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Grand Master M.:W.: James W. Ford of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

The Valley of Tampa is proud to have our new Grand Master as an active member. M.:W.: James W. Ford was born July 10, 1941 in Baltimore, MD where he graduated from Baltimore City College. He attended both Baltimore Junior College and the University of Maryland. Following his education, he served two years in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. In 1975 he met Joy Hall Sayre and they were married on March 21, 1983. Our Grand Master is the proud father of four children and seven grandchildren.

M.:W.: Jim began his business career with the Southland Corporation and held various management positions in the Baltimore/Washington DC and Virginia area. In 1990 he transferred his family to Hillsborough County and in 1993 retired with over thirty years of service.

He received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79 where he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 26, 1996. He was appointed

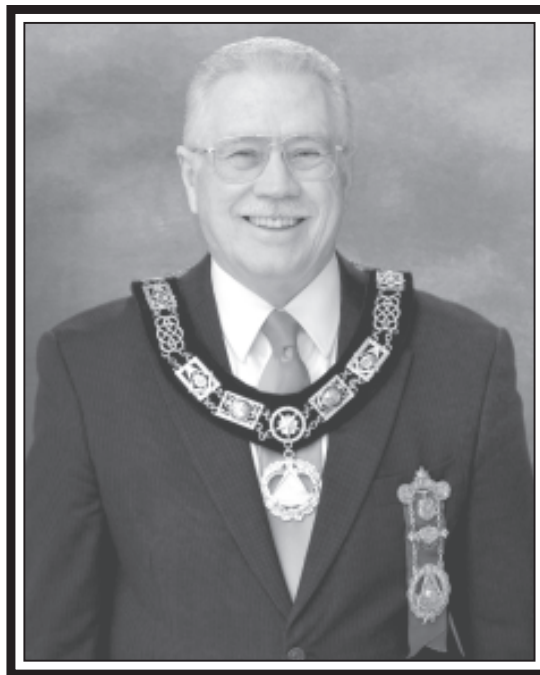
Junior Steward of Olin S. Wright Lodge in 1997 and served as Worshipful Master in 2001.

M.:W.: Robert D. Trump appointed our Grand Master as his District Deputy Grand Master in the 23rd Masonic District in 2006. His service to our Grand Lodge has continued over the years where he has served the Craft as Zone Chairman of the Lodge Assistance Committee in 2007, State Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee in 2008 and 2009, a member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees in 2010, Senior Grand Deacon in 2010 and a member of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee in 2010.

On May 30, 2011, M.:W.: Ford was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida where he has progressed through the elected line and was installed Grand

Master on May 28, 2014.

In the Scottish Rite, M.:W.: Jim was consecrated a Master of the Royal Secret on November 14,
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by Ill.:. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Summertime is here and that means many of our members will be hitting the road traveling on vacation and seeing family. Summertime does not mean; however, that the Valley of Tampa closes for a few months. Activities are planned that we hope you will enjoy so please check the calendar of upcoming events.

This may sound early brethren, but please remember our Fall Reunion on October 25 and November 1. As this article is being written, we have four candidates for the Scottish Rite, but we need more. I encourage you to ask your Blue Lodge, York Rite, Shrine or Grotto brothers that are not members of the Scottish Rite to join you at this reunion. The teachings of the Scottish Rite are meaningful and with our Degree teams are conferred in a beautiful manner.

Speaking of our Reunions, they are not just for our candidates. They are to serve as a reunion for our current brethren to gather once again and catch up on old times, see old friends and make new ones. If you have not been to a Reunion in some time, you are encouraged to attend any or all of our Fall Reunion.

In this issue of The Bulletin, we are pleased to recognize those Scottish Rite brothers who are currently serving the Grand Lodge of Florida in elected or appointed offices and committees. The Scottish Rite in general and the Valley of Tampa in particular has always been a big supporter of Craft Masonry and the Grand Lodge of Florida and those listed in this issue is certainly indicative of that support. We wish these brothers well as they carry out the work of the Grand Lodge this year and we are always there to support them in their endeavors.

We continue to post informative daily messages on the Valley's Facebook page (Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite). If you have not checked us out, please do so. We currently have Facebook members from around the globe who check in every day to see what we have posted. In addition, we post pictures from our monthly meetings and special events.

