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The Scottish Rite Memorial Service for Ill. : David Eschrich, 33°

The Guard looking stately and tall
Marched solemnly into the hall
And a silence of respect fell over the place
They bore the flag and the banner
In a dignified and majestic manner
They were the epitome of style and grace

Then the mourners' one by one
Entered to the beat of a drum
Splendid in tuxedo with gloves of white
And at a precisely measured pace
They reached their assigned place
It was a most solemn and inspiring sight

Then with a most impressive flair
They comforted the family there
With words that eased their grief and tears
Uplifting prayers of submission
Enabled them in their mission
To honor a friend and brother of many years

The bagpiper played a mournful song
And the soloist melodiously strong
Sang a stirring rendition of the Lord's Prayer
And the audience was duly impressed
And their hearts were richly blessed
With the sympathy and caring that was there

Then the speakers in unison arose
Went to the altar and left a rose



Ill. : David Eschrich, 33°
1942-2015

As a symbol of love for a remembered friend
Their duties now were complete
And the memories rich and sweet
Caused grieving hearts to heal and to mend

So, David Eschrich was remembered
And for those who were assembled
The night seemed to rapidly
and fleetingly pass
And the ceremony ended that night
At the venerated Tampa Scottish Rite
With dignity, solemnity and a touch of class

– Patrick C. Palmer

On January 25, 2016 the Tampa Scottish Rite conducted a Scottish Rite Memorial Service for Ill. : David Eschrich, 33°. It was an impressive and moving ceremony that was conducted with dignity and solemnity. The following members of the Tampa Scottish Rite participated in the ceremony:

Degree team members were Ill. : John Drewett, 33°, Ill. : Louie King, 33°, Ill. : Rick Hoover, 33°, Ill. : Lou Ortt, 33° and Ill. : Patrick Palmer, 33°

Scottish Rite Guard: Henry Echezabal, 32°, Rodney Kohler, 32°, Ken Warner, 32° KCCH, Sam Pesola, 32° KCCH, Charles Walter, 32°, Leonard Smith, 32° KCCH and Ken Balsey, 33°.

Knights of Saint Andrew: Chuck Osborne, 32°. William Sundquist, 32° and Robert Phillips, 32°.

Bagpiper: Rob St. John, 32°.

Soloist: Brian Campbell, 32° KCCH.

Paraphernalia: Lynn Raposa, 32° KCCH.

Special Guest, Ill. : Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG in Florida. 🐾

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: The Valley of Tampa is off and running in 2016. We celebrated our 2nd Annual Feast of Kadosh in January with 129 brethren and their families. We were honored to have as our speaker Ill.: S. Brent Morris, 33° GC who is the managing editor of The Scottish Rite Journal. Also with us for the evening was Ill.: Dale I.

Goehrig, 33°, SGIG in Florida and M.: W.: Steven P. Boring, 33°, Grand Master of Masons of Florida. Work has already begun on our 2017 Feast of Kadosh. If you were not able to be with us this year, you will not want to miss out on the feast next year.

You will find the schedule for our Spring Reunion in this issue of *The Bulletin*. This Reunion is in memory of Ill.: David A. Eschrich, 33° PGM. Brother Eschrich dedicated his life to Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. Start talking to your Blue Lodge, York Rite, Shrine, Grotto and High Twelve brothers who are not members of the Scottish Rite and encourage them to become members of this class. All members are encouraged to attend any or all of the Reunion, so look at the schedule and see which parts you can attend.

We are waiting to hear from the Supreme Council on how we did in 2015 with the VMAP program. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked on our behalf last year to implement this new program. We will announce the results when we receive them. 🐾

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

At our March 14, 2016 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite we will be honoring those who have passed away during in 2015 with our annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, Ill.: James W. Ford, 33° PGM 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° KCCH, Degree Master, will begin this ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. The families of our fallen brothers and all Masons and non-Masons are invited. 🐾

E-Mail Addresses

We want you to receive our regular communications, please make sure that the General Secretary's office has your most current e-mail address. Send updates to generalsecretary@srtampa.org 🐾



General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

Proper Philanthropic Giving

A workshop has been scheduled for Scottish Rite members for Saturday, March 5, 2016. The workshop will be held at

the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center located 1485 Grand Road, Winter Park, FL 32793.

This workshop is designed to give you the necessary information on how planned giving to our Scottish Rite Foundation can benefit you and your family financially, as well as secure the future of our Scottish Rite Foundation. The program will emphasize the House of the Temple Foundation, and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. The various vehicles for charitable giving will be discussed, and the benefits of each will be explained. Specific case examples will be presented with opportunity for questions on how a particular plan might benefit your individual circumstances.

