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

Monday, June 13, 2016

5500 Memorial Hwy. Tampa

6:00 PM Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages
and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person as like
at our regular monthly meetings.

7:00 PM Patriotic Program

- Open to the public

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Brethren: We are entering that time of year when many of our northern brethren will be returning to their homes in other states. Please rest assured that while you are away from the Valley of Tampa you will be missed. I hope that you have a safe journey home and we will be happy to meet you when you return with open arms.

While we have not received the final results of our efforts in 2015 in the Scottish Rite VMAP program, what we are hearing is great news. The Supreme Council has just completed their three Leaderships Seminars for the year and the major emphasis has been to review the results of the VMAP program in 2015. The Valley of Tampa has been singled out in those seminars for our successes in providing our Valley officers with job descriptions, which explain the responsibilities and duties of the various offices, for how we are creating a great Reunion experience for our new candidates through education sessions held during the Reunions and for the information that we provide our new Masters of the Royal Secret at the conclusion of the Reunion. It takes a lot of brothers to make any program successful and from our VMAP results, we certainly have very talented and dedicated brothers in the Valley. Everyone who played a part in 2015 through VMAP has my sincere thanks and appreciation for your efforts. We are off and running with VMAP for 2016 and we look forward to continuing our efforts of 2015 and making improvements where needed in 2016.

You will read in this issue of the Bulletin information regarding the Scottish Rite's Celebrate The Craft Webathon. I hope that you will make every effort to be with us on May 21st as we join with Scottish Rite brethren throughout the Southern Jurisdiction in this celebration. 🐼



General Secretary

by Ill.: John E.
Drewett, 33°

Celebrating the Craft

Celebrating the Craft is a "Webathon" similar to a charitable telethon, but broadcast over the Internet. It will feature talent from across the Southern Jurisdiction and will be hosted by Illustrious Brother Norm Crosby, with the assistance of Rusty Garrett and Gil Schlerier.

What are you doing on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight?

We will be having a "watch party" at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center. There will be a Mexican Buffet starting at 6:00 p.m. The primary emphasis this year will be on the clinics. Fifty percent of your contribution will be used in our Orient to help with the clinics. Make sure that you designate our Orient when you do make a gift. The other 50% will go to support the House of the Temple.

The show is entertaining, educational and enlightening! This year they will feature several live segments with children who have benefited from Scottish Rite Clinics as well as their parents and speech therapists.

The Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite is hoping to make this the largest fundraising event ever. They need our help to do that! No gift is too small or large. Whether you contribute \$5 or \$5,000, your help is critical.

Please come out and share some great food, fellowship and support a good cause. Call the office to make your reservations (813) 886-0578. 🐾

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.

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Larry D. Ferrell, 32°

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Email Addresses

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

Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program

In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with



speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program (SRCLP) clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

Program Eligibility

As a rule, the SRCLP Clinics accept preschool children who have difficulty speaking or understanding the spoken word or school-age children who have difficulty learning to read. Some centers also offer literacy training for adults.

Inquiries on age groups and program offerings in specific areas should be addressed to the director of the local Scottish Rite facility. Equally important, all services are available regardless of race, creed, or the family's inability to pay.

While all children in need are eligible for available SRCLP treatment, please consult with your local facility for specific financial information.

The new Web address is <https://scottishrite.org/brothers-in-the-community/ritecare-srclp/>. 🐾

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

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

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

Tiffany's Family Restaurant

35000 US 19, N., Palm Harbor, FL 34684

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

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Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Perpetual Member Certificates

Robert J. Davis Jr., 32°

Twenty-Five Year Certificate & Lapel Pin

George Vadocz, 32°

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

In Memory of David A. Eschrich, 33° (PGM)

Kathleen Blue Lodge No. 338 F & AM

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH

In Memory of Stephen F. Weatherly, 32°

KCCH

Lynda Mittelbach Knights of the Eagle

Sahib Shrine Motorcorps Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

David P. Williams

In Memory of David A. Eschrich, 33° (PGM)

All R's Pest Management, Inc.

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

High Twelve Lodge No. 317 Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

Jeffrey M. Pick, 32° KCCH John W. Westerman, 32°

Brit arrives in Tampa Bay Valley to celebrate the Craft



David Harrison, PhD

The Valley of Tampa has put together a "smashing" program for this year's 5th Annual Celebrating the Craft, Saturday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. While the Supreme Council has planned an impressive entertainment straight from the House of the Temple via the Internet, we also have obtained the services of an English Freemason with a PhD in Freemasonry. There's only one person in the world with this degree, and he is making his debut lecture in Florida right here in Tampa Bay. Brother and Professor David Harrison will be presenting his

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June 6 - Contributor deadline

June 15 - Office contributor deadline

June 17 - Transmit print file to our printer

research on the much misunderstood York Grand Lodge of England.

