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Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

On the Monday, April 12, 2021 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite, we will be honoring those who have passed away after our 2019 Annual Ceremony of Remembrance up to April 2021. Please join Wise Master Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH 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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Brethren: With the Covid-19 virus many plans are up in the air and planning can be somewhat difficult. With that being said, the Valley of Tampa is moving forward the best we can, keeping in mind the health and safety of our members. At the Valley, we continue to take temperatures when you enter the building, stress the importance of

wearing masks where social distancing cannot be achieved and have hand sanitizing stations located through the building.

One event that everyone looks forward to is our Annual Feast of Kadosh Banquet that has been held in the month of March. Due to the uncertainty of the virus, we have put this event on hold for the time being. Our Commander of the Council, Brother Rick Vogt, 32° KCCH and I will be looking at an event to celebrate the Kadosh sometime later this year.

Our Annual Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance will be on April 12, 2021. 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 ceremony is under the direction of Brother Joe Gonzalez, 32° KCCH. If you have never attended this ceremony, I encourage you to attend this year. The ceremony and its teachings is one of the best ceremonies that the Scottish Rite has for members and non-members alike.

April also brings us our Spring Reunion in memory of Ill∴ Patrick Palmer, 33°. 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 April 10 and 17. Petitions may be obtained from the office or from the Valley's website.

As you remember, in the January issue of The Bulletin, I announced that we were looking to sell a part of our property and building a new and smaller building. We did receive in January an up-to-date appraisal on the property, so we know what the value of the property is. I promise that I will keep you informed as we continue down this road.

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 2020 (even with the Covid-19 virus,) there were other things that we need work on. At the present time, we have 2,147 members. In 2020, we lost 100+ members by death. While we have no direct

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control over deaths, we do have direct control over bringing new brothers into the Scottish Rite and we have reduced the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. There are 60 Lodges in the 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd Districts, which comprise the Valley of Tampa and we have membership in each of them. Just one new Master of the Royal Secret from each of these Lodges in each Reunion would bring us 120 new Masters of the Royal Secret in 2021. 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 2021.

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.

2021 Worshipful Masters

The Valley of Tampa would like to congratulate the following Masters of the Royal Secret on being installed as Worshipful Master of their respective Lodge for the year 2021:

Casey Fletcher, 33°Tuscan Lodge No. 6
Bryan M. Seland, 32° Hillsborough Lodge No. 25
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Adrin McGough, 32° Frostproof Lodge No. 229
Perry Batson, 32° Lake Wales Lodge No. 242
Teddy F. Watson, 32°Sebring Lodge No. 249
Ronald McMillan, 32° KCCH Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252
Nicholas P. McGhee, 32° Placid Lodge No. 282
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William Thornton, 32° Phoenix Lodge No. 346
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David Finkelstein, 32° Liberty Lodge No. 412
Cory Underwood, 32° Memorial Lodge No. 918
Billy D. Scott, III, 32° Memorial Lodge No. 920 ✿



General Secretary

by Ill∴ John E. Drewett, 33°

Delinquent Members

We are well underway with our 2021 dues season; however, as of this date we still have 46 members who have not

paid their 2020 dues. The 2020 dues payments were to be paid no later than December 31, 2019. If you are having financial difficulties, please call the office for assistance, at (813) 886-0578.

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is available for rentals. We offer you a perfect environment for your special event. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center sits on beautiful grounds, has ample parking, is handicap accessible to the building, has multiple rooms available, 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.

Due to the Covid restrictions, we can accommodate you, making it an enjoyable event. For more detailed information as well as pricing, please contact Ill: John E. Drewett, 33° at the Scottish Rite Office (813) 886-0578 or e-mail Brother Drewett at generalsecretary@srtampa.org

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Scottish Rite Clubs

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Brooksville Elk's Lodge 2582 13383 County Line Road, Spring Hill, FL 34609 Phone: (352) 678-1019

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

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

IHOP

30200 US Hwy. 19 N., Clearwater, FL 33761 Phone: (727) 937-2649

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) 475-9188 to make reservations 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. & Nov. at 6:00 p.m.

