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Personal **Representative**

by Ill∴ Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2015 has arrived. 2014 was a challenging year in some ways, but your Scottish Rite came through with a lot of successes. During the year we continued in bringing back degrees of the Scottish Rite that have not been conferred in many years. This is due to the efforts of our Director

of Work and to our new Degree teams. We also started to see the benefit of our new building endowment fund, which in 2015 will provide \$28,000+ in income to help maintain our facility in Tampa.

In addition to our Reunion, your Scottish Rite also sponsored open events honoring the sitting Worshipful Masters in the Valley of Tampa along with recognizing the DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughters Bethels in our area. We were honored to have with us for these two events, M: W: James W. Ford, Grand Master and R: W: Rick Hoover, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Due to the hard work of Brothers Joe Tarica, 32° and Charles Walter 32°, we were able to charter two new Scottish Rite Clubs in 2014. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to establish a club and due to the hard work of these two brothers along with others, we now have a club in Tampa and Spring Hill. The meeting schedule for these new clubs along with our other clubs are listed in this issue of The Bulletin. I encourage you to attend one of our club meetings as your schedule permits. You will not walk away disappointed.

Finally, we held two very successful events where we celebrated the Feast of Tishri and the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. These two programs are mandatory events in the Scottish Rite to be held each year and our Venerable Master and Wise Master organized them to perfection.

To begin 2015, congratulations are in order to those who have been elected to serve the Valley of Tampa in 2014. Of course, I am talking about our new Master of Kadosh, Brother Brian Campbell, 32°, Commander of Kadosh, Brother Richard Hollie, Sr., 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Brother Stephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH and Venerable Master, Brother **Dwight Ridgeway**, 32°. These four brothers along with the other members of the Executive Committee will be working hard during the year to provide the leadership and new ideas that will make us successful this year. For these programs to be successful, we will need the support of as many of our members as possible.

Many brothers worked hard in 2014 for the benefit of the Valley. A special thanks go out to our outgoing heads of the Bodies, Brother ... continued on page 3

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General Secretary

by Ill∴ John E. Drewett, 33°

VMAP is coming

The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) will be rolled out in the Valley of Tampa beginning January 1, 2015 and will run

through December 31, 2015.

This is a new major grassroots project coordinated by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. The program is to help each Valley provide the very best experience for its members.

VMAP covers:

- 1. Membership Recruitment
- 2. New Member Engagement
- 3. Degree Conferral Proficiency
- 4. Reunion Experience
- 5. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates
- 6. Scottish Rite Education for Members
- 7. Officer Responsibilities and Engagement
- 8. Philanthropy and Public Image
- 9. Membership Retention
- 10. Valley Organizations

As you can see there will be a lot going on in your Valley starting in January 2015. If it's been a while since you have attended a meeting, you might want to come and check things out.

Annual Installation of Officers

On January 12, 2015, we will install the officers who will lead the Valley of Tampa in the new year. Along with the officers of the four coordinate bodies, we will also install the officers of the Knights of St. Andrew, KCCH Organization, Past Masters Association, Scottish Rite Guard and our Scottish Rite Clubs.

The installation is open to all members, their families and friends and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the installation, dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. (cost is \$10 per person). Mark your calendars to be there and please notify the Scottish Rite Office if you are planning to have dinner with us.

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 Dual Member 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

Jason A. Streit, 32° James G. Taylor, 32°

Dual Members

Ronald P. Jacobson, 33° Victor L. Rivas, 32°

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George Hernandez, Sr., 32°, William F. Wyllie, 32° KCCH, Brother Lynn Raposa, 32° KCCH and Brother Barry Hart, 33° for everything that they did in 2014. I would also like to thank Brothers Jerry Lee, 33° and Delmer Tanner, 32° for their years of service on the Executive Committee. All of our Committee Chairmen and their committees spent many hours this year getting ready for our Reunion, Flag Day, our monthly meetings and our efforts on behalf of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. Brethren, THANK YOU for all that you have done this past year.

In closing, brethren I ask again that you do what you can for **your** Scottish Rite in 2015. That may be attending Consistory meetings, Club meetings, volunteering your time for projects that need to be accomplished or encouraging your Blue Lodge brethren who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. As always, ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged.

