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The Valley of Tampa Cordially Invites You and Your Guests to the **6th Annual Feast of Kadosh**

to be held on

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5500 Memorial Highway

Tampa, FL 33634

Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for Tickets is March 11, 2020

Price - \$100 per person

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

The Feast this year is being combined with a Fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. There will be 100 tickets available for sale at \$100 per ticket. Due to the generosity of Brother Rick Wendling, there will be no costs associated with the Feast so every dollar in ticket sales will go to the Foundation. The meal will be prepared by a Master Chef from California. There will be a choice of either a Sous Vide Filet Mignon or Olive Oil Poached Halibut, along with hors d'oeuvres, salad, Truffle Potato Croquette, Luxardo Chocolate Mousse and beverage. During the evening there will be a series of six toasts. Dress for the Feast is a suit and tie and Scottish Rite cap for the gentlemen and a nice dress for the ladies. Feast is open to everyone, so invite your friends to join you for this annual event.

We are pleased to have Ill.:. Chuck Morgan, 33°, G.:.C.:. as our guest speaker at the Feast. He will talk about Ill.:. Albert Pike's Presentation Sword.

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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 21st with our 6th 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 13, 2020. This is an obligatory observance sponsored by the Chapter of Rose Croix, where members of the Chapter of Rose Croix 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.: Girard G. Etheridge, Jr., 33°. Ill Our Illustrious Brother was a dedicated worker in Freemasonry. 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 Mary 2 and 3. Petitions may be obtained from the office or from the Valley's website.

Speaking of our website, thanks to our webmaster, Brother Brian Campbell, 32° KCCH, we are in the process of revamping and improving our place on the internet. We are not done with the changes, but we have updated the look and ease of the website and are looking at having a "members" only section. In the near future we look to provide our members with the availability of making reservations and purchasing their tickets for our monthly dinners. If this is utilized, it will help us to greatly reduce our dinner expense. Check it out at srtampa.org.

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 2019, there were other things that we need work on. At the present time, we have 2,217 members. In 2019, we lost 139 members by death. While we have no direct control over

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deaths, we do have direct control over bringing new brothers into the Scottish Rite. In addition, we had 115 brothers suspended for non-payment of dues or were suspended in their Particular Blue Lodge. As you can see, just to cover the number of suspensions in 2019, our 2020 Reunions need to average 58 candidates in each Reunion. There are 61 Lodges in the 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd Districts, which comprise the Valley of Tampa. (There is some overlap with the Valleys of Ocala and Ft. Myers,) but we have membership in each of those 61 Lodges. Just one new Master of the Royal Secret from each of these Lodges in each Reunion would bring us 122 new Masters of the Royal Secret in 2020. 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 2020.

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. 🙏



General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

The Masonic Center is available for rental. We offer you a perfect

environment for your special event. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center has multiple rooms available for rent. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center sits on beautiful grounds, has ample parking, a handicap accessible building, and is centrally located.

All catering is done onsite through L&L Events.

The Banquet Hall is 5, 800 square feet with 16-foot ceilings. It can accommodate up to 400 people in a banquet set-up (tables only) or 380 with room for a dance floor. We have forty 72-inch round banquet tables that are included with the rental, as well as 400 banquet chairs.

Linens are available in the catering packages and can be upgraded at a minimal cost. We also have cocktail tables and 8-foot banquet tables.

The Auditorium has built in seating for 700, also has an orchestra pit which could accommodate additional seating for up to 100 based on preferred set up. The Auditorium is great for large ceremonies, productions, trainings or business presentations, just to name a few. Spotlights, full sound, front and rear projection visual options.