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

Freedom Plaza Club 1010 American Eagle Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573 Phone: (813) 758-2787 3rd Monday every month at 11:30 a.m. (Dark June, July, August & September)

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

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Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 5 - Contributor deadline

April 14 - Office contributor deadline

April 16 - Transmit print file to our printer

291st Reunion Schedule

Day One - Saturday, April 10, 2021

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 and committee reports

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 - Saturday, April 17 2021

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 - communicate

10:35 a.m. 28° Knight Commander of Temple - confer

11:20 a.m. 29° Scot' Kt of St. Andrew - communicate

11:26 p.m. Lunch

12:26 p.m. 30° Knight Kadosh - confer

1:36 p.m. Break

1:51 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory

2:01 p.m. 31° Inspector-Inquisitor - confer

2:51 p.m. Break

3:06 p.m. 32° Master of the Royal Secret - confer

4:21 p.m. Consecration and Closing in lodge room

4:51 p.m. Scheduled end time 🦚

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Kenneth A. Carolan, 32° KCCH Wise Master

Brother Kenneth A. (Kenny) Carolan was elected to serve as Wise Master in the Chapter, Rose Croix in the Valley of Tampa for the year 2021. Our



Wise Master was born in Queens, New York and raised there until he was drafted in the U. S. Army. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and served proudly in the 173rd Airborne. After receiving his Honorable Discharge, Brother Kenny became a union meat cutter for five years and then joined the Union Ironworkers in 1969 and worked 27 years in Newark, New Jersey and 13 yeas in Tampa, Florida. In addition, he formed a successful family business which lasted until his retirement.

Our Wise Master graduated from the National Labor College with a BA and holds two Masters Degrees from Rutgers University in Human Resources Management. He also is the author of the book, *The Union Ironworker "What We Do."*

Brother Carolan's masonic career began in 1975 when he petitioned Tarpon Lodge No. 112. He progressed through the chairs and served as Worshipful Master of Tarpon Lodge in 1980. It was also in 1980 that he became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa and became a Noble in Egypt Shriners. In his Lodge, our Wise Master is a Gold and Brown card holder. He served five years on the General Services Panel at the Masonic Home and is a Past Master of his Memorial Lodge. A member of the York Rite Bodies, he has served as High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander. He is currently the Junior Warden in Knight Masons and Tyler in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Our Wise Master currently serves as the Degree Master for the 32nd Degree and is the Orator in the 4th Degree. In addition he is a Past President of the North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club, Past Commander of the Valley's KCCH Organization and is serving this year as President of the Valley's Past Masters Organization. In recognition of his hard work and

dedication, Brother Carolan was invested with the Rank and Dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2017.

In his spare time, our Wise Master enjoys relaxing with a scotch and a cigar and studying the lectures. He is also a member of the VFW, American Legion and AMVETS and is always ready to entertain our veterans by singing karaoke.

Douglas W. Dobbs, 32° Venerable Master

Brother Douglas (Doug) Wayne Dobbs, 32° was elected to serve the Tampa Lodge of Perfection as its Venerable Master for the year 2021. A true Floridian, Brother Doug was born in 1961 in Arcadia, Florida. He attended

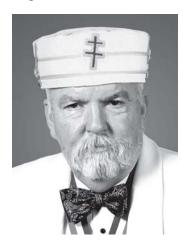


school in Manatee County and continued his education at Manatee Vocational Technical School and Manatee Community College. In 1982 he went to work for the City of Bradenton reading water meters and after four years was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent and then as the Superintendent of the Water Distribution and Sewer Collection Division where he supervised 35 employees with a budget of five million dollars at the time of his retirement in 2012.

Our Venerable Master began is Masonic journey when he petitioned Manatee Lodge No. 31 in 2009. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2016 and served as Lodge Secretary in 2017. In 2018, he was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 23rd Masonic District, representing M∴W∴ John E. Karroum. In 2019 he served as Zone 6 Chairman of the Child ID Committee.

Brother Doug petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2014 and became a Perpetual Member in July, 2016. He has served the Valley on the Degree Teams 9th, 10th and 21st Degrees and in the Prop Room. He also served ... continued on page 6

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

George Washington (1732-1799), our first President, became a Mason at around age 20. The Fraternity's espousal of the Enlightenment principles of rationality,

reason, and brotherhood appeared to appeal to him.

Washington is said to have had a fiery temper. He is also said to know "...the importance of subsuming his passions beneath a firm constitution." Many strong-willed leaders have a temper, but the great ones manage to conquer it with the same courage and control with which they face all challenges.

Perhaps the Fraternity positively influenced Washington in this regard.

Among the documented influences upon Washington was the life of Cato of Rome (95-46 BCE), referred to as Cato the Younger (his great-grandfather Cato the Elder [234-149 BCE] was a military tribune and historian.)

