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Grand Master M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover was born in Williamsport, PA, May 31, 1952. He attended the public schools in the area and graduated from Williamsport High School in 1970. After graduation, he worked in his father's construction business for several years until moving to St. Petersburg, FL in 1977. Rick returned to Williamsport to marry his high school sweetheart, Robyn (Bobby) L. Allen, on December 17, 1983. Together they have two sons, Richard A. and J. Ryan. M.:W.: Rick has a daughter, Tammie Hartland, from a previous marriage. Rick and Bobby enjoy spending time with their three beautiful granddaughters: Alexis, Marissa and Audrey Rose.

Since moving to Florida, our Grand Master has been employed in the Pest Control industry. He has worked with several of the largest firms in the nation in management with duties including technician training, customer relations and retention, and management. In 1988, Rick and Bobby incorporated All R's Pest Management to

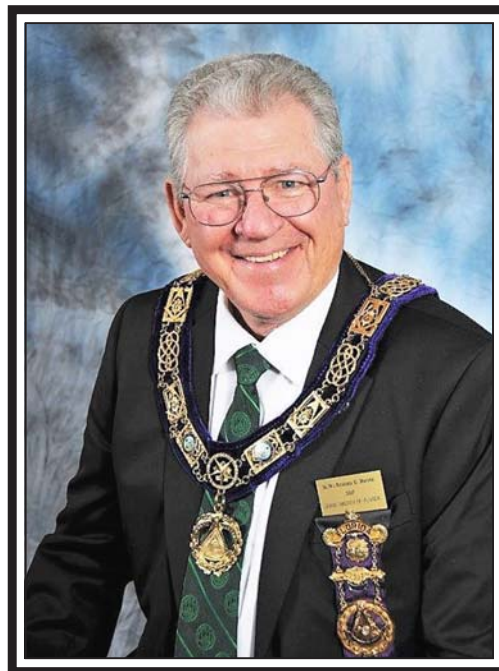
give a type of service prospective customers look for, a company who cares. This business has been successfully serving customers for almost thirty years.

M.:W.: Hoover received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Nitram Lodge No. 188 in St. Petersburg, FL in 1994. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1998 and as Secretary from 2004 - 2013. He has served his district in various committee chairmanships from 1997 through 2008.

Our Grand Master was appointed by M.:W.: John R. Givens to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District in 2003. He has also served as District Instructor of the 21st District in 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2013. He was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in 2007. He has been a member of the

Masonic Jurisprudence Committee for five years as well as serving on the FA-100 Committee, Public Education & Citizenship Committee, Public Relations and Publicity Committee and the Masonic

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**Grand Master
M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover
of the Grand Lodge F&AM**

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: I would first like to offer my personal congratulations to our new Grand Master, M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, 33°. Our Illustrious brother is the twenty-third member of the Valley of Tampa who have served the Grand Lodge of Florida as our Grand Master. All of us wish our Grand Master and his officers

God speed during their travels over the next year.

In this issue of The Bulletin, you will find a listing of our members who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida and the three Grand York Rite Bodies this year. Not only do we have the Grand Master as a member, we are also pleased to have Brother Anthony L. Griffon, 32° who is serving as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida, Brother Robert St. John, 32°, serving as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida and Brother Ronald C. Newton, 32° who is serving this year as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

I wish to extend my thanks to those Perpetual Members who have voluntarily contributed toward the payment of the Valley's per capita assessment from the Supreme Council. Your assistance has been a big help to your Valley in helping us meet our everyday expenses.

Speaking of finances, brethren, I ask that you please look at your Scottish Rite dues card. If it says that it expired in 2016, would you assist your Valley by paying your 2017 dues? Your number of years of Scottish Rite membership is important to the Valley and to the Scottish Rite. If you find that you are in a position of not being able to write that check, please contact the General Secretary. We will do everything possible to assist you so that you may continue your membership in the Scottish Rite.

In closing, even though summer is here, the activity at your Scottish Rite is ongoing. We welcome all of our members to attend either the monthly Consistory meeting on the second Monday of each month or attend one of our Scottish Rite Club meetings throughout the Valley. Their meeting locations, times and dates can be found in this issue of the *Bulletin*. 🐼



General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Tampa Scottish Rite Fund Raiser

Your Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center is in need for a new second and third tier roof. The cost to replace the two

roofs is \$83,000.00. The Knights of St. Andrew will be conducting a fundraiser to assist with this need. The Knights of St. Andrew and the Scottish Rite officers will be selling 22" Christmas Wreaths for \$25.00 each.

