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Grand Master M.:W.: Robert James Lambert of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: Robert James Lambert was born at Edwards Air Force Base in California and joined the United States Air Force after graduating from Coral Springs High School in 1981. He attended Golden Gate University while serving in the Air Force. He and his wife of 28 years, Carol, have three adult children: Jessica Meyer and her husband Joseph with two grandchildren Joey and Lillian; Maud Byer and Marybeth Lambert.

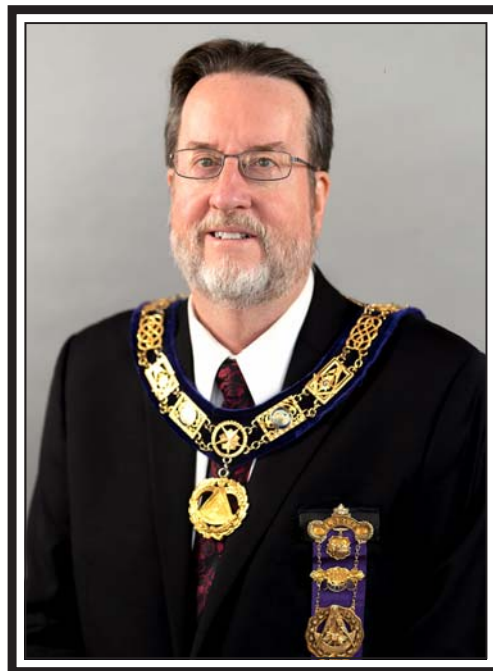
Our Grand Master received the Three Symbolic Degrees in Masonry while a member of Temple Terrace Lodge No. 330. He served as Junior Deacon of that Lodge. He transferred his membership to Holyrood Lodge No. 257 in 2006 and was elected as Senior Warden in 2009 and Worshipful Master in 2010. M.:W.: Lambert was also awarded Master Mason and Past Master of the Year in his Lodge. In 2019 he received his 25 Year Service Award.

M.:W.: Lambert has served the Fraternity on several different committees from 2011 through 2018 and received the following Grand Lodge Appointments: installed as District Deputy Grand

Master in 2013 by M.:W.: Danny R. Griffith; installed Grand Pursuivant in 2015 for M.:W.: Steven P. Boring and installed as Grand Marshal in 2018 for M.:W.: John E. Karroum.

M.:W.: Lambert was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden on May 27, 2019; Senior Grand Warden on May 25, 2020; Deputy Grand Master on May 31, 2021 and installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master on June 1, 2022.

Our Grand Master is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tampa and in 2021 was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. He is also a member of Palma Ceia Chapter No. 243, Order of the Eastern Star; a member of Egypt Shriners, where he is a Provost Guard and Past President of the Past Masters Unit and a member



**Grand Master
M.:W.: Robert James Lambert
of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Florida**

of both Zenda and Selama Grottoes. M.:W.: Lambert is a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of E. A. Finn Chapter in Deerfield Beach, FL. He has received the Degree of Chevalier and in 2014 was designated a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. 🐾

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by Ill. : Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

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 history of the flag. 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.

Speaking of our Brothers who are leaders in our Fraternity, I would like to congratulate M. : W. : Rob Lambert, 32° KCCH as he begins his year as our Grand Master. With the assistance of his Grand Lodge Officers, we look forward to a very successful year under his leadership. M. : W. :, please know that the Valley of Tampa is behind you and will assist you in any way that we can.

Brethren, I ask that you please look at your Scottish Rite dues card. If it says that it expired in 2021, would you assist your Valley by paying your 2022 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.

Please look at the listing of our meeting locations for the balance of 2022. If traveling to Tampa each month is not possible due to your schedule, please take note as to where we will be meeting during the balance of the year. Hopefully we will be meeting at a Lodge that is closer for you to attend and enjoy the brotherhood that the Scottish Rite offers its members.

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*. 🐾

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, Dues statements for 2023 will be mailed shortly by the Supreme Council. As of this date, there are 271 members from the Valley of Tampa who have not paid their dues

for 2021 and 2022. The dues for 2022 were to be paid no later than December 31, 2021. Please check your dues card. If it doesn't say 2022, please remit your dues as your earliest possible convenience. If you need assistance paying your dues, please contact our office at (813) 886-0578 and we can work something out. You can always pay your dues online, 24/7, at <https://tampascottishrite.org/payments-and-contributions/>.

