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

Monday, June 8, 2015

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
- The Flag Building Ceremony by The Heroes of '76
- St. Pete Masonic Band

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: By the time you read this article, we will have completed our Spring Reunion with a class of 30 candidates. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in putting this Reunion on, as there is a lot of work involved by so many to make them successful. A special thanks to Brother Casey Fletcher, 32°

KCCH for a wonderful job as our new Director of Work.

At this Reunion, we did some different things; each of the Bodies were opened and closed for the actual conferral of their degrees. Each of our officers did a great job in executing their parts, which were being done for the first time in many, many years. We also gave our candidates some homework during the week between our two Saturdays. This was well received by the Class and some excellent answers/essays were turned in.

While we are talking about Reunions, let's start working on our Fall Reunion, which will be held on October 17 and 24. This Reunion will be in memory of Illustrious Brothers David Alan Blate, Sidney Gilbert and Mark C. Hollis. These brothers, all Thirty-thirds, were dedicated Masons, both to their Blue Lodges and to the Scottish Rite. It would be a wonderful tribute to their service with a large class of candidates.

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.srtampa.org> for more details on what is planned.

As you see on the front page, we will again celebrate Flag Day on Monday, June 8. 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. 🍷

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°

Feast of the Kadosh

The Valley of Tampa held their first annual Feast of the Kadosh on Saturday March 28, 2015 at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic

Center in Tampa Florida, celebrating the founding of the Knights Templars on January 18, 1119.

We were honored to have with us, Ill.: Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and his wife Sunny, Ill.: Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG in Florida and his wife Rebba; Ill.: Jack Jones, 33° G.:C.: and M.: W.: James W. Ford, 32° KCCH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida and his

daughter Tracey Williams, who enjoyed a wonderful meal with 192 members of the Scottish Rite, their families and friends.

One of the highlights of the evening was the re-enactment of the Chinon Parchment, which details the Pope absolving Jacques DeMolay and the Templars of the charges that the Church brought against them and restored them as members of the Church.

This re-enactment was written by Brother Michael L. Canavan, 32°, Valley of Northern New Jersey after studying the copy of the parchment that was purchased by the Grand Lodge of New York. The members of the Degree team are all Senior DeMolays and Past State Officers of Florida, Maryland and Illinois.

During the evening's events, the brethren joined in proposing toasts to our Grand Commander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Grand Master, the United States of America and the founders of the

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At the Feast of Kadosh (l-r): Ill.: Jack Jones, 33° G.:C.:; Ill.: Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; Jeff Hoffman; Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33° Personal Representative; Anthony Pickren, 32°; David Agster, 32°; Jody Meguiar, 32°; Larry Bernard, 32°; David Douglas, 32°; Larry Gillespie, 32° and Ill.: Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG in Florida.

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

Tuscan Lodge No. 6, 6:30 p.m.

May 21, TBA September 27, TBA

November 19, TBA

Sebring Lodge No. 249, 6:30 p.m.

April 29, 8th Degree June 30, 15th 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

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club to host dinner

The Lake Region Scottish Rite Club will host a dinner on Wednesday, May 13 at Perkins Restaurant, 6005 Cypress Gardens Boulevard, Winter Haven at 6:30 p.m. Contact Secretary Cloyd Conley 32° at lonewolf240@yahoo.com for information. 🍷

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Knights Templar. The evening finished with the Tyler's Toast.

Celebrating The Craft & The Feast of Consistory

The Valley of Tampa will be participating in "Celebrating the Craft" and the Feast of Consistory on Saturday May 16, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Scottish Rite "Celebrating the Craft" is an annual webathon held at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. which supports the rebuilding of the Temple campaign. One of the things featured on the webathon will be a talent show showcasing Scottish Rite musicians from all over the Southern Jurisdiction. The Valley of Tampa will be hosting a screening party that evening at the Masonic Center, as a way to promote raising funds and to watch the program together as a group on a big screen TV, with a live feed to Washington.

Be sure to come out to your Masonic Center and enjoy some good entertainment, food and fellowship. Reservations are required, dress is casual.

