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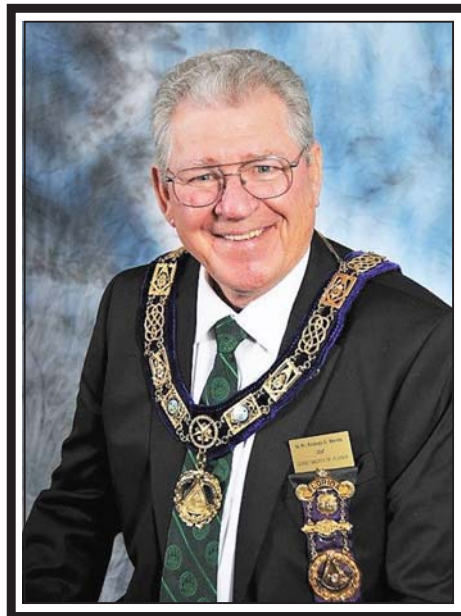
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The Orient of Florida's New Deputy

Ill.:. Ronald E. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction has appointed Ill.:. Richard G. Hoover, 33° as the Deputy to the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida effective January 1, 2018. Ill.:. Hoover replaces Ill.:. Dale I. Goehrig, 33° who has served for the past seven years as the Deputy and then Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida.



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

Our new Deputy is certainly no stranger to the members of the Valley of Tampa or to Masons anywhere in the state of Florida. He has been a member of the Valley of Tampa since 1995 having served in numerous capacities including the Master of Kadosh in 2008. He is currently serving the Grand Lodge of Florida as the M.: W.: Grand Master. For a complete biography on our new Deputy, you can read it on the Valley's website in the July-August 2017 Scottish Rite Bulletin. 🐾

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Wise Master - Chapter of Rose Croix

Robert LT Phillips, 32°
Venerable Master - Lodge of Perfection

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2018 has arrived. 2017, like every year, presented its challenges, but your Scottish Rite came through with a lot of successes. In 2017, we again continued the new tradition of celebrating the Feast of Kadosh with a great meal, terrific program and the best fellowship anyone

could ask for. Read further in this issue of the Bulletin for information on the 4th Annual Feast of Kadosh set for March.

In addition to our two Reunions, your Scottish Rite also sponsored open events honoring the sitting Worshipful Masters in the Valley of Tampa along with recognizing the DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughters Bethels in our area. We were honored to have with us for these two events, M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Grand Master and R.:W.: John Westerman, 32° KCCH, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Our Scottish Rite Clubs continued this past year in promoting the Scottish Rite in their respective areas. It seems that at every monthly Consistory meeting there is at least one Club representative who is making a donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. If you are not able to attend our monthly meetings, please accept this heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Foundation and the kids that are the beneficiaries of your generosity.

Finally, we held two very successful events where we celebrated the Feast of Tishri and the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. These two programs are mandatory events in the Scottish Rite to be held each year and our Venerable Master and Wise Master organized them to perfection.

To begin 2018, congratulations are in order to those who have been elected to serve the Valley of Tampa in 2018. Of course, I am talking about our new Master of Kadosh, Ill.: G. David Walters, III, 33°, Commander of Kadosh, Brother L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Herbert H. Atwood, 32° and Venerable Master, Brother Robert LT Phillips, 32°. These four brothers along with the other members of the Executive Committee will be working hard during the year to provide the leadership and new ideas that will make us successful this year. For these programs to be successful, we will need the support of as many of our members as possible.

Many brothers worked hard in 2017 for the benefit of the Valley. A special thanks go out to our outgoing heads of the Bodies, Brother Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32° KCCH, Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH, Brother F. Edward Street, 32° KCCH and Arthur J. Ahrens, III, 32° KCCH. These four brothers have left some big shoes for their succes-

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General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

As of this date there are 177 members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their 2017 and 2018 dues.

The 2018 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2017.

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

Annual Installation of Officers

On January 8, 2018, we will install the officers who will lead the Valley of Tampa in the new year. Along with the officers of the four coordinate bodies, we will also install the officers of the Knights of St. Andrew, KCCH Organization, Past Masters Association, Scottish Rite Guard and our Scottish Rite Clubs.

