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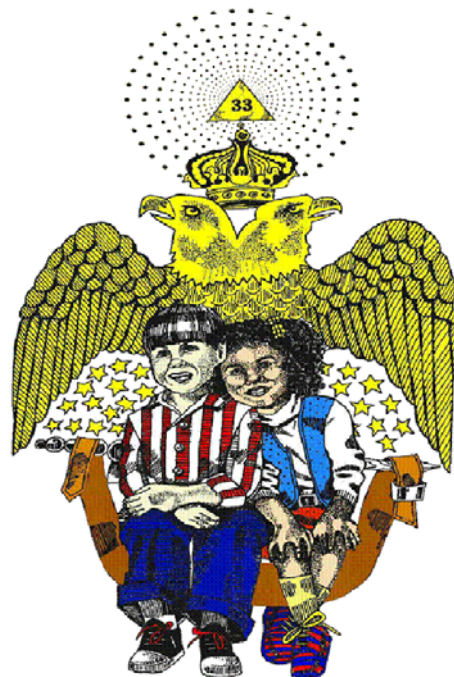
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About the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc.

In the early 1950's in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

In 1962 the **Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc.** was established as an expansion of the efforts of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Today, our Florida Foundation funds childhood language therapy in fourteen clinics operated by hospitals and private practitioners. There are currently six clinics within the Valley of Tampa that the Foundation supports. These clinics are in Brandon, Lakeland, New Port Richey, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Tampa. The Foundation

provides funds to ensure that no child is unable to receive treatment for a language disorder because of an inability to pay.



The accomplishments since 1962 in Florida have been simple to list: to help children to hear, to speak and to understand. That is the goal of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida and that is

what it has done. Starting off with a lesser number of clinics than the fourteen that the Foundation now supports, it has increased its support by establishing new clinics over the years and increased its public awareness and fundraising efforts. The Foundation's long-term goals include establishing additional clinics in more of Florida's grater metropolitan areas and setting aside funds for an endowment and long term operation.

Through the efforts of the Scottish Rite Masons of Florida, the Foundation has been able to not only help children, but also their families. Family members have been given the gift of hope: hope that their children will lead better lives; hope that they will be a family that hears their children speak, lead productive lives and say their name. Since 1962, the Foundation has been able to send millions of dollars from our members and other generous

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Brethren: It is hard to believe that 2018 is winding down the third 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 20 and 27. If you have not been to a Reunion recently, please place either or both Saturdays on your calendars. Over the past eleven 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.: Joseph D. Coster, 33°. Ill.: Joe was a 32-year member of the Valley of Tampa and was always working behind the scenes whether it be a Stated meeting or a Reunion. He served for many years as the Chairman of the Stage & Floor Properties Committee and in 2008 was named Chairman Emeritus.

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.

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.

Brethren, please do not forget about our Scottish Rite Clubs. They are strategically located throughout the Valley and are a great way to stay involved with the Valley if you are not able to attend our monthly Consistory meetings. The meeting days, times and location are in this issue of the Bulletin. If you need further information, please contact the Valley Office. 🐾

This publication acknowledges authority and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of which Ill.: Richard G. Hoover, 33° is the Deputy of the Supreme Council in Florida.



General Secretary

by Ill. John E.
Drewett, 33°

Per Capita

To the “Perpetual Brothers” of the Valley of Tampa, I want to thank you personally for your donations to help pay for your Per Capita share to

the Supreme Council for 2018. To those of you who have gone above sending in the \$25, this is very much appreciated, as it will help cover for those members who cannot afford to pay their share.

For those of you who have not received a letter and are “dues free,” which includes Life, Senior, and Exempt members, you may wonder what I'm talking about. In July, a letter went out to all of the Perpetual Members asking for a voluntary donation. The reason for this letter is because the Supreme Council charges the Valley \$25 Per Capita per member including “dues free” members. For paying members, the Per Capita is included with their dues fee.

Unfortunately, we are losing paying members through death, demits and/or suspensions at such a rate that we are simply unable to keep up with these losses. My Brethren, if anyone wishes to donate towards the Per Capita, we would be so grateful. If you decide to donate, please make your payment out to the Tampa Scottish Rite and mark “Per Capita” in the memo section. Mail your donation to the Tampa Office, 5500 Memorial Hwy., Tampa, FL 33634.

Remember, it is up to each of us to recruit members from our own Blue Lodges.

Thanking everyone in advance for your donation.

