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Join The Tampa Scottish Rite's Annual **Flag Day** Celebration!

Monday, June 9, 2014

5500 Memorial Hwy. Tampa

4:00 PM Flag Waving

5:00 PM **FREE** Barbecue Dinner

7:00 PM Patriotic Program

- Open to the public
- Entertainment by Valerie Gillespie
- *Journey of the Flag*, from the American Legion
- St. Pete Masonic Band
- Flag folding ceremony by Trinity Commandery No. 16

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Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As I write this article (April 1) for The Bulletin, I would normally be getting ready for the second Saturday of our Spring Reunion. Unfortunately, as many of you know, the Reunion was cancelled due to a lack of candidates. There are probably many reasons as to what caused only having four candidates

for the degrees, but I feel that one of the major reasons is that we are not promoting the value of the Scottish Rite membership to our Masonic brothers who have not taken that additional step in Freemasonry. We know that the days of 200+ classes are gone, not to be repeated; we know that some of our brothers are still digging out from under financial situations that have inflicted many Americans; we know that there are additional demands on everyone's time, whether it be work or family related. We know these things to be true, but what is the solution? The Scottish Rite offers so much to our Masonic brothers: additional light in Freemasonry; opportunities to explore more than the Hiram Legend; the opportunity to contribute to society through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida.

On what would have been the first day of our Reunion, a meeting was held at the Scottish Rite in Tampa of our Lodge Ambassadors, Degree Masters, Reunion Staffs and others. Many ideas and suggestions were offered at that meeting and several ideas will be researched in more depth than time allowed at that meeting. **BUT**, in the meantime your assistance is earnestly solicited.

Our Fall Reunion will be October 25 and November 1. Now is the time to start talking about this Reunion. Now is the time to get those petitions into the office. While the fees for the degrees, including 2015 dues is \$325, a petitioner may submit his petition with a minimum of \$100. If he does this, he will have until October 25 to pay the additional \$225, which he may do over time as his budget allows. He may also pay by credit card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover.) Petitions are available either in the office or online at www.tampascottishrite.org (click the Membership tab.)

Even though summer is just around the corner, that doesn't mean things slow down at your Scottish Rite. We maintain our monthly meetings and dinners on the second Mondays of each month and the Knights of St. Andrew, KCCH Organization and Past Masters Organization will be holding their meetings also. Beat the summer heat and spend a couple of hours each month with us. Check this issue of The Bulletin or on our website www.tampascottishrite.org for more details on what is planned.

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General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Celebrating The Craft

What are you doing on May 17, 2014? Perhaps you should watch the 3rd Annual CTC which will be live-streamed through

the Supreme Council Website. The CTC will run 6:00 p.m. to Midnight with the goal of raising funds to support the rebuilding the temple campaign to restore the House of the Temple and Orient 501(c)(3) charities.

The CTC is designed to provide all of our members with an opportunity to learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum and library. It will feature musical artists, stage performers and Masonic Scholar Art De Hoyos and Brent Morris and many others who will educate and entertain you throughout the event. The event will be hosted by Illustrious Brother Norm Crosby, 33° and radio personality Jim Bohannon.

Permanent Dues Cards

For those members who have already paid their 2014 dues, you should have received a permanent dues card. Next year when you pay your 2015 dues you will be mailed a sticker to affix to your dues card. If you should happen to lose your dues card, it will cost you \$5.00 to order a replacement card from the Supreme Council.

Scottish Rite Masonic Funeral/Memorial Service

The Scottish Rite does have an absolutely beautiful funeral/memorial service that is available to its members. Most members are totally unaware that it exists, and are only aware of the basic Masonic Service available from the Blue Lodge. The Service is available to all Scottish Rite Masons who are current with their dues.

Unfortunately, we have attended way too many funerals and or memorial services where it wasn't

even mentioned that the deceased was a very active Mason. This occurs because the Brother has not properly expressed his wishes for a Masonic Service in writing to members of his family.

Please do not let this happen to you. If you would like to have a Scottish Rite Funeral or Memorial Service document it in writing and give it to your loved ones.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact the General Secretary.

