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Worshipful Master Recognition Night

by Stephen B. Jacobson, 33°

An open meeting will be held at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center Monday, September 11, at 7:00 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. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. This recognition will begin at 7:00 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 1 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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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

It is hard to believe that 2017 is winding down the 3rd quarter of the year and we will soon be entering the 4th quarter. There are several events being planned for the balance of the year and it is my hope that you will take advantage of them.

Our first event is our Fall Reunion, scheduled for October 21 and 28. If you have not been to a Reunion recently, please place either or both Saturdays on your calendars. Over the past ten years, Ill.: C. Donald Prosser, 33° and Brother Casey Fletcher, 32° KCCH have worked diligently in making our Reunions an event that is enjoyable and educational. Our Degree teams are working now to make the conferral of their Degrees to be professional and impressionable on our candidates. Our Reunions are not only for bringing new brothers into the Scottish Rite, but also to act as a vehicle for our current members to reunite with brothers who they may not have seen for a while and to make new friends. The Reunion schedule is in this issue of the Bulletin and I encourage you to look it over and make your plans to attend any portion that you are able to attend. This Reunion is being held in memory of Ill.: Kenneth R. James, 33° and one of the most dedicated Scottish Rite Masons that I have had the pleasure of meeting and calling a friend and brother.

There is still time for you to discuss with your Masonic brothers who are not Scottish Rite Masons the benefits of becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. When you attend any Masonic event, please talk about the Scottish Rite and your personal experience in receiving the Degrees. Petitions may be obtained from the office or on our website.

Our second big event is the Investiture of our new Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and the Coronation of our new Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Masons. The Valley of Tampa is again hosting this Orient-wide event in November and there are many brothers already working to make it the success that it has been in prior years. Unfortunately, only Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour and Thirty-Third Degree Masons may attend and I encourage those brothers to plan on attending.

We are looking forward to those of you who have been away for the summer rejoining us on the 2nd Monday of the month at our Consistory meetings. We try to make sure everyone enjoys themselves when they are here and also that the evening is beneficial to them with our continuing Masonic Education programs. 🐾



General Secretary

by Ill.: John E.
Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

As of this date there are 122 members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their 2017 dues. The 2017

dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2016.

If for some reason you are having problems with making the dues payment, please contact the General Secretary for assistance at (813) 886-0578.

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 9, 2017. This will be an "open meeting," so please invite your Lady, family and friends 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.

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 9, 2017. 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. 🍷

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

The Knights of St. Andrew and the Scottish Rite Officers are selling Christmas Wreaths as a fundraiser, to help in the cost of replacing the second and third roofs at a cost of \$83,000 at the Masonic Center:

22" Mixed Evergreen Wreaths
Direct from Sherwood Forest Farms

An aromatic combination of *Noble Fir*, *Berried Juniper*, and *Incense Cedar*. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.

The cost is \$25 per Wreath, please make your check payable to Tampa Scottish Rite, and notate that it is for the Wreath(s). The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. *Pickup or Delivery is available.* 🍷

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.

Reinstatement

Bruce R. Messinger, 32°

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

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

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5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

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Fall Reunion Schedule

Saturday, October 21, 2017


- 6:30 a.m. Class Registration - Lobby
- 7:00 a.m. Class Assembly - Lodge Room
Opening Ceremony
Open Lodge of Perfection
- 7:50 a.m. 4° - Secret Master - Conferred
- 8:35 a.m. Member/Class Education
- 9:05 a.m. 5° - Perfect Master - Conferred
- 9:50 p.m. BREAK
- 10:05 a.m. 6° - Confidential Secretary - Conferred
- 10:30 a.m. 7° - Provost Judge - Communicated
- 10:40 a.m. 8° Intendant of the
Building - Communicated
- 10:45 a.m. 9° & 10° Elu of the Nine and
Fifteen - Communicated
- 10:50 a.m. 11° Elu of the Twelve - Communicated
- 11:00 a.m. 12° - Master Architect - Conferred
- 11:25 a.m. 13° - Royal Lodge of
Solomon - Communicated
- 11:30 a.m. Class Photo then LUNCH
- 12:30 p.m. 14° - Perfect Elu - Conferred
- 1:45 p.m. Close Lodge of Perfection in Lodge Room
Open Chapter of Rose Croix
- 2:00 p.m. 15° - Knight of the East, Sword or
Eagle - Communicated
- 2:05 p.m. 16° - Prince of Jerusalem - Conferred
- 2:54 p.m. BREAK
- 3:10 p.m. 17° - Knight of the East and West
Conferred
- 3:55 p.m. BREAK
- 4:10 p.m. 18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred
- 5:40 p.m. Close Chapter - announcements - in
auditorium
- 5:55 p.m. Scheduled end time

