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In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are 178 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers,

and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

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While all children in need are eligible for available RiteCare® Program treatment, please consult with your local facility for specific financial information.

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by Ill. : Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As I write this column (early February), we have two petitions for our Spring Reunion to be held March 29 and April 5. As you can see, we need your help now to make sure that the Reunion is successful. Now is the time for all members of the Valley of Tampa to step up to the bar and secure a petition for the Scottish Rite. While the fees for the degrees might appear to be a lot of money to some, of the \$325, \$90 is the brother's 2014 dues, the value of Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma* is \$75 and the cost of *A Bridge To Light* is \$10. So, you see, the cost of the degrees is only \$150, a reasonable cost to enroll in the College of Freemasonry. This Reunion is in memory of Ill. : Walter Winchester, 33°, a long time Mason and a dedicated member of the fraternity. Our Degree Teams along with our backstage teams and our Wardrobe Committee, Class Directors, Registration, Knights of St. Andrew and everyone involved in the production of a Reunion are working hard to see that our new brothers are impressed with what they will see and learn. Ask that brother of yours who is not a Scottish Rite Mason to take that step now. Petitions must be received by the General Secretary by March 25. Don't delay. Petitions for the degrees are available from the office or may be obtained by visiting our website, www.tampascottishrite.org.

At our March Consistory meeting, we will honor those brothers who passed away in 2013 with our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This very moving ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all Masons and their guests. Brother Joe Gonzalez, 32° is the Degree Master for this impressive ceremony and his team members always do a First Class presentation. As always, dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the dining room.

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. 🍷

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.tampascottishrite.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. 🍷

**William F.
Wyllie, 32° KCCH
Wise Master**



Brother William F. Wyllie, 32° KCCH was installed Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter Rose Croix in January for the year 2014. Brother Bill is a native Floridian having been born in Clearwater.

His first exposure to Freemasonry was when he received the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees in Paul Revere Chapter (Tampa) in 1951. He later became a Charter Member of Owen A. Coile Chapter (Tampa) and served as Master Councilor in 1957. As a DeMolay he received the Representative DeMolay Award and later was invested with the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor.

He moved to Lakeland, FL where he petitioned Southland Lodge No. 256 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 26, 1977. He served Southland Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1982. In 1988, he represented M.: W.: Joseph Shurette as District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st (now 24th) Masonic District. He later served Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon in 1996 for M.: W.: Michael Padron and is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Brother Bill has been very active in the three York Rite bodies where he has served as the presiding officer of Lakeland Chapter No. 21, RAM, Polk Council No 6 R&SM and Lakeland Commandery No. 21 KT. He has also served as the District Deputy of the three Grand York Rite bodies in Florida and in 2005 served as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa on May 13, 1978 and was invested with the rank and dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 5, 2005. He is a member and Past Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard.

Professionally, Brother Wyllie is retired as an accountant, having worked in the citrus and phosphate industries and in public accounting. He is a Diaconal Minister and Treasurer of the Florida Conference of United Methodist Church. 🐾

**Sovereign
Grand
Commander
Northern Jurisdiction**



by Ill.: John Wm.
McNaughton, 33°

Value Proposition

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. – Brother Oscar Wilde

Many modern customs are the result of past experiences that went through a process of value enhancement. For example, present-day grocery shopping has evolved over many years. Neighborhood stores were replaced by supermarkets. Shopping carts, paper and plastic bags to carry purchases and weekly sales brochures have all been added to enhance the value of the shopping experience. All of these seemingly insignificant innovations came from the desire of business owners to improve the shopping experience for the customer.

The theory and practice of customer value management was pioneered by Ray Kordupleski in the 1980's, and it addresses many aspects of how a business creates value for its customers. It also parallels the concept of how an organization creates value for its members. In the larger marketing world, the concept of a Value Proposition is defined as all the benefits which an organization or business promises a customer or member.

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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 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

Dwight K. Hamborsky, 32°

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

April 17, 2014 at Tuscan Lodge No. 6, 6:00 p.m.
 May 15, 2014 at Kathleen Lodge No. 338, 6:00 p.m.
 September 18, 2014 TBA
 November 20, 2014 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 May/June Bulletin

April 7 - Contributor deadline
 April 16 - Office contributor deadline
 April 18 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Jeffrey M. Pick, 32°

Millionaires Certificates & Lapel Pins

James J. T. Blum, 32° KCCH
 (In Honor as Commander, Council of Kadosh 2013)
 Alice B. & Louie A. King, 33°
 Knights of the Eagle Widows' Sons
 Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°
 Sherry S. & W. Allen Sorbie, 32°
 Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

Perpetual Membership Certificate & Wallet Card

Cory A. Underwood, 32°

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club Announces New Meeting Format

During 2014, the club will experiment with a new format. Replacing the typical dinner and program format will be a series of discussions and presentations on specific Scottish Rite Degrees.