The move to our temporary office/warehouse space has pretty much been completed. Special thanks to Brother Paul D. Barber, 32° KCCH and his lady Maudelene McCleary; Ann Nash; John D. Vogt, 32°; Paul A. Ippolito, 32°; and Luis A. Moran, Sr., 32° for their invaluable assistance in packing files and china. During the move, there was some interruption of phone, Internet, and mail service. Those issues have been resolved. I apologize for any inconvenience.

The Valley of Tampa has chosen Saturday, September 24, 2022, as the date for our Fall Reunion, which will be held at Egypt Shrine Temple. Time is short so get your petitions in ASAP. In the immortal words of Ill. Jim Long, 33°, get out there and “shake the bushes!” 🐾

Office Relocation

Due to our vacating the Masonic Center, it is necessary to move our Administrative Office to another location. We have secured space in a nice



building that will serve as our office and storage facility. The office will be located at 4515 George Road, Suite 370 in Tampa. We are in the process of having the telephones transferred to the new location along with internet service, etc., so we are hoping that this move will be a smooth transition. Scott and Trish will be in the office during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) 🐾

Meeting Locations and Schedules for 2022-23

John Darling Lodge No. 154

4601 N. Habana Ave.,
Tampa, FL 33614.

Meeting dates:	Aug. 8, 2022	Sept. 12, 2022
	Dec. 12, 2022	Jan. 9, 2023
	April 10, 2023	May 8, 2023
	Sept. 11, 2023	Oct. 9, 2023
	Nov. 13, 2023.	

Clearwater Lodge No. 127

705 S. Hercules Ave.,
Clearwater, FL 33764.

Meeting dates: June 13, 2022 June 12, 2023

DeSoto Lodge No. 105

10801 DeSoto Rd.,
Riverview, FL 33578.

Meeting dates: July 11, 2022 Aug. 14, 2023

Nitram Lodge No. 188

4275 78th Street N.,
St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

Meeting dates: Nov. 14, 2022

Springs Lodge No. 378

5030 S. Memorial Dr.,
Homosassa, FL 33447.

Meeting dates: Feb. 13, 2023

Lake Wales Lodge No. 242

660 S. 9th St.,
Lake Wales, FL 33853.

Meeting dates: March 13, 2023

Sarasota Scottish Rite Building

240 S. Tuttle Ave.,
Sarasota, FL 34237

Meeting dates: Oct. 10, 2022 July 11, 2023 🐾

Scottish Rite Clubs

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

VFW Post 10209
 14737 Edward R. Noll Drive
 Spring Hill, FL 34609
 Phone: (352) 678-1019

4th Friday 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

Village Inn
 215 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.,
 Tampa, FL 33609
 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

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° KCCH Grand Master
 Glen Bishop, 32° KCCH Deputy Grand Master
 Donald W. Cowart, 32° KCCH. Senior Grand Warden
 Anthony DeAngelo, 32° Grand Marshal
 Jack W. Hampton, Jr., 32° KCCH Grand Historian

District Deputies and Instructors

Julian Mackenzie, 32° DDGM, 19th District
 Richard A. Vogt, 32° KCCH DDGM, 20th District
 Gary W. Gordon, 32° DDGM, 21st District
 Thomas G. Haber, 32° DDGM, 23rd District
 Creg E. Bell, Sr., 32° DI, 14th District
 H. Michael Lowell, 32° DI, 20th District
 Jeremy G. Leslie, 32° DI, 21st District
 Douglas Dobbs, 32° DI, 23rd District

Committeemen

Arrangements Committee

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 Anthony L. Pickren, 32° KCCH
 Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH

Child ID Committee

Gregory L. Wynn, 32° KCCH - Chairman
 Thomas G. Haber, 32°

Committee on Work

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 John A. Baldwin, 32° KCCH
 Gary W. Gordon, 32°
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Endowment & Investment Committee

Barry D. Hart, 33°
 David W. Jones, 32°

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Committee

Thomas C. Newton, 32° - Chairman
 Robert W. Taylor Sr., 32°

Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 1 - Contributor deadline
 August 10 - Office contributor deadline
 August 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

General Services Panel

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Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH
Scott Wren, 32°