This will be a one-day event beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending by 2:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

A registration fee of \$20.00 will be charged, with the entire fee to be donated to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. Please make your check payable to "The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida."

The program will be presented by Brother Matt Szramoski, 33°, Director of Development; and Brother Chuck Morgan, 33°, Major Donor Officer. Ill. Brother Dale I. Goehrig, S.G.I.G., Orient of Florida, will present the portion of the program on the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida.

If you are interested in attending this seminar please contact John E. Drewett, 33°, General Secretary at (813) 886-0578. 🐾

Good For You

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

- Donald Whatley, Jr. Tuscan Lodge No. 6
- Douglas W. Dobbs Manatee Lodge No. 31
- Robert Davidson Star Lodge No. 78
- Robert Taylor, Sr. Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79
- Todd A. Meschelle Palmetto Lodge No. 110
- Vernon K. Hinote Tarpon Lodge No. 112
- Jack W. Hampton, Jr. Brandon Lodge No. 114
- David McCallister Trilby Lodge No. 141
- Barry D. Hart Sarasota Lodge No. 147
- Steven R. Fortier Port Tampa Lodge No. 153
- Ronald C. Mincey, Jr Ft. Meade Lodge No. 160
- Wm. R. Hughes Sutherland Lodge No. 174
- Carlos M. Valdes Universal Lodge No. 178
- Charles R. Bailey Nitram Lodge No. 188
- Scott J. Perritt Corinthian Lodge No. 191
- Robert E. Frierson Dunedin Lodge No. 192
- Teddy F. Watson Sebring Lodge No. 249
- Danilo O. Valdez J. F. Swartzel Lodge No. 251
- Stephen D. Edson Fellowship Lodge No. 265
- Jerry B. Watson Placid Lodge No. 282
- Thomas J. Gavagan Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290
- Roger L. Turgeon High Twelve Lodge No. 317
- Juan L. Sanchez Phoenix Lodge No. 346
- John J. Nicoll Brotherhood Lodge No. 375
- F. Edw. Street Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385
- Patrick Palmer Memorial Lodge No. 20
- Stephen D. Edson Memorial Lodge No. 23
- Eric West Florida Lodge of Research No. 999

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 as an 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

- Robert Colon, 32° C. Mark Cunningham, 32°
- Thomas P. Walden, 32°

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

April 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at Perkins

6005 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33884

May 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at The Red Elephant Pizza and Grill

5216 S. Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33813

Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tuscan Lodge No. 6

June 29, 2016

Sebring Lodge No. 249

March 29, 2016 September 29, 2016

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Last Friday at 6:00 p.m.

