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## Worshipful Master Recognition Night

by Stephen B. Jacobson, 32°, KCCH

An open meeting will be held at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center Monday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Symbolic Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry are the foundations and cornerstone on which all Appendant bodies, clubs and Masonic organizations are based. In recognition of the outstanding work done by the particular lodges, the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa, is sponsoring a **Worshipful Master "Recognition Night."** All sitting Worshipful Masters will be individually recognized. All officers and members of the Worshipful Master's Lodge will also be recognized.

This will be an open meeting. Bring friends, family and Brothers of your Lodge to support these Worshipful Masters. This recognition will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As usual, our monthly dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person.

**Please allow us to accommodate you, your guests and members of your lodge, by making reservations no later than September 4 by calling Trish at the Scottish Rite office, (813) 886-0578.**

My Brothers, with your help, we will make this a memorable evening for **Your Worshipful Master.** 🐾

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## Personal Representative

by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren, our September 14 meeting will be an open meeting as we continue our tradition of recognizing those members of DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters who meet within the Valley of Tampa. If you are a Senior DeMolay, Majority Rainbow or Majority Job's Daughter, please wear any honors or awards that you have received from these organizations (PMC, PWA, PBHQ jewel, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor, Chevalier or Rainbow Grand Cross of Color.) For close to 100 years, the Masonic fraternity has supported and sponsored these three outstanding organizations and each of them has produced proven "winners" in their respective fields of endeavor. The Valley of Tampa continues that support and I encourage all members of the Scottish Rite, the Masonic fraternity and the human race to be with us that evening to show our future leaders that we continue to support them.

Also on the 14th we will again recognize the Worshipful Masters of the 66 Blue Lodges in our area. This program has been very well received in the past and promises to be just as successful this year. Our Worshipful Masters are hardworking Brethren who toil in the quarries every day of Freemasonry. We in the Scottish Rite owe them a debt of gratitude for their labors.

At our October 12 meeting, we will receive Ill.: Dale I. Goehrig 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida as he makes his official visit to the Valley of Tampa. Please mark your calendar to be with us that evening. It is also an open meeting so our ladies are invited to be with us that evening.

Our Fall Reunion is fast approaching and in this issue of *The Bulletin*, you will find the Reunion schedule. This Reunion is in memory of Ill.: Sidney Gilbert, 33°, Mark Hollis, 33° and David Blate, 33°. These three Illustrious brothers labored hard in the quarries of Freemasonry and a successful Reunion will reflect great credit on their labors. Petitions need to be turned into the General Secretary no later than October 12.

In closing, you can see there is activity at your Scottish Rite and I hope you will be able to be a part of it. Please don't forget our Scottish Rite Clubs. They are providing programs to those in their areas that perhaps are not able to attend the Consistory meetings. 🐾



## General Secretary

by Ill.: John E.  
Drewett, 33°

### Worshipful Master Recognition Night

We will be hosting our Worshipful Masters Recognition Night on Monday, September 14, 2015 We are most

appreciative and salute our Worshipful Masters. All Blue Lodges are strongly encouraged to come out and support your own Worshipful Master.

### Feast of Tishri Celebration

It can be said that symbolic Masonry is not a religion, but as all Scottish Rite Masons are fully aware, religious standards of conduct form the firm foundation upon which the proud superstructure of Masonry is constructed. Many of our various Degrees reflect a variety of religious concepts.

That which unifies us in the concept that under the influence of divine guidance we are free to make our own choice so long as we endeavor to live exemplary lives, with special emphasis on our duty to our family, to our fellowmen, to our community, to our country and to the religion which we claim as our own, thus we make our contribution to the building of a better and happier world for all humankind.

Tishri, being near the beginning of the new year and at the end of harvest, is a time for counting our blessings and being grateful that we have been blessed, thus it is not unlike our American celebration of Thanksgiving which also comes at the end of harvest season.

The Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Tampa will celebrate Tishri on Monday, October 12, 2015. Dinner will be served to all in attendance beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Banquet Hall with the program to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room.

### The S.G.I.G. is coming

Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Dale I. Goehrig, 33° will be making his official visit to the Valley of Tampa on Monday, October 12, 2015. This will be an open meeting, so please invite your lady to attend. Inspector Goehrig will be happy

to accept any donations for the Scottish Rite Foundation. Let's show our support for our S.G.I.G. by seeing how many members we can turn out from each Scottish Rite Club.

### Delinquent Members

My Brothers, as of this date there are 113 members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their 2014 and 2015 dues, that is \$20,340 of income for the Valley. The 2014 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2014, and the 2015 dues no later than December 31, 2015. We are getting closer to the time when Supreme Council will be sending out the 2016 dues statements, making it even harder to catch up.

If you are having financial problems due to medical costs or the economy, please contact the General Secretary at (813) 886-0578. The office will work with you in arranging to help you in getting you caught up with your dues.

