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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 11, at 7:00 p.m. Please read notice on page 5 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 October 31 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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## Personal Representative

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 2020. 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. In 2017 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. At the time that I am writing this article we have had 87 brothers enter the Celestial Lodge above. Add to that, we have had four brothers dimit and 32 were suspended for a total decrease in membership of 123. On the plus side of the equation, we had 16 brothers join us in our Spring Reunion, 9 brothers affiliated with the Valley of Tampa and 12 were reinstated. As you can see, 37 additions to our membership is not enough to counter the 123 losses.

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 9,147 members in the Particular Lodges in those Districts. Of that number, 1,987 were Tampa Scottish Rite members, or 21.72%. As of October 2019, Masonic membership is at 8,654 members with 1,905 being members of the Valley of Tampa or 22.01%. If we had a

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## General Secretary

by Ill.: John E.  
Drewett, 33°

### Brother to Brother Program

The Valley of Tampa has a program to assist those brothers who for various reasons are unable to pay their Scottish Rite

dues, and face being suspended for non-payment of dues. The last thing that the Scottish Rite wants to do is to suspend a member because they fell on hard economic times and can't pay their dues. Most of the time the member is too proud to ask for assistance from a fellow member. The contributions from brothers who are willing to help have dwindled down. This program is voluntary, but I would encourage you to contribute if you are able to do so, and help a needy brother from being suspended.

When a request is received by my office, the facts are checked out and if it is determined that the brother is unable to pay his dues, the Secretary will pay his dues.

If you are agreeable to assisting the Valley and the Scottish Rite in this program, please contact the General Secretary's office by a phone call (813)886-0578 or email me at [generalsecretary@srtampa.org](mailto:generalsecretary@srtampa.org). Or mail your contribution in to:

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
5500 Memorial Highway  
Tampa, FL 33634-7336  
Attn: Brother to Brother Program 🐾

## 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

Michael S. Griffin, 32°

## November/December Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

### Perpetual Certificate

Frank S. Albinson, 32°  
Reinaldo Gonzalez, 32°

### Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Daniel Alcala, 32°  
Stephen J. Kolesar Sr., 32°  
Joseph A. Kowalski, 32°  
Brian H. Manne, 32° KCCH  
Robert C. St. John, Jr., 32°

### Millionaire Certificates

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Mark L. Mason, 32°  
Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32°  
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Knights of St. Andrew  
Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

### Supreme Council Charitable Foundation Certificates & Lapel Pins

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Richard D. Miller, 32° KCCH  
Charles D. Walter, 32° KCCH 🐾

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Here is an easy way for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida to receive money from you for shopping on Amazon. To assist the Foundation here are the simple steps to follow:

- Log onto [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- Select the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida as the charity that you wish to support.

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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*

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goal of a penetration rate of 25% that would mean another 259 Scottish Rite members. Think of the positive things that would happen with an additional 259 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 63 Blue Lodges that we draw the majority of our membership from. That equates to 4 new members from each Lodge in 2020 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 2020 to start working on this. We need to start now. Our Spring Reunion will be held on May 2 and 3 of 2020. 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 Joseph Gonzales, 32° KCCH, Commander of the KCCH Organization; Brother Mark Mason, 32°, Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard; Brother Derek Lynn, 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 2020.

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 Kenneth Carolan, 32° KCCH, North Pinellas Club; Brother Charlie Cheshire, 33°, Pinellas Club; Brother Jeffrey Smith, 32°, Sarasota Club; Brother John C. Glynn, Jr, 32° Sun City 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

## Deadline for Jan./Feb. Bulletin

December 2 - Contributor deadline

December 11 - Office contributor deadline

December 13 - Transmit print file to our printer



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. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## 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 63 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.

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.

It is also the Official Visit of Ill. : Richard Hoover, 33° and Deputy in the Orient of Florida. Please make

your plans to be with us on November 11 as we receive Ill. : Hoover. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## 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. Be sure to make your dinner reservations Thursday prior to the Monday Meeting. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

### November 11, 2019:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Open Meeting

Official Visit Ill. : 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 9, 2019:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting

House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Warm Bread  
Pudding with Caramel, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## The Valley of Tampa is pleased to announce our 6th Annual Feast of Kadosh



**Saturday, March 21, 2020**  
at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
5500 Memorial Highway  
Tampa, Florida

This will be a fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. with dinner being prepared by a world renowned chef from California.

Special Guests will be Ill. : Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Deputy for the Supreme Council in the Orient of Florida and M. : W. : John Westerman, III, 32° KCCH, Grand Master.

Details to follow.



## Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

The sources of further light for the Freemason are not limited to the obvious choices. The Volume of Sacred Law, our ritual work and Masonic magazines and

books are the usual ones. Secondary choices are the works of the sages that our ancient Brethren read to craft our degrees, among them Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca, Epictetus, Edmund Burke—the list goes on of sages whose thinking appears in our work.

We seek further light, a path to right living and to a more solid character. Sometimes, however, our syllabus and path is hidden in plain sight, in modernity not antiquity.

