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## The Valley of Tampa Cordially Invites You and Your Guests to the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Kadosh**

to be held on

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**5500 Memorial Highway**

**Tampa, FL 33634**

**Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner – 7:00 p.m.**

**RSVP by March 18, 2019**

**Price - \$40 per person**

**Please call the Valley (813) 886-0578**

**for Reservations**

Please join us as we celebrate the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon (Knights Templar.) The evening's events include a social hour and a dinner consisting of your choice of Herb Crusted Prime Rib or Baked Salmon, House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Italian Vegetable Medley, Chocolate Cake, Iced Tea and Coffee along with 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.

Our speaker will be R.:W.: Oscar Patterson, III, 32°. R.:W.: Patterson is an accomplished author and speaker. He is a member of the Philalethes Society and Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076's Correspondence Circle.

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## Personal Representative

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 23 with our 5th 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 8, 2019. This is an obligatory observance sponsored by the Chapter of Rose Croix where members of the Chapter of Rose Croix who 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.: M. Dean Lovett, 33°. Ill.: Lovett served the Valley of Tampa in several capacities including serving on the Reunion Tyler's Committee for several years and as Prelate of the Valley of Tampa from 2003-2010. He was elected Prelate Emeritus in 2011. He dedicated his life to the Great Architect of the Universe as a Minister in the Evangelist Church. Now is the time to talk with your Blue Lodge brethren about taking that additional step in Freemasonry by becoming a member of this Spring Class. The Reunion will be held May 18 and 19. Petitions may be obtained from the office or from the Valley's website.

As the Personal Representative, it is my duty to report to each of you the status of your Valley. While we had great attendance and participation in our events in 2018, there were other things that we need work on. At the present time, we have 2,392 members. In 2018, we lost 100+ members by death. While we have no direct control over deaths, we do have direct control over bringing new brothers into the Scottish Rite. As you can see, just to cover the number of deaths in 2017, we should have conferred the degrees on 100+ new Masters of

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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°

### Valley of Tampa wins VMAP Award for 2018

The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) was rolled out in the Valley of Tampa

on January 1, 2015. This was a new major grassroots project coordinated by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. The program is designed to help each Valley in the Jurisdiction provide the very best experience for its members.

The program is under the direction of Charles “Chuck” Osborne, 32° KCCH. Listed below are the topics that VMAP covers and the Chairmen who directed those programs:

- *Membership Retention / Retention / Engagement* - William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH
- *Scottish Rite Education for Members* - Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH
- *Membership Recruitment* - Carl E. Gilmore, 33°
- *New Member Engagement* - Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH
- *Reunion Experience* - Jeffrey M. Pick, 32° KCCH
- *Scottish Rite Education for Candidates* - Gerald M. Lee, 33°
- *Philanthropy* - Charles C. Osborne, 32° KCCH
- *Public Image* - Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH
- *Degree Conferral Proficiency* - Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH
- *Valley Leadership & Management* - John E. Drewett, 33°
- *Valley Organizations* - Charles “Chas” Jordan, 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 Reinstatement 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

Shaun C. Imbody, 32°

### Reinstatement

Philip Eubank, 32°

## March and April Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

### Perpetual Member Certificate

John J. Cox, 32°

### Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Charles R. Bailey, 32°	Michael R. Hurley, 32°
Champ N. Barber, 32°	William R. Proctor, 32°
Clarence Dukart, 32°	Paul A. Sharff Jr., 32°
Robert V. Eady, 32°	Raymond B. Williams, 32°
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### Billionaire Certificate

Carl E. Gilmore, 33°

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## 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.

*Support your Scottish Rite Club*

## 290th Reunion Schedule

### Day One - Saturday, May 18, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Assembly - Opening Ceremonies - Open LofP  
7:15 a.m. 4° Secret Master - confer  
8:00 a.m. Member/Class Education  
8:20 a.m. 5° Perfect Master - communicate  
8:27 a.m. 6° Confidential Secretary - communicate  
8:34 a.m. 7° Provost & Judge - confer  
8:59 a.m. 8° Intendant of the Building - communicate  
9:06 a.m. 9° & 10° Elu of the Nine and Fifteen - confer  
9:51 a.m. Break  
10:06 a.m. 11° Elu of the Twelve - confer  
11:01 a.m. 12° Master Architect - communicate  
11:08 a.m. 13° Royal Lodge of Solomon - communicate  
11:15 a.m. 14° Perfect Elu - confer  
12:25 p.m. Class photo before lunch & lunch  
1:10 p.m. Close LofP, Open Chapter in lodge room  
1:22 p.m. 15° Knight of East, Sword or Eagle - confer  
2:22 p.m. 16° Prince of Jerusalem - communicate  
and committee reports  
2:42 p.m. 17° Knight of the East & West - confer  
3:37 p.m. Break  
3:52 p.m. 18° Knight Rose Croix - confer  
5:22 p.m. Close Chapter - announcements in auditorium  
5:37 p.m. Scheduled end time