My Brethren, you are all an integrate part in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, without your membership in this great organization; this organization will eventually be doomed. Our membership is slowly declining, and we are not getting enough new members in to replace the ones we have lost. Please, do not let this be the reason for you to be one of the ones we will lose, due to non-payment of dues.

Remember your membership commitment to leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of Freemasons. 🐾

## From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Master of the Royal Secret who have joined us as a Dual Member and a 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.

### Dual Member

William H. Berman, 33°

### Reinstatement

James L. Roncaglione, 32°

## Scottish Rite Clubs

### Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

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

September 17, 2015 - 3rd Degree (open meeting)

November 19, 2015 - 12th Degree

April 21, 2016                      May 19, 2016

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

September 30, 2015 - 9th & 10th degrees

March 29, 2016    June 29, 2016    September 29, 2016

### Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Last Friday at 6:00 p.m.

VFW Post No. 10209, phone (352) 686-9319

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

Reservations preferred (813) 888-6385

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

*Support your Scottish Rite Club*

## Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

### Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins


Carlos Gutierrez, 32°                      Matias Milla, 32°

Chet A. Tharpe, 32° KCCH    Robert C. Towson, 32°

### Perpetual Certificates

Kenneth E. Ammons, 32°

Felix Gordillo, Jr., 32°

Howard D. Taylor, 32° 

## Welcome to The Tyler's Place

### A New Podcast by Brothers for Brothers

The Supreme Council, SJ, has launched a new podcast series, *The Tyler's Place*. The host is Bro. Maynard Edwards, 32°, a radio broadcaster in the Baltimore area since 1993. The goal is to tell those touching and interesting stories about Masonry by Brothers for Brothers.

Bro. Edwards had this to say about the new series:

“Podcasting is pretty much radio for the 21st century. It’s a prerecorded radio show, and usually podcasts focus on one topic specifically. It could be anything from cooking to sports to (of course) Freemasonry. When the podcasting phenomenon started about a decade ago, I became a heavy listener of many shows. I love being able to tune into what I want anytime. A few clicks on my smartphone and BOOM, I’ve got a way to make the drive to work go by a little quicker, or I have a way to liven up mowing the lawn or washing the car.

“The show has been downloaded nearly 200,000 times. This is an amazing number, but it also affirms that we all want to hear the stories of our fellow Masons. We want to share the extraordinary and the everyday struggles and be a part of each other’s lives. While technology may have robbed us of some of life’s simpler pleasures, it has allowed us to enjoy this fraternity in ways we could have never imagined only a few years ago.”

*The Tyler's Place:* [scottishrite.org/about/media-publications/tylers-place/](http://scottishrite.org/about/media-publications/tylers-place/) 

### Deadline for Nov./Dec. Bulletin

October 5 - Contributor deadline

October 14 - Office contributor deadline

October 16 - Transmit print file to our printer

## Fall Reunion Schedule

### Saturday, October 17, 2015

- 6:30 a.m. Class Registration - Lobby  
 7:00 a.m. Class Assembly - Lodge Room Opening Ceremony  
 7:50 a.m. 4° - Secret Master - Conferred  
 9:05 a.m. 5° - Perfect Master - Conferred  
 10:05 a.m. BREAK  
 10:20 a.m. 6° - Intimate Secretary - Conferred  
 11:05 a.m. 7° - Provost Judge - Communicated 8° - 13° - Communicated  
 12:40 p.m. LUNCH  
 1:25 p.m. 14° - Perfect Elu - Conferred  
 2:52 p.m. 15° - Knight of the East - Communicated  
 3:00 p.m. 16° - Prince of Jerusalem - Communicated  
 3:15 p.m. 17° - Knight of the East and West Conferred  
 4:30 p.m. BREAK  
 4:45 p.m. 18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred

### Saturday, October 24, 2015

- 6:30 a.m. Class Registration - Lobby  
 7:00 a.m. Class Assembly - Election of Class Officers  
 7:20 a.m. 19° - 20° - Communicated  
 7:35 a.m. 21° - Noahchite or Prussian Knight - Conferred  
 8:35 a.m. BREAK  
 8:50 a.m. 22° - Knight Royal Axe/Prince of Libanus - Conferred  
 9:35 a.m. 23° - Communicated  
 9:50 a.m. 24° - Prince of Tabernacle - Conferred  
 11:05 a.m. BREAK  
 11:20 a.m. 25° - Knight of the Brazen Serpent - Conferred  
 12:05 p.m. 26° - Communicated  
 12:10 p.m. LUNCH  
 12:55 p.m. 27° - 28° - Communicated  
 1:10 p.m. 29° - Scottish Knight of St. Andrew - Conferred  
 2:10 p.m. BREAK  
 2:25 p.m. 30° - Knight Kadosh - Conferred  
 3:45 p.m. 31° - Conferred  
 4:25 p.m. 32° - Master of the Royal Secret Conferred  
 5:50 p.m. Consecration of Class and Closing Ceremony 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## Supreme Council Honors

The Supreme Council has unanimously elected the following brothers from the Valley of Tampa to receive honors this year.