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite **Education Sessions**

Tuscan Lodge No. 6, 6:30 p.m. April 16, TBA May 21, TBA September 27, TBA November 19, TBA

Sebring Lodge No. 249, 6:30 p.m. March 30, 4th Degree June 30, 15th Degree

April 29, 8th Degree September 30, TBA

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Last Friday at 6:00 p.m. VFW Post No. 1029 Spring Hill, 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. (dark July) Sahib Shrine 600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

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

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Deadline for Mar.-Apr. Bulletin

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

2015 Valley Officers

Tampa Consistory

Master of Kadosh	Brian D. Campbell, 32°
Prior No	orman F. Newcomb, 32° KCCH
Preceptor	Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32°
Chancellor	Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°
Minister of State	. G. David Walters, III, 32° KCCH
Marshal of Ceremoni	es Delmer D. Tanner, 32°
Expert	W. Allen Sorbie, 32°
Asst. Expert	Henry A. Echezabal Jr., 32°
Capt. of the Guard	Charles Jordan, 32°

Tampa Council of Kadosh

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Bearer Black Stand Joseph Tarica, 32°
Lt. of the Guard John Westerman, 32°

Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master St	ephen B. Jacobson, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden	James W. Ford, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden	F. E. Street, 32° KCCH
Orator	
Master of Ceremoies	Summer Steven J. Silvers, 32°
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Asst. Expert	Kenneth A. Carolan, 32°
Standard Bearer	Paul A. Ippolito, 32°
Guardian of the Temp	le Robert J. Davis, Jr., 32°

Tampa Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master	Dwight N. Ridgeway, 32°
Senior Warden	Leonard J. A. Smith, 32°
Junior Warden	Arthur J. Ahrens, III, 32°
Orator	Robert L. T. Phillips, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Charles C. Osborne, 32°
Expert	William P. Sundquist, 32°
Asst. Expert	David L. Douglas, 32°
Captain of the Host	Rodney Kohler, 32°

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For the Four Coordinate Bodies

General Secretary	Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°
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Prelate	Ill: Louis H. Ortt, 33°
Tiler	Andres L. Morin, 32°
Associate Tiler	Stephen C. Murphy, 32°

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Twenty- Five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Donald W. Cowart, 32° John E. Drewett, 33° Charles E. Kistner, 32° Raul A. Reyes, 33° John F. Risher,32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

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 time is 5:45 p.m. and regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. and cost is \$10 unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

January 12, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting Dinner and Meeting Annual Installation of Officers

February 9, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting Dinner and Meeting Program by Casey A. Fletcher 32° KCCH *****

Brian D. Campbell, 32° Master of Kadosh

Brother Brian Campbell will serve as the Valley of Tampa's Master of Kadosh in 2015. Brian was born and raised in a medical and military family,



which finally settled down in southern Ohio. Upon graduation from high school, he went to work at Glacier National Park in Montana and received a BA in Art History from Wittenberg University. During this time he started his own computer consulting company. After selling the company in 1990, he moved to Japan to teach English in the Japanese public school system, returning to the United States in 1992, where he worked in the IT field specializing in network engineering, cybersecurity and ... continued on page 6

Richard C. Hollie, Sr., 32° KCCH Commander of the Council

Brother Richard Hollie, was elected to serve the Tampa Council of Kadosh as its Commander for the year 2015. Brother Hollie was born



in Danville, Virginia and is a member of the 1981 graduating class of Dan River High School in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He moved to Davenport, Florida in the same year and attended Polk State College and Seminole Community College studying in Fire Science, First Responder Medical and Vehicular Extrication. After spending time with two local fire departments he worked for the Mattel Corporation at Circus World. There he performed in the western stampede show along with some of the magic shows.

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Director of Work

by Ill∴ C. Donald Prosser, 33°

With the year 2015, we will be holding our 282nd and 283rd Reunions and our 150th year as the Valley of Tampa. With the change of officers in all Lodges, I would recommend that you request

your new Worshipful Master an opportunity to place applications for membership in the Valley of Tampa together with the Supreme Council pamphlet, *There is More to Masonry than Three Degrees*, in a prominent place in your Lodge. Another suggestion is to have the Scottish Rite ambassador to your Lodge, during your Stated Meeting take a few minutes to encourage membership in the Valley of Tampa. Another suggestion, after new Master Masons receive the Grand Lodge lecture as required in the Masonic Education Program, it is required that all allied and appendant bodies be covered. What better time to explain the fact that by joining the College of Freemasonry Scottish Rite, they continue their obligation of seeking "further light."

I would suggest that all degrees that have been recently reorganized, have the Degree Master notify me, if their degree plans to be conferred in either the Spring or Fall Reunions, as soon as possible, please.

Here is another suggestion to interest your possible candidate, have them come out on meeting nights, have them as a guest for supper, then show them around our temple, and hand them an application and the pamphlet *There is More to Masonry than Three Degrees*. When we have a family night, invite your Masonic Brother and his family to join us in fellowship, and don't forget that includes supper. Now is the time to start recruiting for new members.

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill∴ C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Since I enjoy history, I hope you enjoy the articles. The year 1915 was an eventful year for

Freemasonry in our small corner of the world, but events quickly drew America into the 1st World War. In 1915, the Supreme Council had ordered that only Degrees not being conferred could be communicated. The Degrees being conferred would be in costume. At our first meeting of the year held on March 1, 1915, a program of Masonic Education was given on the first of ten lectures of the Masonic Lecture Bureau of Helena, Montana. The accepted footwear for degrees was to be black tennis shoes, and a motion was made and approved that each degree member would be required to furnish their own shoes. Our First Convocation was held on April 7, 1915, and completed on April 9, 1915 with 37 Brothers being consecrated as 32°.