Donations to The Building Fund

In addition to our Foundation and Almoner's Fund, please don't forget about supporting the Building Fund. It takes money to keep up a forty-year-old building the size of our Masonic Center. Please consider making a donation so that we may continue to operate out of this magnificent building that we are blessed to own. 🐾

Take Me Out to The Ballgame

It will soon be time for the 3rd Annual Tampa Scottish Rite Night at the Rays. The date is Saturday, July 12, 2014 as the Rays take on the Toronto Blue Jays. The first pitch is at 4:10 p.m. at Tropicana Field. Tickets are \$27.00 each and everyone is invited (families, non-Masons and non-Scottish Rite Masons.)

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, June 9, 2014. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Scottish Rite office and using your VISA, MasterCard or Discover card or by contacting Brother Ken Warner at kwarnert@tampabay.rr.com. 🐾

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As you see on the front page, we will again celebrate Flag Day on Monday, June 9. What a great way to show your pride in one of the symbols of our freedom. This event is open to everyone (friends, family and the community at large.) After the flag waving on Memorial Highway, enjoy a free BBQ dinner followed by some great entertainment. 🐾

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

May 15, 2014 at Kathleen Lodge No. 338 6:00 PM

September 18, 2014 TBA

November 20, 2014 TBA

April 16, 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 July/August Bulletin

June 2 - Contributor deadline

June 11 - Office contributor deadline

June 13 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You - May & June

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

FiftyYear Certificates & Lapel Pins

Celestino Arias, 32° Malcolm E. Beard, 32°

George R. Burt, 33° James F. Kirby, 32°

Gene K. Mumma, 32° Anthony Raffa, 32°

Irvin Rothman, 32° Bernard R. Salmon, 32°

Curtis J. Timm, 32°

Twenty-FiveYear Certificate & Lapel Pin

Edward F. Gavagan, 32°

Michael E. Woodley, 32° KCCH

Master Craftsman Certificates & Lapel Pins

David L. Douglas, 32° Petar Sibinkic, 32°

Master Craftsman III Certificates & Lapel Pins

Conrad P. Dreadin, 32° Jerry A. Haywood, 32°

Charles D. Walter, 32°

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Richard G. Hoover, 33°

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.

May 12, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Regular Meeting

Ill. Jim Rocha 33° Masonic Education

Chicken Teriyaki, Fried Rice, Vegetable, Egg Rolls,

House Salad, Dinner Rolls & Ice Cream.

June 9, 2014:

Annual Flag Day Program

Bar-B-Q Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,

Pasta Salad and Cup Cakes. 🍷

Knight of the East and West at Kathleen Lodge No. 338

On Thursday, May 15, 2014, the Seventeenth Degree, Knight of the East and West, will be the topic of an education session at Kathleen Lodge No. 338 in Kathleen. Brethren should prepare by reading that chapter in *Bridge to Light*.

Food will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the discussion commencing at 6:30 p.m. The session will be tyled.

Other degrees will be discussed on September 18, 2014 and November 20, 2014. The topics and locations will be announced in the Bulletin.

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

Annual Flag Day Celebration

Please plan to attend our annual Flag Day celebration which will be held on Monday, June 9.

The festivities will begin with flag waving in front of the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center at **4:00 p.m.**

The **free** barbecue dinner (with all the traditional sides) will be served at 5:00 p.m.

As usual, Valerie Gillespie and her group will entertain us in the auditorium before our patriotic program begins at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of a guest speaker this year, George Washington and Betsy Ross will take us on a *Journey of the Flag*, presented by American Legion Post No. 5 U.S.S. Tampa.

To cap off the evening, the St. Pete Masonic Band will get your toes tapping to their patriotic songs!

It's sure to be an enjoyable evening.

So bring your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Let's show our community that Masons are patriotic—we love our country and the flag for which it stands!

