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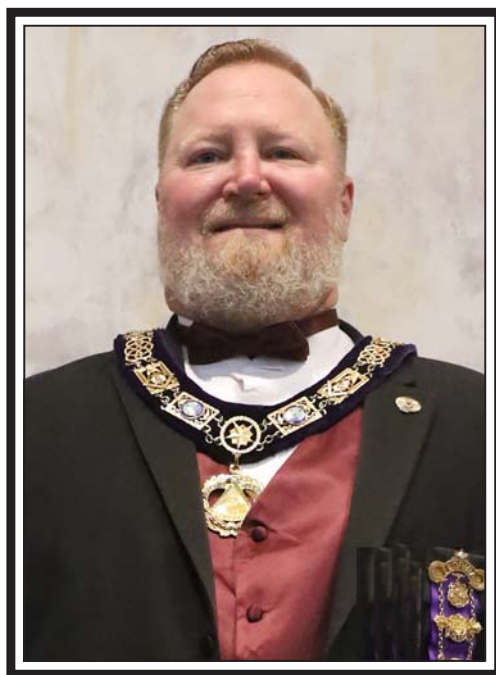
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Grand Master M.:W.: Glen Bennett Bishop of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: Glen Bennett Bishop was born on January 24, 1969 at Bayfront Hospital in St Petersburg, Florida. He graduated Northeast High School in 1988 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1989, serving from 1989 to 1999. After graduating from Parris Island, his first duty station was MCAS Cherry Point, NC where he was deployed for the First Gulf War, a Mediterranean Float and to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. During the next three years he was stationed in Fort Lauderdale Florida and promoted to the rank of E-5 or Sergeant where he served as an A Billet on Recruiting duty where he received a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal. In his last three years of service, he was stationed at MCB Camp Pendleton where he severed on the General Staff where he was again promoted, this time to E-6 or Staff Sergeant. During this tour of duty, he received a 2nd Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and a Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal. It was at this duty station where he chose not to re-enlist and was

Honorably Discharged in 1999. During his tenure with the Marine Corps, M.:W.: Bishop attended Park University where he obtained a BS in Management Computer Information Systems. Additionally, he attended Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Leadership School, Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (Staff NCO) Leadership School, and Department of Defense - Systems Administrator School.



**Grand Master
M.:W.: Glen Bennett Bishop
of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Florida**

Returning to his family in Pinellas County Florida, M.:W.: Bishop put his Information Technology education to work as a Network Administrator and then further into Project Engineering, where he currently practices today. It was in 1983, when he first met the love of his life Odessa Lee McCabe and then reconnecting again in 2015 thereby finding his true love proposed marriage on Valentine's

Day 2020 with a small private ceremony held on January 21, 2021.

In 2006, M.:W.: Bishop petitioned Clearwater Lodge No. 127 and was made an Entered Appren-

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Ill. Charles C. Osborne, 33°

I hope you had an opportunity to attend our June 12 meeting at Clearwater Lodge for our Annual Flag Day. I want to thank Ill. Jerry Lee, 33° and the National Sojourners, Heroes of '76 for their participation and presentation of the "History of the Flag Day." It seems every time I see this program, I learn something new about our flag.

In this issue of The Bulletin you will find a listing of the Valley of Tampa members who have been elected or appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of Florida as well as the members who have been elected or appointed to serve the three bodies of the Grand York Rite of Florida. Reviewing these lists will confirm that the Valley of Tampa is well represented among the leadership of Freemasonry in Florida. Speaking of our Brothers who are leaders in our Fraternity, I want to congratulate M.:W.: Glen Bishop, 32° KCCH as he begins his journey as Grand Master of Masons in Florida. We look forward to a very successful year under your leadership. Please know that the Valley of Tampa is behind you and will assist you in any way we can.

Reviewing some past issues of The Bulletin, I notice that about this time of year, Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33° would remind us to check our Scottish Rite dues card. If it says that it expired in 2022, would you assist your Valley by paying your 2023 dues? Your number of years of Scottish Rite membership is important to the Valley and 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.

I have been getting a lot of requests that we select one or two locations to use for our future meetings. We have made arrangements with Egypt Shrine to use their facility for our July and August meetings. After our July meeting, I will be surveying the Craft to determine if you want to meet at one location or alternate between two. In either case I will be asking you to indicate which location or locations we should use going forward. Please be sure to respond in a timely fashion as your input is important.

