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Grand Master M.:W.: John William Westerman, III of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: John William Westerman, III, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and spent much of his youth residing in the Maryland Suburbs of our Nation's Capital. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University and has earned two Masters Degrees including an MS from Eastern Illinois University and an MBA in Finance from Iona College. He and Sudy, his wife of 43 years, have four adult children: Elizabeth A. Yoder and her husband Jared with Granddaughter Cobie and Grandson Lincoln; Christopher J. Westerman and wife Brittany with grandson Keegan; Michael S. Westerman and wife Jonell and Thomas A. Westerman.

The Westermans reside in Winter Haven, Florida, where he worked in the financial services industry until his retirement. He is also a Life Member of the industries prestigious Million Dollar Round Table.

M.:W.: Westerman received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry as a member of Travelers Lodge No. 390 in Lake Alfred, Florida. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2009 and as

President of the Masters and Wardens Association of the 24th Masonic District in 2010. Additionally, he has served in several capacities as a District and

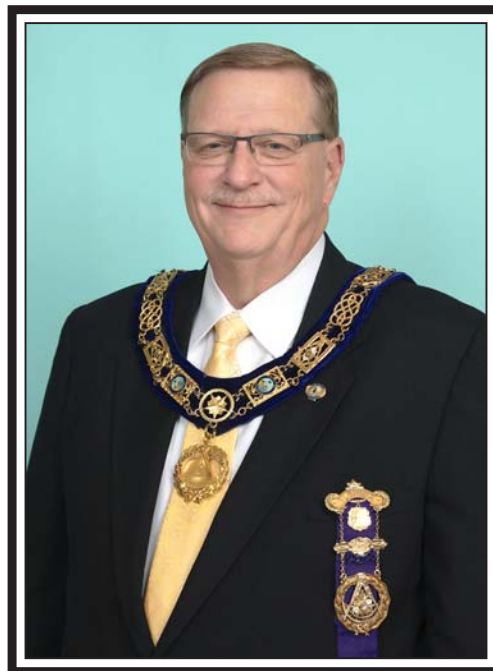
Zone Chairman. In 2012 M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro appointed him the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District. Since 2013 he has had the privilege of serving on the Grand Lodge's Endowment and Investment Committee and as a Member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees where he chaired the Masonic Home Operations Committee.

M.:W.: Westerman was elected to the Office of Junior Grand Warden in May of 2016 at the 187th Annual Grand Communication; Senior Grand Warden in May of 2017; Deputy Grand Master in May of 2018; and was elected and installed

Grand Master at the 190th Annual Grand Communication on May 29, 2019.

M.:W.: Westerman became a Master of the Royal Secret on November 13, 2004 in the Valley of

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M.:W.: John William Westerman, III
of the Grand Lodge F&AM**

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: I would first like to offer my personal congratulations to M.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, 32° KCCH on his election and installation as the M.: W.: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Grand Master, we are proud to have you as a member of the Valley of Tampa and if we can do anything to assist

you this year, please call upon us.

In this issue of The Bulletin, you will find a listing of our members who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida and the Three Grand York Rite Bodies this year. Congratulations Brothers on your work and dedication to Freemasonry in general and to our Grand Lodge and Grand York Rite Bodies in particular.

I wish to extend my thanks to Ill.: Jerry Lee, 33° for another successful Flag Day Celebration in the month of June. We were honored to have the National Sojourners give a presentation on the history and description of the flags of the Armed Services on the United States. I would also like to thank the 100+ members and families who attended this annual event.

Brethren, I ask that you please look at your Scottish Rite dues card. If it says that it expired in 2018, would you assist your Valley by paying your 2019 dues? Your number of years of Scottish Rite membership is important to the Valley and to the Scottish Rite. If you find that you are in a position of not being able to write that check, please contact the General Secretary. We will do everything possible to assist you so that you may continue your membership in the Scottish Rite.

