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Grand Master M.:W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr. of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: Thomas “Tommy” L. Turlington, Jr., was born in Newport News, Virginia, on January 21, 1951. He attended public schools in Hampton, Virginia, where he graduated from Pembroke High School in 1970. Immediately following graduation M.:W.: Turlington started employment with Virginia Electric and Power Company, where he worked many areas of the company beginning in the line crew and advancing to the Yorktown Power Plant, where he started in the Operation's Department as a High-Pressure Auxiliary Operator, was promoted to Assistant Control Room Operator, then to Control Room Operator, Assistant Shift Supervisor, and then promoted to Shift Supervisor. During his twenty-five years with the company, over seventeen years was in management. In 1997 after retiring from the company, M.:W.:

Turlington moved to Florida and began working for Halifax Medical Center in the Maintenance Department as a Plant Operator and was promoted to Lead Mechanic. In 2001 M.:W.: Turlington was offered

a position with Halifax Health Hospice to manage and grow the organization's Resale Shop Division. M.:W.: Turlington was the only paid employee to

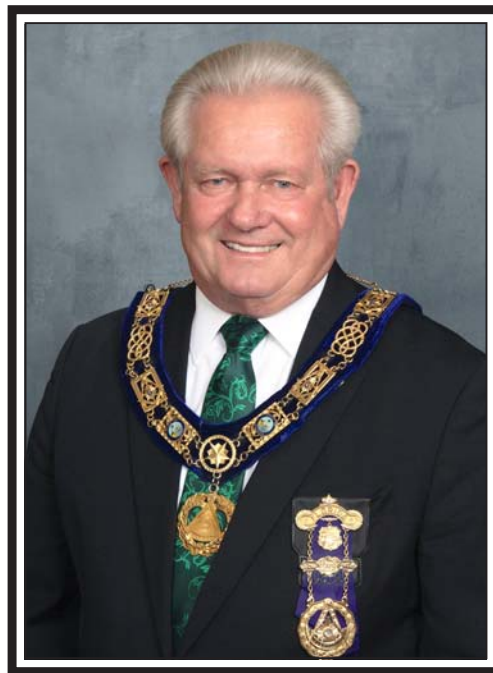
manage the Resale Division's one store that was making \$1,500 per month with a staff of 20 volunteers. Within five years M.:W.: Turlington was promoted to Operations Manager of the Resale Division Department and grew the department from one to five stores with an increase of 250 volunteers and 27 paid employees. The income of the five stores grew to over 2.5 million dollars in annual sales. He was employed for over nineteen years of which he was in management for over ten of those years. He retired on April 1, 2016.

M.:W.: Turlington and his lovely wife Sandy have been married for 36 years and have

two children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

M.:W.: Turlington received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry as a member of Botetourt

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by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As I write this article, I want to thank Ill.: Jerry Lee, 33° who put together a fantastic Flag Day program at our June meeting. I would also like to thank the National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, for their presentation on the "building" of Old Glory. Their program was very informative, and I am sure that we

all learned something about our flag that we did not know.

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.

Brethren, I ask that you please look at your Scottish Rite dues card. If it says that it expired in 2019, would you assist your Valley by paying your 2020 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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Lodge No. 7, A.F.&A.M., in Gloucester, Virginia in 1988, where he served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1993 and 1995. M.:W.: Turlington was a member of Urbanna Royal Arch Chapter No. 59, R.A.M, where he served as Excellent High Priest in 1995 and received his Anointed High Priest and Trice Illustrious Master in 1995. He became a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at the Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia, in 1991 and served as District 11 Blood Coordinator Committeeman from 1990 through 1993.

M.:W.: Turlington became a member at Landmark Lodge No. 383, F. & A.M., in 2007, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2011. In 2012, he transferred his membership from Landmark Lodge No 383 to Sanford Lodge No. 62. He served as District 16 Masonic Leadership Training

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 in the Orient of Florida.

Committeeman in 2010 and 2011. In 2012 he was appointed Zone 5 MLT Chairman by M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro; in 2013 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District by M.:W.: Danny R. Griffith; in 2014 was appointed District Instructor of the 16th Masonic District by M.:W.: James W. Ford, and in 2015 was appointed W.: Grand Marshal by M.:W.: Steven P. Boring. M.:W.: Turlington was given the appointment as the Grand Representative to Prince Edward Island for The Grand Lodge of Florida in 2016.