The wreaths are grown in the NW Cascades, an aromatic combination of Noble Fir, Berried Juniper, Incense Cedar and Red Faux Holly Berries with a red bow attached.

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 🐼

You may purchase a wreath from any member of the Knights of St. Andrew or any Scottish Rite officer.

Please make your checks payable to the Tampa Scottish Masonic Center, make a notation that it is for a Christmas wreath. The deadline for ordering the wreaths is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 🐼

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 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

George S. Jak, 32°

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. 🐼

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Leadership Training Committee. In 2010, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona for the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Our Grand Master was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida in 2014, Senior Grand Warden in 2015, Deputy Grand Master in 2016 and elected Grand Master at the 188th Annual Grand Communication and then installed Grand Master on his 65th birthday, May 31, 2017.

M.:W.: Hoover became a Master of the Royal Secret on May 6, 1995 in the Valley of Tampa. He has been an active member of the Valley, having served as Master of Kadosh in 2008 along with serving as President of the Past Masters Organiza-

tion. He has served as our Valley Trustee on the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida's Board of Trustees in 2012 - 2014. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Valley Wardrobe Committee. He was coroneted a Thirty-Third Scottish Rite Mason in November 2013.

M.:W.: Rick is a member of the St. Petersburg York Rite Bodies, Selama Grotto, Egypt Shriners, Bethlehem Chapter No. 169, OES and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Maxwell Clan.

In his spare time, he enjoys umpiring youth baseball games, and contributes time to the Skyway Trap & Skeet Club as a Board Member in charge of By-Laws and Charter issues. He also enjoys golf, trap and skeet, bowling and collecting Masonic paraphernalia and memorabilia. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

July 31, 2017, August 30, 2017 and October 30, 2017
One hour review and study of an AASR degree.
7:00 p.m. preceded by pizza. Locations to be determined. Save the dates.

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
IHOP
30200 US 19 N, Clearwater, 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.
Sahib Shrine
(July location TBA)
600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

1st Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
February, April & October
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) 368-3878
Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center
5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

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Grand Lodge Appointments

The Valley of Tampa is proud of the following Brothers who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida this year.

Grand Lodge Officers

Richard G. Hoover, 33° Grand Master
John W. Westerman, III, 32° Sr. Grand Warden
J. Paul Stellrecht, 32° Grand Orator
Glen B. Bishop, 32° Grand Marshal
Donald W. Cowart, 32° Senior Grand Steward
John E. Drewett, 33° Grand Pursuivant
William C. Klinke, 32° Grand Historian
Bryan T. Shuler, 32° Grand Musician

District Deputies and Instructors

Richard R. Whitmyer, 32° DDGM, 18th District
Charles C. Osborne, 32° DDGM, 19th District
Thomas L. Craze, 32° DDGM, 21st District
Juan de la Rosa, 32° DDGM, 23rd District
Jack W. Hampton, Jr, 32° DI, 20th District
Gary W. Gordon, 32° DI, 21st District

Committeemen

Corporate Board

Glen B. Bishop, 32°

Child ID

Stephen D. Edson, 32°
Paul D. Barber, 32°

Committee on Work

F. Edward Street, 32° KCCH
A. Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH

Endowment & Investment Committee

David W. Jones, 32°

Finance & Accounts Committee

Michael R. Pender, Jr., 32° KCCH
Louie A. King, 33°, PGM

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Committee

David A. Henderson, 32°, Chairman
Fernando J. Rosado, 32°

General Services Panel

Kenneth A. Carolan, 32°
Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32°
Thomas R. Quay, 32°

Grand Master's Charity

H. Michael McCool, 32°

Grand Master's Coordinating Committee

Kenneth A. Carolan, 32°
Gerald E. Goacher, 33°

Deadline for Sept./October Bulletin

August 7 - Contributor deadline
August 16 - Office contributor deadline
August 18 - Transmit print file to our printer

Insurance Committee

David A. Henderson, 32°
 Charles C. Osborne, 32°
 Barry D. Hart, 33°

Masonic Jurisprudence Committee

Russell B. Glendinning, 33° Vice Chairman
 Ronald C. Mincey, Jr., 32°
 J. David Neveitt, 33°
 Robert J. Lambert, 32°
 Steven J. Silvers, 32°