If you are one of us who travels during the summer months, we hope that you have safe travels and look forward to your return to the Tampa Bay area. 🐾

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 <<http://tampascottishrite.org>>, click on **Publications**, then **Tampa eNews** then sign up under Tampa eNews. 🐾



General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Notification of Death

Please make sure that your family knows to notify the Scottish Rite office upon your passing. The Blue Lodges do not automatically notify

the Scottish Rite, so that considerable time may pass before the office finds out. The Scottish Rite office can be reached at (813) 886-0578.

Scottish Rite Needs Your Help

Brother Dale Goodson, 32° KCCH, our Scottish Rite Coordinator for the R.O.T.C. Program needs your help. Brother Goodson has done a remarkable job on his own for several years. Brother Goodson is looking for Brothers to go to the high schools to make the presentations at a ceremony. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact Brother Dale Goodson, 32° KCCH at (813) 928-7396.

Scottish Rite Reunion

Our next Scottish Rite Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and Saturday, November 1, 2014. It certainly is not too early to be recruiting members from your Blue Lodge. Petitions are available from the office or they can be downloaded from our web site: www.srtampa.org

Delinquent Members

As of this date there are 306 members from the Valley of Tampa out of 1,651 total dues paying members, who have not paid their 2014 annual dues. The 2014 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2013 for the year 2014. If for some reason you are having problems with making the dues payment, please contact the General Secretary for assistance at (813) 886-0578. 🐼

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Master of the Royal Secret who has joined us by Affiliation 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.

Affiliations

Richard B. Brown, 32° - Dual Member
Nikolas Pavlides, 32°

Reinstatements

Larry A. Bernard, 32°
Steven D. Mc Mahon, 32°

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1998 in the Valley of Tampa. On November 7, 2009, he was invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. He currently serves as the Junior Warden of the Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix.

In addition to his Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite memberships, Brother Ford is also a member of Egypt Shrine, the Plant City Shrine Club and the Past Masters Unit of Egypt Shrine. In the York Rite, he is a member of Plant City Chapter No. 16, RAM, Tyler Council No. 4, R&SM and Plant City Commandery No. 6. Having served as the presiding officer of his Lodge and the three York Rite bodies, he is also a member of Florida Priory No. 60, KYCH; Pentagon York Rite College No. 62, Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35, Knight Masons; St. Sebastian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; The Royal Order of Scotland and Zenda Grotto. He is also a Past Patron of Plant City Chapter No. 81, Order of the Eastern Star.

In his spare time, our Grand Master enjoys traveling, fishing, golfing and gardening. He is a Tampa Bay Buccaneers fans. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

September 18, 2014 TBA

November 20, 2014 TBA

April 16, 2015 TBA

May 21, 2015 TBA

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.

(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./Oct. Bulletin

August 4 - Contributor deadline

August 13 - Office contributor deadline

August 15 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You - July & August

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

FiftyYear Certificates & Lapel Pins

James S. Barwick, 32° Horace M. Clark, 32°

George O. Dunlap, 32° Paul N. King, 32°

Richard F. Leis, 32° Douglas W. Lowery, 32°

William A. Ogletree, 32° Vernon R. Rodighiero, 32°

Justus R. Sackett, 32° Roy A. Sharpless, Jr., 32°

Thomas R. Smith, 32° Charles D. Stidham, 32°

Lear Tidwell, 32° Leslie H. Tucker Jr., 33°

John J. Wise, 32°

Twenty-FiveYear Certificate & Lapel Pin

Thomas Gavagan, 32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

All R's Pest Management, Inc.

Michael R. Pender Jr., 32°

At the August 11 meeting

An educational program and discussion will be held prior to the Consistory meeting on August 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.. The Eighth Degree, Intendant of the Building, will be examined. Brethren are encouraged to read that chapter in *Bridge to Light* and in the *Scottish Rite Monitor and Guide* before attending. 🐾

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.

July 14, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Regular Meeting

Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH, Masonic Education

Baked Ziti w/Sausage, Vegetable Blend, Caesar

Salad, Dinner Rolls and Ice Cream.