### Day Two - Sunday, May 19, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. Open Council - Elect Officers and reports  
7:15 a.m. 19° Grand Pontiff - confer  
7:50 a.m. Member/Class Education  
8:35 a.m. 20° Master of Symbolic Lodge - confer  
9:20 a.m. 21° Noahchite or Prussian Knight - communicate  
9:27 a.m. 22° Knight Royal Axe/P of Libanus - communicate  
9:34 a.m. 23° Chief of the Tabernacle - confer  
10:04 a.m. 24° Prince of Tabernacle - communicate  
10:11 a.m. 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent - communicate  
10:18 a.m. 26° Prince of Mercy/  
Scot' Trinitarian - communicate  
10:25 a.m. 27° Knight of Sun, Prince Adept - communicate  
10:32 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - confer  
11:32 a.m. Break  
11:47 a.m. 29° Scot' Kt of St. Andrew - confer  
12:42 p.m. Lunch  
1:27 p.m. 30° Knight Kadosh - confer  
2:42 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory  
2:57 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - confer  
3:47 p.m. Break  
4:02 p.m. 32° Master of the Royal Secret - confer  
5:22 p.m. Consecration and Closing in lodge room  
5:52 p.m. Scheduled end time 🐼

## Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 1 - Contributor deadline

April 10 - Office contributor deadline

April 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

**Steven J.  
Silvers, 32°  
Wise Master**



Brother Steven Jon Silvers, 32° was elected to serve as Wise Master in the Tampa Chapter, Rose Croix for the year 2019. Brother Silvers is a native of Florida, having been born in Miami Beach in 1963. He received his public education in Dade County, graduating Miami Beach High School in 1981. After high school, Brother Steve attended Florida State University and graduated from Florida International University in 1986 with a B.S. Degree in Hospitality Management. After graduation, he moved to California where he was the Operations Manager for Charley Brown's Restaurant. Returning to Florida he was the Operations Manager for a restaurant/hotel supply company. He married Joy Bassin in 1989 and they will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary in June. Together they own and operate Kids R Kids Learning Academy in Westchase.

Our Wise Master received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in Hillsborough No. 25 in 2008. He was appointed Senior Steward of the Lodge in 2009 and progressed through the line, serving Hillsborough Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2013. He continues to serve his Lodge in various capacities and holds the Silver, White, Green, Blue, Purple and EA Lecture cards. He has served his District and the Grand Lodge in several areas of leadership and was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd District by M.: W.: Stan Hudson. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Brother Silvers became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa in 2009 as a member of the Ill.: Walter Fishback Memorial Class. In his time in the Scottish Rite, he has been a member of the 29th Degree, where he is serving as the Assistant Degree Master and the Master of Ceremonies. He entered the Chapter line of officers in 2011, progressing to his current position.

The Silvers family consists of two children, Jenna and Eric. Eric is also a member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. He enjoys golf, fishing, family and his Masonic affiliations. 🐾

**Charles C.  
Osborne, 32°  
KCCH  
Venerable Master**



Brother Charles (Chuck) Cullen Osborne, 32° KCCH was elected to serve the Tampa Lodge Of Perfection as its Venerable Master for the year 2019. Brother Chuck was born in 1951 in Eustis, FL. He graduated from Eustis High School in 1969. He attended Stetson University in Deland, FL for two years before transferring to the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has been involved in the Employee Benefits Industry since 1978, specializing in the self-funding of Group Medical Benefits since 1983. In 2004, he founded Excess Risk Solutions, Inc. where he serves as President.

Our Venerable Master began his Masonic journey when he petitioned J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 in 2010 when he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by his son, Patrick C. Osborne, 32°. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master 2015. In 2017, he was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th District by M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover. That same year, he served on the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee.

