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**The Valley of Tampa
Cordially invites you to attend the
Sixth Annual Feast of Kadosh
on Saturday, March 19, 2022**

**The Feast of Kadosh celebrates the founding
of the Knights Templars in 1119**

The evening's events will include:

**A delicious plated Dinner with a Salad, Entrée and Dessert
(Entrée selections are your choice of Herb Crusted NY Strip Steak or
Baked Salmon. Selection must be made at time of making reservations)**

Salutations and Toasts

**We are pleased to have with us Ill.: James D. Cole, 33°,
Sovereign Grand Commander.**

Tickets are \$50 per person

and are available through the
Tampa Scottish Rite Office - 813-886-0578

Ticket Sales and Entrée selection are **REQUIRED**
no later than Monday, March 14, 2022

Social Hour - 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Appropriate Dress is as follows:

Gentlemen - Suit, Tie & Scottish Rite Cap

Ladies - Nice dress or pantsuit

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by Ill. : Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Some of you are aware of what I have been going through recently as far as my health is concerned. While I have not necessarily kept it a secret, as I have told people, you will not find it on my Facebook page. After several months of medical treatments and more recently surgery, it looks like the issue is pretty

well taken care of due to modern medicine. The purpose of writing this is to thank those who have shown a great amount of support to me and my family during this ordeal. From a personal standpoint, this is the first time in my 47 years in Freemasonry, that I have been the beneficiary of outpouring support and advice that I have received. Words cannot express the thanks that I have for those who have reached out and offered me any assistance or an ear to bend if I needed something or just wanted to talk. The point of this is not to have pity, but to remind all of us, that when a brother, or his family, is going through a tough time in their lives, we need to reach out to them and show them the support that they need. It is my hope that in the next sixty days, my life will be back to normal and I can put this incident totally behind me.

In the month of March, we have two very important events scheduled, which will be the last big events in our current building. I am talking about our Spring Reunion and our 6th Annual Feast of Kadosh. The Reunion schedule (a 1-day Reunion) is in this issue of the Bulletin. The Reunion has been opened to all of the Valleys in the Orient of Florida and promises to be a great success. We are honored that Ill. : James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, will be with us that day and will consecrate the Class.

One event that everyone looks forward to is our annual Feast of Kadosh banquet that has been held in the month of March. The Feast is scheduled for March 19, the same day of the Reunion and initial indications are that it will be a success. Certainly a long day for many, but it should be worthwhile. Our Grand Commander will be the key-note speaker for the Feast. Ill. : Cole is a wonderful speaker and I am sure that his comments will be appreciated by everyone in attendance. Please take note of the cover of the Bulletin with more details and the deadline for making reservations.

In April we will have our annual Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance on April 11, 2022. This is an obligatory observance

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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 Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida.



General Secretary

by Scott McAlister, 33°

Brethren: Just a reminder that the very last Reunion in our current building will be Saturday, March 19. The five mandatory degrees only will be conferred. This is a great opportunity to

talk to your Blue Lodge Brothers about becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. Petitions can be found on our website at <https://tampascottishrite.org/members/become-a-member/>. Petitions are coming in. This Reunion is open to all the Valleys in Florida so this should be a good size class in honor of Ill.: Thede “Ted” Tooma, 33°. Please get petitions in ASAP! Do not wait until the last minute. Ill.: James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction of the A.A.S.R. will be our special guest and will help consecrate the class.

Also, don't forget to make reservations for the last Feast of Kadosh to be held in our current building. The Feast of Kadosh will be held the same day of the Reunion. Ill.: James D. Cole, 33° will be our keynote speaker. For information and to make reservations please go to <https://tampascottishrite.org/event/feast-of-kadosh/> or call the Scottish Rite office.

Our March 14 meeting is scheduled to be the last in our current building. You certainly won't want to miss that one. Our April meeting will be held at John Darling Lodge No. 154 on Habana Avenue in Tampa (across from St. Joseph's Hospital.) John Darling Lodge will be our primary base and each quarter we will be moving around to a different lodge in our Valley.

