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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 thirty-two Masters in attendance that evening.



Pictured with the Worshipful Masters are: Ill.:. Barry Hart, 33°, Master of Kadosh;
Ill.:. Dale I. Goehrig, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and
M.:. W.:. Danny R. Griffith, 32°, Grand Master.

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Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

We again find ourselves approaching the end of another year. Looking back at what we have accomplished, I see two successful Reunions, where we were able to impart more light to our new brethren. At our Fall Reunion, we started something new with a discussion on the 4th Degree while other degrees were being conferred.

We were asked again to host the Orient of Florida's Honors Weekend, which will be held on November 9, and we have streamlined a part of our operation which has resulted in a reduction of certain expenses. All of the above accomplishments were the result of many brethren stepping up and agreeing to do what was necessary for us to be successful.

At this time last year, I told you that we were taking steps to assist in the maintenance cost of our building in Tampa. While we did not get started as fast as I had hoped, the funds generated from the sale of the Lakeland property (actually half of the property) has resulted in excess of \$10,000 being available in 2014 to fund some improvements to our facility in Tampa. These funds will take some of the burden off of our operating budget and provide for a more enjoyable experience for you when you come to one of our events.

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 **Gil Weisman**, 32° KCCH, Commander of the KCCH Organization; Brother **Sam Pesola**, 32° KCCH, Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard; Brother **Casey Fletcher**, 32°, Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew; and Brother **Leonard J. A. Smith**, 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 2014.

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 **Leonard Smith**, 32° Lake Region Club; Brother **Glenn Banks**, 33°, North Pinellas Club; Brother **Charlie Cheshire**, 33°, Pinellas Club; Brother **Paul Woodman**, 32°, Sarasota Club; and Brother **Vernon Bartz**, 32° Sun City Club. These brothers work hard in their local area and are 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

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General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Permanent Dues Cards

The 2014 dues cards will be a permanent plastic card. **Do Not Lose These!**

Starting in 2015 and after, when you pay your dues, you will be mailed a sticker to affix to the card with the year that you pay.

Dues notices will be late

The Supreme Council in Washington DC informed us that the 2014 dues notices will be mailed out sometime in November.

Dues increase reminder

The Executive Committee approved a dues increase of \$25.00 for 2014 Dues, from \$65.00 to \$90.00. The dues increase was necessary in order to pay the Supreme Council per capita for each member.

Scottish Rite Memorial Service

There will be a Scottish Rite Memorial Service for Illustrious Kenneth R. James on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. This will be an open ceremony, everyone is invited.

Time changes

for November 11, 2013 Monthly Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Dinner will continue until
everyone has eaten 5:00 p.m.
KCCH Meeting 5:40 p.m.
Knights of St. Andrew 6:40 p.m.
Memorial Service 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite Installation Ceremony

The open installation for the 2014 Scottish Rite Officers and Club Officers will be on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Lodge Room. Invite your family and friends. 🍷

Knights of St. Andrew

The Valley of Tampa's Knights of St. Andrew will hold their annual BBQ on Saturday, November 23 at Hooper's Hollow next to Egypt Shrine (4050 Dana Shores.) The BBQ will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person (all you can eat) for pulled pork, chicken, cole slaw, baked beans and beverages.

The Knights of St. Andrew invites all members of the Valley of Tampa and their families and friends to attend this event. For more information, please contact A. J. Ahrens at email: ahrens1@tampabay.rr.com. 🍷

Former Northern Light Editor elected Philalethes Society President

Ill. Richard H. Curtis 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, was recently elected president of the Philalethes Society at its conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The organization is the oldest independent Masonic research society in North America. It serves thousands of members worldwide. Brother Curtis was editor of *The Northern Light* from 1975 and continued in the role until 2006. As assistant editor before that he played a crucial role in designing *The Northern Light* magazine. Dick Curtis is a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge in Reading, MA and is also a member of the Valley of Boston. 🍷

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Masters of the Royal Secret who have 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

William J. Jacobs, 32
Christopher J. Mills, Sr., 32°
Charles D. Walter, 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, October and December)
Freedom Plaza Club
Sun City Center, FL

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Deadline for Jan./Feb. Bulletin

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

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received certificates and lapel pins:

Millionaires Certificate & Lapel Pins

Richard S. Cowan, 32°
Pinellas Scottish Rite Club


Perpetual Membership Certificates & Wallet Cards

Glen H. Carlin, Sr., 32°
Alfred Doherty, 32°


Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida

What a great opportunity to put into action the word of our Florida Scottish Rite slogan: "Total Involvement Everyone." Join with us and extend a helping hand. Your tax deductible contributions will brighten the future of a child at a time when it is needed the most. Remember your gift keeps on giving forever.