Brother Osborne petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2010 as a member of the Ill.: L. V. White Memorial Class. He joined the Knights of St. Andrew in 2010 and is a Past Venerable Master. He has served on the Degree Team of the 29th Degree and currently is a member of the 4th and 16th Degree Teams. For his work and dedication to the Rite, Brother Osborne was invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2017. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Valley's VMAP Committee.

Continuing his Masonic career, Brother Chuck has served as the presiding officer of the three York Rite Bodies. In addition, he has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest and District Deputy Grand Commander, District Instructor for both the Chapter and Council. He is a member of the Knight of the York

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## Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Our Spring Reunion is May 18 and 19, a one-weekend event. The Hours of Labor are found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Notable on the schedule is the return of the

23rd Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle.

The degree has not been conferred in our Valley for several years and is part of the Council of Kadosh Degrees (19th through the 30th.)

The Council Degrees discuss how morality and the practice of virtue is indispensable to Masons and for the proper functioning of society. To attend, study and understand these degrees is an initial step in developing a rational, coherent and lasting philosophy, Masonic or otherwise. In this sense, “philosophy” refers to both the gaining of wisdom and formulating an action plan for the virtues learned. Pike notes in his lecture, “originally the Mysteries were meant to be the beginning of a new life of reason and virtue.”

Within the Council Degrees are what he referred to as the Mystery Degrees or Religious Degrees, the 23rd-26th Degrees. They examine a panorama of moral, political, religious and philosophical ideas.

The 23rd Degree, Pike describes as the Lesser Mysteries known and available to all men; it introduces the other degrees. The 24th, Prince of the Tabernacle, examines mysteries of the Hebraic faith; the 25th, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, considers Islam and the 26th Degree, Prince of Mercy, Christianity.

Because the Fraternity affords no preference to a religion, these degrees, taken as a whole, enable the Craft to consider what each faith has in common with the others regarding morality, values, virtue and right conduct. Each degree offers its own symbolism by which the ancients conveyed their mysteries.

The Chief of the Tabernacle is rich with symbolism; an advance reading of the degree's chapter in Bridge to Light is recommended to enhance the experience.

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

- Prince of Mercy, the 26th Degree on May 13 (followed by an education program at the meeting)
- Royal Arch of Solomon, the 13th Degree on July 8
- Intendent of the Building, the 8th Degree on August 12.

At our March 11 meeting, Brother Chas Jordon, 32° will present an education program. 🐼

## Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

On Monday, April 8, 2019 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite, we will be honoring those who have passed away in 2018 and 2019, with our Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, Steven J. Silvers, 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. 🐼

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the Royal Secret. In 2018, we had 35 brothers petition and join us in the Scottish Rite. If we bring in just 1 new brother from each of the Lodges meeting within the Valley of Tampa, we would have over 120 new Masters of the Royal Secret at the end of 2019. Broken down that way, it does not seem as an unsurmountable task. I hope that you will join me in working toward this goal for 2019.

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. 🐼

## Prelate



by A. Gary  
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



### Who Matters the Most?

*“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.”*

Luke 6:27-28 (KJV)

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 hopeful, 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. 🙏

## 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.

### March 11, 2019:

Executive Committee Meeting  
Dinner and Closed Meeting  
Presentation by Brother Chas Jordon, 32°  
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta with Meat Balls,  
Vegetable Blend, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea,  
Lemonade.

### April 8, 2019:

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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Cross of Honor, a member of the Knight Masons and the York Rite Sovereign College. He is a member of Egypt Shriners, serving as Director of the Past Master's Unit. He is a Past Monarch of Zenda Grotto, currently serving as Treasurer and is the immediate Past President of the Florida Grotto Association.

Our Venerable Master and his wife, Amy, have three children and six grandchildren, all living in the Tampa Bay area. They are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary this year. 🙏

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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



Dewey E. Bandy, 32°  
November 1, 2018

Kenneth C. Gregory, 32°  
July 12, 2018

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November 27, 2018

William M. Bennett, 32°  
October 22, 2018

Robert W. Kinyon, 32°  
July 26, 2018

Irvin Rothman, 32°  
August 23, 2018

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October 26, 2018

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July 1, 2018

Richard A. Stowers, 32°  
January 9, 2019

Charles A. Eastep, 32°  
July 13, 2018

Robert L. Lohr, 32°  
October 2, 2018

Theodoor A. Vreuls, 32° KCCH  
December 11, 2018

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December 5, 2018

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December 6, 2018