LYPMGC, MH-100, Wills & Gifts Committee

John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH

Masonic Education Committee

Felix Gordillo, Jr., 32°
 Tomas Izquierdo, 32°

Masonic Home Board of Trustees

R. James Rocha, 33°

Masonic Leadership Training Committee

Robert J. Lambert, 32°

Membership Development Committee

Henry J. Lamb, 32°

Panel of Attorneys

Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°
 Bruce Marger, 33°

Penal Affairs Committee

Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°
 Michael T. Rhoades, 32°
 Gregory L. Wynn, 32°

Perpetual Membership Committee

Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH

Properties Committee

Reed G. Rue, 32°

Public Education & Citizenship Committee

William J. Doolin, 32°

Public Relations & Publicity Committee

Howard W. Knapp, 32°, Chairman
 Mark P. Brewer, 32°

Technology Committee

Glen B. Bishop, 32°

Youth Activities Committee

Robert J. Meguiar, 32°, Chairman
 Andrew S. Gluchov, 32°

**July & August
 Good for You**

The following recently received the following awards:

**Millionaire Certificates
 & Lapel Pins**

Michael Bilirakis, 33° GC
 Richard S. Cowan, 32° KCCH
 Charles M. East, 32°
 V. Kirk Hinote, 32°
 Derek J. Lynn, 32°
 Richard D. Miller, 32° KCCH
 Earl E. Ray, 32°
 Petar Sibinkic, 32°
 Richard A. Vogt, 32°
 A. Paul Woodman, 32° KCCH

**Billionaire Certificates
 & Lapel Pins**

Jeffrey M. Pick, 32° KCCH
 Knights of the Eagle 🦅

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.

July 10, 2017:

Dinner and Open Meeting
 Conferral of the 13th Degree,
 Royal Arch of Solomon, 6:10 p.m.
 Program by Brother Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH
 Baked Ziti, Vegetable Blend, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

August 14, 2017:

Dinner and Closed Meeting
 Conferral of the 8th Degree,
 Intendant of the Building, 6:10 p.m.
 Program by Brother Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH
 Shepard's Pie, House Salad, Rolls, Brownies,
 Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🦅



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

At our Spring Reunion, the 19th Degree, Grand Pontiff, was conferred. This degree had not been conferred in over ten years in our Valley. Let us examine

its potential messages to contemplate what lessons may have gone overlooked during the last decade.

Albert Pike, our patriarch, places this degree among the chivalric or philosophical degrees of the Council of Kadosh. Kadosh is a Hebrew word usually translated as “holy.” A more precise meaning is “separated.” The mission of Masonry is not to create “holy” men, but “to set apart from the rest of humanity those exemplary men who practice noble virtues in the pursuit of Truth.” Let us examine the 19th Degree for “actionable intelligence” and its concealed Truths.

It is important that we should do so. The rituals of Freemasonry, more particularly those of the Scottish Rite, encourage us to answer questions like, “What should I do? What should I now stop doing? How should I live my life differently as a result of experiencing the conferral of a particular degree?” Masonic ritual is not intended to be twice a year (much less, once in a lifetime) entertainment; it is important, real stuff, intended to influence our lives.

There are two big signals in the 19th Degree. One is the title “Pontiff.” The word derives from two Latin words: *ponti*, which means “bridge” and *fucere* which means “to make.” We might therefore conclude that a *pontiff* is a “bridge-maker.”

The second signal in this degree is the prevalence of the number twelve. Its appearance is more than obvious, it is overwhelming.

We proceed around twelve columns where we receive instruction about the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem, the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the twelve fruits of the Tree of Life, the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve Apostles of the Nazarene. All these are demonstrated and discussed as the Candidate travels (as do we) during the degree. Further-

more, the twelve great names and titles of Deity “upon the breastplate of the High Priest” are inculcated.

Whew! Freemasonry is replete with numerological messages. Each column in this degree teases us with symbolism, concealed messages and meanings using the number twelve. Each encourages the exploration of the number twelve to discover its secrets.

Where else does the number twelve appear in Masonic ritual? One answer (among many) is the very first degree – the Entered Apprentice. Recall the Perfect Ashlar, that stone that represents the state of perfection at which “we hope to arrive...”

A cube, a perfect ashlar, has twelve edges. Perhaps, by applying the lessons of the Grand Pontiff, we can perfect our “edges,” cultivate our virtue, moderate our conduct and actions; and perhaps we can become perfect ashlar, “bridge-makers” for our Fraternity and society.