The installation is open to all members, their families and friends and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the installation, dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. (cost is \$10 per person). Mark your calendars to be there and please notify the Scottish Rite Office if you are planning to have dinner with us. 🐾

Good For You

Congratulations to Brother Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH on being elected to receive the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 2018.

Congratulations to Brother Kenny Carolan, 32° KCCH on receiving his Gold Proficiency Card from the Grand Lodge of Florida. 🐾

January and February Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Master Craftsman Program Symbolic Lodge Certificate & Lapel Pin

Leonard J. A. Smith, 32° KCCH

Perpetual Members

Jason K. Perkins, 32° Paul J. Noller, 32°
Douglas M. Williams, 32°

Twenty-Five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Todd S. Fischer, 32° Leonard V. Kalavsky, 32°
David Lopez, 32° KCCH

Millionaire Certificates

Richard S. Cowan, 32° KCCH William Martin, 32°
Donald W. Cowart, 32° Paul J. Noller, 32°
Douglas W. Dobbs, 32° Petar Sibinkic, 32°
David Lopez, 32° KCCH Kenneth A. Warner, 33°
Ronald P. Lupien, 33° Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

Feast of Kadosh

Our 4th Annual Feast of Kadosh will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Masonic Center. This event is open to the public so family and friends are invited. Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 19, 2018. Tickets are \$40 per person. Your choice of entrees are either Herb Crusted Prime Rib or Chicken Piccata. Dinner includes a House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Chocolate Cake, Iced Tea and Coffee. During the evening there will be a series of seven toasts. Dress for the Feast is a suit and tie for the gentlemen and a nice dress for the ladies. Scottish Rite members should wear their Scottish Rite cap.

We are pleased and honored to have our own Brother Casey Fletcher, 32° KCCH as our featured speaker for this event. Brother Casey is well known to the Valley of Tampa for his very informative presentations on the Masonic fraternity. We are also pleased that our new Deputy and his wife and the Grand Master of Masons in Florida and his wife will be joining us. 🐾

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

Red Elephant Pizza & Grill,
5216 S Florida Ave., Lakeland, FL
3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
April, May, June, September & November

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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Deadline for March/April Bulletin

February 5 - Contributor deadline
February 14 - Office contributor deadline
February 16 - Transmit print file to our printer

2018 Valley Officers

Tampa Consistory

Master of Kadosh G. David Walters, III, 32°
Prior W. Allen Sorbie, 32°
Preceptor Henry A. Echezabal, Jr., 32°
Chancellor Charles R. Jordan, 32°
Minister of State Petar Sibinkic, 32°
Marshal of Ceremonies Weldon C. Harrison, 32°
Expert Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32°
Asst. Expert Fernando J. Rosado, 32°
Captain of the Guard James Benjamin, 32°

Tampa Council of Kadosh

Commander L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32° KCCH
1st Lt. Commander Carl E. Gilmore 33°
2nd Lt. Commander Richard S. Cowan, 32° KCCH
Chancellor Stephan Korda, 32°
Orator Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH
Marshal of Ceremonies Paul D. Barber, 32°
Turcopilier John A. Baldwin, 32°
Draper John W. Westerman, III, 32° KCCH
First Deacon William C. Klinke, 32°
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Bearer of Beausant Joseph A. Severino, 32°
Bearer White Standard Gary W. Gordon, 32°
Bearer Black Standard Richard N. Leger, 32°
Lt. of the Guard Charles R. Bailey, 32°

Tampa Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Herbert H. Atwood, 32°
Senior Warden Steven J. Silvers, 32°
Junior Warden Robert D. Davidson, 32° KCCH
Orator Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH
Master of Ceremonies Paul A. Ippolito, 32°
Expert Robert J. Davis, Jr., 32°
Asst. Expert Donald W. Cowart, 32°
Standard Bearer Gregory L. Wynn, 32°
Guardian of the Temple Bahram Hedayat, 32°

Tampa Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Robert L T Phillips, 32°
Senior Warden Charles C. Osborne, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH
Orator Rodney W. Kohler, 32°
Master of Ceremonies Douglas W. Dobbs, 32°
Expert Joseph A. Monday, 32°
Asst. Expert Matthew A. Wise, II, 32°
Captain of the Host Fredrick R. Wendling, Jr, 32°