Although this event is free and open to the public, there are still expenses which are incurred. We hope you will consider making a donation to help us cover the cost of putting on this program. Your donation will guarantee that we will have another patriotic event that we can all be proud of! 🐾

Brian H. Manne, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh



Our fraternity is like an old tree. The taproot is its association with science and reason, individual liberty and the pursuit of a fulfilling and happy life. Men from all backgrounds are drawn to its inextinguishable light and delve into Masonry's studies wholeheartedly; while others keep a distance content to warm themselves in the glow of brotherhood. Some men join for penitential reasons, while others are at a juncture where they sense a need to belong to an organization which teaches the sublime truths and ancient wisdom of the universe. Many men find themselves at a loss to explain their place in society. Masonry provides a system of moral instruction for those who feel something lacking, thus making their manhood complete.

How much better society is with so many illustrious men to promote our cause; statesmen, artists, scientists, businessmen, merchants, men of law, the military, tradesmen and educators. The thread of our organization is woven deep into the fabric of humanity, while at the same time our charitable and benevolent causes provide comfort for those less fortunate.

No matter what stage of life, or where in the stratification of life one has been placed; there are a wealth of lessons in Freemasonry to claim your attention for a life-long quest of deep intuition of that which was once beyond our senses.

The officers and brethren of the coordinate bodies have been working many hours to prepare for forthcoming programs that we may continue to provide an impressive and enjoyable experience for those new Scottish Rite Masons, and our families.

Upcoming events will be: Flag Day - June 9, 2014, Feast of Tishri - October 13, 2014, Fall Reunion - October 25 and November 1, 2014 and a visit by Ill. : Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG in the Orient of Florida.

It is a great source of pride and an honor for me to serve as Master of Kadosh and I look forward to the solemn duties in the days and weeks to come.

With light added. 🐾



Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

My Brothers, by the time you receive this latest Bulletin, you will have been informed that the Valley of Tampa, and due to a shortness of time, and lack of available candidates, our Spring Reunion

had to be canceled. I am sure that all Brethren as well as I, were very disappointed. The Degree Teams had already been practicing, and the Reunion Committees were finishing their plans to be ready for another successful Reunion.

Ill. Rusty Glendinning 33° Personal Representative, called a meeting for all interested Brothers to discuss the failed Reunion, and allow ideas to flow to find solutions and improvements, in order that this would never happen again. There was an excellent turnout on the previously proposed Reunion first day, by a large number of Brethren. Numerous suggestions to improve our Reunions in the future with just a few I've laid out for you to think about. One of the very first and most important, was the fact that was expressed by all Brothers in attendance, was that our members needed to emphasize to our Blue Lodge Brethren, was the word "WHY," should a Brother want to become a Scottish Rite member? The answer echoed from every corner of the room, and from every member's mouth, "**Further Light!**" This search for "Light," is stressed in every Blue Lodge, beginning with the first lessons in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and continues through the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree. I ask each of you reading this, think a minute; all of us are reminded that the search for Further Light, does not end with completion of the Blue Lodge Degrees. The Master Mason Degree opens the door for that search for Further Masonic Knowledge. That search to become better citizens, better husbands, better fathers, better workers, better in every way possible, that we as a man and Freemason can become. We now proudly call Scottish Rite Freemasonry, "the College of Freemasonry." The lessons presented to each of us during the 29 degrees, are "**Further Light!**" However, to be realistic, the conferring of the degrees

should only encourage each of the new Master of the Royal Secret, to seek further knowledge through more study. A possible step one, I suggest reading the Book, *Bridge to Light*. This extremely well written Scottish Rite book, gives an excellent explanation of each degree, pictures of the jewels, and aprons for each degree. Two, this should have begun an itch to scratch, to seek "**More**" **Further Light**. The newly printed *Morals and Dogma* continues that step upward in finding more information in plain understandable print, with the added material now added together with the updated and understandable language, printed for 21st Century Freemasons. Albert Pike wrote for his time in history, the new *Morals and Dogma* edition is written for our day and age, with the addition of simple explanations to clarify the lessons and messages in the entire text.

