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**The Valley of Tampa cordially invites you to attend the
4th Annual Feast of Kadosh**

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The Feast of Kadosh celebrates the founding of the Knights Templars in 1119.

The evening's events will include:

A delicious plated dinner with a salad, entrée and dessert
Entrée selections are your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Piccata
(Entrée selection must be made at time of making reservations)

Salutations and Toasts

We are pleased to have with us our own
Brother Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH, as our featured speaker.

Tickets are \$40 per person
and are available through the
Tampa Scottish Rite Office – (813) 886-0578
Ticket sales and entrée selection are **REQUIRED**
no later than Monday, March 19, 2018

Appropriate dress is as follows:
Gentlemen – Suit, tie and Scottish Rite Cap
Ladies – Nice dress or pantsuit



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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As with everything else in Florida at this time of the year, everyone is busy with work, hobbies, entertaining friends from up North and hopefully with your Masonic life. Well, things are no different in the Valley of Tampa.

The next several months offer some great events and activities for all Scottish Rite Masons to participate in. We begin on March 24 with our 4th Annual Feast of Kadosh. You will find information of this event on the cover of this issue of the Bulletin. I encourage you to attend this Feast along with family and friends. As I have said to others, this is not your typical Masonic Roast Beef dinner. You have a choice of entrees, a wonderful setting, a great keynote speaker and participation in seven Toasts that fit the occasion. I encourage each of you to make plans to attend the Feast of Kadosh.

Next on the calendar is our Annual Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance on April 9. This is an obligatory observance sponsored by the Chapter of Rose Croix where members of the Chapter of Rose Croix celebrate both the beginning and end of life. The ceremony is open to one and all as we honor those members of the Chapter of Rose Croix have left our midst in the past year.

The third event is our Spring Reunion in memory of Ill.: Jack H. Jones, 33° G.:C.:. The Valley of Tampa has provided many leaders in our fraternity since our founding in 1901, but I believe that one would be hard pressed to find a brother who did so much for Freemasonry than Ill.: Jack. Whether in the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine or the Order of DeMolay, our beloved brother always put Freemasonry first and himself second. What a fitting tribute to this brother and gentleman for the Valley to have a large class ready to become Masters of the Royal Secret. The schedule for the Reunion is in this issue of the Bulletin and I encourage each member of the Valley of Tampa to secure at least one new member for this Class.

Brethren, in closing, I would like to thank each of you for what you are doing to promote our great Fraternity. I know that each of us have other obligations in our daily lives, but I sincerely believe that Freemasonry is always with you each day. 🍷

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°

44 New Master Masons Raised

Holyrood Lodge along with members of the Scottish Rite Past Masters Organization held their Short-on-Time

Degrees on Saturday, February 3, 2018, where 44 Brothers were raised. The candidates were across the state; from the panhandle to Fort Myers to Sanford and Sebring. The event conformed to the requirements of the Grand Master's Directive No. 2. Almost all of the Brothers came to the event as EA's whose lodge's had accepted their catechism, but a few were already FC's.

There was over 100 Master Masons in attendance many from the Candidates home lodges. 🐾

ATTENTION Brethren!

If you are looking for something to do at the Reunions, the Wardrobe Department is in need of help, their job is to have the costumes and accessories, etc. pulled for each Degree that is being conferred. Assist the Brothers in getting their costumes and accessories on, and making sure that each cast member has the appropriate costume for his role in the Degree. Also, you will earn Double Eagle points. If you are interested, call Len Smith, 32° KCCH, Chairman at (863) 557-1482. 🐾

From the Office

The Scottish Rite Office is need of help in filing folders of members that have passed away, was suspended or took a Demit. These file folders are being moved to our Archive Room, third floor. This will make room for our cabinets in the office, to be able to utilize more efficiently with our active members, and financial files. We will work with you on when you can come in to help. Also, you will receive Double Eagle points by working in the office. Your help is very much needed, and appreciated. Please contact Trish at (813) 886-0578. 🐾