Congratulations to The Spring Class of 1990

The following members have been members of the Scottish Rite for 25 years:

Dale H. Bieber, 32°	Donald V. Blevins, 32°
Mark R. Bocknor, 32°	John H. Bucklin, 32°
Russell W. Call, 32°	Michael V. Crews, 32°
John S. Crompton, 32°	Randy L. Franklin, 32°
Harvey D. Free, 32°	Carlos Gutierrez, 32°
Robert E. Hewell, 32°	Ernest B. Holcomb, 32°
James F. Jones, 32°	Louie A. King, 33°
Ray B. Kinsey, Jr., 32°	Hugh L. McRorie, 32°
Robert L. Michaels, 32°	Matias Milla, 32°
Jan E. Miller, 32°	Douglas F. Mitchell, 32°

Deadline for July-August Bulletin

June 1 - Contributor deadline

June 10 - Office contributor deadline

June 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

Harry L. Naylor, 32° Ronald C. Newton, 32°
 John N. Peronto, 32° KCCH Melvin E. Ransford, 32°
 Ronald E. Stanley, 32° Chet A. Tharpe, 32° KCCH 🐾

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 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.

Affiliation

Howard D. Taylor, 32°

Reinstatements

Richard I. Puls, Jr., 32°

Massimo Rastrelli, 32°

Annual Flag Day Celebration

Please plan to attend our annual Flag Day celebration which will be held on Monday, June 8. 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, The Heroes of '76 will present their Flag Building Ceremony.

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! 🐾

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Dale H. Bieber, 32°
 Charles A. Blich, 32°
 Michael V. Crews, 32°
 Randy L. Franklin, 32°
 Hugh L. McRorie, 32°
 Robert L. Michaels, 32°
 Harry L. Naylor, 32°

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Trilby Lodge No. 141 F. & A.M.

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°
 S. Gilbert Weisman, 32° KCCH

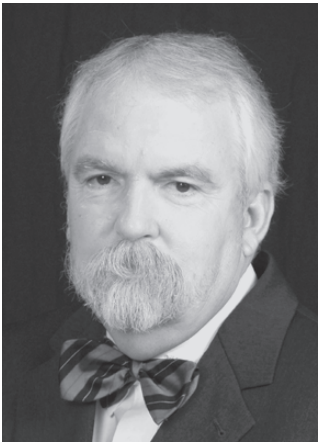
Congratulations to Brother Christopher H. Schlenker, 32°, for his contribution to the Rebuilding of the House of the Temple. Brother Schlenker is recognized as a member of the Intendant of the Building Society, of the Supreme Council. 🐾

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. 🐾

VMAP Member Education

Brothers participating in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman programs and/or in the Valley of Guthrie's College of the Consistory program are encouraged to notify the General Secretary or our VMAP Member Education Chairman Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH, dow@srtampa.org. 🐾



Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Our Valley now has a degree team for every Scottish Rite degree. Degrees that have not been conferred for many years have Degree Masters. They have assembled their teams and several are

already practicing. So during 2016, we expect to confer all of our degrees over two Reunions. Our Degree Masters (not just the new ones) are grateful for new participants and help. Brethren interested in joining a degree team should send a note of interest to dow@srtampa.org.

When thinking about the logistics of conferring all our degrees in one year, we can anticipate the necessity of a great deal of preparation, tinkering with the schedule and, perhaps, some new thinking about our formats. Accordingly, planning has already commenced for our Fall Reunion on October 17 and 24, 2015.

While we await our next Reunion, our attention is best directed to trying to grasp and understand a few of the many lessons, concepts and ideas our degree work offers. Elsewhere in this *Bulletin* are schedules of Education Sessions and educational programs at Consistory meetings. For at-home learning, reading *Bridge to Light* is a good place to start. Enrolling in and working through the three Master Craftsman programs will be an invaluable experience.

When we entered the Symbolic Lodge, we heard the question, "What came you here to do?" It is a question each of us needs to regularly ask ourselves. When our answer is "to learn," the Scottish Rite is the right place for us to be. Our Reunions, educational programs and self-study courses provide an incredible school "for life" and offer us an opportunity to grow as individuals.

Finally, let's keep our eyes open for Master Masons with similar interests in esoteric studies. It is never too soon to get October 17 and 24 on their calendars! 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33°

I would like to thank all the Brethren who contributed so much to the Valley of Tampa during the past eight years when I was appointed the Director of Work. My main goal when I became the Director of Work, was to re-establish all 29 Degrees for our Reunions. I cannot ever begin to thank all those Brethren who worked so hard and dedicated during those years. As of January 2015, we had reinstated 28 of the 29 degrees. Brother Casey Fletcher 32° KCCH, is the new Director of Work. I ask that you give him that same dedication that our Valley will need in the coming years. He will need the continued help of all Brothers in our Valley.