Saturday, October 28, 2017

- 6:30 a.m. Class Registration - Lobby
- 7:00 a.m. Open Council of Kadosh, Election
of Class President & Orator - Clubs/
Committees Remarks
- 7:35 a.m. 19° - Grand Pontiff - Communicated
- 7:45 a.m. 20° - Master of Symbolic Lodge -
Communicated
- 7:50 a.m. 21° - Noahchite or Prussian Knight -
Conferred
- 8:34 a.m. Member/Class Education
- 9:05 a.m. 22° - Knight Royal Axe/Prince of
Libanus - Conferred
- 9:35 a.m. 23° - Chief of the Tabernacle -
Communicated

Deadline for Nov./Dec. Bulletin

- October 2 - Contributor deadline
- October 11 - Office contributor deadline
- October 13 - Transmit print file to our printer

- 9:40 a.m. 24° - Prince of Tabernacle - Communicated
- 9:50 a.m. 25° - Knight of the Brazen Serpent - Communicated
- 9:55 a.m. 26° - Prince of Mercy/Scot' Trinitarian - Conferred
- 10:35 a.m. 27° Knight of Sun, Prince Adept - Communicated
- 10:50 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - Conferred
- 11:50 a.m. LUNCH
- 12:50 p.m. 29° - Scottish Knight of St. Andrew - Conferred
- 2:15 p.m. 30° - Knight Kadosh - Conferred
- 3:30 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory
- 3:45 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - Communicated
- 3:55 p.m. 32° - Master of the Royal Secret Conferred
- 5:40 p.m. Consecration of Class and Closing Ceremony - in Lodge Room
- 6:25 p.m. Closing business, remarks & announcements - in Lodge Room 


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 11, 2017:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Worshipful Master and Youth Recognition Night
Chicken Fricassee w/Yellow Rice, Fried Plantains,
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Flan or Cup Cakes
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

October 9, 2017:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
The Sovereign Grand Inspector General official visit
Feast of Tishri Celebration
Roast Beef & Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans,
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Ice Cream, Coffee,
Tea, Lemonade 

September and October Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Donald R. Allen, 32° Paul D. Barber, 32°
Terry L. Bennett, 32° James E. Doling, 32°
Roger C. Dunn, 32° Larry D. Flynn, 32°
Thomas R. Hitchcock, 32° KCCH
Craig C. Hughes, 32° Roger M. Hull, 32°
Richard N. Leger, 32° David A. Lubin, 32°
James T. Mason, 32°
Jerome M. Meguiar, 32° KCCH
Ronald G. Patton, 32° Joe L. Platt, 32°
William J. Radcliff, 32° Harry C. Van Why, 32°
Merle R. Wares, 32°


Fifty Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Elden E. Adameit, 32° John B. Adams, 32°
Ernest M. Camp, 32° Philip Caswell III, 32°
Peter J. Fernandez, 33° H. Ronald Foxworthy, 33°
Ralph W. Fredenburg Jr., 32°
Donald R. Harding, 32° Gary L. Huskey, 32°
Basil C. Johnson Jr., 32°
Chris M. Kellerman, 32° Robert C. Krege, 32°
Leonard E. Leetzow Jr., 32°
Leonard W. Lorenzo, 33°
Robert A. Love, 32° Bruce Marger, 33°
Charles B. Mc Kenzie Jr. 32°
Marvin L. Nelson, 32°
John R. Parrish Jr., 32° Frank L. Rosenblatt, 32°
Marvin H. Schmidt, 32° Spencer P. Schofield, 32°
Walter K. Seman, 32° William J. Smalley, 32°
Arnold R. Stanaland, 32° W. Bruce Steube III, 33°
Andrew P. Trakas, 32° S. Gilbert Weisman, 33°
Jerry T. Wheeler, 32°

Billionaire Certificate & Lapel Pin

Richard G. Hoover, 32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Norman F. Newcomb, 32° KCCH
Richard A. Vogt, 32°
John W. Westerman III, 32° 



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

This missive is carefully crafted—to avoid the possibility that the “secrets of Freemasonry may be unlawfully obtained.”

Freemasonry has many sources and avenues of learning. We have three Symbolic Degrees and a plethora of literature considering them. The Scottish Rite offers twenty-nine more degrees and three self-study courses. The York Rite has more than seven Orders and a self-study course. And then we have the appendant bodies.

During July, the “Tri-State Degrees” were held. This is an annual event in which the Grand Lodges of Florida, Georgia and Alabama convene; each confers a degree. This year's event was held in Dothan, Alabama. Florida conferred the EA Degree (ably conferred by Pace Lodge No. 249, last year's winning ritual team); Georgia conferred the FC Degree and Alabama the MM Degree. The annual event rotates among the states with the host state conferring the MM Degree.

While this is a laudable fraternal and social event, much can be learned by considering the differences in the Work of the three Grand Lodges. While the basics are the same as having existed since “time immemorial,” the differences among the Grand Lodges' floor work and content can be instructive.