VFW Post No. 10209, Spring Hill, FL

Phone: (352) 686-9319

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

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284th Reunion Schedule

Saturday, April 9, 2016

7:00 a.m. Class Assembly - Lodge Room
Opening Ceremony

7:50 a.m. 4° - Secret Master - Conferred

8:35 a.m. Member/Class Education

9:05 a.m. 5° - Perfect Master - Communicated

9:12 a.m. 6° - Confidential Secretary - Communicated

9:19 a.m. 7° - Provost & Judge - Conferred

9:49 a.m. 8° - Intendant of the Building - Communicated

9:56 a.m. 9 & 10° - Elu of the Nine
and Fifteen - Conferred

10:56 a.m. BREAK

11:11 a.m. 11° - Elu of the Twelve - Conferred

12:11 p.m. 12° - Master Architect - Communicated

12:18 p.m. 13° - Royal Lodge of Solomon - Communicated

12:25 p.m. LUNCH and Class Photo

1:10 p.m. 14° - Perfect Elu - Conferred

2:30 p.m. Close L of P, Open Chapter

2:42 p.m. BREAK

2:57 p.m. 15° - Knight of East,
Sword or Eagle - Confer

4:12 p.m. 16° - Prince of Jerusalem - Communicated

4:27 p.m. 17° - Knight of the East & West - Communicated

4:42 p.m. BREAK

4:57 p.m. 18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred

6:32 p.m. Close First Day of Reunion - Announcements

Saturday, April 16, 2016

7:00 a.m. Class Assembly, Open Council, Elect Officers

7:20 a.m. 19° - Grand Pontiff - Communicated

7:27 a.m. 20° - Master of Symbolic Lodge - Conferred

8:12 a.m. 21° - Noachite
or Prussian Knight - Communicated

8:19 a.m. 22° - Knight Royal Axe,
Prince of Libanus - Communicated

8:26 a.m. 23° - Chief of the Tabernacle - Conferred

8:56 a.m. 24° - Prince of Tabernacle - Communicated

9:03 a.m. 25° - Knight of the Brazen
Serpent - Communicated

9:10 a.m. BREAK

9:25 a.m. Member/Class Education

10:10 a.m. 26° - Prince of Mercy,

Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 4 - Contributor deadline

April 13 - Office contributor deadline

April 15 - Transmit print file to our printer

Scottish Trinitarian - Communicated
 10:17 a.m. 27° - Knight of Sun,
 Prince Adept - Communicated
 10:24 a.m. 28° - Knight Commander
 of Temple - Communicated
 10:38 a.m. 29° Scottish Knight
 of St. Andrew- Conferred
 10:31 a.m. LUNCH
 11:28 a.m. BREAK
 11:43 a.m. 30° - Knight Kadosh - Conferred
 1:03 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory
 1:15 p.m. BREAK
 1:15 p.m. 31° - Inspector Inquisitor - Conferred
 2:05 p.m. Closing Business, Remarks & Announcements
 2:17 p.m. BREAK
 2:32 p.m. 32° - Master of the Royal Secret - Conferred
 4:02 p.m. Consecration of 282nd Class
 4:02 p.m. Closing Ceremony.
 4:43 p.m. Schedule end time. 🐼

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Perpetual Member Certificates

Patrick C. Palmer, 33°
 Charles C. Osborne, 32°

Fifty-Year Certificate, Cap & Lapel Pin

Max E. Vance, 32° KCCH

Twenty-Five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

John G. Couey, 32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

In Memory of Stephen F. Weatherly, 32° KCCH

Barry D. Hart, 33° Kim & Curt Eskew
 Rebecca Weatherly

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 www.tampascottishrite.org, click on **Publications**, then **Tampa eNews** then sign up under Tampa eNews. 🐼

James W. Ford, 33° Wise Master



Ill. : James W. Ford, 33°, PGM was installed Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter Rose Croix in January for the year 2016. Ill. : Jim is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and a graduate of Baltimore City College. After serving in the United States Army, our Wise Master began his 30+ year career with the Southland Corporation and held various management positions in the Baltimore/ Washington DC and Virginia area. In 1990 he transferred to Hillsborough County and retired from Southland in 1993.

He received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in 1996 in Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79. He served as

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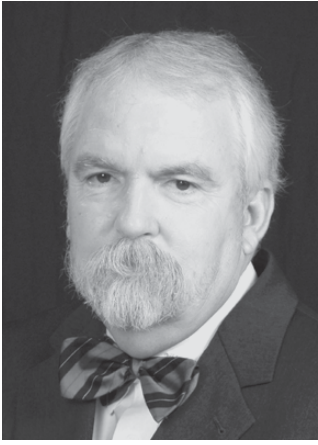
Leonard J.A. Smith, 32° KCCH Venerable Master



Brother Leonard (Len) J. A. Smith, 32° KCCH serves this year as the Venerable Master of Tampa Lodge of Perfection. Brother Smith was born in Traverse City, Michigan in 1952. After graduating from Alpena High School, he worked at Wicks Lumber Company and Chef Pierre (a dessert manufacturer) for three years. He enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for twelve years in Germany and Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was Honorably Discharged in 1986 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Upon his discharge, he moved to Haines City, Florida.

Brother Len petitioned Haines City Lodge No. 219 to receive the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in 2000. He served Haines City Lodge as Worshipful Master in

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Director of Work & Member Education

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

In the last bulletin, we suggested that our ancient Brethren probably read *On Obligations* by Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE.)

This classic book is a letter of advice from a

father to son. We reviewed Cicero's ideas regarding charity that appear in the first three degrees and the 14th and 18th degrees.

In *On Obligations*, Cicero wrote extensively on the topic of virtue. He told his son that virtue is centered on three things. The first lies in detecting the true and genuine in a particular instance—understanding origins, consequences and causes. We must be able to distinguish actuality from appearance. This first element is wisdom.

The second is the restraint of mental disturbances, what the Greeks called emotion or passion. Virtue subjects our impulses to the control of our reason. This element is temperance.

The third "enables us to treat our associates in a restrained and expert way," dealing with each other with consideration. This third element is a form of justice, as we would say, "to render to every man his just due without distinction."