Delinquent Members

As of this date there are 139 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 Is Coming

Illustrious Richard G. Hoover, 33° Deputy in Florida will be making his first Official Visit to the Valley of Tampa on Monday, October 8. 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. 🐾

September & October Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Master Craftsman Certificate & Lapel Pin

Leonard J. A. Smith, 32° KCCH

Billionaire Certificate

John W. Westerman III, 32° KCCH

Millionaire Certificates

Richard N. Ledger, 32°

Scott H. Lewis, 32°

Mark L. Mason, 32°

Kenneth A. Warner, 33°

Hillsborough Lodge No. 25

Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290

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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

Fall Reunion Schedule

Saturday, October 20, 2018

- 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 a.m. BREAK
- 10:05 a.m. 6° - Confidential Secretary -
Communicated
- 10:12 a.m. 7° - Provost Judge - Communicated
- 10:19 a.m. 8° Intendant of the
Building - Communicated
- 10:26 a.m. 9° & 10° Elu of the Nine and
Fifteen - Communicated
- 10:33 a.m. 11° Elu of the Twelve - Communicated
- 10:40 a.m. 12° - Master Architect - Conferred
- 11:05 a.m. 13° - Royal Lodge of
Solomon - Communicated
- 11:12 a.m. BREAK
- 11:27 a.m. 14° - Perfect Elu - Conferred
- 12:42 p.m. Class Photo then LUNCH
- 1:42 p.m. Close Lodge of Perfection in Lodge Room
Open Chapter of Rose Croix
- 1:54 p.m. 15° - Knight of the East, Sword or
Eagle - Communicated
- 2:01 p.m. 16° - Prince of Jerusalem - Conferred
- 2:46 p.m. DeMolay Degree in Lodge Room
- 3:31 p.m. 17° - Knight of the East and West
Conferred
- 4:26 p.m. BREAK
- 4:41 p.m. 18° - Knight Rose Croix - Conferred
- 6:11 p.m. Close Chapter - announcements - in
auditorium
- 6:26 p.m. Scheduled end time

Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 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
- 7:42 a.m. 20° - Master of Symbolic Lodge -
Communicated
- 7:49 a.m. 21° - Noahchite or Prussian Knight -
Conferred
- 8:34 a.m. Member/Class Education
- 9:19 a.m. 22° - Knight Royal Axe/Prince of
Libanus - Conferred

Deadline for Nov./Dec. Bulletin

- October 1 - Contributor deadline
- October 10 - Office contributor deadline
- October 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

- 9:44 a.m. 23° - Chief of the Tabernacle - Communicated
- 9:51 a.m. 24° - Prince of Tabernacle - Communicated
- 9:58 a.m. 25° - Knight of the Brazen Serpent - Conferred
- 10:43 a.m. 26° - Prince of Mercy/Scot' Trinitarian - Communicated
- 10:50 a.m. 27° Knight of Sun, Prince Adept - Communicated
- 10:57 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - Communicated
- 11:04 a.m. BREAK
- 11:19 a.m. 29° - Scottish Knight of St. Andrew - Conferred
- 12:14 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:14 p.m. 30° - Knight Kadosh - Conferred
- 2:29 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory
- 2:44 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - Communicated
- 2:51 p.m. 32° - Master of the Royal Secret Conferred
- 4:21 p.m. Consecration of Class and Closing Ceremony - in Lodge Room
- 4:51 p.m. Closing business, remarks & announcements - in Lodge Room
- 5:06 p.m. Scheduled end time 🐾

Special Event at our Fall Reunion

On the first day of our Fall Reunion (October 20), Florida Knighthood will be holding their annual Cotillion at the Valley. Knighthood is an appendant body of the Order of DeMolay and its membership are generally our older DeMolays.

One of the events that is held at Cotillion is the conferral of the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees on new members. With the assistance of our Director of Work, we have worked the conferral of the DeMolay Degree into our Reunion schedule. The Degree is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. and will be open to all Master Masons attending the Reunion. There will not be a conflict with our Scottish Rite Degrees so everyone will be able to witness the trials of Jacques DeMolay prior to his execution by the King of France.

The Order of DeMolay is currently in its Centennial year and will celebrate the Order's 100th birthday on March 18, 2019. The Scottish Rite has played an integral part in the Order's history as it

was founded in Kansas City, Missouri by Brother Frank S. Land. Brother Land was employed by the Scottish Rite in Kansas City and Mother Chapter held their meetings at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for many years.

Brethren, it is hoped that you will attend the first day of the Reunion and witness the DeMolay Degree. 🐾

The Feast of Tishri

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

The origin of the Feast of Tishri (also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle and/or The Feast of Succoth) is described in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 23 of the Old Testament. "Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths." (Verses 39-42)

Hundreds of years later, after the completion of the Temple of Solomon, King Solomon delayed the dedication of the Temple until the Feast of Tishri, as described in II Chronicles 5: "Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the King in the feast which was in the seventh month." (Verses 2-3)

Originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, we now observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an age-old custom which now has the power of law; as under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, the feast is considered an obligatory observance, a sharing of our fraternal spirit.