On the summer reading list was “The Road to Character” by David Brooks (1961-), a writer for the New York Times, a commentator on various television shows and a syndicated columnist. Your writer has no knowledge about whether he is a Mason or profane. When examining his work, however, it can be discerned he is a Mason within his heart. He is quite the scholar and philosopher.

This missive is a book review of sorts.

Mr. Brooks writes of virtues. He distinguishes sharply between “resume virtues,” those qualities that promote or exalt us and foster wealth, status and fame, and “honour virtues,” those that speak to our courage, demeanor, honesty, kindness, charity; those virtues that speak to inward character.

Resume virtues are about “me.” Honour virtues are about our place in the world and the relationships we form, the duties we fulfill.

Sounds pretty Masonic. Sounds like what we came here to do, to develop our character for the betterment of society.

“The Road to Character” is biographical in format. Mr. Brooks discusses the life and examples set by people we should emulate (see July-August bulletin for a discussion of the word “emulate”). Included are chapters on Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969); Dorothy Day (1897-1980) whom your writer had not heard of before; George Marshall (1880-

1959) and several others. Brooks highlights the “foundational” virtue(s) that makes each a person worthy of emulation.

The book is sometimes religious, sometimes secular, always thoughtful. He completes the book with a list of 15 axioms for describing and developing character. Two favorites are #1—we don't live for happiness, we live for holiness and #4—in the struggle against [our] own weakness, humility is the greatest virtue.

Mr. Brooks provides us with a source of further light, hidden in plain sight in modern times. His book is an easy, smooth read; his sentences are much shorter than Albert Pike's.

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The Spring Reunion is May 2-3, 2020. We now have a degree team for all 29 degrees and expect to confer them all during 2020.

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

- Confidential Secretary, the 6th Degree, on March 9, 2020
- Prince of Mercy, the 26th Degree, on May 11, 2020
- Royal Arch of Solomon, the 13th Degree, on July 13, 2020
- Intendent of the Building, the 8th Degree, on August 10, 2020
- Knight of the Brazen Serpent, the 25th Degree, on September 14, 2020.

**Substantially every degree team seeks-needs new or more ritualists. Please contact me if you are interested.** 🐼

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Perhaps our relationships are not what they should be, and our ability to thrive is hampered by them.

Know this: Through belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior, we allow God to pluck off what is fresh and good in us and replant us in fertile soil. I'm talking about a life rooted in God's holy word and refreshed daily by God's Holy Spirit.

The first step is to offer ourselves, branches held high. 🐼

## Prelate



by A. Gary  
Cavanaugh, 32° KCCH



### The Sprig Held High

*This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."*

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NIV)

As you may have noticed reading the Bible, prophets can be strange folk. Ezekiel is one of the strangest, but he also reveals to us some of the most beautiful truths about God.

Born a little over six centuries before the birth of Christ, Ezekiel spent much of his time helping the people of Israel understand why their world had fallen apart. In short, they had turned on God, falling into idolatry, and God had given them up to their enemies. Ezekiel eventually was dragged off to captivity in Babylon, along with most of the brightest of God's people.

Here are some of the odder things Ezekiel did to communicate God's wrath to a very stubborn people: He lay on his left side for 390 days, one day for each year God said the kingdom of Israel had existed in sin. He then lay on his right side for 40 days, one day for each year the kingdom of Judah had sinned.

During this time on one side or the other, he ate bread cooked over cow dung, to show how the people of Israel would be forced to eat in an unclean way as captives. He also ate very sparingly, to show how the people of Jerusalem would suffer from famine during the occupation.

Later, whenever he ate he had to tremble and shake with fear to show the people what they would feel when their towns were attacked and stripped of possessions.

He was not allowed by God to publicly mourn the death of his wife, as a sign of how the people would lose all they treasured with no recourse or way to complain.

It's depressing stuff. But again, there is this powerful message of hope in the midst of so much suffering. We see that hope in the prophecy we have read as our Scripture today, the prophecy of the sprig.

For the people of Israel, the prophecy is about the restoration of the line of David, the great king of their history. A cedar tree was the sign of royalty.

Clearly, the tree had become twisted and corrupt, having moved its roots away from God as the source of life, but God was promising the people through Ezekiel that he still planned to fulfill the great promises he had made. God was in control; God is in control.

We have this image of a tiny sprig at the top of the tree, new life being plucked from the old and being moved to a high and lofty place. A new king would come, one who would fulfill the promise from God that all the world would be blessed by the people of Israel, the line descended from Abraham.

This fulfillment has already happened. As Christians, we come here each Sunday to celebrate the great event. Jesus is the sprig broken off Israel, establishing a new kingdom as he was held high on the cross.

In his resurrection we see new life shared with the world. We see escape from our captivity to what is unholy.

And as we understand the story, we see the powerful change God offers each of us. Sadly, we are part of this broken world, but if God is transforming the world through Christ—if he is making all things new, as we know he is—then we can be plucked off and transplanted, too.

Perhaps our habits are not what God would have them be; like the ancient Israelites, we can find ourselves living in defiance of God.

Perhaps our families are corrupted in some way, suffering under the influence of the world rather than seeking God's will, and we find ourselves pulled down.

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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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