The Proposed Schedule for our 2022 Scottish Rite Meetings:

- April.....John Darling Lodge, Dist. 19
- MayJohn Darling Lodge, Dist. 19
- June Clearwater Lodge, Dist. 18
- July.....DeSoto Lodge, Dist. 20
- AugustJohn Darling Lodge, Dist. 19
- SeptemberJohn Darling Lodge, Dist. 19
- October Sarasota Scottish Rite, Dist. 23
- NovemberNitram Lodge, Dist. 18
- December John Darling Lodge, Dist. 19 🐾

2022 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 2022:

- Sebastian Carnevale, 32° Tuscan Lodge No. 6
- Jody Meguiar, 32° KCCH Hillsborough Lodge No. 25
- Luis Moran, 32° Dade City Lodge No. 48
- Joseph Rogers, II, 32° Lakeland Lodge No. 91
- Ryan Tindol, 32°Clearwater Lodge No. 127
- Ryan Saxer, 32° St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139
- Austin Brock, 32° Trilby Lodge No. 141
- Charles Wolbert, III, 32°Sarasota Lodge No. 147
- Wissam Itani, 32° John Darling Lodge No. 154
- Mark Goldfedder, 32° Sutherland Lodge No. 174
- Ney Delgado-Arias, 32° Nitram Lodge No. 188
- Thomas Simpson, Jr, 32° Poinciana Lodge No. 227
- Charles Welborn, Jr., 32° Lake Wales Lodge No. 242
- Teddy Watson, 32° Sebring Lodge No. 249
- Rusty Valle, 32° Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252
- Jamal Redfurn, 32° Holyrood Lodge No. 257
- Justin Broome, 32° Venice Lodge No. 301
- Jason Harper, 32° Kathleen Lodge No. 338
- Michael Cochran, 32° Phoenix Lodge No. 346
- Roger Smith, Jr., 32° Travelers Lodge No. 390
- Kevin Sapio, 32° Liberty Lodge No. 412
- V. Kirk Hinote, 32° Memorial Lodge No. 918
- Steven Silvers, 32° KCCH ... Memorial Lodge No. 920 🐾

Building Update

The Temple Association is moving forward on our plans to build a new building on our current property. With this transition comes a change in our meeting location once we vacate our building. It was decided early on that during construction, we would move our meeting locations around the Valley. Thanks to Brother Rick Vogt, 32° KCCH, we have been able to secure meeting locations through November 2023.

With the assistance of the brethren of John Darling Lodge No. 154, we will meet in their Lodge two consecutive months and then move to another location for the third month. That being said, our April and May meetings will be held at John Darling Lodge, located at 4601 N. Habana Ave, Tampa. Our meeting times will be the same as now and

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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

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.

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293rd Reunion Schedule

One Day - Saturday, March 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. Assembly - Opening Ceremonies - Open LofP
7:45 a.m. 4° Secret Master - confer
8:35 a.m. Member/Class Education
9:03 a.m. Break
9:13 a.m. 14° Perfect Elu - confer
10:29 a.m. Break
10:29 a.m. Open LofP, Open Chapter
10:51 a.m. Class photo before lunch & lunch
11:51 a.m. 18° Knight Rose Croix - confer
1:07 p.m. Degree Closes Chapter
1:07 p.m. Open Council - Elect Officers
1:22 p.m. Break
1:32 p.m. 30° Knight Kadosh - confer
2:50 p.m. Close Council; open Consistory
3:05 p.m. Member/Class Education
3:15 p.m. 32° Master of the Royal Secret - confer
4:36 p.m. Consecration and Closing in lodge room
5:04 p.m. Scheduled end time 🌟

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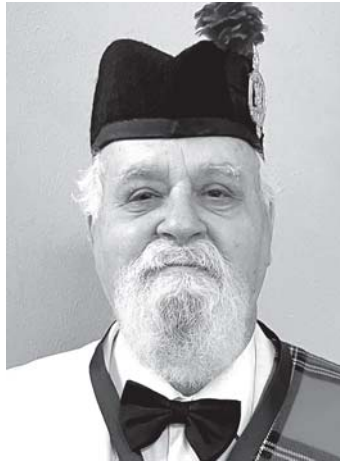
sponsored by the Chapter of Rose Croix where members of the Chapter of Rose Croix celebrate both the beginning and end of life. The ceremony is open to one and all as we honor those members of the Chapter of Rose Croix who have left our midst in the past year. If you have never attended this ceremony, 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. This will take place at John Darling Lodge No. 154, which is where we will meet in April and May.

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. 🌟

Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 4 - Contributor deadline
April 13 - Office contributor deadline
April 15 - Transmit print file to our printer

**Paul A.
Ippolito, 32°
Wise Master
Chapter of Rose Croix**



Brother Paul Ippolito was elected to serve as Wise Master in the Chapter, Rose Croix in the Valley of Tampa for the year 2022. Our Wise Master was born in Waterbury, CT but grew up in the small town of Prospect, CT. In his younger days, he enjoyed Boy Scouting, hiking and camping and winter sports (ice skating and skiing.) He graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT and upon graduation he enlisted in the US Navy, where he proudly served from 1968 to 1972. During this time, he was a Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (small craft operator, deck and gunnery).