Each Scottish Rite Valley has a member represented on the Foundation Board of Trustees. If you desire more information, your General Secretary will be delighted to put you in touch with your Trustee. Thank you for sharing the gift of voice.

If you would like to help, you can make a tax deductible contribution to "The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A., Inc." by mailing your donations to: Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634-7336. You can also make a tax deductible contribution securely over the Web: www.scottishritefoundationofflorida.org. 

Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals

Current Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals may be viewed on the Scottish Rite Web page in the Membership Menu under Honors / Knight of the Double Eagle. 

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., **NEW dinner time is 5:45 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.

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Memorial Service 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,
Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce & Apple Pie.

December 9, 2013:

Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting
Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,
Vegetables, Salad & Warm Bread Pudding
w/Carmel Sauce.

Scottish Rite Calendar

Have you checked out the Scottish Rite calendar on the Website: www.srtampa.org? We have listed all of the known events that will be taking place at your Scottish Rite in 2013 along with the meeting dates, times and places of our Scottish Rite Clubs. As new events are planned, the calendar will be updated to keep you informed so you may want to check back often. 🐼

Visit our Facebook page!

The Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite is now on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TampaAASR, or if you are a Facebook member, log on and type "Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite" in the Search box. 🐼

The new Website has arrived!

We have redesigned the Tampa Scottish Rite Website to be cleaner, faster, brighter and friendlier to all those with smart phones, tablets, and other hand-held devices. Our focus was to improve speed, search capability and usability for all while making it crisper and more poignant: www.srtampa.org.



The Dash

by R.: W.: Gil Weisman 32° KCCH

A man and Mason may live 120 years. And on his headstone (or footstone) are the dates of his birth and of his death. Take a moment to think about that little dash that separates those two dates. Who, exactly, was this man and Brother?

That dash, my Brothers, defines the man. What did he do between the two dates? Whatever he did, perhaps, only for himself, during that period, will long be forgotten. But what he did for others, the betterment of his family, his House of Worship, and his Masonic Fraternity, how he carried himself, his honesty and fairness, will be remembered fondly for years to come.

My Brothers, the Supreme Architect of the Universe only put us on earth for a very short time. Make that little dash define, in a positive way, who you really are. 🐼



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, I wish to thank all of those hard-working Brethren that participated in the many positions as Reunion workers. It was as usual, a beautiful and well-done Reunion. The following committees and those

Brethren in the different Degrees that were conferred, the sound and lighting crew, the stage and floor properties, wardrobe, Tilers, registration desk and our fine organist Brother Robert Davidson, and all the wonderful soloists.

To our new Masters of the Royal Secret, I invite you to join those Brethren and choose a committee or Degree you will enjoy working with our Brethren, as an active member. We still have four degrees that need casts. Even if you think you have never done any ritual work, you already have, because you learned the catechisms in all three degrees in your Blue Lodge. We also need to add to the Scottish Rite Guard, and you can obtain a petition to join if you are interested, in the secretary's office.

To our new Brethren and *All Members*, I am furnishing information of Research Lodges that you may join and recommended books that you may purchase. To our new members there is an information sheet in your packet or through the various Websites, and for our present members here is a small list for your information. You may obtain applications for the Research Lodges either from me or by contacting the General Secretary. Our new members were told that by joining the Scottish Rite, you were joining the College of Freemasonry. The following information will help you continue that process. I am sure you will enjoy any of the books recommended or Research Lodge or Lodges you may decide becoming a member of. Regarding purchase of these or any other books, I recommend "amazon.com" for the best prices on Websites.

Research Lodges

QCCC. Ltd. (London England) - oldest Research Lodge in Masonry, annual hard back 300 page book, dues \$60.00.

Masonic Book Club - one Annual Hard Back book, and purchases of other Masonic books in their inventory, annual dues \$20.00.

Southern California Research Lodge - Annual Dues \$20.00, monthly 20-page Masonic Information and world wide communications, also purchases from their inventory of over 300 Masonic books at 50 % - 75% of normal prices.