For more detailed information as well as pricing, please contact Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33° at the Scottish Rite Office (813) 886-0578 or email Brother Drewett at generalsecretary@srtampa.org 🙏

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 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

Thomas C. Mabray, 32°

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

On Monday, April 13, 2020 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite, we will be honoring those who have passed away in 2019 and first of 2020, with our Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please join Wise Master, Robert D. Davidson, 33° 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. 🙏

Scottish Rite Clubs

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

Acropol Family Restaurant
1170 N Starkey Rd.,
Largo, FL 33711

1st Friday of the month at 10:00 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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292th Reunion Schedule

Day One - Saturday, May 2, 2020

7:00 a.m. Assembly - Opening Ceremonies - Open LofP
7:15 a.m. 4° Secret Master - confer
8:07 a.m. Member/Class Education
8:37 a.m. 5° Perfect Master - communicate
8:43 a.m. 6° Confidential Secretary - communicate
8:49 a.m. 7° Provost & Judge - confer
9:14 a.m. 8° Intendant of the Building - communicate
9:20 a.m. 9° & 10° Elu of the Nine and Fifteen - confer
10:05 a.m. Break
10:20 a.m. 11° Elu of the Twelve - confer
11:05 a.m. 12° Master Architect - communicate
11:11 a.m. 13° Royal Lodge of Solomon - communicate
11:17 a.m. 14° Perfect Elu - confer
12:30 p.m. Class photo before lunch & lunch
1:30 p.m. 15° Knight of East, Sword or Eagle - confer
2:30 p.m. 16° Prince of Jerusalem - communicate
2:36 p.m. Reports and Patent Presentations
3:06 p.m. 17° Knight of the East & West - confer
4:01 p.m. Break
4:16 p.m. 18° Knight Rose Croix - confer
5:41 p.m. Close Chapter - announcements in auditorium
5:56 p.m. Scheduled end time

Day Two - Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:00 a.m. Open Council - Elect Officers and reports
7:15 a.m. 19° Grand Pontiff - confer
7:47 a.m. Member/Class Education
8:27 a.m. 20° Master of Symbolic Lodge - confer
9:22 a.m. 21° Noahchite or Prussian Knight - communicate
9:28 a.m. 22° Knight Royal Axe/P of Libanus - communicate
9:34 a.m. 23° Chief of the Tabernacle - confer
9:56 a.m. Break
10:11 a.m. 24° Prince of Tabernacle - communicate
10:17 a.m. 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent - communicate
10:23 a.m. 26° Prince of Mercy/
Scot' Trinitarian - communicate
10:29 a.m. 27° Knight of Sun, Prince Adept - confer
11:19 a.m. Break
11:34 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - confer
12:19 p.m. Lunch
1:19 p.m. 29° Scot' Kt of St. Andrew - confer
2:14 p.m. Break
2:29 p.m. 30° Knight Kadosh - confer
3:39 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory
3:54 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - confer
4:44 p.m. Break
4:59 p.m. 32° Master of the Royal Secret - confer
6:14 p.m. Consecration and Closing in lodge room
6:44 p.m. Scheduled end time 🐼

Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 6 - Contributor deadline
April 15 - Office contributor deadline
April 17 - Transmit print file to our printer

**Robert D.
Davidson, 33°**
Wise Master of the
Chapter of
Rose Croix



Ill.: Robert D. Davidson, 33° was elected to serve as Wise Master in the Tampa Chapter, Rose Croix for the year 2020. Ill.:

Davidson is a native of Indianapolis, IN, having been born in 1951. He received his public education in Perry Township Schools of Marion County, graduating from Southport High School in 1969. After high school, Ill.: Bob attended Purdue University, graduating with a B.S. in Mathematics, and Indiana University, graduating with a B.A. in Chemistry. After graduation, he was employed at Western Electric. When AT&T decided to divest its assets, he joined the management team at Printed Wiring, a PCB manufacturer, as Vice President of Engineering and Quality.

Our Wise Master began his Masonic journey when he was initiated into Southport Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Indianapolis, IN in 1968. He received the Three Degrees of Freemasonry in Southport Lodge No. 270, Southport, IN in the spring of 1977. In the fall of 1977, he became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Indianapolis and immediately became active in the music department singing in the men's chorus and appointed as an associate organist for the Valley.