March and April Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Millionaire Certificates

Paul A. Ippolito, 32°
Joseph W. Jung, 32°

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to these Masters of the Royal Secret who has joined us by Affiliation and Dual Member 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

Darrell T. Colestock, 32°
Gayle A. Lauener, 32°
Gary G. Loser, 32°
Vincent L. Penn, 32°

Dual

Mark E. Carl, 33°

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

On Monday, April 9, 2018 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite , we will be honoring those who have passed away in 2017 and 2018, with our Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, Herbert H. Atwood, 32° 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 Joseph A. 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. 🐾

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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288th Reunion Schedule

Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:00 a.m. Assembly - Opening Ceremonies - Open LofP
7:50 a.m. 4° Secret Master - confer
8:35 a.m. Member/Class Education
9:05 a.m. 5° Perfect Master - communicate
9:12 a.m. 6° Confidential Secretary - communicate
9:19 a.m. 7° Provost & Judge - confer
9:44 a.m. Break
9:54 a.m. 8° Intendant of the Building - communicate
10:01 a.m. 9° & 10° Elu of the Nine and Fifteen - confer
10:46 a.m. Break
11:01 a.m. 11° Elu of the Twelve - confer
11:56 a.m. 12° Master Architect - communicate
12:03 a.m. 13° Royal Lodge of Solomon - communicate
12:10 p.m. Class photo before lunch & lunch
1:10 p.m. 14° Perfect Elu - confer
2:25 p.m. Close LofP, Open Chapter in lodge room
2:37 p.m. 15° Knight of East,
Sword or Eagle - confer
3:37 p.m. 16° Prince of Jerusalem - communicate
3:44 p.m. 17° Knight of the East & West - communicate
3:51 p.m. 18° Knight Rose Croix - confer
5:21 p.m. Close Chapter - announcements in auditorium
5:36 p.m. -Scheduled end time

Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. Open Council - Elect Officers and reports
7:35 a.m. 19° Grand Pontiff - communicate
8:27 a.m. 20° Master of Symbolic Lodge - confer
7:42 a.m. Member/Class Education
9:12 a.m. 21° Noahchite
or Prussian Knight - communicate
9:19 a.m. 22° Knight Royal Axe/P of Libanus - communicate
9:26 a.m. 23° Chief of the Tabernacle - communicate
9:33 a.m. 24° Prince of Tabernacle - communicate
9:40 a.m. 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent - communicate
9:47 a.m. 26° Prince of Mercy/
Scot' Trinitarian - communicate
9:54 a.m. 27° Knight of Sun,
Prince Adept - communicate
10:01 a.m. Break
10:11 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - confer
11:11 a.m. Break
11:26 a.m. 29° Scot' Kt of St. Andrew - confer
12:21 p.m. Lunch
1:21 p.m. 30° Knight Kadosh - confer
2:36 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory and break

Deadline for May/June Bulletin

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

3:06 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - confer
 3:56 p.m. Break
 4:11 p.m. 32° Master of the Royal Secret - confer
 5:41 p.m. Consecration and Closing in lodge room
 6:11 p.m. Closing business, remarks & announcements
 6:26 p.m. Scheduled end time 🐼

**Herbert H. Atwood, 32°
 Wise Master**



Brother Herbert Hunter Atwood, 32° was elected to serve as Wise Master in the Tampa Chapter, Rose Croix for the year 2018. Brother Atwood is a native of Tampa, having been born in 1942. He received his public education in both Hillsborough and Lee Counties, graduating high school in 1962. After high school, Brother Herb married Beverly Bryant and decided to move back to Tampa.

Upon moving back to Tampa, Herb went to work for Bill Currie Ford and retired from the State of Florida's Department of Motor Vehicles. We have to assume that automobiles were in the Atwood DNA, as Beverly retired from the Hillsborough County Tax Collectors Office's Tag and Title Department.