On Thursday, April 17, the Fourth Degree, Secret Master, will be reviewed and discussed at Tuscan Lodge No. 6 in Bartow. Pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the discussion commencing at 6:30 p.m. Brethren should read that chapter in Bridge to Light before attending and are encouraged to attend the Degree on March 29 at the Spring Reunion.

The Seventeenth Degree, Knight of the East and West, will be the topic on Thursday, May 15, at Kathleen Lodge No. 338 in Kathleen. Brethren should prepare by reading that chapter in Bridge to Light (this degree will be conferred at the Fall Reunion.)

Other degrees will be examined on September 18 and November 20. The topics and locations will be announced in the Bulletin. All events are open to Scottish Rite Brethren with a current dues card.

For information contact Brother Jim Finnegan 32° at jimfinnegan@me.com or Brother Casey Fletcher 32° KCCH at cletcher@palletone.com. 🐾

Good For You

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

Thomas A. Collins Hernando Lodge No. 97
 Timothy W. Williams Tuscan Lodge No. 6
 David S. Liniger Hillsborough Lodge No. 25
 Joseph K. Fenton Manatee Lodge No. 31
 Steven A. Buskirk Star Lodge No. 78
 Michael D. Greenlee Lakeland Lodge No. 91
 Charles M. Levan, 33° Braidentown Lodge No. 99
 Thomas R. Quay St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139
 Michael W. Barnes Trilby Lodge No. 141
 Robert J. Martin Port Tampa Lodge No. 153
 Lowell T. Craze Fort Meade Lodge No. 160
 Andres L. Morin Universal Lodge No. 178
 Paul D. Barber A. W. Windhorst Lodge No. 185
 John E. Bockover Winter Haven Lodge No. 186
 William C. Sundquist Nitram Lodge No. 188
 Russell R. Aldridge Haines City Lodge No. 219
 Roger L. Turgeon Tampa Lodge No. 240
 Robert L. Phillips Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248
 William F. Kelm Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252
 David H. Riley, III Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290
 Jerry A. Haywood Community Lodge No. 292
 Stephen C. Murphy Venice Lodge No. 301
 Stanley H. Rakita High Twelve Lodge No. 317
 Delmer D. Tanner Kathleen Lodge No. 338
 James W. Benjamin Phoenix Lodge No. 346
 Thomas W. McVeigh Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385
 Richard R. Whitmyer East Gate Lodge No. 355
 Conrad P. Dreadin Travelers Lodge No. 390
 Patrick C. Palmer, 33° Memorial Lodge No. 920

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

At our March 10 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite we will be honoring those who have passed away during 2013 with our Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, William Wyllie, 32° KCCCH and the Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix in this beautiful and moving tribute to our departed brethren. This ceremony, which was formerly called Maundy Thursday, is obligatory to all members of the Chapter of Rose Croix. Brother Joe Gonzalez, 32°, Degree Master, will begin this ceremony at 7:15 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. The families of our fallen brothers and all Masons and non-Masons are invited. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

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As it has done for the past five years, the membership committee of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction continues to explore a variety of options toward improving the value proposition for our members. We have been focusing on our members and attempting to create value for them every day. The efforts to benefit our members have included birthday cards, holiday cards, Almoner’s Fund assistance for those Brethren and their families in need, filmed degrees on DVD, The Northern Light magazine, Brother-to-Brother cards, and tenure certificates, just to name a few.

The Value Proposition remains a process of renewed vision and self-evaluation for your Supreme Council. As with all matters of our beloved fraternity, the need to accept change and evolution is a constant and abiding practice of adapting to the contemporary wants and needs of our members, while staying true to the ancient principles of the craft. It is not easy; nothing of value ever is. Nevertheless, the labor of love for one another has been the hallmark of Freemasonry since time immemorial and will ever be the truest value with which we bulwark against the tide of an increasingly cynical world and will never cease to remind us:

We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.

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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. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The 281st Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 5. Due to the shortened time frame, I request all degree masters that plan to practice at our Temple, to contact me by email, and

request a secondary date. Brethren, we really need each individual Brother to contact all candidates for our Spring Reunion, as soon as possible. I realize the time is short, but with your usual dedicated effort, we can have another large class. I request that each degree master send the names and cast parts of their degree to the office as soon as possible. If there are no changes to your cast, you still must send a brief note that there will not be any changes in the degree cast to the secretary. We still must provide this information to print the Reunion Booklet. I suggest that you request permission of your Worshipful Master to place a brief article of the Spring Reunion in your lodge trestle board. You may obtain petitions from the office at any time, although you should already have petitions at your Lodge. Thank you for your help in helping your Brothers from your Blue Lodge, to continue to receive their "Further Light," from our College of Freemasonry. 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