Ill.: Davidson continued to study music throughout his time living in Indianapolis. He started piano studies at the age of 6 and started organ studies at the age of 15. His love developed for the theatre organs of the silent movie era and was fortunate to study with several of the organists that performed through that period of history. After joining the Scottish Rite, he was introduced to Dr. Mallory Bransford, organist chairman for the Scottish Rite and Dean of the Organ Department at Butler University. He began his studies on classical organ and Masonic music with Dr. Bransford and became his assistant at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Our Wise Master relocated to the Largo area in 1991, working in several of the PCB Shops in the area. He joined Star Lodge No. 78 in Largo, where he has served as Worshipful Master in 2003 and 2016. He currently serves the Lodge as Secretary. He has also served the Grand Lodge of Florida as Grand Musician in 2014 and 2016 and numerous committees over the years. He affiliated with the Valley of Tampa in 1996 and has served as Organist for the Valley for the past eleven years. For his work and dedication to the fraternity, he was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2011 and Coroneted a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 2019. 🐾

**William C.
Sundquist, 32°**
KCCH
Venerable Master
of the Lodge
of Perfection



Brother William (Bill) Carl Sundquist, 32° KCCH was elected to serve the Tampa Lodge of Perfection as its Venerable Master for the year 2020. Brother Bill was born in Worcester, MA. He graduated from Dr. Leo T. Doherty Memorial High School in 1987. After high school, he attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, graduating in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engineering Science and in 1993 he received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering. He has worked for the United States Postal Service since 2007, currently as an EEO Services Analyst.

Our Venerable Master began his Masonic journey when he petitioned Nitram Lodge No. 188 in 2009. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2014 and 2019. In 2014 and 2015, he was the District Instructor for the 21st District and in 2016, he was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st District, representing M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson. In 2017 he served the new 18th District as District Instructor and since 2019 has been the Zone 4A Chair for the Committee On Work.

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Cicero and Freemasonry

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

Our ancient brethren were well-read. The results of their reading and reflection found their way into both our Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite degrees. The lessons and wisdom of the sages are

offered to us in a theatrical, but scholarly fashion. We should be grateful.

Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE) has been included frequently in my columns as a likely source for Masonic ideas, for example, lessons on the four cardinal virtues, politics and ethics. He was the Roman equivalent of Plato, a man of philosophical learning, a brilliant writer and statesman. The Founders of our country admired him for his character and principled political life.

Beyond politics and philosophy, Cicero offers sage advice on matters of life. A good example is his work *On Old Age*. Unlike Plato, who wrote using abstractions and theories, Cicero used historical figures. *On Old Age* is a dialogue between Marcus Porcius Cato, Publius Cornelius Scipio and Laelius (the historical contributions of these figures, and their ancestors, are worthy of investigation in their own right), in which Cato, an old man, schools the younger two on the merits of properly considering old age. He encourages their search for wisdom, their continuous education and their active participation in the life of their city. He also makes a case for the immortality of the soul.

Cicero's advice to the young men may have found its way into our Masonic ritual and is well-summarized in the Master Mason lecture.

We can learn a lot by attending and participating in our degrees and by the frequent study of the ritual. We may never know who is really speaking to us—Cicero, Plato, Confucius, Aristotle, some Zen Master, Immanuel Kant, Edmund Burke or Solomon. The source of the great ideas, thoughts and lessons is not so relevant. What is important, as Cicero taught the young men, is that we continue to grow, learn and act so that, in old age, we may enjoy that “happy reflection consequent to a well-spent life.” 🐾

Sound and Lighting Help Needed

The Sound & Lighting Committee are in need of volunteers for their committee. The job would consist of providing sound & lights for the Degrees at our Reunions and during some of our monthly meetings. Even if you do not have any experience, but are interested in helping, we can get you trained.