For the Four Coordinate Bodies

General Secretary Ill. : John E. Drewett, 33°
Treasurer Michael R. Pender, Jr., 32° KCCH
Almoner Ill. : Coleman L. Hill, 33°
Prelate A. Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH
Tiler Andres Morin, 32° KCCH
Associate Tiler Stephen C. Murphy, 32°

**G. David
Walters, III, 33°
Master of Kadosh**



Ill. ∴ G. David Walters, III 33° was elected to serve as the Valley of Tampa's Master of Kadosh for the year 2018. A Sarasota native, David graduated from Pine View School in Sarasota and attended Manatee Junior College and the University of South Florida studying civil engineering. After college, Ill. ∴ Walters entered the family construction/homebuilding business and ran that company with his father, Glenn D. "Buck" Walters, 32° for ten years. Our new Master of Kadosh later worked for Nations Bank and Bank of America as a real estate asset manager before starting his own real estate company. Since 2000, David has owned and managed Clover Realty, Inc. specializing in developing, managing, and leasing commercial properties of all types.

Our Master of Kadosh received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in Cary B. Fish Lodge No. 346 in 1987. He became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 1988. In 1992 he began serving on the 20th Degree team and has participated in its conferral every year since then. He also began serving on the 14th Degree team in 1995 and has served as the Venerable Master since 2011. Our new Master of Kadosh was elevated to the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 12, 2009 and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason on November 5, 2015.

Ill. ∴ David is currently serving as the Chairman of the Sarasota Scottish Rite Temple Association that manages the Scottish Rite Building in Sarasota. He is also a member of Sahib Shriners in Sarasota, serving on several committees. He was recently elected High Priest and Prophet for Sahib Shriners for the year 2018.

David and his wife, Ann, have been married for 34 years and are the parents of two grown daughters. They recently became grandparents for the first time. David has also been active in the Sarasota

community serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the YMCA Foundation and as a member of the All Faith's Food Bank Foundation Board of Directors. 🙏

**L. Edward
Villiaume, III,
32° KCCH
Commander
of the Council**



Brother L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32° KCCH was elected to serve the Tampa Council of Kadosh as its Commander for the year 2018.

Brother Villiaume began his Masonic career in 1964 by joining Sunshine Chapter, Order of DeMolay in St. Petersburg. After reaching his majority in DeMolay (the age of 21), he petitioned Sunshine Lodge No. 288 and was Raised a Master Mason in 1974. He served Sunshine Lodge as their Worshipful Master in 1979. At the time that Sunshine Lodge merged with Nitram Lodge No. 188 Brother Ed continued his service to the Craft and served Nitram Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 2011. He has held numerous District and Grand Lodge committee appointments over the years and served as District Instructor for the old District 21 in 2016. He is also a plural member of Gulf Beach Lodge No. 291 and a member of the Florida Lodge of Research.

Our new Commander joined the St. Petersburg York Rite bodies in 1980 and has served all three bodies as their presiding officer. He has also served as the District Deputy and District Instructor for several of the bodies. In 2014, he was awarded the KYCH and became a member in Prior No. 60. He has for the past three years served as the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Grand York Rite Bodies in Florida.

Brother Villiaume became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in May 2009. For several years Ed volunteered working in the Valley's Office working three or four days a week. He was appointed to the line in the Council of Kadosh in 2011 and progressed through the line to his current position as Commander. He was invested with the Rank and

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Brothers, we commence the year with lofty plans for our ritual work and educational programs.

First, we will experiment with a one weekend

Reunion. The Spring Reunion will be held on consecutive days: Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. This is an effort to determine if such an arrangement is superior for attendance to that of two consecutive Saturdays. The Fall Reunion, for the present, is scheduled for October 20 and 27. Please recruit and seek Candidates for both.

Second, we will again confer shorter degrees during the year between dinner and the meeting, in and around other Valley activities (KSA, Guard, KCCH, PM unit). Each degree will begin precisely at 6:10 p.m. - the Tyler will be unforgiving of tardiness. The current schedule is:

- March 12 6th Degree, Confidential Secretary, conferred by Sarasota Lodge No. 147
- July 9 13th Degree, Royal Arch of Solomon, by the Lake Region SR group
- August 13 8th Degree, Intendent of the Building, again by the Lake Region group

There is a good possibility of another degree conferral on May 14. In each case, these degrees will be conferred only at meetings to facilitate the scheduling of time at weekend Reunions.