Our Wise Master received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in John Darling Lodge No. 154, which is the same Lodge that his grandfather was a member.

Brother Atwood became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 2007 as a member of the Ill. : Jack W. Townsend Memorial Class. In his time in the Scottish Rite, he has been a member of the 11th and 22nd Degrees, where he is still an active participant. For the past several years, you have probably seen Herb behind the Emblem Shop Counter during our Reunions always selling the items that are on sale, the net proceeds of which support the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida.

The Atwood family consists of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren spread out between Tampa, Georgia, New York, Texas and Arkansas. 🐼

**Robert L. T. Phillips, 32°
 Venerable Master**



Brother Robert L. T. Phillips, 32° was elected to serve the Tampa Lodge of Perfection as its Venerable Master for the year 2018. Brother Bob was born in 1946 in Kansas City, Kansas and was raised on a small farm near Fall River, Kansas. He graduated from Eudora Rural High School in Eudora, Kansas in 1964 and enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served as a Forward Air Controller and Combat Controller. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War (1967-1970) and Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1991. He retired from the Air Force in 1994.

Our Venerable Master moved back to the Tampa area and was employed for several years in the transportation industry prior to joining the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department where he retired after 12 years as a Deputy in 2009.

His Masonic journey began when he petitioned Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 and was raised in that Lodge to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2002. In 2009 he demitted to Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248 and served Turkey Creek Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2014. He currently serves as Secretary of Turkey Creek Lodge.

He petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2010 as a member of the Ill. : Robert L. Goldsmith Memorial Class. He joined the Knights of St. Andrew in 2010 and served as their Secretary in 2016. He joined the line of the Lodge of Perfection in 2012 and has participated as a cast member in the 16th and 29th Degrees.

Continuing his Masonic career, Brother Phillips has served as the presiding officer of the three York Rite Bodies as well as being appointed District Instructor and District Deputy in each of the three Bodies. Other memberships include Memorial Lodge No. 20, Florida Lodge of Research, Zenda Grotto, Florida Chapter of Research, Pentagon York Rite College, Mystic Brotherhood Council, Knight Masons, St. Sebastian Conclave, RCC and Winter Haven Council No. 115, AMD.

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Brothers, as reported in the last bulletin, we commence 2018 with lofty ambitions for our work and educational programs.

During 2018, we will experiment with a one-weekend Reunion. The Spring Reunion will be held on consecutive days: Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. The current schedule of degrees is presented elsewhere in this Bulletin; check the website for revisions. The Fall Reunion, presently, is scheduled for October 20 and 27. Please solicit candidates for both.

We will confer four shorter degrees at meetings during the year after dinner and before our regular meeting. Each begins precisely at 6:10 p.m.—the Tyler and Director of Work are unforgiving of tardiness. The schedule is:

- March 12 - 6th Degree, Confidential Secretary, conferred by Sarasota Lodge No. 147
- May 14 - 26th Degree, Prince of Mercy - this has been an infrequently conferred degree
- 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 SR group

These degrees will be conferred only at meetings so as to facilitate the efficient use of our time at weekend Reunions.

We are “almost there” on conferring all twenty-nine degrees. The 23rd and 27th are partially established; the 24th and 25th are still “open” and in need of a Master and a team. Every Degree Master welcomes fresh ritualists, back-ups and successors. Volunteers are always welcomed; there are many non-speaking parts and “speaking-lite” parts.

Although the Reunion is focused on inducting new members, let us remember, let us take very seriously—that we are all perpetual Candidates. Attending the degrees one time, hardly renders us enlightened or illuminated or wise. Our repeated participation, our learning via inculcation, is deter-

minative. Freemasonry, particularly the Scottish Rite, teaches its lessons through ritual. Observing and experiencing the ritual is our vehicle for learning, growing and evolving. We look forward to seeing you on May 5.