We have now embarked on a new program set forth by the Supreme Council. This program will emphasize even greater Masonic education, not only for our new candidates, but all members. Brother Casey, will lead our Valley into these new programs, and all Brethren should plan to attend not only our monthly meetings, but participate by adding to your Masonic knowledge through the different programs that will be presented at our monthly meetings, and added to our Reunions.

We all should be reminded that our search for further knowledge does not end when we become Master Masons. We obligated ourselves to continue adding to that search for knowledge, by becoming Masters of the Royal Secret. Receiving the Scottish Rite Degrees should have inspired each Brother to continue on the path to become better men and Freemasons, we were taught that lesson from the very beginning, with our Blue Lodge Degrees.

The Valley of Tampa had begun a search for property to purchase, in order to erect our own building, in downtown Tampa. On November 1, 1915 a committee was appointed for this purpose. The Real Estate Committee reported on two properties, Lafayette St. (present MLK Blvd.) and Jefferson St., at a cost of \$12,500, and Madison and Marion Streets for \$40,000.

Elections for 1916 were held during our first meeting of the year, on January 3, 1916. The four Bodies elected the following Consistory - Ill. George P. Sullivan 33°, Master of Kadosh, Council of Kadosh - Ill. Wilmot Fitts 33°, Commander,

Chapter of Rose Croix - E. J. Keefe 32° KCCH
 Wise Master, Lodge of Perfection - Franklin
 Heinrich 32° Venerable Master. Installation Cer-
 emonies were held on January 31, 1916, Ill. Olin S.
 Wright 33° Deputy as Installing Officer. After the
 installation, a motion was made and passed chang-
 ing all meeting nights to Monday nights. The new
 meeting nights were to commence in February, with
 weekly meeting to approve new petitions beginning
 on March 3, 1916 through April 17, 1916. The
 Spring Convocation was held on April 25, 1916
 with 85 petitions approved, and 42 candidates
 became new Masters of the Royal Secret. Ill. Olin
 S. Wright 33°, Deputy, Consecrated the class. 🐾

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.

May 11, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting
 Dinner and Regular Meeting
 Program by Brother Kenneth Carolan 32°
 Chicken Teriyaki, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls,
 House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Brownies
 Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.

June 8, 2015:

Annual Flag Day Program
 Bar-B-Q Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,
 Pasta Salad and Cupcakes. 🐾

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 Scot-
 tish Rite Clubs. As new events are planned, the calen-
 dar will be updated to keep you informed so you may
 want to check back often. 🐾

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



It is time to slow down
 and rest. Many activities
 are winding down for the
 summer and each of us
 needs to relax a bit and
 take a deep breath. The
 words of King David
 from the 23rd Psalm,
 which we all know and
 find so comforting, provide guidance for what we
 should do. "He makes me lie down in green pas-
 tures. He leads me beside still waters, he restores
 my soul."

There are so many times in our lives that we
 become very frustrated with the hectic pace of life
 because of our busy work and family schedules and
 the fraternal and social demands which tend to take
 priority over our quiet time. Then, when we do get
 some time off, instead of resting we find ourselves
 doing chores, running errands. Many times we forget
 to pause, to rest and to thank God for what we have.

As I read Psalm 23, it appears that I am being
 given a direct order to lie down. Sometimes I think
 we need to hear that command to relax in green
 pastures, to slow down, rest and enjoy God's handi-
 work. God has provided us with the talent and skills
 to do all the things we do, but he also commands us
 to rest so we can be revitalized for future work in
 our community and fraternity.

Enjoy this pause from labor. You have earned it. 🐾

Take me out to the ballgame

It will soon be time for the 4th Annual Tampa
 Scottish Rite Day at the Rays. The date is Saturday,
 July 11, 2015 as the Rays take on the Houston
 Astros. The first pitch is at 4:10 p.m. at Tropicana
 Field. Tickets are \$38.00 each and everyone is
 invited (families, non-Masons and non-Scottish Rite
 Masons).

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday,
 June 8, 2015. 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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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



Allen P. Allred, 32°
March 16, 2015

James A. Jurgens Sr., 32°
December 4, 2014

Arnold E. Mc Mahan, 32°
February 3, 2015

John H. Dame, 32°
April 5, 2015

Charles E. Karth, 32°
February 25, 2015

Vergil L. Newberne, 32°
October 26, 2014

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February 11, 2015

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March 5, 2015

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