### **Knight Commander of the Court of Honour**

Brian Douglas Campbell, 32°  
 Richard Stewart Cowan, 32°  
 Joseph Anthony Gonzalez, 32°  
 Andres Lopez Morin, 32°  
 Nick Paull, 32°  
 Michael Roger Pender, Jr., 32°  
 Jeffrey Michael Pick, 32°  
 Leonard J. Allen Smith, 32°  
 L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32°  
 Arthur Paul Woodman, 32°

### **Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary**

James Wesley Ford, 32° KCCH  
 Stephen Bono Jacobson, 32° KCCH  
 Glenn David Walters, III, 32° KCCH  
 Stanley Gilbert Weisman, 32° KCCH

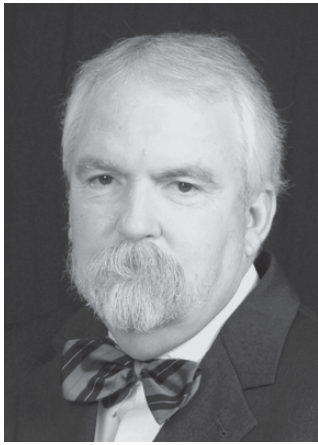
Congratulations to these brothers who have worked tirelessly for Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite and their communities. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## Honors Weekend

The Orient of Florida will hold its third Honors Weekend this year on November 7, 2015. On that day, we will invest the new Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and coronate the new Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Masons as members of the Ill. : Samuel E. Cowan, 33° Memorial Class. These events will be hosted by the Valley of Tampa.

The culmination of the day's events will be the Honors Banquet at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. The keynote speaker for the evening is Ill. : William G. Sizemore, 33° Executive Director of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction.

The banquet is open to all Scottish Rite Masons. Further details can be obtained by visiting the Valley's website <[www.tampascottishrite.org](http://www.tampascottishrite.org)> or by contacting Ill. : John Drewett, 33°, General Secretary. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿



## Director of Work & Member Education

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Our Fall Reunion schedule is posted to our website. The schedule for the first Saturday, October 17, is pretty solid.

Notably, a candidate and member education discussion will occur immediately after the 4th Degree. The idea to help the Class get well-started in thinking about Scottish Rite philosophy and work. The 12th and 17th degrees have cycled back—they always provide much for us to ponder and reflect upon.

October 24, day two, includes the 24th Degree, which was last conferred in 2012, and the 25th Degree, which has not been conferred in over a decade. The 29th Degree, depicting one of our founding legends, will be conferred in full form.

We now have Degree Masters for all degrees. We anticipate conferring *all* degrees at least once during 2016. Some teams are still forming and have quite a few openings—both speaking and non-speaking parts. Brethren interested in joining a degree team should send an email with complete contact information to [dow@srtampa.org](mailto:dow@srtampa.org).

Conferring all of our degrees over two Reunions presents many challenges. During 2016 we will experiment with conferring three degrees at Consistory meetings, between dinner and the regular meeting. The degrees are the 8th, 13th and 27th, in April, July and August, respectively. These degrees are about 30-40 minutes in duration. The first two have not been conferred in over a decade, (this experiment presents new challenges—we'll see how it unfolds and adapt.)

Brethren sometimes request recommendations for reading material. Two worthwhile periodicals are the *Plumblin*e published by the Scottish Rite Research Society and *The Journal of the Masonic Society*. The back pages of the Supreme Council's magazine includes book reviews by Illustrious Jim Tresner 33° GC. The reviews themselves are instructive. A particular book he has recommended is *The Cave and the Light* by Arthur Herman. It help-

fully traces the influence of Plato and Aristotle through history; its analysis matches up well with our journey through the Scottish Rite degrees. Keep recruiting Master Masons for the Fall Reunion. Get October 17 and October 24 on their calendars! 🐾

## Valley of Tampa History

by Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33°

By Order of the Supreme Council in 1912, all the Lodges of Perfection were directed to assume the duty as the Presiding Body. In 1920, all bodies were to meet together and hold election of all their officers in January for the coming year. On April 21, 1921, a parade of the Valley of Tampa attending members, marched from their previous meeting place, the Peninsular Telephone Building, and entered their brand new Temple at the corner of Marion and Lafayette streets. Dedication of the new Temple was held on May 8, 1922. The year 1921 also was recorded as the only date Tampa was directly struck by a hurricane and the downtown area was under 5 feet of water, the street car tracks on the Bayshore were completely destroyed. Also by order of the SGIG Olin S. Wright 33°, all candidates must have passed proficiency in their Blue Lodge Degrees, or passed at least 6 months as a Master Mason commencing on May 7, 1923, the 32° Degree Team exemplified its Degree, followed by an interpretation of the Degree. They started a custom of presenting one of the Degrees, with the interpretation at each meeting. Two deaths of note were in 1923, President Brother Warren G. Harding and Ill. SGIG Olin S. Wright 33°. I will make this my next History article for the Valley of Tampa. 🐾