A motion was made and approved at our meeting on May 3, to allow John Darling Lodge No. 154 to meet in our room in the Peninsular Telephone Building. The Lodge was to furnish all their own furniture and equipment. They were also responsible for the cost of electricity and elevator charges, plus a charge of \$1.00 per member of their Lodge. Also at the May meeting, 35 members affiliated with the Key West Valley, and were dropped as members of the Valley of Tampa.

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information security to major corporations. He is currently the Chief Information Security Officer for the City of St. Petersburg.

Brian was Raised a Master Mason on June 11, 1988 in West Gate Lodge No. 723, Columbus, Ohio and became a Dual Member of Sutherland Lodge No. 174, Palm Harbor in 2005. He served Sutherland Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 2010. He is a 4th generation member of the Craft and Shriner and a 30 year Kentucky Colonel. In 2012 he served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th Masonic District, representing M :: W :: Jorge Aladro.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 1997 and has been a member of the 4th Degree cast since 2006 along with serving as the Chairman of the Valley's Technology Committee and as Webmaster of our website.

Our new Master of Kadosh is also a member of Egypt Shriners, the Clearwater York Rite Bodies,

Pentagon York Rite College No. 62 where he received the Order of Knight of York in September 2013. Brian is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and served as President of the Maxwell Clan from 2012 to 2014 and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. Our Master of Kadosh is an active member of Egypt Shriners having held numerous leadership positions in the temple and their units.

Brother Campbell finds time to be active in his community by serving in multiple leadership roles with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Sonbeam Via de Cristo, Toastmasters, West Central Florida Boy Scouts, Suncoast Fly Fishers, American Cancer Society and his church.

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He was promoted to Stage Manager of the Circus Pavilion main show. Brother Richard is currently employed at Fields Equipment Co as the Service Manager.

Brother Hollie is a member of Winter Haven Lodge No. 186 having been Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 24, 2002. He served as Worshipful Master of Winter Haven Lodge in 2007. He has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District in 2009. He continues to serve Grand Lodge as Zone Chairman of the MH100 Program, a position he has held for the past four years.

Our new Commander became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 2002, and is a member of the 13th and 15th Degree teams. Brother Richard was elevated to the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 12, 2011.

Brother Hollie is a member of Lakeland/Winter Haven Chapter No. 29, RAM, Polk Council No. 11, R&SM and Lakeland/Winter Haven Commandery No. 21, KT. He is also a member of the Low Twelve Club in Lakeland, Sesame Grotto, serving as Monarch in 2009 and, along with his wife Debra, is a member of Winter Haven/Haines City Chapter No. 74, OES. **Prelate** by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

Happy New Year to all! It is a time for rejoicing, a time to begin anew. In the *Book of Revelations* (Chapter 21) we read about these new beginnings, a new earth, a new heaven, a renewed community, a bride and



groom beginning a new relationship. Nothing is winding down. Just the opposite is true; all are gearing up for the celebration of what is to come.

With all of this celebration, what do most of us do at this time? We make resolutions, often hoping we can remember them longer than we can keep them.

Let us pause for a moment and think about those resolutions. What if each of us resolved to pray regularly for wisdom during the New Year? One of the great kings made this choice. In *1 Kings 3:9* Solomon said to the Lord, "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil." He could have requested anything he chose; he chose wisdom. Stop and think about how much improvement we may be able to make if we prayed for wisdom to face the challenges in our lives, our families, our communities, our nation, and fraternity. You may find God granting that request and may have the pleasure of watching not only your environment, but the world change around us.

Scottish Rite Calendar

Have you checked out the Scottish Rite calendar on the Website: www.tampascottishrite.org/w/calendar/? We have listed all of the known events that will be taking place at your Scottish Rite in 2015 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. Scottish Rite Masonic Center 5500 Memorial Highway Tampa, Florida 33634-7336

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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

Gary O. Barker, 32° August 5, 2014

James D. Campbell, 32° October 16, 2014

Daniel P. Dwyer, 32° June 24, 2014

Richard C. Gandy, 32° October 31, 2014

Lloyd W. Harless, Jr., 32° November 26, 2014

Forrest C. Humble, 32° July 14, 2014

Richard M. Jackson, 32° October 23, 2014

Fred H. Kenfield, 32° October 15, 2014

Robert G. Lofley, 32° October 26, 2014

Lawrence E. McGraft, 32° October 17, 2014

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Earl T. Raft, 32° July 30, 2014

Jack P. Rickles, 32° KCCH March 26, 2012

Robert J. Sadler , Jr., 32° November 12, 2014

Frederick A. Sears, 32° November 10, 2014

Robert J. Springer, 32° November 24, 2014

James T. Trefrey Jr., 32° September 15, 2014

Carl Weisenberg, 32° KCCH November 10, 2014

Richard W. Zachardy, 32° August 31, 2014

Anthony V. Zummo, 32° November 5, 2014

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