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by Ill. : Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2022 has arrived. 2021, like every year, presented its challenges, but your Scottish Rite came through with a lot of successes. During the past year, we have been able to return to some sense of normalcy in our operation and we are hoping that this trend will continue in 2022.

In addition to our Fall Reunion, your Scottish Rite also sponsored open events honoring the sitting Worshipful Masters in the Valley of Tampa along with recognizing the DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Squire Manors in our area. We were honored to have with us for these two events, Ill. : Richard G. Hoover, 33°, PGM and SGIG in the Orient of Florida.

Our Scottish Rite Clubs continued this past year in promoting the Scottish Rite in their respective areas. We do want to welcome our newest Club, the Tri-County Club, that meets at Lake Wales Lodge No. 242. This Club, under the leadership of Brother Perry Batson, 32°, President, and the other officers have hit the ground running and are busy spreading the story of the Scottish Rite to the brothers in the tri county area. It seems that at every monthly Consistory meeting there is at least one Club representative who is making a donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. If you are not able to attend our monthly meetings, please accept this heart-felt thanks on behalf of the Foundation and the kids that are the beneficiaries of your generosity.

Without a doubt, the biggest accomplishment in 2021, and the greatest challenge in 2022, was the sale of our property on Memorial Highway. While the developer is still conducting their due diligence, we are confident that the sale will be consummated in 2022. Along those lines, we have begun discussion with our architect as to what our new building will look like and the floorplan of the various rooms, auditorium, offices and dining room. We are currently working on allowing our members to track the progress of this project via our website. It is our intention to keep everyone informed as we move through this process. I am happy to report that Brother Chas Jordan, 32° KCCH, will continue as one of the project managers. His experience in this type of project will insure that we dot all the i's and cross all the t's.

To begin 2022, congratulations are in order to those who have been elected to serve the Valley of Tampa in 2022. Of course, I am talking

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about our new Master of Kadosh, Brother Petar Sibinkic, 32° Commander of Kadosh, Brother Paul D. Barber 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Brother Paul Ippolito, 32° and Venerable Master, Brother Joe Monday, 32° These four brothers along with the other members of the Executive Committee will be working hard during the year to provide the leadership and new ideas that will make us successful this year. For these programs to be successful, we will need the support of as many of our members as possible.

Many brothers worked hard in 2021 for the benefit of the Valley. A special thanks go out to our outgoing heads of the Bodies, Brother Chas Jordan, 32° KCCH, Brother Richard Vogt, 32° KCCH, Brother Kenneth Carolan, 32° KCCH and Brother Douglas Dobbs, 32°. These four brothers have left some big shoes for their successors in office to fill and I have no doubt that they will be filled perfectly.

In closing, brethren I ask again that you do what you can for your Scottish Rite in 2022. That may be attending Consistory meetings, Club meetings, volunteering your time for projects that need to be accomplished or encouraging your Blue Lodge brethren who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. As always, ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. 🍷

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to these Masters of the Royal Secret who have joined us by Affiliation and Dual membership, 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 in general and Scottish Rite in particular.

Affiliation

Michael J. Acosta, 32°
Robert Guevara-Santiago, 32°
Kevin J. McArdle, 32°

Dual

Joseph P. Morgan, 32°

Annual Installation of Officers

On January 10, 2022, we will install the officers who will lead the Valley of Tampa into the new year. Along with the officers of the four coordinate bodies, we will also install the officers of the Knights of St. Andrew, Knight Commander Court of Honour Organization, Past Masters Organization, Scottish Rite Guard, and our Scottish Rite Clubs. The installation is open to all members, their families, and friends. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. with the Installation to begin at 7:00 p.m. 🍷

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.

January 10, 2022:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
Annual Installation of Officers
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Grilled Chicken, Alfredo served over Fettuccini, Sopa Toscana, Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea and Lemonade

February 14, 2022

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Education Program - 23rd Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle
Presentation of Patents and Double Eagle Awards
House Salad, Dinner Rolls, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pudding Cups, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. 🍷

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

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center
5500 Memorial Hwy.,
Tampa, FL 33634
Phone: (813) 368-3878
4th Wednesday every month at 12:00 p.m.

Tri-County Scottish Rite Club

Lake Wales Masonic Lodge No. 242
660 S. 9th St.,
Lake Wales, FL 33853
Phone: (863) 528-6191

4th Thursday Jan. Mar., May, July, Sept. Nov. at 7:00 p.m.