In closing, even though summer is here, the activity at your Scottish Rite is ongoing. We welcome all of our members to attend either the monthly Consistory meeting on the second Monday of each month or attend one of our Scottish Rite Club meetings throughout the Valley. Their meeting locations, times and dates can be found in this issue of the Bulletin. 🇺🇸

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General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

2020 dues cards will be delivered to the Valley by June 30, kicking off our 2020 dues season.

As of this date there are

181 members from the Valley of Tampa who have **not** paid their **2019** dues. The 2019 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2018. 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 for non-payment at the end of this year. 🐼

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Tampa and is currently serving as the Turcopilier in the Council of Kadosh. He was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 11, 2017. He is also a proud member of Lakeland Commandery No. 21 of the Knights Templar; the Lakeland Council No. 11 of the Royal and Select Masters; the Lakeland Chapter No. 29 of the Royal Arch Masons; the Saint Bernard de Clairvaux Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; the Winter Haven Council No. 115 of the Allied Masonic Degrees; and the Mystic Brotherhood Council No. 35 of the Knight Masons. M.:W.: Westerman additionally enjoys fellowship and philanthropy as a member of the Egypt Shriners and Sesame Grotto. 🐼

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 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.

Affiliation

Winter J. Guite, 32°

Tomas H. Ratner, 32°

July and August Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Millionaire Certificates

Donald W. Cowart, 32° Knights of St. Andrew
Kenneth A. Warner, 33° Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290
John W. Westerman III, 32° KCCH

Certificate of Appreciation

Charles D. Walter, 32° KCCH 🐼

M.:W.: John E. Karroum, PGM

The Valley of Tampa sends its sincere condolences to the family of M.:W.: John E. Karroum, PGM on his untimely passing. On the Tuesday of Grand Lodge, our Grand Master became ill and was transported to a hospital in Orlando. Sadly, he laid down his working tools on Friday, May 31, 2019 in Orlando. Our Grand Master is survived by his wife, Carol, one sister and two brothers. The family has asked that donations can be made to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or DeMolay International.

A Memorial Service for M.:W.: Karroum was held at Boynton Lodge No. 236 on Saturday, June 15, 2019 with the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance.

Requiescat In Pace Frater. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

Closed

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Brooksville Elk's Lodge 2582

13383 County Line Road,

Spring Hill, FL 34609

Phone: (352) 686-9319

4th Wednesday every month at 6:00 p.m.
(except November & December)

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

IHOP

30200 US Hwy. 19 N.,

Clearwater, FL 33761

2nd Tuesday every month at 11:30 a.m.

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

Perkins Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd.,

Seminole, FL 33777

1st Tuesday every month at 11:00 a.m.

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

Sahib Shriners Sahara Room

(July location TBA)

600 N. Beneva Road,

Sarasota, FL 34232

2nd Friday every month at 11:30 a.m.

Scottish Rite Club Building

240 S. Tuttle Ave.,

Sarasota, FL 34237

1st Wednesday in Feb., April & Oct. at 6:00 p.m.

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

Freedom Plaza Club

1010 American Eagle Blvd.,

Sun City Center, FL 33573

3rd Monday every month at 11:30 a.m.
(Dark June, July, August & September)

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

5500 Memorial Hwy.,

Tampa, FL 33634

4th Wednesday every month at 12:00 p.m.

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Grand Lodge Appointments

The Valley of Tampa is proud of the following Brothers who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida this year:

Grand Lodge Officers

John W. Westerman, III, 32° KCCH Grand Master
Robert J. Lambert, 32° Junior Grand Warden
Donald W. Cowart, 32° Grand Marshal
Robert W. Taylor, Sr., 32° Grand Chaplain
Roger W. Smith, Jr., 32° Junior Grand Steward
Gregory L. Wynn, 32° Grand Tyler
William C. Klinke, 32° Grand Historian

