22, 2012

Lewis C. Nelson, 32°
August 7, 2012

Hugh L. Pickering, 32°
August 15, 2012

Robert Rippa, 32°
September 26, 2012

James A. Smith, 33°
August 27, 2012

Roy M. Speer, Jr., 32°
August 19, 2012

Cleophis T. Stephens, 32°
August 14, 2012

Ralph H. Swanker, 32°
September 13, 2012

William M. Terrell, 32°
July 28, 2012

Leon H. Webster, 32°
September 10, 2012