Cicero's ideas, especially those from *On Obligations*, appear frequently in Scottish Rite ritual. Albert Pike clearly read it; many passages in it are found in *Morals and Dogma*.

The Spring Reunion is April 9 and 16. The schedule is posted on the Website and appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Notably, we expect a return of the 23rd degree, Chief of the Tabernacle. This degree has not been conferred in our Valley for many years.

We will have two member and candidate education sessions. The session on the second day will include a discussion of the degrees in the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix. It will be a helpful review for the Class and membership, alike.

During 2016 we plan to confer three degrees at Consistory meetings between dinner and the regular

meeting. The 27th degree is scheduled for April. The 8th and 13th degrees are ready for July and August, respectively. All three degrees are about 30-40 minutes in duration.

Finally, many degree teams desire and welcome new and/or additional cast members. We also may have two degrees "opening up" in the Council. Brethren interested in degree work or becoming a Degree Master can contact me at dow@srtampa.org.

See you at the Reunion. 🐾

...continued from Page 5 – James W. Ford, 33°

Worshipful Master of Olin S. Wright Lodge in 2001. In 2006, M.:W.: Robert D. Trump appointed him District Deputy Grand Master in the 23rd District. Following his year as DDGM, Brother Ford has served as Zone Chairman or State Chairman of the Lodge Assistance Committee and the Masonic Education. Ill.: Ford has served on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home and as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Florida. In 2014, the Craft elected him to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Our Wise Master received the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, becoming a Master of the Royal Secret on November 14, 1998. On November 7, 2009 he was created a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and was coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason on November 7, 2015. In the York Rite, he is a member of Plant City Chapter No. 16, RAM, Tyler Council No. 4, R&SM, and Plant City Commandery No. 6, KT.

Outside of Freemasonry, our Wise Master enjoys traveling, fishing, golfing and gardening. 🐾

...continued from Page 5 – Leonard J. A. Smith, 32° KCCH

2006. He served as Worthy Patron of Star Chapter No. 68 OES in Haines City.

Our Venerable Master became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 2003 and immediately started working on the Wardrobe Committee. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Guard and is a Past Commander of the Guard. He is also a member of the Lake Region Scottish Rite Club having served as President of the Club for three years. He

received the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 7, 2015.

He is a member of Bahia Shrine, becoming a noble in 2005. He is a member of the Tin Lizzie's and the Keystone Kops, where he served as secretary.

Brother Smith retired after twenty-five years of service with the Polk County School Board in their Maintenance Department. 🐼

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.

March 14, 2016:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Remembrance and Renewal,

Program by Casey A. Fletcher 32° KCCH
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta with Meat Balls,
Vegetable Blend, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea,
Lemonade

April 9 & April 16, 2016:

Spring Reunion

April 11, 2016:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Education program planned
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Di Amore, Rice Pilaf,
Spinach Casserole, Cupcakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. 🐼

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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 can make a payment online at www.scottishrite.org and use your credit card. We would also be happy to see you and process your payment when you are at our next meeting. If your dues statement is in error or if there are special circumstances we should know about, please contact the Valley of Tampa at (813) 886-0578. 🐼

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



What a very special time of the year. During these two months two very special religious events are being celebrated: Easter and Passover.

The history of the nation of Israel begins with the call of Abram who was told by God to go the land God would show him. By accepting God's call Abram not only left his country, family and culture; but also demonstrated an increase in faith. Following the exile of Israel in Egypt the people again listened to God and responded to his desire that they be his people and God sent Moses, to lead them out of Egypt. To commemorate this liberation by God an eight day celebration referred to as Passover is celebrated.

For Christians Easter is the most sacred day of the Church year. After going through forty days of prayer and fasting Christians celebrate the resurrection. The resurrection completes the mystery of salvation and redemption; by his death Christ freed us from sin and by his resurrection he restore to us the most important privileges lost by sin, including everlasting life.

So, as we approach these religious events this prayer by Thomas Merton seems to put it all together. "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen."

May everyone have a very happy Easter and a joyful Passover. 🐼

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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



Robert B. Alpaugh, 32°
January 2, 2016

Hewey D. Davis, 32°
December 14, 2015

Richard K. Stevens, 32°
February 5, 2016

William P. Bebler III, 32°
January 9, 2016

Howard H. Jungkind, 32°
January 5, 2016

Howard M. Stout, 32°
January 31, 2016

James Koutsos, 32°
December 21, 2015