Upon his discharge from the Navy, he was hired by the City of Waterbury, CT in the Parks Department, Landscape and Nursery Division as an equipment operator. While working for the city, he took night courses training to be a chef.

Our Wise Master and his family moved to Florida in 1975, where he worked in the hotel/restaurant business as a chef. Finding that the restaurant business was not conducive to family life, he took the Postal Service exam and served as a general mechanic and hazmat specialist. Brother Paul retired from the Post Office with 28 years of government service.

Not being one to just sit around, our Wise Master took up road running and participated in many local area road races and completed the New York (1987) and Chicago (1989) marathons.

Brother Ippolito petitioned Holyrood Lodge No. 257 and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2012. He has served Holyrood Lodge as Senior Steward, Chaplain and as a catechism instructor. He currently holds the Grand Lodge of Florida Silver card. He is also active in the Tampa York Rite Bodies.

In 2013, he petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret as a member of the Ill. William R. Williams, 33° Memorial Class. It didn't take long before he was working on

several of our degree teams, currently in the cast of the 16th, 7th, 22nd, and 31st Degrees.

Brother Paul has been married to Anna Marie for 25 years. Anna Marie is a retired special education teacher. They have one daughter, Angela, who is a marketing and sales manager for Sobel Corp in Miami, FL. 🐾

**Joseph A.
Monday, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection**

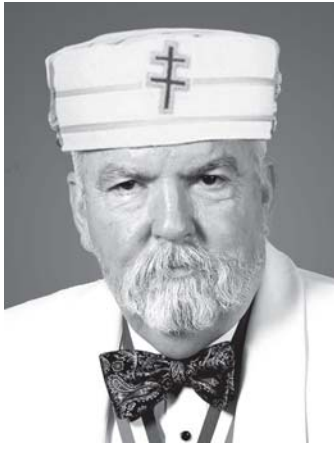


Brother Joseph A. Monday, 32° was elected to serve the Tampa Lodge of Perfection as its Venerable Master for the year 2022. Our brother was born in West Bend, WI, the oldest of eight children. He attended school in Newburg, WI and West Bend High School before attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. His college education was interrupted by Uncle Sam when he was drafted in 1963, subsequently serving 26 years in the U. S. Army. He attended the Field Artillery Office Candidate School obtaining his commission and went on to retire as Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery. His military service encompassed numerous schools and also afforded him the opportunity to finish college at Cameron State University in Lawton Oklahoma. He served two tours in Germany, one in Korea and one in Vietnam.

Upon retiring and moving to Florida Brother Joe was employed by the State of Florida as a Local Veterans Employment Representative, counseling veterans on the ways and means to seek meaningful employment. Simultaneously, he worked for H&R Block as an Income Tax Advisor and Preparer for 25 years.

Our Venerable Master began his Masonic journey when he petitioned Siloam Lodge No. 399 and was Raised a Master Mason on February 15, 2014. He has served his lodge in several offices and served Siloam Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2017.

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Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

At our March 14, 2022 meeting the 6th Degree, Confidential or Intimate Secretary, will be conferred at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting. The Spring Reunion is

March 19, 2022—the five mandatory degrees will be conferred. Information about the Reunion can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

As we commence rotating our meetings around the Valley for the next two years, we will endeavor to continue to confer some of the shorter degrees. We first need to determine logistics and understand accommodations.

Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE) was a Roman statesman and philosopher. His works have frequented these pages. Among his extant work is *On Obligations*. It is a letter of advice to his son.

On Obligations, Cicero explores the topic of virtue. He told his son that virtue is centered on three elements. The first lies in detecting the true and genuine in a particular instance—understanding origins, consequences and causes. We must be able to distinguish reality from appearance, argument from assertion. This first element he called wisdom.

The second is the restraint of “mental disturbances,” what the Greeks called emotion or passion. Virtue subjects our impulses to the control of reason—to subdue our passions. This element Cicero called temperance.

A third “enables us to treat our associates in a restrained and expert way,” dealing with each other with consideration. This third element of virtue he called a form of justice, as Masons might put it, “to render to every man his just due without distinction.”

Cicero’s fatherly advice also explored the topic of charity. In his instruction he presented a duality—two contrasting concepts of charity familiar to Masons.