District Deputies and Instructors

John N. Dragneff, 32° DDGM, 14th District
Frederick R. Wendling, Jr, 32° DDGM, 18th District
John A. Baldwin, 32° DDGM, 19th District
Jack W. Hampton, Jr., 32° DDGM, 20th District
Thomas R. Quay, 32° DI, 18th District
Steven R. Fortier, 32° DI, 19th District
Joseph A. Severino, 32° DI, 20th District
Barry D. Hart, 33° DI, 23rd District

Committeemen

Corporate Board

Donald W. Cowart, 32°

Richard G. Hoover, 33°

Child ID

Douglas W. Dobbs, 32°

Committee on Work

William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH

A. Gary Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH

Endowment & Investment Committee

David W. Jones, 32°

Matthew B. Winters, 32°

Barry D. Hart, 33°

Finance & Accounts Committee

Michael R. Pender, Jr., 32° KCCH

Louis A. King, 33°

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Committee

Joseph Severino, 32°

General Services Panel

Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32°

Thomas R. Quay, 32°

Grand Master's Charity

J. Paul Stellrecht, 32°

Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 5 - Contributor deadline

August 14 - Office contributor deadline

August 16 - Transmit print file to our printer

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 John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH

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 Arthur J. Ahrens, 32° KCCH

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 Michael T. Rhoades, 32°

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Mark P. Brewer, 32°

Returns & Credentials Committee

Allan J. Graulich, 32°, Chairman

Technology Committee

Glen B. Bishop, 32°

Youth Activities Committee

Robert J. Meguiar, 32° KCCH, Chairman
 Andrew S. Gluchov, 32°
 H. Michael McCool, 32°

Grand York Rite Appointments

We congratulate the members of the Valley of Tampa for their active participation in the Three York Rite Bodies in Florida. The following brothers have been elected or appointed to serve these Grand Bodies for the next year:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Arthur Ahrens, III, 32° KCCH Grand King

District Deputies and Instructors

James Blum, 32° KCCH DDGHP, 3rd District
 Robert W. Taylor, 32° DDGHP, 4th District
 Todd A. Meschelle, 32° DI, 2nd District
 Stephan Korda, 32° DI, 3rd District

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

W. Allen Sorbie, 32° . Principal Conductor of the Work

District Deputy Grand Masters

Chas R. Jordan, 32° DDGM, 3rd District
 Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32° DDGM, 4th District

Grand Commandery KT

John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH... Grand Standard Bearer

District Deputies and Instructors

W. Allen Sorbie, 32° DDGC, 2nd District
 Chas R. Jordan, 32° DDGC, 3rd District
 Arthur J. Ahrens, III, 32° KCCH DI, 2nd District
 Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH..... DI, 3rd District
 Robert L. T. Phillips, 32° DI, 4th District

For the Three Grand Bodies

Carl E. Gilmore, 33° Grand Treasurer



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

The words and language of Masonic ritual often generate a trip to a dictionary. Superficies, cowan and inculcate might be good examples of additions to our

vocabulary after the first two degrees.

Some familiar words used in our ritual invite reflection. Their definition may be known, but their usage sometimes seems awkward or puzzling. Is there something more behind a familiar definition?

The Trowel is introduced in the 3rd Degree. Its symbolic explanation includes the language, "...no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best..." (see full language in the *Monitor*.)

Modern definitions of emulation include "an ambition or endeavor to equal or excel over others' achievements..." Some friction can be detected between this modern definition and the Masonic instruction about the Trowel's symbolism.

Ambition and competition are not principles Masonry espouses or advocates. When choosing the word "emulation" in the ritual, what message did our ancient brethren seek to send?

Our ancient brethren may have selected the word "emulation" to compare or contrast it with the word "envy."

A sample of writings existing during the development of Freemasonry may help see a contrast. Chaucer (1343-1400 CE) considered envy the "worst sin ...against all virtues and against all goodness." Remember the ruffians in the 9th and 10th Degrees and the Hiramic Legend.

A Greek word often used for envy is *phthonos* and describes "a highly destructive emotion whose principal tendency is to destroy ...the envied object or the rival."