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Freemasonry offers many of its lessons through symbolism. Prominently, the working tools of the various degrees provide instruction. Not so obvious

sometimes are the symbolism of numbers; the number of candles, circumambulations, officers, etc. Sometimes a lesson is concealed within a color or movement or a small symbolic gesture.

In late July, the annual Tri-State Degrees were conferred in Warner Robins, Georgia. Alabama conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree, Florida the Fellowcraft Degree, and Georgia, the host, the Master Mason Degree. A symbolic gesture was observed during the Alabama and Georgia degrees that does not occur in our jurisdiction.

The first paragraph of the obligation is almost identical in all three jurisdictions. The movement and position of officers are similar. However, the Master in both the Alabama and Georgia, upon saying the word “hereon,” placed his hand on top of the Candidate’s. At the end of the first paragraph, the Master removed his hand.

A small gesture it was. However, it spurred several symbolic ideas. First, the placement of the Master’s hand might focus the Candidate’s attention on what is underneath his. That gesture, being timed with the word “hereon,” reinforces that notion that obligation is sacred and is undertaken not only before the Craft, but under the eye of Deity. It might also reassure the Candidate he will have support during his journey—he does not travel alone.

The removal of the hand during the remainder of the obligation could signify that ensuing promises and commitments are the responsibility of the individual; the brethren will aid and assist, but action is necessary by the individual. The promises of the remaining paragraphs are personal. Initiative is a must.

The placement and removal of the Master’s hand was a small symbolic gesture and was easy to miss. Nonetheless, it provoked thought and reflection.

The Fall Reunion approaches. On day one, October 20, a special event is scheduled—the presentation of a DeMolay Degree. On day two, October 27, the 25th Degree, Knight of the Brazen Serpent will be conferred. This degree has not been conferred in our Valley for many years. The schedule is included elsewhere in the Bulletin. Please solicit candidates. 🦅

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contributors. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. is extremely proud of the fact that .97 cents of every dollar contributed is sent to the clinics.

For more information on the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. or if you wish to make a contribution to the Foundation, please contact the Valley Office at (813) 886-0578. 🦅

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In the Gregorian calendar for 2018, The Feast of Tishri is celebrated from September 23 until September 30.

The Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Tampa will celebrate Tishri on Monday, October 8. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Banquet Hall with the Program to follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Brother Andrew Gluchov, 32°, will provide our Masonic education for the evening. 🦅

Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals

Current Knight of the Double Eagles Point Totals may be viewed on the Scottish Rite Web page www.tampascottishrite.org, in the Membership Menu under Members > Honors > Knight of the Double Eagle. 🦅

Prelate



by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



Whatever Happened to Compassion?

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Among the aspects central to the Christian faith is compassion. When we show love, care, and concern for the suffering and misfortune of others, we identify with Christ Himself. Jesus' life on earth was filled with compassion. During the time He lived and ministered among us, He consistently devoted His time to those who were hurting and in need. He healed diseases, fed the hungry, cast out demons and brought sight to the blind. He even raised the dead. His example reminds us to see and care about the needs of those around us.

This came as a shock to the religious leaders of the time. Many believed Jesus would arrive as a conquering hero, and would spend His time on earth with religious leaders. Yet we see in the Gospels that Jesus often shunned religious leaders and made a habit of connecting with people who today we would see as “on the fringes” of society. He cared about them, loved them, and met their physical and spiritual needs.

Perhaps the greatest need for our faith, our neighborhoods, and our nation today is compassion. In an increasingly polarized, world we find ourselves separated from one another more than ever before. Among the repercussions of this cultural shift is a lesser emphasis on having compassion for one another. Yet our needs as a people range from homelessness to hunger to difficulty making ends meet financially, to medical and health challenges, continue to grow.

The Church can and must respond to the needs of hurting people with compassion. The book of Colossians reminds us to be clothed in compassion, kindness and gentleness. When we see the needs of others and help to meet them with our resources

without any regard to compensation or other benefits to ourselves then we reflect the image of Christ in our world. We will also open up avenues to share the Gospel with those we are able to serve. 🙏

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 10, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Illustrious Carl Gilmore, 33°, will present an Educational Program (at 6:10 p.m.)
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cuban Style Picadillo (Ground Beef), Vegetable Yellow Rice, Fried Plantains, Cup Cakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

October 8, 2018:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Brother Andrew Gluchov, 32°, will provide our Masonic education
The Deputy in Florida Official Visit
Feast of Tishri Celebration
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Beef Medallions, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🙏

Celebrating the Craft

The 2018 Celebrating the Craft (CTC) took place LIVE online Saturday, May 19! Thank you to everyone who contributed his or her time, talents, and funds, to make our 2018 event a success!

- Watch the complete 2018 CTC show by hour.
- Watch individual performances from the 2018 show.
- Donate to the 2018 CTC campaign.

Visit the website at www.scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/ 🙏

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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



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