Scottish Rite Research Society - Annual dues \$50.00, annual hard bound book, also an inventory of Masonic Books that may be purchased from Scottish Rite Supreme Headquarters.

Recommended Books

Born in Blood - 376 pages, cost \$20.00, author Ill. John J. Robinson 33°.

Dungeon, Fire and Sword - 500 pages, cost \$25.00, author Ill. John Robinson 33°.

A Pilgrim's Path - 300 Pages, cost \$16.00, author - Ill. John Robinson 33°.

The Builders - 345 pages, cost \$16.00, author - Rev. John Fort Newton.

The Complete Works of Flavius Josephus - 926 pages - cost \$16.00 - Author Flavius Josephus (written approximately 75 AD.)

The Craft and Its' Symbols - cost \$15.00, 92 pages, - author Ill. Allen E. Roberts 33°. 🐼

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

WW II Period - After the attack on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, beginning the new year 1942, the Valley of Tampa began to support the war effort by investing in Defense Bonds. On January 5, 1942 a motion was made and passed to purchase a \$1,000 Defense Bond. Beginning a practice that would continue during the war years, a special Convocation was held on February 19, 1942 for eight candidates expected to be entering service in the Armed Forces. The 4° through the 31° was communicated and the 32° conferred. A regular Spring Convocation was held on May 5 and May 7 with 10 Brothers receiving the 4° - 32°. Elections were held as usual on June 1, 1942, Lodge of Perfection - R. E. Bowen 32° Venerable Master (Brother Bowen died June 4, 1942), Chapter Rose Croix - N. R. Graham 32° Wise Master, Council of Kadosh - R. G. Thompson 32° Commander, Consis-

tory - K. G. McPherson 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh. Ill. H. C. Turner 33° was elected Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection on July 6, 1942.

The Fall Convocation was held on September 22 - 24, 1942 with 57 Brothers with these Brothers receiving the 4°-32°. M W George Taylor Grand Master of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Florida 32° KCCH, was the Guest Speaker. A Special Convocation was held on November 22, 1942 for three Brothers to receive the 4°-32°, who had been ordered to report for active duty. The Executive Committee on September 3, 1942 had authorized \$99,900 in Cathedral Bonds be delivered to the First National Bank as completely paid in full making the Temple debt free. Due to the war, laws were passed in January 1942 rationing gas, car tires, sugar, butter and meat.

Brother General Jimmy Doolittle led the first air raid on Tokyo, Japan. In the Battle of Midway, four Japanese carriers sunk in May, 1942. German Subs sunk 24 ships off the east coast of Florida in 1942. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Are you one who finds it impossible to attend a Consistory meeting in Tampa due to work or family commitments? If so, have you attended a meeting of the Scottish Rite Club in your area? Scottish Rite Clubs are located in Seminole, Dunedin, Largo, Winter Haven, Sarasota and Sun City Center. Details of each Club's meeting dates, times and locations can be found on page 4. On our new Website, click on the Membership tab, then on Clubs. 🐼

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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. 🐼

Prelate



by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of thy wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High."

– Psalm 9:1-2



There is a story about an individual who was about to go through a revolving door at a large office building. As he approached the door a woman jumped in front of him and ran through. He called out to her, "Excuse me, did you say something?" She turned and said, "No!" He responded with, "I thought I heard you say 'Thank you.'" How often do we forget?

We are very fortunate to live in a nation that has set one day aside to say "Thank you" and makes it a national celebration.

We think back to those who came to this country in 1620, to an area both unfamiliar and inhospitable, and yet went forward with what they felt was necessary to plant, nurture and harvest. When all was completed they gathered together for a major meal and to give thanks to God for sustaining them through this very scary ordeal.

Today with all our blessings, let us not be ungrateful servants, but let us give all praise and thankfulness to the Lord for all he has given us. As you gather together for your Thanksgiving, pause for a moment and pray.

Lord, help us to express gratitude too great for words and to reveal our thanksgiving by providing for others, as you have provided for us. Amen. 🐼

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 www.srtampa.org, under the Publications tab, then click on Tampa eNews and signup. 🐼

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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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August 21, 2013

Otto L. Quick Jr., 32°
September 22, 2013

Hal J. Wise, 32°
March 26, 2013

William L. Kitchens, 32°
October 6, 2013

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August 25, 2013

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September 24, 2013

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October 6, 2013

Robert W. Wilson, 32°
October 10, 2013

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October 10, 2013