One request that I ask each Brother, when you attend our Scottish Rite meetings, show that "Brotherly Love." We are reminded in both the Blue Lodge Degrees and Scottish Rite Degrees, of how we are to treat a Brother. Begin at the next Masonic meeting of any Masonic body, greet all Brothers with a grip, and word of welcome, so that he will feel comfortable and feel really your Brother. Time after time, I notice Masonic Brothers seemingly ignored, this is especially true for our new Brethren. So step up, pronounce your name and say "good evening Brother, welcome, glad to have you with us." This is just a simple Masonic example of making a Brother really feel like your Brother. When you are in your Blue Lodge, you can help that Brother make the decision to find "Further Light," by inviting him to fulfill his obligations to find Further Light, by becoming a Scottish Rite Freemason. I also recommend giving the Scottish Rite Pamphlet *There is More to Masonry than Three Degrees*, to any potential Scottish Rite Brother. Remember that old recruiting slogan, "We Are Looking for A Few Good Men," can always apply to your Blue Lodge Brother and future Master of the Royal Secret. 🐾

Good for You

We accidentally omitted from the March-April issue of The Bulletin that Brother Richard Stevenson is currently serving as the Worshipful Master of Tarpon Lodge No. 112. Congratulations Brother Rich. 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33°

To continue with the 1914 year, the one hundredth year progress that occurred during the World War I events in Europe and the entire world. This year, 1914, was to shape the entire world, especially America. As I made notice in my last history article, America in the early years of the 20th Century, was very much a isolationistic country. President and Brother Woodrow Wilson knew that eventually America would have to choose sides. We were furnishing weapons, food, medical supplies and other war needs to both sides in the conflict. America would be forced to become a member of this world changing conflict.

The Valley of Tampa also had to make numerous decisions, that would effect the membership financially. Before 1914, the Valley had been using Hillsborough Lodge No. 25's building for meetings and other Scottish Rite functions. During this time, the Tampa York Rite Bodies were also meeting at the Hillsborough Lodge building, as well as Universal Lodge No. 178, OES Chapter No. 11 and Paul Revere Order of DeMolay which was sponsored by the Tampa Scottish Rite. This building was a two-story frame structure, with one of the same problems for the area, which still exists today, a lack of available parking. A committee was formed, headed by Brother W. V. Cole and five Scottish Rite Brothers, to find a more suitable meeting place. Brother Cole's committee met with Peninsular Phone Company, and a contract was drawn up, to rent one entire floor in their building at \$100 a month, or \$1,200 per year. This building was located at the corner of Zack and Morgan Streets. Two additional expenses were also approved, all out-of-town candidates, were allowed their railroad fare of \$3.00 per day, and the amount of \$1.50 paid to an elevator operator for each time a meeting was held at our new location. Other actions of interest, was the secretary's salary of \$75 per month was moved, seconded and approved and purchase of "lead slugs" to be used in printing the "Convocations Programs" at 10¢ per pound. Ill. Olin S. Wright 33°, Deputy, announced that on November 30, 1914, the Key West Consistory was legally constituted. 🐼

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

Exodus 3:11 :Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the sons out of Egypt?"



This verse was spoken by Moses when the Lord called him to lead the Hebrews out of slavery.

During this time of year, we often hear about Moses, born a Hebrew, raised as an Egyptian Prince, and serving as a shepherd receiving the call to do something very special, lead a nation. Moses was like many of us who, when we are called to do something have the tendency to develop reasons why we shouldn't do it. We often struggle and yet the Lord gives us his amazing grace when we need it, speaking to us through his unmatched love, so we can overcome whatever obstacles we have put in place and carry on. He knows we are going to falter from time to time, but as with Moses, He is not only patient, but also persistent and will not take "No" for an answer.

God knows how He made us and is not dissatisfied. He is not bothered by what we are lacking because we don't have to be perfect to do our work for Him—only committed and willing. God sees us as capable and complete.

Now we all have to make choices in our lives and each deserves careful consideration. We need to stop and ask ourselves what God would want us to do. Mistakes will occur, but it is important that we do not allow ourselves to get so caught up in our failures that we fail to look back at our successes. Let us keep our ears open so that we hear the call when it comes. 🐼

Scottish Knights of St. Andrew Meeting Dates

May 12, 2014

July 14, 2014

November 10, 2014

December 8, 2014

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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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March 24, 2014

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March 6, 2014

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