The Greeks had another word for envy, *zelos*. Aristotle (384-322 BCE), held *zelos* to be a good passion, a form of positive envy, i.e., emulation. "Emulation ...is virtuous and a characteristic of virtuous men..."

Adam Smith (1723-1790 CE) agreed: "emulation, the anxious desire that we ourselves should excel, is founded in our admiration of the excellence of others." David Hume (1711-1776 CE) praised emulation as "a spur to industriousness" and he refers to "noble emulation."

The writings of these sages were available to our ancient brethren and were no doubt read and studied. Perhaps our Brethren's instruction to "emulate" referred to *zelos*, a positive envy. Their message may have been for us to seek out admirable, virtuous, upright and just men as examples and role models, so that we might nobly contend *with ourselves* to become better men. Perhaps our ancient brethren direct us to identify eminence in others and to *emulate* it, not by "pulling others down, but by raising ourselves." This is a quite noble ambition.

Emulation, it seems, is a Masonic duty.

In any event, the words repeated in our ritual usually, if not always, contain some background message that is not easily conveyed by modern definition and interpretation. Reflection and study are warranted.

The Fall Reunion will be October 26 and 27.
Substantially every degree team seeks-needs new or more ritualists. Please contact me if you are interested.

Degrees scheduled during the year and not conferred at Reunions are:

- Royal Arch of Solomon, the 13th Degree on July 8
- Intendent of the Building, the 8th Degree on August 12
- Confidential Secretary, the 6th Degree on March 9, 2020
- Prince of Mercy, the 26th Degree on May 11, 2020. 🐼

Prelate



by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



The Fruit of Patience

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4 (KJV)

God described Himself to Moses as, “A compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.” And while He goes on to say that He will not leave sin unpunished, it is still His desire that none would perish, but everyone would come to repentance.

Have you ever wondered why God hasn't long since brought an end to the wickedness on this earth by sending Christ for His Bride, the Church? We see how He dealt with sinners in the days of Noah, and with the evil in Sodom and Gomorrah. Has God changed since those days? Has His hatred of sin dissipated? It cannot be so, for Numbers 23:19 teaches us, “God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind.” So why does He tarry His return?

The answer is that He is patient—long suffering. His patience with rebellious sinners is an expression of His kindness, which is meant to lead the wayward to repentance. His patience has nothing to do with His anger towards sin, rather it is meant to woo the lost back to Him. Therefore, patience is at the core of who God is, and how He acts. Patience is not apathy or indifference. It is not weakness. On the contrary, His patience reveals His awesome power and His gentle kindness at the same time. Only God could choose to show such restraint in the midst of His wrath against sin.

So why is it important that we are patient with others? As believers, our purpose on this earth is to glorify Christ in all we do and say. This means that our behavior and attitude should give an accurate portrayal of our God. Our lives should be a reflec-

tion of Christ. When people see us, they see Jesus, not because we are so good, but because Christ in us is good.

The “fruit” of our lives should be spiritual, not carnal. We have been redeemed so that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control are born through us, drawing others to Christ. 🐾

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 7:00 p.m. and cost is \$10 unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

July 8, 2019:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Open Meeting

Program by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Patents of Membership being presented to the members of the Spring Class and the 13th Degree –

Royal Arch of Solomon will be conferred.

Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Baked Ziti, Vegetable Blend, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade

August 12, 2019:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting

Program by William Sundquist, 32° KCCH

The 8th Degree – Intendent of the Building will be conferred.

House Salad, Shepherd's pie, Sweet Corn, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade. 🐾

Email Addresses

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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 J. Forstrom, 32°
May 1, 2019

Raul Lavin, 32°
June 2, 2019

Ronald G. Scites, 32°
May 20, 2019

Ray E. Gibson, 32° KCCH
September 14, 2018

Michael V. Lucente, 32°
April 10, 2019

Thomas M. Willis, 32°
April 20, 2019

Brain L. Hamwey, 32°
April 15, 2019

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May 26, 2019

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May 1, 2019

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March 19, 2019