Support your Scottish Rite Club

2022 Valley Officers

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Bearer Black Standard Michael R. Cochran, 32°
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Asst. Expert Richard C. Brooks, 32°
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Expert Christopher G. Burns, 32°
Asst. Expert James R. McKinney, 32°
Captain of the Host Ryan C. Tindol, 32°

Deadline for March/April Bulletin

February 7 - Contributor deadline

February 14 - Office contributor deadline

February 18 - Transmit print file to our printer

For the Four Coordinate Bodies

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 Associate Tiler Stephen C. Murphy, 32°

Outside of Freemasonry, our Master of Kadosh is the owner of Longboat Key Fitness Studio and is a certified personal trainer and Sports Technology Specialist. He is the father of two sons and loves to spend time with friends and family, performing arts, boating and target shooting. Most importantly, his fiancée, Heather, is supporting him wholeheartedly in his Masonic endeavors. 🐾

Petar Sibinkic, 32° Master of Kadosh



Brother Petar Sibinkic 32° was elected to serve as the Valley of Tampa's Master of Kadosh for the year 2022. Petar was born in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia and moved to the United States in 2006. While living in Europe, he participated in the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Olympic Games where he competed in the sprint racing kayak competition. At the 2000 Games, our Master of Kadosh finished 5th in the K-2 1000 meter competition, representing the country of Bulgaria.

Brother Petar petitioned Sarasota Lodge No. 147 in 2012. He was raised a Master Mason on January 12, 2013. In 2015, he was appointed Senior Steward and progressed through the line and served Sarasota Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2020. As a student of our ritual, he holds the Silver, White, Green, Blue and Orange Proficiency cards from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Brother Sibinkic became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Tampa on April 27, 2013, as a member of the Ernest Borgnine Memorial Reunion Class. He is currently the Degree Master for the 21st Degree and has played the part of Count Reinfred since 2014. He also serves as the Assistant Degree Master of the 9th and 10th Degrees and plays the part of Jubelum. In 2014, represented the Valley of Tampa in the Scottish Rite Fellows Program and became a Grand Commander Fellow. That experience led him to love the Scottish Rite more and more and becoming very interested in Scottish Rite philosophy and Americanism.

Paul D. Barber, 32° KCCH Commander of the Council



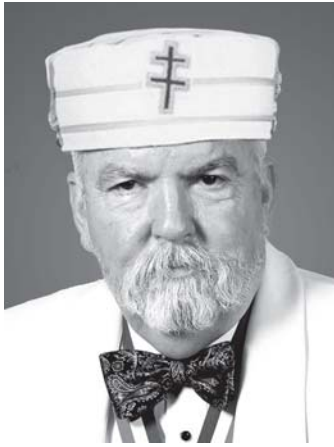
Our new Commander is a native of Tampa, but moved with his family, at the age of 7 to Macon, GA. His father was employed by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture and the family moved several times over the next eleven years with stays in Columbus and Marietta, GA as well as Panama City, FL and Prattville, AL. Upon graduating from high school in Prattville, he entered Auburn University. After a year at Auburn, where he was studying Engineering, he moved back to Tampa and took a job in the fire sprinkler industry. He worked for Aqua Safe Fire Protection and Viking Fire Protection, holding the positions of apprentice, pipe fitter, foreman, road foreman and field superintendent. While working in Aruba as a piping project coordinator, he was injured in a propane gas explosion in 1990. After spending time at Jackson Hospital in Miami, he returned to his parent's home in Alabama for rehab therapy. While recovering in Alabama, he reentered Auburn University studying Mechanical Engineering.

Once he was strong and independent enough to function on his own, our Commander returned to Tampa in 1994 and transferred his studies to the University of South Florida where he completed his BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1996.

In 1992, he petitioned Oak Park Lodge No. 864 in Montgomery, AL and was Raised to the Sublime

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

Christopher Houston “Kit” Carson (1809-1868) was a fur trapper, frontiersmen, and pioneer who helped settle the west.

He guided John Charles Fremont on

expeditions to map the Oregon Trail. In the 1850s, Carson was a Federal Indian Agent and strong advocate for Native Americans, traveling to Washington, DC late in life as an advocate.

He served in the Mexican American War and held the rank of Brigadier General for the Union during the War Between the States.

Born in Kentucky and reared in Missouri, he lived for a time around Santa Fe, New Mexico (when not on expeditions or trapping) and later settled in Taos, New Mexico and raised ten children.

Kit Carson was also a Freemason. During 1854, he was initiated, passed, and raised at Montezuma Lodge No. 109 in the Santa Fe Territory. Subsequently, he was a

founding member of Bent Lodge No. 42 in Taos, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri AF&AM. He served as both Junior and Senior Warden, but his journey to the East was interrupted by the War Between the States.

Bent Lodge No. 42, with the support of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, purchased Carson's homestead in Taos in 1909. After a lengthy restoration period, it is now a non-profit historical museum.

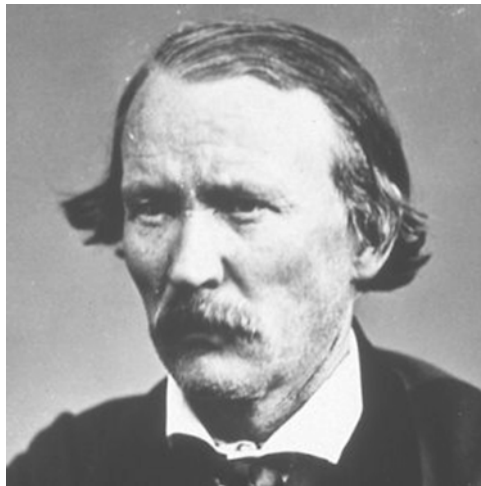
The Museum includes a video presentation on Carson's life (produced by the History Channel,) an obligatory gift shop, and the restored homestead. It is designated a National Historic Landmark.