M.:W.: Turlington was elected to the Office of Junior Grand Warden on May 29, 2017, Senior Grand Warden on May 28, 2018, and Deputy Grand Master on May 27, 2019. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master at the 191st Annual Grand Communication and installed as Grand Master on May 27, 2020.

M.:W.: Turlington belongs to the following Appendant Bodies: Deltona Chapter No. 326, Order of Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron in 2011 and 2012; Shriners International; Bahia Shriners; Sanford York Rite Bodies, Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford Council No.20, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2019, and Taylor Commandery where he served as Eminent Commander in 2016 and 2019; received Knight Crusaders of the Cross Degree in 2017; Knight Masons, Space Coast Council No. 32; the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Council No. 423; Legion of Honor recipient in the Order of DeMolay in 2017; 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Orlando in 2019; M.O.V.P.E.R. Grottoes of North America, Zangi Grotto; and Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Seminole Forest No. 193 in DeLand, FL.

In his spare time M.:W.: Turlington enjoys playing golf, going on cruises, going to theme parks, camping, and shooting firearms. 🐾

Glen B. Bishop, 32° Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Florida

The Valley of Tampa congratulates Brother Glen B. Bishop, 32° upon his election to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida this year as Junior Grand Warden. Brother Glen became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2017 and was elected Class President of the 286th Reunion. He is currently serving as Expert in

the Lodge of Perfection and Junior Warden in the Knights of St. Andrew.

Our new Junior Grand Warden served Clearwater Lodge No. 127 as Worshipful Master in 2010 and 2016. He was appointed by M.:W.: Jorge Aladro to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th Masonic District and by M.:W.: Stan Hudson to serve as District Instructor in the 20th Masonic District in 2016. In 2017 he served the Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal for M.:W.: Rick Hoover. In addition he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida and as a member of the Grand Lodge Technology Committee, Zone Chairman of the Membership Development Committee and as a member of the Corporate Board of the Grand Lodge of Florida. 🐾



General Secretary

by Ill.: John E.
Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

2021 dues statements will be mailed shortly, kicking off our 2021 dues season. As of this date there are 181

members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their 2020 dues. The 2020 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2019. Please remit \$118.00 to the attention of the General Secretary at your earliest convenience.

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.

Payments & Contributions

Brethren, to make it easier for you to send in your payment, you can go on our website - www.tampascottishrite.org, click onto the Link Payments & Contributions. We will receive your payment and send out your dues card.

Thank you for being a loyal member by maintaining your membership. 🐾

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

Denny's Restaurant
4999 34th St. & 50th Ave., N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
(727) 522-1552 to make reservations
1st Friday of the 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

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

Robert J. Lambert, 32° Senior Grand Warden
Glen B. Bishop, 32° Junior Grand Warden
Anthony A. DeAngelo, 32° Grand Historian

District Deputies and Instructors

Thomas R. Quay, 32° DDGM, 18th District
Steven R. Fortier, 32° DDGM, 19th District
Joseph A. Severino, 32° DDGM, 20th District
Anthony L. Pickren, 32° DDGM, 21st District
Louis H. Ortt, 33° DDGM 23rd District
Scott T. Mitchell, 32° DI, 14th District
Frederick Wendling, Jr., 32° DI, 18th District
John A. Baldwin, 32° DI, 19th District
Scott J. Perritt DI, 21st District
Barry D. Hart, 33° DI, 23rd District

Committeemen

Arrangements Committee

Anthony L. Pickren, 32°

Child ID

Douglas W. Dobbs, 32°

Committee on Work

William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH

A. Gary Cavanaugh, 33°

Endowment & Investment Committee

Barry D. Hart, 33°

David W. Jones, 32°

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Jack W. Hampton, Jr, 32° - Chairman

Robert W. Taylor Sr., 32°

General Services Panel

Thomas R. Quay, 32°

Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32°

Grand Master's Charity

Perry D. Batson, 32°

Insurance Committee

Barry D. Hart, 33°

David A. Henderson, 32°

Charles C. Osborne, 32° KCCH

Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 3 - Contributor deadline

August 12 - Office contributor deadline

August 14 - Transmit print file to our printer

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- John E. Drewett, 33°
- H. Michael McCool, 32°
- Ronald C. Mincey, Jr., 32°
- J. Paul Stellrecht, 32°
- John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH

LYPMGC, MH-100, Wills & Gifts Committee

- John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH - Chairman
- Todd A. Meschelle, 32°
- Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH

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- C. Pearce Dreadin, 32°
- Felix Gordillo Jr. 32°
- Steven J. Silvers, 32° KCCH