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Thomas H. Davie, 32°

Insurance Committee

Barry D. Hart, 33°
Charles C. Osborne, 33°

Masonic Jurisprudence Committee

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John N. Dragneff, 32°
John E. Drewett, 33°
Ronald C. Mincey, Jr., 32°
J. Paul Stellrecht, 32°
Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH

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Todd A. Meschelle, 32°
Ronald C. Mincey, Jr, 32°

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Felix Gordillo Jr. 32°
Steven J. Silvers, 32° KCCH
Frederick Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH

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Julian M. Mackenzie, 32°
Michael R. Pender, Jr., 33°
R. James Rocha, 33°

Masonic Leadership Training Committee

Roger W. Smith, Jr., 32°
William J. Thornton, 32°

Membership Development Committee

John N. Dragneff, 32°

Panel of Attorneys

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

Penal Affairs Committee

Perry D. Batson, 32°
John K. Bush, 32°
Harry M. Lowell, 32°
Frederick Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH

Perpetual Membership Committee

Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH

Public Education & Citizenship Committee

William J. Doolin, 32°

Public Relations & Publicity Committee

Mark P. Brewer, 32°

Returns & Credentials Committee

Allan J. Graulich, 32°, Chairman

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:

District Deputies and Instructors

Chas R. Jordan, 32° KCCH DDGHP, 3rd District
Robert W. Taylor, 32° DDGHP, 4th District
Jeffrey T. Lawrence, 32° DI, 2nd District

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

District Deputy Grand Masters

Wm. Allen Sorbie, 32° KCCH..... DDGM, 2nd District
James T. Blum, 33° DDGM 3rd District

Grand Commandery KT

District Deputies and Instructors

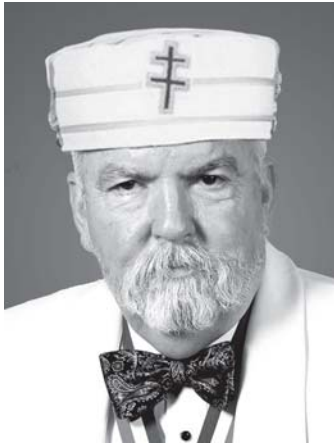
Charles R. Bailey, 32° DDGC, 3rd District
Alan R. Chancey, 32° DDGC, 4th District
Richard C. Brooks, 32° DI, 3rd District
Kenneth Barefield, 32° DI, 4th District

For the Three Grand Bodies

Richard A. Brooks, 32° Grand Secretary/Recorder
Robert C. St. John, 32° Grand Treasurer

The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal. 🇺🇸



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

The Hiramic Legend is the foundation of the Fraternity's ritual and narrative. It is more than an entertaining story, it is a teaching device, as most legends and myths

are. And it is indeed a legend. In the Volume of Sacred Law, Hiram the Artificer completes his work and fades into the sunset.

The events of the second section of the Master Mason Degree were the creation of our ancient brethren to teach us something, to frame our conduct and character, and to make us think. The fact that the Hiramic legend is an interesting tale simply facilitates its use as a teaching device.

As a candidate, we represented Hiram Abiff in the third degree. We do so again in the Scottish Rite's fifth degree, Perfect Master. The fifth degree is (generally) an annual commemoration of Hiram's funeral ceremony.

Having twice represented the Grand Master early in our Masonic journey, it is worthwhile to consider what the message may be. The third degree instructs us that we are to "imitate this good man ..." It is one brief sentence. What does it mean?

Albert Pike, in *Morals and Dogma*, posits "Whatever Hiram really was, he is the type, perhaps an imaginary type, to us, of humanity in its highest phase, an exemplar of what man may and should become, in the course of ages, in his progress toward the realization of his destiny, an individual gifted with a glorious intellect, a noble soul, a fine organization, and a perfectly balanced moral being..."

This is still only one sentence of instruction. But it further frames the purpose of our Masonic journey. Hiram, a legendary "perfect master," is our example, our role model. We are to develop and emulate his "legendary" qualities.

The fourth degree, Secret Master, where we metaphorically passed from the square to the compasses, raised the bar for our conduct. The fifth degree raises it higher still. We are to emulate the

Perfect Master of the Hiramic Legend. It is a tall order and high standard—but this is what we come here to do.