Cato the Younger was a student of Stoic philosophy, but is better known and remembered for his political role during Rome's transition from a republic to an empire; specifically, his commitment to the former. He was dedicated to the elimination of corruption in Rome and returning it to its core values. He exemplified opposition to tyranny.

Like Washington, he also had a fiery temper. He controlled both it and his tongue. He once explained, "I begin to speak only when I'm certain what I'll say isn't better left unsaid."

Historians depict Cato as being indifferent to anything but virtue and duty. Reputation did not matter (remember the Senior Deacon's presentation to a new candidate?) He exemplified a classic Stoic precept: what is right is right; nothing else matters; practice and demonstrate virtue. He is remembered by the historian Sallust (86-35 BCE) for the "uprightness of his life... the cultivation of self-control, propriety and sternness."

Washington knew all this. In May 1778 after a harsh winter at Valley Forge, he arranged to present a theatrical production of James Addition's 1713 tragedy

Cato. Some scholars have viewed this presentation as an attempt by Washington to inspire his troops to continue their struggle against tyranny, notwithstanding their hard environment.

Washington clearly is an exemplar of virtue, self-control, commitment to duty, liberty and justice. He mastered his temper.

Maybe he self-developed himself by studying the history of the stoic, Cato the Younger. And maybe the Entered Apprentice assisted him in his journey.

In any event, we should emulate as best we can, in our much simpler lives, the examples of Washington and Cato the Younger. We can learn to control our tongues and passion, perform our duty, and live virtually, even if we cannot rid the world of tyranny and corruption. We do what we can, and what we must.

The Spring Reunion is scheduled for April 10 and 17, as we endeavor to return to our usual "cycle." The schedule is subject to the confirmation by all degree teams and the approval of the Executive Committee and Deputy. It is published elsewhere in the Bulletin.

...continued from Page 5 – Douglas W. Dobbs, 32°

as Executive Committee Officer Member-At-Large in 2019 and 2020.

Brother Dobbs is continuing to serve the Valley and his District by being the President for 2021 at the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club and being involved in the York Rite Bodies as Captain of the Host in Sarasota Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons. He is a member in the Samoor Grotto, Allied Masonic Degrees, Manasota Council No. 305, Mystic Brotherhood, Council No. 35 and others.

He would like to thank one and all for his journey in the Valley of Tampa, for their support and faith in him as the Venerable Master for 2021.

Email Addresses

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Prelate

by A. Gary Cavanaugh, 33°



Worship Away your Worries

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomor-



row, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:33-34 (NIV)

What has you staying up at night? Family matters? The economy? A health issue? There are many ways suggested that are unique ways to rid yourself of worry. They include changing your bedtime, smelling a grapefruit, and engaging in forest therapy. These strange suggestions have one thing in common—they try to take your mind off of your worries.

There's a better, spiritual answer to worry. God gives us a great treatment for worry as we read in the title scripture. He says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." God says seek Him first. Focus your attention on worshipping the God who made you, loves you and cares for you.

Worshiping together with other Christians can be uplifting. When we sing and pray and put our thoughts toward God, it helps us deal with worry in our minds. Most importantly, when we listen for God through worship and prayer and His Word, we hear His voice speaking into our lives. When you examine friends who worship regularly and are in the Bible regularly, you'll find they have something in common-they probably don't worry very much. Because the more time we spend with God, the more trusting we become toward Him, and the less worried we become about the circumstances around us.

Are people in general more worried today? Recent data suggests that people are more worried than ever, from anxiety over terror attacks, to finances, to loved ones, to identity theft. At the same time, church attendance is down, with only 28% of younger Americans (between 23 and 37) attending church. One must wonder if there is a correlation between the two.

In 2013, the New York Times published an article about the benefits of church. They cited studies that church attendance boosts the immune system, decreases blood pressure and may add up to three years to your life. Worship affects a person in a positive way, physically, emotionally and mentally.

When you worry, follow God's instruction and worship. Engage in prayer. Sing a song of praise. Listen to your preacher. Open the Bible and read what God has said. Seek first God and His Kingdom. When you make worship the priority, you leave no room for worry.

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 8, 2021:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
Pasta with Meat Balls, Vegetable Blend, Assorted
Cakes, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.

April 12, 2021:

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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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

George Alfonso, 32° 01/11/21 age 95 Brandon, FL

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