At our March 12 meeting, Worshipful Andrew Gluchov 32° will present a Masonic educational program. April 9 is our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. On May 14, Right Worshipful Kenneth Carolan 32° KCCH will provide an educational program. 🐼

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 12, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting

6th Degree, Confidential Secretary, will be conferred by Sarasota Masonic Lodge No. 147 at 6:10 p.m.

Educational Program by Worshipful Andrew Gluchov 32°
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta with Meat Balls,
Vegetable Blend, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea,
Lemonade

April 9, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Open Meeting

Remembrance and Renewal

House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Southern Fried Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cup Cakes, Coffee,
Tea, Lemonade 🐼

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If that wasn't enough to keep our Venerable Master busy, he has also served 35 years as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America along with being a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Air Force Sergeants Association and the Disabled Veterans of America. In his spare time, Brother Bob enjoys Action Pistol Matches, Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clay shooting and high-power rifle matches. 🐼

Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry

In early 2017, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) commissioned the most comprehensive, data-driven analysis of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in more than 20 years. The results of that study are outlined by former Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton in his seminal work, *Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry*. The book forms the strategy that will guide the Scottish Rite as our fraternity creates new resources for members, completely revamps its use of technology, and inspires all Brothers to feel deep pride in the organization.

“According to the data, we can be sure, finally, that this is not an organization out of step with society. In fact, trends point to the opportunity for a renewed interest and period of growth.” – John Wm. McNaughton, Past Grand Commander NMJ

To design and execute this research, the Supreme Council worked with Cercone Brown Company (CBC), an independent research and marketing firm with national and international clients, specializing in mission-based organizations. Surveys were conducted on two groups:

Group I: Scottish Rite Membership

To better understand member retention and satisfaction, The member survey was offered to more than 24,000 Scottish Rite Masons throughout the 15-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 3,000 members responded.

Group II: Non-Masons

A second survey was developed and administered to 1,000 men across the United States (ages 21-65). This phase of research allowed us to better understand American men today and inform member recruitment by gauging interest in the values and lifestyle of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry.

More about the subject on the NMJ website: <https://scottishritenmj.org/resources/reclaiming-the-soul-of-freemasonry>

Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry is available on Kindle. <https://www.amazon.com/Reclaiming-Soul-Freemasonry-John-McNaughton-ebook/dp/B075RFVXF9> 📖

Prelate

by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



Who art thou O Great Mountain (Zechariah 4:7 KJV)

What do you do when there is a mountain or obstacle in your way?

The story of Dashrath Manjhi can inspire us. When his wife died because he was unable to get her to the hospital to receive urgent medical care, Manjhi did what seemed impossible. He spent twenty-two years chiseling a massive gap in a mountain so other villagers could get to the local hospital to receive the medical care they needed. Before he died, the government of India celebrated him for his achievement.

Similarly the rebuilding of the temple must have looked like an impossible task to Zerubbabel, one of the leaders of Israel who returned from exile. The people were discouraged, they faced opposition from their enemies, and they lacked the resources or a large army. But God sent Zechariah to remind Zerubbabel that the task would take something more powerful than military strength, individual power, or man-made resources. In Zechariah 4:6 (“then he answered and spake unto me saying, this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts” KJV) we find it would take the Spirit's power. With the assurance of God's divine aid, Zerubbabel trusted that God would level any mountain of difficulty that stood in the way of rebuilding the temple and restoring his community.

What do you do when there is a “mountain or obstacle” before you? One has two options: rely on one's own strength or trust the power of God. When we trust His power, He will either level the mountain or obstacle or He will provide us the strength and endurance to overcome over it. 📖

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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



Orville C. Bickel Jr., 32°
January 16, 2018

Ronald L. Enger, 32°
January 26, 2018

Arthur S. Spaw, 32°
October 3, 2017

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October 20, 2017

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February 10, 2018

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January 10, 2018

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January 29, 2018

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December 20, 2017

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November 27, 2017