Soon after becoming a member of the Craft in 1998, he began exploring the possibility of being the first to defend a doctoral thesis on the Craft. His critics said he would never be able to do it. After he successfully defended his thesis in 2008, the naysayers said he would never get it published. It was published in 2009. And since that time he has had a total of seven books published—all on the various histories of Freemasonry.

We strongly encourage Brothers and their families to attend his presentation revealing newly discovered information which helps Masonic researchers come to new insights on the development of modern Freemasonry. A former lecturer at the University of Liverpool and Hope University, he also worked as a specialist in industrial archaeology as he literally digs into urban artifacts of myth and legends surrounding our earliest Brothers. Brother Harrison's passion for the Craft appears to have descended upon him as a special gift. He is the first person in his family to become a Freemason in 154 years. When he was made a Brother, he chose the same lodge where his great-great-great grandfather served the Craft from 1820 to 1844.

The York Lodge, founded as early as 1705, is actually older than the Grand Lodge established in 1717. Having intimate connections for a time with the Lodge of Antiquity, the York "Mother" Lodge nurtured ten to twelve lodges, four Royal Arch Chapters and two Knights Templar Encampments. Ironically, because the beginnings of the York Lodge were not especially operative, its foundation in 1705 can be seen as an authentic part of speculative Masonry sweeping through Britain, even before.

Don't be late. Travelling to Tampa Bay as part of a whirlwind tour of America, Brother Harrison's talk is early in the evening (5:00 p.m.) warming up the audience for the 5th Annual Celebrate The Craft broadcast from Washington DC. Don't miss a chance to ask an English Mason questions about how the Craft is practiced "across the pond." Ask him about his views on how Isaac Newton's theories about Solomon's Temple had far reaching consequences on the Craft's development. 🐼

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 9, 2016:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Regular Meeting
Masonic Education

Program by Brother Kenneth Carolan 32°
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Teriyaki, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls, Brownies, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

June 13, 2016:

Annual Flag Day Program starts at 7:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person as like at our regular monthly meetings.

July 11, 2016:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Regular Meeting

8th Degree Intendant of the Building at 6:30 p.m.
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Baked Ziti, Vegetable Blend, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🐼

2016 Flag Day Program

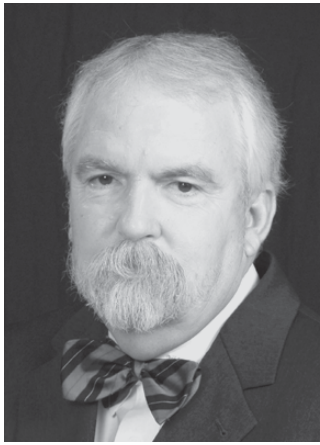
Tampa Scottish Rite will present our Annual Flag Day Program on the evening of our Monday, June 13 (yes, Flag Day is actually on Tuesday, June 14) in lieu of our Regular tyled Meeting.

A meal will be served in the dining room at 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person as like at our regular monthly meetings.

At 7:00 p.m., the program will start, also in the dining room. We have a featured speaker, patriotic musical arrangements and a video.

This program is open to all, family and friends and we encourage you to invite Blue Lodge members, your neighbors and all who may wish to celebrate our flag.

Reservations are required for the meal. 🐼



Director of Work & Member Education

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

We welcome our new Brethren from the recent Spring Reunion. One of the highlights of the Reunion was the conferral of the Ninth through the Eleventh degrees, Elu of

the 9, 15 and 12, respectively. ("Elu," as used in Freemasonry suggests "elect, elevated, selected or singled-out." The Gnostics used the term to designate one who possessed special knowledge.)

In the 3rd Degree of the Scottish Rite, the Ruffians are not captured and our Rite deals with them in these three degrees. We are afforded an opportunity to study and evaluate their roles, consider their characters symbolically and determine what lessons are offered for our lives.

The antagonists symbolize specific vices. In the 9th Degree, Jubelum is designated as a symbol of Ignorance. In the 10th Degree, Jubela and Jubelo symbolize tyranny and intolerance. Together the ruffians represent "the ignorant who do not question," "the fanatic who follows blindly" and the "tyrant who commands."

We can see a political or societal message. Ignorance inhibits the progress of society. Fanaticism is the child of intolerance. Tyranny, driven by ambition, leads to despotism. Each of these vices and character flaws threatens our liberty and the well-being of society (a subject readdressed in the Thirteenth degree).

The intensity of these degrees, especially the lamentations of Jubela and Jubelo in the 10th Degree can; however, render the message of the degrees very personal. We detect lessons for us as individuals.

While the vices represented by the Ruffians are easily identified in history or perceived in everyday life in "others," it takes very little imagination for us to recognize some amount of ruffian in ourselves.

