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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, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. Please read notice on page 7 that will explain everything.

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 November 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°

Brethren: Here we are, quickly approaching the end of another year. As in previous years, we had some pluses and some minuses. We continue to have brothers earning Double Eagle points and either being knighted and receiving their medallions or earning points to receive bars or new ribbons. It takes work to advance in the program and brothers are stepping up to the challenge. I hope everyone will wear their Double Eagle award with pride. We have continued to impart Masonic knowledge to our members through our monthly Masonic education presentations by very learned brothers. These have been well received and we look forward to that continuing in 2019. From a financial standpoint, through September, we continue to face challenges. Your Scottish Rite is watching every penny that we spend but major repair and replacement needs in our Masonic Center have not been nice to us this year. Last year we formed the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa Charitable Foundation, Inc. to allow our members to make tax deductible donations (please consult your tax advisor) so as to provide some of the funds needed to maintain our two buildings. If you would like more information on the Foundation, please contact the General Secretary. The Foundation was also established to help with the good work of our Almoner's Fund. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Even with this Foundation, we still need to do what we can to increase revenue and decrease expenses where we can. All of the accomplishments were the result of many brethren stepping up and agreeing to do what was necessary for us to be successful.

On the downside, we continue to see losses in membership in the Valley. We all know that Masonic membership throughout the world has been dropping and it is of vital concern to all of us.

As I have done in the November/December issue of The Bulletin in previous years, I would like to take a look at our membership and where our members are coming from. At this time last year, I reported that Masonic membership in the six Masonic Districts in the jurisdiction of the Valley of Tampa, stood at 9,363 members in the Particular Lodges in those Districts. Of that number, 1,991 were Tampa Scottish Rite members, or 21.26%. As of October 2018, Masonic membership is at 9,147 members with 1,987 being members of the Valley of Tampa or 21.72%. If we had a goal of a penetration rate of 25% that would mean another 300 Scottish Rite members. Think of the positive things

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that would happen with an additional 300 members in the Valley of Tampa. To obtain that number, we all need to be talking with our Blue Lodge, Shrine, Grotto and York Rite brothers who are not members of the Valley of Tampa. There are currently 64 Blue Lodges that we draw the majority of our membership from. That equates to 5 new members from each Lodge in 2019 to meet the goal of 25%. When you break it down that way, it doesn't seem to be that big of a hurdle. Brethren, we can't wait until 2019 to start working on this. We need to start now. Our Spring Reunion will be held on May 18 and 19 of 2019. Let's talk to our brothers starting now about putting those dates on their calendars. Working together we can accomplish this and probably exceed our goal. If any brother would like to know the "numbers" for your Particular Lodge or District, please let me know and I will be happy to provide them to you.

Many brothers work hard year after year for the benefit of the Valley of Tampa. I am talking of course about our Valley officers, Reunion committees and our various committees. When you attend our Reunions, you see these names listed in our Reunion Book. Four brothers, however; have been elected by their peers to manage the business of the four organizations within the Valley. A special thank you to Brother Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH, Commander of the KCCH Organization; Brother Charles Walter, 32° KCCH, Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard; Brother David Douglas, 32°, Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew; and Brother Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH, President of the Past Masters Organization. Each of these organizations has contributed greatly to the Valley of Tampa this year. If you are not a member of one of these organizations, I encourage you to get involved with them in 2019.

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General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

As of this date there are 119 members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their 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. We will work with you in arranging a payment schedule.

Please don't let your dues lapse, as we do not want to lose you as a member. If you do not pay, we regretfully will have to Suspend you as of December 31, 2018.

The Deputy's visit changes

Illustrious Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Deputy in Florida had to change his official visit to the Valley

of Tampa until Monday, November 12, 2018. This will be an open meeting so your Lady, family and friends are invited to attend with you.

While it is Ill. Hoover's first official visit to the Valley, he is no stranger to the Valley. He has served the Valley of Tampa in many capacities including Master of Kadosh of the Tampa Consistory in 2008, our Foundation Trustee for three years and as Chairman of our Wardrobe Committee for several years.

So Brethren, come out and support your Valley and hear what our Deputy has to say. 🐾

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to this Master of the Royal Secret who has joined us as a 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.

Dual Member

Charles W. Batten, 32°

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) 937-2649
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 Shriners
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

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Aristotle and Albert Pike on Virtue

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Freemasonry introduces us to many wise men in history. Among them is Aristotle, whose influence appears in many places in our ritual.

The Perfect Points of Entrance in the Entered Apprentice lecture might be traced to Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (they can also be traced to Cicero's *On Moral Duties*). The EA lecture is our Masonic introduction to the four cardinal virtues fortitude, prudence, temperance and justice. A brief explanation of each is furnished in the lecture.

In his *Ethics*, Aristotle explained these virtues more thoroughly. Importantly, he first discussed why they are important and what their goal is. His view was that their chief aim was *eudemonia*, which loosely translates from the Greek as “happiness” or “human flourishing.” Aristotle clarifies that real happiness is something we seek as a final result - not something we seek just to achieve or acquire something else. We seek *eudemonia* because it is good in itself; it is an end unto itself.