August 11, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Regular Meeting

Carl Gilmore, 32° KCCH, Masonic Education

Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Corn,

Hush Puppies, House Salad and Brownies. 🐾

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

James W. Ford, 32° KCCH Grand Master
 Richard G. Hoover, 33° Junior Grand Warden
 S. Gilbert Wesiman, 32° KCCH Grand Orator
 Robert G. Alderson, 32° Grand Marshal
 H. Michael McCool, 32° Junior Grand Deacon
 John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH ... Grand Standard Bearer
 Robert D. Davidson, 32° KCCH Grand Musician

District Deputies and Instructors

Lynn C. Raposa, 32° DDGM, 19th District
 Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32° DDGM, 22nd District
 Rex E. Helms, 32° DDGM, 25th District
 W. Allen Sorbie, 32° DDGM, 27th District
 William C. Sundquist, 32° DI, 21st District
 Gregory L. Wynn, 32° DI 23rd District
 A. Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH DI 25th District

Committeemen

Corporate Board

Robert G. Alderson, 32°

Endowment & Investment Committee

David W. Jones, 32°
 John W. Westerman, III 32°

Masonic Home Board of Trustees

Charles R. Jordan, 32°
 John W. Westerman, III 32°

General Services Panel

Kenneth A. Carolan, 32°
 Thomas R. Quay, 32°

Masonic Home Attorneys

Bruce Marger, 33°

Finance & Accounts

J. Dick Martinez, 32°

Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents & MH-100

Richard C. Hollie, Sr., 32° KCCH
 Frank S. Albinson, 32°

Grand Lodge Properties

Reed G. Rue, 32°

Panel of Attorneys

Bruce Marger, 33°
 Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°

Masonic Jurisprudence

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
 J. David Neveitt, 32°
 Houston D. White, 32°

Foreign Relations

J. Dick Martinez, 32° - Chairman
 Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32°

Perpetual Membership

David Lopez, 32° KCCH
 Eric B. West, 32°

Membership Development

Donald Cowart, 32°
 Henry J. Lamb, 32°

Committee On Work

Fern E. Street, 32°
 Casey A. Fletcher, 32°

Grand Master's Coordinating

Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°

Masonic Education

H. Michael McCool, 32° - State Chairman

Penal Affairs

John E. Drewett, 33°
 Thomas M. Edwards, II, 32°
 Raul A. Reyes, 33°

Public Education & Citizenship

Matthew B. Winters, 32°
 William J. Doolin, 32°

Public Relations & Publicity

William B. Garrett, Jr., 32° KCCH
 Howard W. Knapp, 32°

Youth Activities

L. Edward Villiaume, 32°

Grand Lodge Flagship Charity

John A. Baldwin, 32°
 Dwight Ridgeway, 32°

Child ID

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

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund

David A. Henderson, 32°



**R.:W.: Richard
G. Hoover**
Junior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Florida

The Valley of Tampa is proud to have our new Junior Grand Warden as an active member. R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand

Lodge of Florida on May 26, 2014 at the 185th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

R.:W.: Rick was born May 31, 1952 in Williamsport, PA where he graduated from Williamsport High School in 1970. He and his family moved to Florida where he is the owner-operator of All R's Pest Management, Inc.

Brother Rick received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Nitram Lodge No. 188, being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 20, 1994. He served Nitram Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1998 and continued his service to the Lodge as Secretary for many years.

In 2003, M.:W.: John R. Givens appointed him to serve as his District Deputy Grand Master in the 21st Masonic District. Prior to and following that appointment, he served the 21st District as District Instructor in 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2013. He has also served Grand Lodge on various committees beginning in 2004 and served as State Co-Chairman of the Masonic Leadership Training Committee in 2010 and 2011. He has served as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee from 2008-2011 and again in 2013. In between these years of service he also served as the Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge in 2007.

In the Scottish Rite, Ill.: Rick became a Master of the Royal Secret on May 6, 1995. His work in the Rite started immediately and on November 3, 2007 he was invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason on November 9, 2013. In the Valley of Tampa, he has served as Master of Kadosh in 2008, President of the Past Masters Organization and Commander of the KCCH Organization. He is also a member of the Valley's Executive Committee and serving as Chair-

man of the Wardrobe Committee and represents the Valley as a Trustee on the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida.

Active in many organizations, he is a member of Egypt Shrine and a member and Past President of the Past Masters Unit, St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 RAM, St. Petersburg Council No. 14 R&SM, Sunshine Commandery No. 20, KT, Selama Grotto, the Royal Order of Scotland and as an Advisor to St. Petersburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay. 🐾