If you are interested, please contact the Chairman of this committee, Luis Rovira at luis.events@yahoo.com 🐾

Good for You

The following recently received the following awards:

Billionaire Certificates

Tom Tyner, 32°

Millionaire Certificates

Roy A. Chappelle, 32°

Donald W. Cowart, 32° KCCH

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Jack W. Hampton, 32°

Robert N. Kershner, 32°

Louie A. King, 33°

William C. Klinke, 32°

Richard N. Leger, 32°

Scott H. Lewis, 32°

Mark L. Mason, 32°

Paul J. Noller, 32°

Jeffrey T. Sklett, 32°

Michael C. Sperato, 32°

W. Allen Sorbie, 32° KCCH

Richard J. Tokarz, 32°

Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH

Knights of St. Andrew 🐾

Email Addresses

We want you to receive our regular communications, please make sure that the General Secretary's office has your most current email address. Send updates to generalsecretary@srtampa.org 🐾

Prelate

by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 33°



"Kind Care"

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

1 Thessalonians: 5:11
(KJV)

Many times in our life we go through hard times, troubles and distress and we question what I have done to have this happening to me.

Sometimes the answer to our problems doesn't seem to come to us, and yet down the road when we have seen the problem going away or even subside, the light comes on and does shine upon us.

In time our trials, troubles and our dismay pass away; and hope and peace come to us.

Let us hear these word's that were written many years ago:

I believe the answer lies here. God hath not promised skies always blue.

Flower strewn pathways, all our lives through. God hath not promised sun without rain; joy, without sorrow; peace without pain.

God hath not promised, for we shall not know toil and temptation, trouble and woe; he hath told us, we shall not bear many a burden nor many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads, swift easy travel, never a mountain rocky and steep, never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy and undying love. 🐾

...continued from Page 5 – Wm. C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH

Brother Sundquist petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2010 as a member of the Ill.∴ Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° Memorial Class. He joined the Knights of St. Andrew in 2010 and is a Past Venerable Master. He is a member of the 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 31st

Degrees and is also a member of the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony team. For his work and dedication to the Rite, Brother Sundquist was invested with the Rank and Dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2017.

Continuing his Masonic career, Brother Bill is an officer in the Chapter and Council of the St. Petersburg York Rite Bodies. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons and the Royal Order of Zanzibar. He is a member of Egypt Shriners, serving as Treasurer and Past President of the Pinellas Shrine Club as well as a member of the Keystone Kops, Sultans and Past Master's Unit. He is also a holder of the Grand Lodge of Florida Gold Proficiency card. 🐾

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.

March 9, 2020:

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 13, 2020:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Remembrance and Renewal
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Southern Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cupcakes, 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



David J. Boland, 32°
12/11/2019 age 56
Englewood, FL

John L. Horne Jr., 32°
01/09/20 age 60
Bradenton, FL

John H. Ousley, 32°
11/20/19 age 90
Jefferson City, MO

John R. Bowersox, 32°
11/14/19 age 62
Riverview, FL

David H. Jackson, 32°
12/08/19 age 75
Eagle Lake, FL

Patrick C. Palmer, 33°
2/03/20 age 79
St. Petersburg, FL

Larry J. Carlton, 32°
12/29/19 age 65
Riverview, FL

Edward K. Joyner, 32°
12/01/19 age 86
Largo, FL

Bernard R. Salmon, 32°
12/21/19 age 90
Sarasota, FL

Thomas D. Carter, 32°
01/10/20 age 61
Sarasota, FL

George R. Lichner, 32°
10/18/19 age 80
Lakewood Ranch, FL

Allan M. Sanger, 32°
12/14/19 age 89
Sarasota, FL

Roger C. Dunn, 32°
11/17/19 age 69
Valrico, FL

John W. Luce, 32°
01/02/20 age 91
Tampa, FL

David M. Thompson, 32°
12/06/19 age 71
Brooksville, FL

Sid D. Grubbs, 32°
10/28/19 age 83
Gibsonton, FL

Victor E. Murray, 32°
10/23/19 age 73
Longwood, FL

Thomas S. Wright, 32°
08/26/19 age 68
Dallas, TX