Masonic Home Board of Trustees

- Michael S. Griffin, 32°
- Michael R. Pender, Jr., 33°
- R. James Rocha, 33°

Masonic Leadership Training Committee

- W. Allen Sorbie, 32° KCCH

Membership Development Committee

- Arthur J. Ahrens, III, 32° KCCH
- Glen B. Bishop, 32°
- John N. Dragneff, 32°

Panel of Attorneys

- John A. Baldwin, 32°
- Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°
- Bruce Marger, 33°

Penal Affairs Committee

- Gregory L. Wynn, 32° KCCH - Chairman
- Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°
- Frederick Wendling, Jr., 32°

Perpetual Membership Committee

- Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH

Properties Committee

- Reed G. Rue, 32°

Public Education & Citizenship Committee

- William J. Doolin, 32°

Public Relations & Publicity Committee

- 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 High Priest

District Deputies and Instructors

- Charles R. Bailey, 32° DDGHP, 3rd District
- Robert W. Taylor, 32° DDGHP, 4th District
- Stephan Korda, 32° DI, 3rd District

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

- W. Allen Sorbie, 32° KCCH Deputy Grand Master

District Deputy Grand Masters

- Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH... DDGM, 3rd District
- Robert W. Taylor, 32° DDGM, 4th District

Grand Commandery KT


District Deputies and Instructors

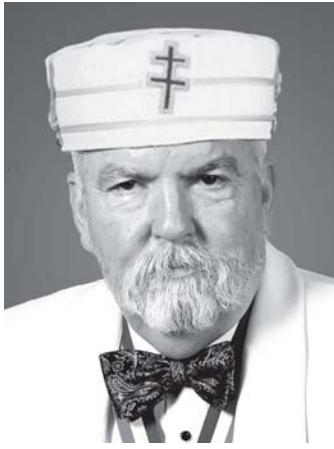
- Louis H. Ortt, 33° DDGC, 2nd District
- Richard C. Brooks, 32° DDGC, 3rd District
- Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32° DDGC 4th District
- Todd A. Meschelle, 32° DI, 2nd District
- Robert W. Taylor, 32° DI, 4th District

For the Three Grand Bodies

- Robert C. St. John, 32° Grand Treasurer

Email Addresses

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

Freemasonry is an exercise in the study of virtue and its importance to individual character development. This column in the January-February Bulletin ex-

plored the writings of George Winfred Hervey (1821-1908), author of “The Principles of Courtesy, with Hints and Observations on Manners and Habits” (and other writers); it discussed major, minor and fundamental virtues.

This column continues the theme, but considers the importance of virtue in society's leadership, elected or otherwise. Such is a topic of the 12th Degree, Master Architect.

Masonic work draws upon the literary, historical and philosophical writings of many sages; Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca, et. al. Each focused on individual development, but each was concerned with matters of governance and societal leadership. They cared about the education, character and discernment of those who ruled, and they regarded moral “armament” to be critical for leadership.

Leadership, they suggested, required(s) more than rhetorical skills; leadership required a solid combination of virtue, ethics and a knowledge of history and tradition.

Petrarch (1304-1374) established an education curriculum based on the liberal arts that was successfully employed for centuries. Character formation was the center of education for the would-be leader or ruler.

The passage of time from the Enlightenment period into modernity seems to have shifted or diverted the focus of education steadily (and perhaps exclusively) to science and reason—a so-called STEM curriculum.

The study of philosophy, ethics and, especially, religion, once considered essential to leadership development, has withered. Samuel Gregg (1969-), in *Reason, Faith and the Struggle for Western Civilization*, asserts that such esoteric studies remind that “reason” places limits on certain truths -

truths that cannot be confirmed in a laboratory. He further asserts that monotheism, freedom, justice and faith are essential concepts that should not become absent from either society or its leaders.

Gregg refers to the interweaving of such concepts with reason and science as a “delicate tapestry.” Freemasonry endeavors to weave such a tapestry in its ritual and teachings.

The 12th Degree teaches “that no republican government can long endure when the people cease to select for their chief magistrates the best and the wisest of their statesmen.”

Virtue, whether of the major, minor, or fundamental category, is an integral part of “best” and “wise.” The sages of the past, and our ancient brethren, passed on such instruction for both individual and leadership development.

The Fall Reunion is October 24-25, 2020. Stand by for the line-up.