**Director
of Work**

by Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33°

In the last issue of our Bulletin, I made a suggestion that "All Brothers," return to a much needed custom that had existed, but now forgotten, of meeting, greeting any and all Brethren of introducing

yourselves by a Brotherly handshake, as well as introducing yourself. I also suggested not to gather in little groups and ignore new or visiting Brethren. We want all Brothers to feel welcome to the Valley of Tampa. I tested my suggestion at our last meeting in April, by doing my best myself to shake every Brother's hand and greet them by saying my name (even though I had my name badge on) and saying that I was glad to see them, and welcoming them to the Valley of Tampa for a total of 95 Brethren. I was bothered when I saw very little of my suggestion, if any or all, among the Brothers present that night. There was again little groups enjoying meeting again, but none were inviting other Brothers into their group. Brothers, please let's make our Valley have the reputation of being the friendliest Scottish Rite Valley in Florida. When we have visiting Master Masons during any event we are having, you can certainly assure yourselves, the impression he and his family gets, how he was greeted and treated, can help make his decision to join or not. That same principle exists for new 32° Brothers, and visiting Scottish Rite Brothers. Please try it at our next meeting and all meetings in the future. God Bless. 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The year 1914 was the beginning of many changes to the world, with the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sofia. It brought about the First World War. During the first two years, America was not involved militarily until the passenger ship Lusitania was sunk with several hundred American passengers as victims. Until this incident, America had been a very isolationist country, but this caused a change of attitude of the entire country. Germany with Austria declared war together with several smaller nations, with France, Great Britain and Italy forming the allied countries opposing mainly the Germany-Austria group. Note: I highly recommend the History Channel TV Series, "The World Wars." After America's entry into the First World War, it emerged as a world power.

Changes in the Valley of Tampa in 1915 were great, as all degree teams were formed and began wearing costumes as required by the Supreme Council regulations. A noted change was a resolution that all cast members now must wear black "tennis shoes," which they must pay for themselves. The first Convocation was held on April 7, 8 and 9, 1915 with 37 new Masters of the Royal Secret Consecration. The Ladies of the Order of Eastern Star cooked all the meals during the Convocation.

A motion was made and approved to allow John Darling Lodge No. 154 to meet in our space in the Peninsular Phone Building. They were to furnish all the furniture and equipment they needed for their meetings, plus pay for the electricity used, elevator operator cost, plus a charge of \$1.00 per member.

The second Convocation of 1915 was held on October 27, 28 and 29. Ill. Olin S. Wright 33° consecrated 48 new Masters of the Royal Secret. At the meeting of November 1, 1915, a committee was formed to seek out a permanent meeting location, to purchase. 🐼

Scottish Knights of St. Andrew Meeting Dates

July 14, 2014
December 8, 2014

November 10, 2014

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

Psalm 37:7 "Be quiet before the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

It sounds so easy: be quiet and wait patiently, but yet it is so hard to do. A frequent prayer heard often today is, "Lord, give me patience, and give it to me right away!" Our culture craves constant stimulation. Between the iPhone and the Internet, we are always active one way or another. Perhaps the most difficult lesson to learn in life is patience. Patience is not passive, it is active, a concentrated strength. It requires us to withdraw our emotions and practice self-control. When we do this, we feel a strange calm and are very aware of our own inner forces.

There is a story of a man rushing to catch a train one morning who managed to miss it by a minute or two. He knew another would be along in about an hour. Earlier in the day, he had prayed for grace to overcome his massive impatience. Instead of seeing how he could profitably use that hour he paced back and forth on the platform in obvious frustration. Several minutes before the train pulled in, he realized his prayer had been granted. He had been given an hour to practice patience, but he missed the opportunity and wasted the hour.

How often do we in our daily lives get so wrapped up in our personal activities that we fail to restrain our emotions and thereby create more problems than we solve?

Perhaps Leonardo da Vinci said it best, "Patience serves as a protection against wrongs and clothes do against cold. For, if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet the great wrongs and they will be powerless to affect your mind."

So, spend some quiet time, remove the distractions, clear your mind, avoid temptations to go to the next event and quietly and patiently think of the wonderful blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. 🐼



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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



Alfred S. Austin, 32°
May 22, 2014

Harold S. Hill Jr., 32°
April 14, 2014

George B. Nye, 33°
March 23, 2014

Frederick J. Button, 32°
April 17, 2014

Larry W. Mc Call, 32°
May 5, 2014

William R. Rauch, 32°
April 23, 2014

Jack L. Carocci, 32°
September 9, 2013

Wyman L. Mc Donald, 32°
February 27, 2013

Jonas Sirotowitz, 32°
May 11, 2014

Claude W. Chester Jr., 32°
May 20, 2014

Edward W. Netscher, 32°
April 26, 2014

William J. Wendell, 32°
May 30, 2014