Self-development and a lifetime of continuing education are a good prescription for subduing our inner-ruffian. Tolerance, especially religious toler-

ance (which is revisited in the 18th Degree), is another. Finally, humility of opinion, the admission of how much we do not know, might also aid us.

There are many other lessons in (and interpretation of) these three degrees. They are all worthy of exploration. But simply pursuing a regular of course of learning, practicing tolerance and maintaining a humble demeanor is a good start and will keep us occupied for a while.

Later in the year, we will confer two degrees at Consistory meetings between dinner and the regular meeting. The 8th Degree, Intendant of the Building, will be conferred July 11. This degree has not been conferred in our Valley for about 15 years. The 13th Degree, Royal Arch of Solomon, will be conferred on August 8. This degree is conferred annually and has been moved to a regular meeting to make room on the Reunion schedule.

Reading about these degrees in *Bridge to Light* and the *Monitor and Guide* prior to the conferrals will enhance their value.

We have two Council degrees that have opened up. Brethren interested in degree work or becoming a Degree Master can contact me at dow@srtampa.org. Our next Reunion is October 29 and November 5. It is never too soon to encourage Brothers to join our ranks. And, of course, the dates need to be on our personal calendars—for that education thing. 🙏

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The Great War, was now in its third year in Europe, and both sides had begun to lose thousands of men, locked in almost daily combat attacks. America was still furnishing both sides with war material. However, the public was very much opposed to sending "our boys" over to Europe to be killed by the German U-boats. Germany was leaving American ships alone as war material was still coming from America to them and their opponents, England, France, Greece, Italy and several other small nations.

Florida and the nation were watching the Mexican War in the West, where Pancho Villa and his army was raiding small towns in the United States, mainly Texas. The Commanding Officer for the

Mexican Expedition was Col. "Black Jack" Pershing, who was to be promoted to General and lead all American Forces sent to Europe, as the Leader of the American Forces. Among the local Army units instituted was Capt. Sumter L. Lowry, Jr. He was to become an Army General and commanding officer in the Florida National Guard and lead many local men when that group that was nationalized in 1940. The volunteers for the "great war" received the Tampa Tribune on a regular basis as the owner and publisher had enough copies sent to all the local men going through the training Camp located outside of Charleston, S. C.

Tampa as well as Hillsborough County was in the midst of a large jump in population, with over 20,000 listed as city residents and approximately 14,000 in the county, the majority of which were small area farmers.

The year 1916 saw the new lodge named Gary receiving their Charter, and later changed their name to Tampa No. 240. The Spring Convocation was held on April 25, 1916 through April 28, 1916 with 85 new Masters of the Royal Secret. Ill. Olin S. Wright, 33° Deputy, consecrated 85 new members of the Valley of Tampa. The Financial report was given on the regular meeting on July 3, 1916 with total assets reported as \$28,593 and liabilities as \$1,049. During the June 3, 1916 meeting Brother E. J. Keefe, 32° KCCH, was elected Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, and on July 3, 1916 elected Commander of the Council of Kadosh.

The Fall Convocation was held on three consecutive days beginning on October 17, 1916 and concluding on October 20, 1916, with a total of 35 new Scottish Rite Brothers. Ill. Olin S. Wright, 33° Deputy, consecrated the class.

Special Note: Did any present members have relatives who served in the Armed forces during WWI? If so, please send me a note listing the branch they served, their rank and their Masonic record. I would like to recognize them. 🐾

Good for You

We apologize that in our last issue we omitted the name of Brother Robert M. Hinson who is serving this year as the Worshipful Master of High Springs Lodge No. 137. Congratulations Worshipful Sir. 🐾

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°

Isaiah 2:3 "Come let us go up the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."



I would like to paraphrase that quote with:

Come let us go to the Scottish Rite Center so we can receive and understand its teachings, so ye can go forth and exemplify them in our daily lives.

In other words, we need to become disciples of Scottish Rite. By disciples I mean ones who embrace and assist in spreading the teachings of Scottish Rite to each other and to the community at large.

Scottish Rite does not pretend to teach what is right and true, but seeks to provide the foundation for each man, so he can make his own decision, one that is proper for him. I recall reading that one of the greatest discoveries was that we found out that we can change our lives by changing our attitudes of mind. Just think what we could accomplish if all of us applied Masonic teachings in a way that would alter our lives for the better.

May each of us become a model and teacher of the Scottish Rite Precepts, particularly as expressed in our Creed:

"The course of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission and the guaranty of equal rights to all people everywhere the end of our contentions."

Let us all attend our Scottish Rite meetings, reunions and functions so that we may obtain the knowledge and skills to set the best example for our communities and a better life for ourselves. 🐾

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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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