It hardly seems possible that the year 1914, one hundred years ago, would bring America to prominence in the entire world and become the dominate world power after the completion of WWI. With the end of kings and queens and almost all royalty in Europe. The war that was supposed to end all wars took over ten million lives, and modernization completely in all countries, would change the entire world. The war to end all wars, turned out not to be such an event. On June 29, 1914, the first step came about with the murder in Sarajevo of the archduke and his wife, and Germany and Austria declared war against Great Britain, France and Russia. The Tampa Tribune published the graphic

pictures of the murders within 72 hours. Tony Janus, who had flown his Banjoist Airboat from St. Petersburg to Tampa two years previously, was in Russia for the Banjoist Airboat Company to sell their airboat, but was killed during a test flight in 1916. America was very much an isolationistic country and very much opposed to becoming involved in the "European War"; however, much of that changed when the HMS Lusitania carrying over 2,000 passengers, of which there were over 200 American citizens, were lost after being torpedoed by a German submarine. In Florida, this caused "war fever" as it was called in those days, to become the main topic.

Scottish Rite had continued to show growth in the entire state. The Supreme Council ordered that the Orient of Florida, due to growth of membership to have three new Deputies of the Supreme Council; Ill. Bruce S. Weeks, 33° of Pensacola, Ill. Clarence S. Hammatt, 33° of Jacksonville and Ill. Olin S. Wright, 33° of Plant City. Completed returns to the Supreme Council showed seven Lodges of Perfection with 755 members. Four Councils of Kadosh with 734 members and three Consistories with 726 members. Honors received in 1913 were nine 32° KCCH, and nine Ill. 33°.

In the Valley of Tampa, elections were held with the following results, Lodge of Perfection Venerable A. W. Windhorst, Chapter of Rose Croix Wise Master E. J. Keefe, Council of Kadosh Commander W. R. Fitts, Consistory Master of Kadosh George P. Sullivan. A motion was made and approved to move from Hillsborough Lodge's Temple to the Peninsular Telephone Co. Building for a monthly rent of \$100. Forty-six new Masters of the Royal Secret were communicated degrees 4° through 32° in 1914. 🐾

Scottish Knights of St. Andrew Meeting Dates

May 12, 2014

July 14, 2014

November 10, 2014

December 8, 2014

The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal. 🐾

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.

March 10, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting,
Pasta w/Meat Balls, Vegetable Blend
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Cakes
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.

March 29 & April 5, 2014:

Spring Reunion

April 14, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting,
Dinner and Regular Meeting
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Di Amore
Rice Pilaf, Spinach Casserole, Cup Cakes
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. 🍷

Educational Programs

An educational program and discussion will be held prior to the Consistory meeting on April 14 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. The program will examine the Fourth Degree, Secret Master. Brethren should read that chapter in Bridge to Light before attending and are encouraged to attend the Degree on March 29 at the Spring Reunion.

At the Consistory meeting thereafter, Master of Kadosh Brian Manne 32° KCCH will present a Masonic Education Program.

A “breakout” educational session and discussion will held at the Spring Reunion on the first Saturday, March 29 and will examine the Seventh Degree, Provost and Judge. Brethren are encouraged to attend the conferral of the Degree and to read that chapter in Bridge to Light before attending. 🍷

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



What an exciting time of year for us as we celebrate both Holy Week and Passover! Many do not realize the very close connection these two events have. In Exodus 12 we hear about the Lord giving Moses instructions to inform the congregation of Israel on what was going to happen and how to prepare for the events to come. Having been in captivity in Egypt it was something they needed to hear and believe. Each household was to take a lamb without blemish in its first year, a perfect one, a male, and, on the fourteenth of the month kill it in the evening, share its meat with neighbors and place its blood on the door posts and lintel of the houses. By doing this the children of Israel were saved.

Many years later in the 1st Letter of Peter 1:18-19 we read, "You know that you were ransomed from futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

Jesus had lived among men and had been tempted and tested and was found to be without sin, like the lambs were without blemish during the plague of death in Egypt.

So as we begin the Holy Season, let us be even more inspired by a strong faith in our Heavenly Father and thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us. 🍷

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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



Hugh R. Cupples, 32°
December 18, 2013

Fred C. Latham, 32° KCCH
January 26, 2014

Ted A. Oliveira, 32°
December 4, 2013

John P. Griffin, 32°
January 16, 2014

Milton C. Morris, 32°
January 13, 2014

Eddy R. Ostrom, 32°
December 26, 2013

John R. Hay, 32°
January 4, 2014

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February 6, 2014

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December 10, 2013

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January 1, 2014

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December 21, 2013

Richard E. Krisel Sr., 32°
December 6, 2013

James T. Ogle, 32°
November 13, 2013