Visit the museum website at kitcarsonmuseum.org for more details.

When visiting the museum last October, inquiry was made as to the entrance fee. The proprietor gestured to a sign and replied “\$10; \$8 for seniors; kids are \$7.” But he said with some

relish, “if you are a Freemason and produce a dues card—there is no charge.” The proprietor that day was the sitting Master of Bent Lodge. The Lodge owns the place and runs it. They cherish the legacy and fraternal contributions of Brother Kit Carson. So, Freemasons tour the Museum on their nickel.

A warm and fraternal conversation ensued. The whole experience was a positive and friendly statement about brotherhood and our Fraternity.



Christopher “Kit” Carson

At our February 14, 2022 meeting the 23rd

Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, will be conferred at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting. The Spring Reunion has been rescheduled for March 19, 2022—only the five mandatory degrees will be conferred. 🇺🇸



Oldest known photo of the Carson home, circa 1868.

Prelate

by Richard A.
Vogt, 32° KCCH

*Cast away from you
all the transgressions
that you have committed,
and make yourselves a
new heart and a new
spirit! (Eze 18:31) ESV*



We have a New Year upon us. This is a time of reflection and resolutions. We are almost two years in for this COVID pandemic. It has been difficult, to say the least, both personally for all of us and for our fraternity. We have seen many of our Brothers enter the Celestial Lodge above as well as family members and friends. There has been a deep sadness that pervades all our doings. We have been asked to endure through the most trying times of our lives. We have all heard the rhetoric and conflicting stories from our political leaders and medical professionals and we must choose, each one of us, what we believe the best course to be-without any certainty as to what is right.

There is only one person who can be relied on to give us the truth every time. That is God! But first we must throw off our old transgressions and renew ourselves by His Spirit. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9). The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. We say in our meetings quite often that the power of prayer is our most powerful tool. Let us use it; not just when we are needy, but especially to give thanks when we have plenty. This is the Holy Spirit working within us.

We are admonished to pray continually-for ourselves, our family and friends, our fraternity, our leaders-but most of all we should pray for God to give us a new heart. A heart for Him that constantly seeks after Him in humble supplication and gratitude for all our needs and for all that He has given us. Some of the fruits of the Spirit are peace and joy. Who among us could not use some of both right now? These fruits come from a humble heart in servitude to God. Let us each, as our New Year's Resolution, resolve to more completely seek God and ask Him to renew our hearts to serve Him and our fellow man. 🐾

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

Participation at the Tampa Scottish Rite Club is a great way to break up the monotony of your workweek. Our Club meets in the dining hall of the Tampa Scottish Rite at 12:00 noon on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except that we change to the 3rd Wednesday in November and dispense with our December meeting).

At each meeting, a casual lunch is prepared by our catering staff (\$10 per person) and a brief presentation is made regarding our Masonic community, a topic of Masonic education or an opportunity for civic service.

All are welcome! Casual dress is acceptable, and the fellowship is enjoyable. Please plan to join us! For information, please contact the 2022 Club President, Ill. Stephen B. Jacobson, 33° at (813) 930-5198. 🐾

...continued from Page 5 – Paul D. Barber, 32° KCCH

Degree of Master Mason in 1992. He became a Master of the Royal Secret the same year in the Valley of Montgomery, AL.

In 2010, he petitioned A. W. Windhorst Lodge No. 185 for a transfer of membership. He served A. W. Windhorst Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2014 and served as Secretary of the Lodge from 2015-2018. He has served the 20th Masonic District as a committee-man from 2010-2015 and served as the Zone Chairman of the Child ID Program in 2017 and 2018.

Brother Paul moved his Scottish Rite membership to the Valley of Tampa in 2010 and immediately took the office of Bearer of the White Standard in the Council line. He serves as the Degree Master of the 11th and 22nd Degrees and is an active participant in those degrees along with taking parts in the 16th, 19th and 24th Degrees. For his work and dedication to the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry, he was invested with the rank and dignity of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2019.

Our Commander and his longtime partner, Maudelene McCleary, live in Tampa where she is active in Tampa Chapter No. 11, OES. Brother Barber occupies his time managing residential rental properties and enjoys fabrication and repair projects. His pastimes include hanging out with his Rat Terriers, boating on the river and bay, Masonic ritual work and vagabond RV'ing. 🐾

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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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11/26/21 age 94
Largo, FL

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10/02/21 age 98
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Jupiter, FL

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10/03/21 age 79
Lake Spivey, GA

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10/30/21 age 88
Jacksonville, FL

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08/22/21 age 73
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08/23/21 age 62
Lakeland, FL

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09/22/2021 age 77
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05/28/21 age 91
Sarasota, FL

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10/11/21 age 96
Chester, VA