What came we here to do? Perhaps, to become Perfect Ashlars and Bridge-makers. That might indeed “separate” us from other men.

Reserve your calendar for these special degree conferrals: July 10, conferral of the 13th Degree at our monthly meeting; and August 14, conferral of the 8th Degree. 🐼

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Grand York Rite Convention

We congratulate the members of the Valley of Tampa for their active participation in the three York Rite Bodies in Florida. The following brothers have been elected or appointed to serve these Grand Bodies for the next year.:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Ronald C. Newton, 32° Grand High Priest
Earl C. Ray, 32° Grand Chaplain
Arthur J. Ahrens, III, 32° Captain of the Host
Charles J. Pesola, 32° KCCH Grand Sentinel

District Deputies and Instructors

Richard C. Brooks, 32° DDGHP, 3rd District
Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32° DDGHP, 4th District
Todd A. Meschelle, 32° DI, 2nd District
Charles R. Jordan, 32° DI, 3rd District

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

Robert C. St. John, 32° Ill. Grand Master
W. Allen Sorbie, 32° Gr. Cond. of the Council
Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH Grand Marshal

District Deputy Grand Masters

John E. Drewett, 33° DDGM, 3rd District
Charles J. Pesola, 32° KCCH DDGM, 4th District

Grand Commandery KT

Anthony L. Griffon, 32° Grand Commander
James T. Mason, 32° Dep. Grand Commander

District Deputy Grand Commanders

John D. Powell, 32° DDGC, 2nd District
Bruce S. Moir, 32° DDGC, 3rd District

For the Three Grand Bodies

L. Edward Villiaume III, 32° KCCH Grand Recorder
Carl E. Gilmore, 32° KCCH Grand Treasurer
David R. Meade, 32° KCCH Grand Organist

Dues Notices have been mailed

You all should have received your 2017 Dues Renewal notice. You can, of course, detach the notice, write your check, add a postage stamp and mail it in the enclosed envelope today. Or, an easier way is to go to www.scottishrite.org and use your credit card which is a quicker way with no checks, stamps or mailbox trips. We would also be happy to see you and process your payment when you are at our next meeting. 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°



As we reach the 241st year since the U. S. Declaration of Independence was signed, we see a world with much uncertainty. In my reading, I came across a prayer by Peter Marshall, which not only addresses this issue, but which amplifies the teaching of our fraternity.

"We pray for our troubled world, wandering in the excruciating twilight of an uncertain peace. In our hearts we know that this is no true peace-rather suspicion and fear, animosity and greed.

We ask that Thy Spirit will strive mightily with the leaders of the nations as they seek a formula by which the peoples of the earth can live at peace with one another.

Impress upon their minds and hearts that until we are at peace with Thee, we can be at peace with no one else; that freedom can exist nowhere unless it exists everywhere; that the strength of this nation does not lie in armies or navies, but in the integrity of her people; that peace is born out of righteousness-and nothing else; that the trouble with our world is still-people; that peace is not possible until men's hearts-our hearts-and the direction of our wills are changed.

Make us willing to be changed, whatever the cost to our self-sufficiency, whatever the price to our insistence on having our own way.

Wilt Thou reveal Thy will for America, that she may now realize her destiny and place in Thy plan for the world?

O our Father, grant that the promised day may soon come when culture and learning, education and pity, shall again light all lamps that wars have extinguished; when all wanderers can return to their homes and their little gardens; when 'men to men the world o'er shall brothers be for a' that'; when all of us may be united in the high adventure of building a better world. In Thy name, who are the Father of us all, we make this prayer. Amen." 🐼

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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



Donald H. Alston, 32°
April 3, 2017

Jack H. Jones, 33° GC
April 27, 2017

William B. Smith, 32°
March 17, 2017

Franklin G. Crawford, 32°
May 6, 2017

William Leitner, 32°
May 27, 2017

Donald H. Sommer, 32°
April 17, 2017

William C. Cunningham, 32°
April 14, 2017

John Pettibone, Jr., 32°
March 31, 2017

Milton M. Stewart, 32°
February 3, 2017

Charles R. Custer, 33°
May 17, 2017

John L. Quinn, 32°
April 22, 2017

Charles E. Terrill, 32°
May 31, 2017

Robert G. Glaze, 32°
May 22, 2017

Walter L. Shurtleff, 32°
April 8, 2017

Robert V. Webb, 32°
May 15, 2017