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

- Royal Arch of Solomon, the 13th Degree, on July 13, 2020
- Intendent of the Building, the 8th Degree, on August 10, 2020

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

KCCH

by Commander Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH

Each year the new Commander of Knight Commander Court of Honor or better known as KCCH Red Hats; comes up with an idea for raising money for the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa Charitable Foundation Inc. I thought of many ideas; however, in Ill. Gary Cavanaugh's year, he came up with selling chances, for two Masonic Aprons; to be raffled off at the end of the year. It was a complete success, so I decided to do the same. One apron represents the Blue Lodge; the second apron represents the Scottish Rite.

This year due to the Coronavirus causing havoc here in the United States of America, and around the World, our Masonic life has been put on hold temporarily. It will be a challenge, but we still have over six

months to achieve our goal, in supporting funds for our Temple. This pandemic killer will pass, but will not be forgotten. When I asked my KCCH brothers at a meeting, who will help sell these tickets, everyone stood up, and the tickets were all gone. This illustrates to me the dedication the Red Hats have for improving our Temple. I am honored to be Commander this year, and what I've realized; is that we are a diverse group of individuals with numerous ideas, but with the same purpose in mind; making sure our Scottish Rite Temple is consistently improved for our future. The KCCH Leaders of Scottish Rite are united with many aspects of keeping our customs we cherish, in tack, and also any change that will insure the fulfillment and comradery we have. The KCCH Brotherhood is always striving for excellence in every goal we aspire to tackle. Be safe my Brethren, see you soon after this virus subsides. 🐼

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.

July 13, 2020:

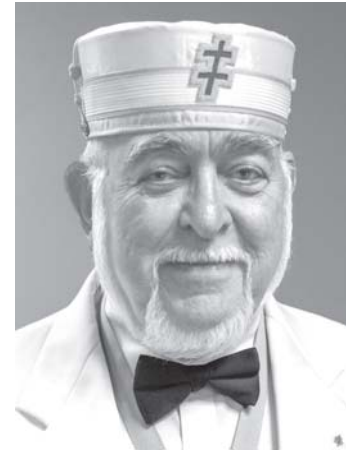
Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Education Program - Royal Arch of Solomon, the 13th Degree will be conferred.
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Baked Ziti, Vegetable Blend, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.

August 10, 2020:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Education Program - Intendent of the Building, the 8th Degree will be conferred.
House Salad, Southwest Chicken Burritos, Sweet Corn Salsa / Pico de Gallo Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🐼

Prelate

by A. Gary
Cavanaugh, 33°



Slowing Down Time

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:4, 9-10 and 12 (NIV)

A lot has changed since the electric clock was invented in 1840. We now have laptops, smart phones and smart watches, all to keep track of our time. The pace of time seems to go faster, with us asking where the time went. Even our leisurely walking seems to speed up.

This is especially true in cities, which can have a negative effect on one's health. We seem to be moving faster and faster and responding to people as quickly as we can. It's driving us to think everything has to happen now.

Moses, the writer of one of the bibles oldest Psalms, reflected on time. He reminds us that God controls one life pace. As we read in Psalms 90:4 "A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by. Or like a watch into the night"

The secret to time management, therefore is not to go faster or slower. It's to abide in God, spending more time with Him. Once this happens we can get in step with each other, but first with Him—the One who has formed us and knows the purpose and plans he has for each of us.

Our time on earth will not last forever. Yet we can manage it wisely, not by watching the clock, but by giving each day to our Creator. As Moses said in Psalms 90:12, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Then, with God we will always be on time, not only now, but forever.

So how is your pace in life's journey? 🐼

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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



Michael J. Asher, 32°
05/02/20 age 74
Tampa, FL

Charles M. East Jr., 32°
02/28/2020 age 99
Charlotte, NC

Kermit C. Sims, 32°
03/12/2020 age 95
Haines City, FL

John W. Bos, 32°
05/08/20 age 93
Lilburn, GA

Jack H. Halpert, 32°
10/16/2019 age 89
Houston, TX

Howard D. Taylor, 32°
05/11/2020 age 85
Hudson, FL

Donald R. Bryson, 32°
04/09/2020 age 84
Sarasota, FL

Francis W. Lang, 32°
02/25/20 age 93
Lakeland, FL

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03/10/20 age 89
Tampa, FL

James E. Dodrill, 32°
04/02/20 age 93
Sarasota, FL

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3/28/2020 age 83
Homosassa, FL

Harold F. Wilson, 32°
03/04/2020 age 92
Lockhart, TX

Clarence Dukart, 32°
05/13/20 age 78
Tampa, FL