By extension, the Perfect Points of Entrance are not something we seek in order to accomplish something else, we seek them because they contain intrinsic merit. Aristotle, and the EA Lecture, suggest that four cardinal virtues are not necessarily what we do, but are what define us as good men and Masons. We will be recognized as Masons because we demonstrate these qualities. To Aristotle, virtue, in a real sense, is *who we are*. It is our individual traits and characteristics—not a means to something else.

Albert Pike does not quite agree, especially in his lecture to the Eleventh Degree, Elu of the Twelve. He asserts that we seek virtue precisely because we do seek to accomplish something else. Having developed our character, the practice of virtue enhances our ability to perform our duties, to help others and improve society. Virtue is more than what we are, it is what we do. Applying our virtues, we pursue our duties, so that the consequences of our good works might influence our present world and leave a legacy for the future.

For Pike, the exercise of virtue is a means to something else, something great, noble and profound. The more virtuous we become, the more

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useful we are to our fellow Masons and the world. He asserts we will be known as Masons by what we do.

Both Aristotle and Pike speak with a common voice on one matter. Virtue is an acquired habit. It is a skill that must be learned, developed and repeated. To obtain some semblance of any of the four cardinal virtues in our characters and to demonstrate them in our lives requires reason, knowledge, study, practice and repetition. Virtue is not a natural condition for us; it is learned only from determined and life-long efforts. 🐾

Trilby's Great Steak Dinner

Join Trilby Masonic Lodge No. 141 for a night of Fun, Food, Live Music, Dancing and Prizes on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Dan Cannon Auditorium, Pasco County Fair Grounds, 36722 State Road 52, Dade City, Florida.

\$40.00 per person. One-pound New York Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad and Roll, Tea and Coffee.

All proceeds to benefit a former Army Ranger and one of our Local Pasco County Deputies Christopher Starnes who was attacked and severely injured.

For tickets and/or more information, please contact: Ill. : Louie King, PGM at (813) 815- 2017, email: louieking2018@gmail.com or John Dragneff, PM at (352) 206 -2002, email: jdragneff@gmail.com 🐾

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There is another group of members though, that never seem to get listed anywhere, but nonetheless, are tireless workers on our behalf. I am talking about our Club Presidents; Brother Carl Gilmore, 33°, North Pinellas Club; Brother Charlie Cheshire, 33°, Pinellas Club; Brother David Boland, 32°, Sarasota Club; Brother John C. Glynn, Jr, 32° Sun City Club; Brother Robert Latimer, 32°, Lake Region Club; Brother Charles Walter, 32° KCCH, Nature Coast Club; and Brother Richard Vogt, 32° KCCH, Tampa Club. These brothers work hard in their local area and doing wonderful things to promote the Scottish Rite. We are very fortunate to have seven Scottish Rite Clubs in our area. Please check the listing of each Club and where they meet in this issue of The Bulletin. I hope that their meeting dates and times will allow you to attend one of our Club meetings. They are great times and afford a wonderful opportunity to meet new brothers and share in fellowship that the Scottish Rite offers.

Brethren, this is the time of the year that we not only give thanks for everything that we have, but we also celebrate various religious holidays. Whatever your faith, I encourage you to celebrate the appropriate holiday with family and friends and be thankful for everything that we as human beings have been afforded throughout our lives. 🐾

The Valley of Tampa is pleased to announce our 5th Annual Feast of Kadosh



Saturday, March 23, 2019
at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center
5500 Memorial Highway
Tampa, Florida

Guest Speaker will be Oscar Patterson, 32°
Special Guest will be Ill. : Richard G. Hoover, 33°,
Deputy for the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida..

Details to follow.



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

The 25th Degree, Knight of the Brazen Serpent or Sufi Master, was just conferred at our Fall Reunion for the first time in many years.

The Degree is part of the Council of Kadosh, which includes the 19th through 30th Degrees. "Kadosh" is a Hebrew word often translated as "holy." More precisely, it can mean "separated." In the latter sense, Freemasonry can be said to have as its mission to separate or set apart exemplary men from the rest of humanity, men who exhibit exemplary conduct, demonstrate virtue and pursue Truth.

Within the Council Degrees are four Degrees that Albert Pike referred to as the religious Degrees or the mystery Degrees. The 23rd Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, presents the lesser mysteries common to many religions, especially the Abrahamic faiths. The 24th Degree, Prince of the Tabernacle, explores Judaism, the 25th Islam and the 26th Christianity.

Freemasonry gives no preference to any particular religion or doctrine, Abrahamic or otherwise. The presence of these Degrees is to explore those principles and ideas common to each faith system; to find where there may be an essential unity, notwithstanding doctrinal differences.

(Each of these Degrees has "developed" since Pike's time. His original work can be found in The Magnum Opus.)