The annual commemoration of Hiram's funeral in the fifth degree, Perfect Master, offers many lessons. But foremost, it reminds us of our duty and purpose. 🦉

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 11, 2022:

at DeSoto Lodge No. 105

10801 DeSoto Rd., Riverview, FL 33578.

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting

August 8, 2022:

at John Darling Lodge No. 154

4601 N. Habana Ave., Tampa, FL 33614.

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Closed Meeting 🦉

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Prelate

by Richard A.
Vogt, 32° KCCH



James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (NIV)

Prayer, my Brothers, is the most powerful tool we have. At our Lodge meetings and our Consistory meetings, we always have a report on sickness and distress, which is either followed by prayer; or, we are admonished by the Worship Master to pray individually for, he tells us, our prayers are effective in bringing about good results. AMEN to that!

But, we are told by James that it is the prayer of a "righteous" man that is powerful and effective. Yet, the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans that, "there is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God, ..., there is no one who does good, not even one." (Romans 3:10-11, NIV). The Psalmist also spoke of this in Psalm 14:3, "there is none who does good, not even one." (NIV). So, do we just stop praying? ABSOLUTELY NOT! What are we to do?

The answer lies again in the same verses from Romans: Romans 3:11 "... no one who seeks God." God is the answer to all of life's problems. He is the author and finisher of our faith. God, Himself, gives us the answer through His Apostle John. In 1 John 1:9, he tells us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

We have a loving Father in Heaven who wants only the best for us. All He asks is that we believe in Him and put our faith in Him. Scripture tells us that Abraham believed in God and it was credited to him as righteousness. To be a righteous man and provide powerful and effective prayer, we must first humble ourselves before God, acknowledging Him as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. We must then confess that we, as humans, are sinful and only He can cleanse us and restore us to righteousness. Then, and only then, can we go to Him with our prayers and expect them to be answered according to His will.

Prayer is the most powerful and effective weapon we have against the ills of this world. But, it must be done correctly—in accordance with the template that God Himself has laid down for us. Acknowledging God for who He is, thanking Him for the good and the bad in our lives, confessing our sinfulness and asking for forgiveness, then petitioning Him for our needs. Simple, but the order is very important. God wants to answer our prayers; but, as a Holy God, He cannot abide sin, so we must rid ourselves of it before He will listen to our petitions. And isn't it GREAT that all we need do is confess and "He is faithful and just to forgive us?"

Pray continually my Brothers, pray hard, but pray properly. Peace be with you. 🙏

VMAP Award

We have recently been informed by the Supreme Council that the Valley of Tampa has again successfully completed the VMAP program for the year 2022. VMAP stands for **Valley Membership Achievement Project**. Its purpose is to encourage Valleys to increase and retain their membership through various activities during the year. Some of these activities include a Valley Ambassador Program, communication (both written and oral) with our members, continuing education of our brethren through the Master Craftsman program, maintaining a library, presenting Masonic education programs at our monthly meetings and membership recruitment and retention.

In the Valley of Tampa, our VMAP Committee is chaired by Ill. :. Chuck Osborne, 33°. He and his committee put many hours into our programs during the year and we congratulate them on again achieving this award for the Valley.

In addition, Ill. :. Chuck has been appointed a member of the Supreme Council's VMAP Advisory Board for a two-year term. Congratulations Ill. :. Osborne on this accomplishment. 🙏

Email Addresses

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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



Ronald J. Brimmer
4/22/22, age 78
Valrico, FL

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7/26/2021, age 96
Sun City Center, FL

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4/22/2022, age 91
Tampa, FL

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7/23/2020, age 86
Checotah, OK

Archie E. Lidey
7/21/2021, age 67
Riverview, FL

Dennis J. Thompson
5/18/2022, age 94
Tallahassee, FL

Dwight E. Crumpton
1/11/20, age 86
Dade City, FL

James W. Long, Sr., 33°
4/29/2022, age 89
Tampa, FL

Ronald A. Wingate
10/20/2021, age 72
Dover, FL

Leonard Douglass
2/16/22, age 95
Lake City, FL

Lloyd D. Lowell
5/18/2022, age 93
Sun City Center, FL

Jean M. Yadley
2/21/2022, age 101
Tampa, FL

Gene A. Finch
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Lakeland, FL