The Georgia jurisdiction appears to open all degrees in the MM Degree and then step down to the degree to be conferred. The opening includes the communication of the substitute word from the West to the East. The closing sends it back to the West. The floor work and process are quite impressive. During the obligation, the candidate's left arm is positioned in a fashion reminiscent of a passage in Exodus 17 concerning Moses, Aaron and Hur. The Winding Stairs Lecture includes introductory paragraphs that helpfully explain why the Fraternity selected the five and seven steps for instructional material—this introduction is superior (in the

Education Chairman's judgment) to Florida's. A copy of the introduction has been requested, and if adjudicated to be monitorial, will be shared in a future missive.

The Alabama MM Degree opens with the necessity that all Brethren communicate the password—similar to the opening of the Knights Mason and the Masonic Rosicrucian bodies. There appears to be no chance a cowan may be present.

The second section includes notable differences. First, the nine Fellow Craft reappear; they seem to disappear in our Florida Work. Next, the explanation of the due guard is entirely different than Florida's; as is the demonstration of the grand hailing sign of distress. The ritual specifically states a numerical time from the start of the scene at the brow of the small hill until its conclusion—this timeline might give a Florida Mason pause to reflect on the possible interpretation of that scene. Finally, a helpful explanation of the tokens of the three Symbolic Degrees is provided—this explanation appears in some older Scottish Rite Work.

The Tri-State Degrees provide an interesting opportunity for learning and reflection—one need only show up. The July, 2018 event is (usually) held in Warner Robins; it typically features Alabama's EA Degree and Georgia's MM Degree.

Another opportunity for learning, requiring only traveling, is the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma on April 5-8, 2018. All twenty-nine AASR Degrees will be conferred. Contact me for details if you're interested.

Finally, a very convenient Masonic learning opportunity is our Fall Reunion on October 21 and 28. The 26th Degree, Prince of Mercy, will be conferred for the first time in several years. A draft of the Hours of Labor is published elsewhere in this Bulletin. 🐾

We apologize

It seems that in our last issue of The Bulletin, we neglected to list Brother Robert W. Taylor, Sr. as the new District Deputy Grand Master in the 20th Masonic District. We apologize for this omission. 🐾

Scottish Rite Honors

The Valley is happy to announce the results of the vote by the Supreme Council on those brothers of the Valley of Tampa who have been elected to receive Honors this year. This year's Honors Class is named in memory of Ill.∴ David A. Eschrich, 33° PGM.

Those Knights Commander of the Court of Honour who will be coroneted Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Masons are:

Carl Emmett Gilmore
 Ronald Prim Lupien
 Lynn Charles Raposa
 Kenneth Allen Warner

The Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite members who will be invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour are:

Arthur John Ahrens, III
 Kenneth Aloyasius Carolan
 Robert Jordan Meguiar
 Charles Cullen Osborne
 Bryan Grant Pullman
 Derl Brian Smith
 William Carl Sundquist
 Richard Alan Vogt
 Charles Daniel Walter
 John William Westerman, III

These Honors will be conferred on November 11, 2017. All KCCH members and Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend these ceremonies.

All 32° Brethren, their Lady, family and friends are invited to attend the Banquet. You can make your reservations on our website or call the Office for information. 🐾

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°



There is an old American Indian story passed down through the ages inspired by a smooth polished rock found in the river.

Our ancestors tell the story that God started creation out of one large block of stone that He worked on night and day, chipping and chiseling away. Buried in one of the many stones he worked on was hidden the form of a human. He honed and struck at that block of stone and chips went flying all over the face of the earth. He was so intent on creating and setting loose the figure of this person that He worked furiously with the small stones and even rocks scattered all over the earth. When He was finished He was very pleased and leaned close to the stone, breathing on it, and breathing His own spirit into it. And so humans were created by the power and intimacy of God.

Anthropologists tell us that stones were among the first tools used by primitive men to help them modify and deal with their environment. Strong and useful stones were valuable tools in the hands of skilled men long before metal tools were developed. Those that were hardest to use as hammers or that held the sharpest edges were treasured by those who used them.

Does not this story parallel the making of a Mason? We went before the Lodge as a rough ashlar and the information presented to us began chipping away the rough edges. As we progressed the more polished we became, until someone breathed a spirit into us. The polishing continued as we went through the various degrees. Each degree is a part of the spirit that was missing and continues to improve and stimulate us. Through this continuous polishing our lives become interconnected and brought together in a brotherhood which has compassion for all mankind. 🐾

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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



Harold F. Albers, 32°
July 16, 2017 age 90
St. Petersburg, FL

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May 5, 2017 age 66
Plant City, FL

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June 26, 2017 age 79
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July 13, 2017 age 76
Galion, OH

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August 11, 2017 age 91
Lakeland, FL

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July 2, 2017 age 76
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June 29, 2017 age 86
Tampa, FL

Talmadge Kicklighter, 32°
July 27, 2017 age 84
Valrico, FL