The 25th Degree focuses attention on the fulfilment of duty and continuous self-development through education, repentance and reformation. It reminds the candidate that man is but a reflection of the Divine. A triad is offered, as is customary in Masonic ritual. Man is composed his body, his soul and his intellect. Each of these requires constant attention.

Pike reinforces the need for such regular attention in his Lecture, "The brightest and sharpest sword, left to remain long in the scabbard rusts and lose its edge; and the intellect, left to lie fallow, become arid and barren."

The 25th Degree is rich with symbolism and presents many ideas, thoughts and lessons for "keeping our swords" sharp and bright.

Our 2019 Reunions are on the calendar. The Spring Reunion is May 18 and 19. The Fall Reunion is October 26 and 27. Please note that both are one-weekend events. 🐾

November & December Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Perpetual Member Certificate

Roy A. Chappelle, 32°

Certificates of Appointment to "Honorary Knight"

John E. Drewett, 33°

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Richard G. Hoover, 33°,

Deputy of the Supreme Council

Dale I. Goehrig, 33°,

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus

Certificates of Appointment to "Knight Emeritus"

Charles C. Osborne, 32° KCCH

Jeffrey M. Pick, 32° KCCH

Lynn C. Raposa, 33°

William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH

Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH

House of the Temple Certificates & Lapel Pins

Larry D. Barnes, 32°

Louie A. King, 33°

Ronald P. Lupien, 33°

Millionaire Certificates

Donald W. Cowart, 32°

Douglas W. Dobbs, 32°

Evan M. Lebson, 32°

Scott H. Lewis, 32°

William G. Niehr, 32°

Joseph F. Osborne, 32°

Steven J. Silvers, 32°

Derl B. Smith, 32° KCCH

Kenneth A. Warner, 33°

Congratulations to Brother Scott McAlister, 32° KCCH for being awarded the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. 🐾

Prelate



by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



Who Matters the Most?

Luke 6:27-28 (KJV)

“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which spitefully use you”

How should we deal with someone who has wronged us... hurt us deeply... but isn't repenting and isn't asking for forgiveness? What about the person who doesn't even recognize he has done anything wrong... or maybe does and is glad he is doing it? Jesus answers that question when He speaks of loving our enemies and forgiveness. Jesus taught that love doesn't just forgive when another person asks for it. Love offers forgiveness with no strings attached. Love also bears with another and endures. Love covers over a multitude of sins.

If we are honest, I think one of the main obstacles to loving and forgiving in this way is that if we do this—if we really do well to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us, then very few people, if anyone, will know that we have been hurt. And for most of us, that is the challenge.

Doing good, praying for and blessing our enemies means that we are not walking around depressed. We aren't withdrawn and grouchy, or worked up and annoyed. We are not drawing attention to our hurt. Instead, we are behaving in a hope-filled, joyful and gracious way. Therefore, no one will even know that we have been rejected, insulted, betrayed, or wounded. And everything in our selfish, sin-filled souls will hate that. By nature, we want people to know when we've been wronged. We want sympathy. And you better believe if we are being nice to our enemy, we want everyone to know about it.

Here is the gut-check question: Is it enough that God knows you have been wounded? Is it enough to let Christ attend to your hurt? He is, however, our faithful High Priest who has suffered in every way that we have. How often are our hearts more centered on people rather than on Christ?

When we obey Jesus and do well to those who wrong us, handing them entirely over to the Lord, we glorify and please God. Our greatest need is not that our hurt be recognized or vindicated, but rather that God means more to us than anyone else. When we obey His Word and offer grace and forgiveness - especially where it is not requested or deserved—we show God that He matters most. 🙏

November Monthly Meeting

We are again this year, continuing our Worshipful Master and Masonic Youth Appreciation program at our November meeting. At this meeting we will be honoring our Masonic Youth Groups and the sitting Worshipful Masters of the 64 Lodges within the Valley of Tampa. We encourage you to attend and show your support for our youth groups and our hard-working Worshipful Masters. Our Deputy will be in attendance to assist in these recognitions.

As in the past, we ask that if you or your lady were members of the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughters you are encouraged to where any regalia from those organizations to this meeting. 🙏

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.

November 12, 2018

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Open Meeting

Official Visit III.: Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida
Worshipful Masters and Youth Recognition Night
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Pie, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

December 10, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting

Brother Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH will provide our Masonic Education

House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Warm Bread Pudding with Caramel, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🙏

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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



Curtis Bradley, 32°
March 26, 2018

George W. Harvard, 32°
August 24, 2018

Roger E. Michels, 32°
May 7, 2018

Henry C. Choate, 32°
April 8, 2016

Jackie W. Harvard, 32°
August 14, 2018

George F. Parker Jr., 32°
May 20, 2018

Lowell T. Craze, 32°
August 30, 2018

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August 22, 2018

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August 26, 2018

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April 13, 2018

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August 16, 2018

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October 2, 2018

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