## Robert J. Meguiar, 32° to lead Florida DeMolay

Brother Robert J. (Jody) Meguiar, 32° has been named Executive Officer for DeMolay in Florida effective June 20, 2015. This announcement was made on the final day of DeMolay International's Annual Session, which was held in Orlando, FL.

Jody is no stranger to DeMolay, having been initiated into Paul Revere Chapter in 1991. During his career as an active DeMolay, he served Paul Revere Chapter as Master Councilor and served the

jurisdiction of Florida as State Junior Councilor in 1996 and State Scribe/Treasurer in 1999.

As an adult, he received the Guild of the Leather Apron (Advisor of the Year) in 2006 and in 2010 he was elected a Deputy member of DeMolay's Supreme Council. In 2013, he was elected an Active member of the Supreme Council.

He is a member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, the Valley of Tampa, the Tampa York Rite Bodies and Egypt Shriners. He is currently employed as Membership Communication Coordinator at Shriners International, a position he has held since September 2014. 🐾

## 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.

### September 14, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting  
Dinner and Open Meeting  
Worshipful Master and Youth visitation  
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Fricassee,  
Vegetable Yellow Rice, Fried Plantains  
Cup Cakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

### October 12, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting  
Dinner and Open Meeting  
Guest speaker at dinner, *All Children's Hospital*  
(see *Foundation at Work* to the right.)  
Feast of Tishri Celebration  
Beef Medallions, House Salad & Dinner Rolls,  
Green Beans Almondine, Chocolate Cake 🐾

## 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. 🐾

## Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

Psalm 78:2 "I will open my mouth in a parable. I will declare the mysteries of ancient times."

Your Scottish Rite teaches by parables, simple stories revealing the thoughts, actions and mysteries of long ago. While many do not necessarily reflect a literal truth, they do reflect a deeper truth. They reflect what the original members of our craft thought and what we should heed and receive to be the kind of persons they believed we should be by honesty, fidelity, benevolence, charity, patriotism, tolerance, humility and faithfulness.

As many of the teachings contained in the volume of Sacred Law are presented to us in story form, that is as parables. So do we pass the teaching of the Scottish Rite along. We have been designated to share these stories along with some of our personal experiences from working with the craft.

On October 17 and 24 each member of Scottish Rite will have the opportunity to share their experiences or pass these parables on to another by either participating in the degrees or by attending and meeting with and talking to the new candidates. Take every advantage of this situation and look for those special people you would like to have in the Valley of Tampa. Make sure they have petitions. 🐾

## See your Foundation at Work

Monday, October 12, 2015, Dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Therese Montanri, Director of Outreach Speech Pathology at All Children's Hospital, will be speaking about the Foundation during the dinner hour in the Banquet Hall. Also in attendance will be a young child who is currently being treated at the clinic in St. Petersburg.

You will not want to miss this program. You will go home feeling proud that you are a Scottish Rite Mason, and you have a part in helping to improve a child's life. 🐾



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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



William J. Beauchamp Sr., 32°  
July 30, 2015

Joseph T. Gleaton, 32°  
July 2, 2015

Robert L. Perkins, 32°  
July 24, 2015

Fisher F. Bickerstaff, 33°  
May 4, 2015

James E. Ham, 32°  
July 8, 2015

Angel Ranon, 32°  
July 18, 2015

Emile P. Boudreault, 32°  
August 29, 2014

Robert N. Holm, 32°  
August 5, 2015

Eldon E. Strawn, 32°  
May 21, 2015

Roger P. Cochran, 32°  
August 4, 2015

L. B. Johnson, 32°  
June 16, 2015

Owen H. Van Cleave, 32°  
January 20, 2015

Norbert G. Didier II, 32°  
June 18, 2015

Charles M. Levan, 33°  
July 29, 2015

Howard M. Vogt, 32°  
June 12, 2015

Harry W. Falck Jr., 32°  
May 18, 2015

William I. Markey, 32°  
August 22, 2014

Harold M. Wagner, 32°  
June 5, 2015

William F. Gaugh, 32°  
July 29, 2015

Henderson R. Mc Arthur, 32°  
July 31, 2015

Donald L. Winstead, 32°  
July 16, 2015

Ernest G. Gibson, 32°  
July 21, 2015

James T. Mercer, 32°  
April 28, 2015

Constantine Yimoyines, 32°  
June 8, 2015