The breadth of our ritual work is growing quite nicely—we are quite close to having a team for every degree. The 23rd and 27th are partially established; the 24th and 25th are still “open” and in need of a Master and a team. Additionally, every Degree Master welcomes fresh ritualists, back-ups and successors. Volunteers are always welcomed; there are many non-speaking parts and “speaking-lite” parts.

With respect to SR Masonic education, programs will be presented at each meeting not already having an established presentation or program, e.g. Flag Day.

2018 will be a good year! Together, we will learn and grow—what we came here to do! 🐻

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L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32° KCCH

Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in November 2015 and is a founding member of the Tampa Scottish Rite Club, serving as Secretary for two years.

Outside of the Valley of Tampa, Brother Ed is a member of Egypt Shriners in Tampa and has been in the Provost Guard for three years. He is also a member of the Pinellas Shrine Club. He is also a member of the York Rite College where he is serving as Deputy Governor. He is also a member of St. Sebastian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine where he is currently serving as Standard Bearer. Other memberships include Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Masons, the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association and Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241, OES where he is a Past Patron. 🐻

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sors in office to fill and I have no doubt that they will be filled perfectly.

It was announced at our December meeting that Ill. : Lou Ortt, 33° has asked to step down as our Valley Prelate and Classroom Director at our Reunions. Brother Ortt has served in these two positions dating back to 2007. I am pleased to announce that Ill. : Jerry Lee, 33° will serve as the Classroom Director and that Brother Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH will be installed as the Prelate at our Installation of Officers on January 8, 2018. Both of these brothers will serve admirably in these positions for the Valley in the years to come.

Many of you are receiving this issue of the Bulletin electronically. In an effort to reduce our expenses, those brothers for whom we have an email address for will receive your Bulletin in this format. If you are receiving the Bulletin in the mail and wish to receive it electronically, please let the office know of your email address and we will deliver it to you that way going forward.

In closing, brethren I ask again that you do what you can for your Scottish Rite in 2018. That may be attending Consistory meetings, Club meetings, volunteering your time for projects that need to be accomplished or encouraging your Blue Lodge brethren who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. As always, ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. 🐾

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.

January 8, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Annual Installation of Officers
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Chicken,
Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Cup Cakes, Coffee,
Tea, Lemonade

February 13, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
House salad, Dinner Rolls, Meat Loaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Pudding Cups, Coffee,
Tea, Lemonade 🐾

Dues Notices have been mailed

You all should have received your 2018 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°

Isaiah 43:19 “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Here we sit, looking at the beginning of a New Year that holds all kinds of possibilities. I hope we are not too exhausted from the holiday season just completed to begin looking at what's ahead.

Before we begin to make and modify our resolutions it is time to ask ourselves where we are going and how we are going to get there. If you don't know, then any path will get you somewhere, but is it where you want to be? We need to set our sights on what we want to accomplish.

Compare our present position to a compass which traditionally points to magnetic North. All the other positions are relative to this position. It's time we paused and asked ourselves which track we prefer and how we are going to get there. Our daily activities have a way of overshadowing the beauty and potential that is before us, but we can find a way to hold it all within bounds. If we are to grow and prosper we must find a way. We must choose our direction carefully, even through the craziness of our lives.

I like to think of this as an atonement. In the past something went terribly wrong and, whatever it was, somehow and some way we are all responsible: something must be done about it to make it right. We must work through the veil shading the magnetic North to find our direction, the route each individual can take to help our fraternity grow and prosper in the New Year. Let us all set our goals high and strive to achieve success.

Isaiah 48:6 “You have heard: now see all this and will you not declare it? From this time forth I make you hear new things which you have not known.” 🐾



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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



Ronald A. Boone, 32°
September 27, 2017

Charles R. Lanier, 32°
October 29, 2017

Charles L. Reynolds, 32°
August 31, 2017

James C. Burgess, 32°
November 5, 2017

James M. Owen Sr., 32°
November 28, 2017

Irvin R. Slabach, 32°
November 9, 2017

William E. Kocur, 32°
October 15, 2017

Clifford W. Perdue, 32°
November 21, 2017