The first advises a *narrow* application of charity: “... our munificence should take account of men's

worth ... we are to assess the character of the recipient of our kindness.” This sounds very much like a portion of our obligations in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees and a declaration in the 14th Degree, Perfect Elu. This concept dispenses charity commensurate with worthiness.

But a few paragraphs later Cicero counsels his son, “... our greatest obligation ... is to lend help above all to the person in greatest need.” This advice reminds us of one of the principal steps of Jacob’s ladder in the EA Lecture and to the great Law espoused in the 18th Degree, Knight of Rose Croix.

Cicero’s philosophy, especially that from *On Obligations*, appear frequently in Scottish Rite ritual. Clearly Albert Pike read it; many of its passages are found in *Morals and Dogma*. We should read Cicero’s *On Obligations*. We should recommend it to our children. 🐼

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 14, 2022:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Closed Meeting
Education Program - 6th Degree, Confidential or Intimate Secretary
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta with Meat Balls, Vegetable Blend, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, lemonade

April 11, 2022

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 🐼

Prelate

by Richard A.
Vogt, 32° KCCH

*Be still, and know that
I am God. (Ps 46:10)*
ESV



A very short sentence, command really, but packed with so much meaning. It seems as time goes on we all get busier and busier. The hustle and bustle of everyday life just gets more intense with each passing year. I know that when I retired I thought I would have time to just “sit back and smell the roses”; but, I am busier now than when I was working. I was afraid I would run out of things to do in retirement, now I have too much. Especially as Americans we think bigger and better is the only way to go. So we add more and more to our plates to get to that elusive place known as “I finally have enough.”

We think it is solely on us to provide for our families, so we work more and more hours which only takes us away from those we are trying to do the best for. We live in a world where we think material things are the answer to happiness. However, to get those things, we find ourselves missing from the one place that should bring us the most happiness—our homes and families. We do the same thing in our Masonic lives as well. We take on more and more responsibilities, which takes away on more and more nights. All in the name of Brotherhood and Fellowship.

You might think I am saying this is a bad thing. Not at all! The Brotherhood and Fellowship we enjoy in our Lodges and our Valley helps make us better men by associating with better men. My point is, however, that we try to do all this by ourselves. That's where this particular verse comes into play. It is one of my favorites. We need to recognize that it is only by the Grace of God that we can do anything. We need to stop every so often and give thanks to the Sovereign of the Universe. We need to stop every so often and ask God if we are on the right track. We need to stop every so often and ask God to guide us in our lives. We need to stop every so often and reassess our priorities. Are we giving

sufficient time to the greatest gift God has given us—our families?

Ecc 9:1 says, “But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are all in the hand of God.” We must remember whose children we are and who directs our paths. “Be still, and know that I am God!” 🐾

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He continues to serve as Lodge Secretary. In 2018, he was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District, representing M.: W.: John E. Karroum. In 2019 he served as a member of the Masonic Home Board of Trustees. He is a Past President of the 14th District Masters & Warden's Association and is in his 6th year as Secretary. He is a Past Patron of Brooksville Chapter No. 76, OES (twice) and Watchman of Shepherds of Guiding Star Shrine No. 28, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Our Venerable Master petitioned the Valley of Tampa and became a Master of the Royal Secret in 2014 as a member of the Ill.: Walter H. Winchester, 33° Memorial Class. He is an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew and serving as Junior Warden this year. In addition, he has served as an Assistant Class Director since 2016. Brother Monday is a charter member of the Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club where he serves as Secretary since its inception.

Brother Joe met his wife, Susan, in college and they have been married for 58 years. He is the proud father of two daughters and one grandson. His hobbies are numerous, among them; pine needle coiling, crocheting, knitting and lots of handyman jobs around their home in Spring Hill, FL. 🐾

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dinner will be served at the usual time. Other meeting locations in the future will include Clearwater Lodge No. 127, DeSoto Lodge No. 105, the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club building, Nitram Lodge No. 188, Springs Lodge No. 378, and Lake Wales Lodge No. 242. This information will be posted to our website in the near future. 🐾

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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



Lewis S. Mc Caffrey, 32°
11/11/21 age 85
Tampa, FL

Bruce A. Reinartsen, 32°
1/20/22 age 69
Spring Hill, FL

Hugh B. Haddock, 32°
1/11/22 age 89
Hilliard, FL

Donald F. Johnston, 32°
1/9/22 age 97
Tampa, FL

Paul A. Shariff, Jr. 32°
1/13/22 age 63
Bradenton, FL