As summer is upon us, I hope that you will find time to attend our monthly Consistory meeting on the second Monday of each month or attend one of our Scottish Rite Club meetings. Enjoy the summer! 🍷

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, if you went through a Reunion from Fall of 2019 to the most recent one last May and have not received your Patent and 14th Degree Ring in a Lucite pyramid,

please contact the office at (813) 886-0578 or adminassistant@tampascottishrite.org and let us know when you'll be at the next monthly meeting so that we can have them ready to present to you.

The Supreme Council will soon be mailing out 2024 renewal notices. As of this writing, there are 151 members with a current dues balance and 106 members with an arrears dues balance. We don't want to lose anyone due to non-payment of dues. If your dues card doesn't have 2023 on it, please contact the office and we can help you get caught up. We can take your credit card information over the phone, or you can pay online at <https://tampascottishrite.org/payments-and-contributions/>.

The office still needs filing done after our move to our temporary office/warehouse. A challenge has gone out to all Scottish Rite Clubs in the Valley of Tampa to have 2-4 club members come to the office and spend a few hours putting away files. Once the filing has been completed, the club with the most hours will have a \$1,000 donation made to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida in their name by an anonymous donor. Not to mention the Double Eagle Points that you can earn. What a great way to help your Valley, your club and yourself! 🐾

Meeting Locations and Schedules for 2023

Here are the changes in the meeting places for the rest of the year.

Egypt Shrine

5017 East Washington St.
Tampa, FL 33619

Meeting dates: July 10, 2023 Aug. 14, 2023

Other important dates:

Honors Weekend
at Hillsborough
Lodge No. 25 🐾

Nov. 10 & 11, 2023

From The General Secretary

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

Affiliation

Arthur F. Jeyes III, 32°

Dual

James R. Davis, 32° KCCH

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

Glen B. Bishop, 32° KCCH Grand Master
Donald W. Cowart, 32° KCCH. Deputy Grand Master
J. Paul Stellrecht, 32° Grand Marshal
Rick Wendling, 32° KCCH Grand Sword Bearer
Ill. John E. Drewett, 33° Junior Grand Steward
Jack W. Hampton, 32° KCCH Grand Historian

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Creg Bell, 32° DDGM, 14th District
Billy D. Scott, III, 32° DDGM, 19th District
Thomas J. Simpson, 32° DDGM, 21st District
Thomas H. Davie, 32° DDGM, 23rd District
David S. Wenzel, 32° DI, 20th District
Jeremy G. Leslie, 32° DI, 21st District
Justin E. Broome, 32° DI, 23rd District

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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

Joto's Pizza
13050 Park Blvd.,
Seminole, FL 33776
Phone: (727) 243-7355
2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 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.

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 Wednesday Jan. Mar., May, July, Sept. Nov. at 7:00 p.m.

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Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 7 - Contributor deadline
August 16 - Office contributor deadline
August 18 - Transmit print file to our printer

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Child ID Committee

Gregory L. Wynn, 32° KCCH

Committee on Work

William C. Sundquist, 32° KCCH, Vice-Chairman
Roscoe Love, 32°
Ray Vance, 32°

Endowment & Investment Committee

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

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Committee

Robert W. Taylor Sr., 32°

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Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., 32° KCCH

Foreign Relations Committeel

Rob Lambert, 32° KCCH

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Alan Rosenthal, 32°

Insurance Committee

Charles C. Osborne, 33°, Chairman
Mike Griffin, 32° KCCH

Masonic Jurisprudence Committee

John E. Drewett, 33°
John N. Dragneff, 32°

LYPMGC, MH-100, Wills & Gifts Committee

Todd A. Meschelle, 32°

Masonic Education Committee

Steven J. Silvers, 32° KCCH

Penal Affairs Committee

Perry D. Batson, 32°
John K. Bush, 32°

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Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH

Public Education & Citizenship Committee

Douglas Dobbs, 32°
William Doolin, 32°

Public Relations & Publicity Committee

Mark P. Brewer, 32°
Chas Jordan, 32° KCCH

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

Jeffrey T. Sklet, 32° Ex. Grand Principal Sojourner
Kenneth L. Tutor, 32° .. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Captain

District Deputies and Instructors

Todd A. Meschelle, 32° DDGHP, 2nd District
Gary R. Roane, 32° DDGHP, 3rd District
Larry R. Gillespie, 32° DDGHP, 4th District
William C. Sundquist, 32°, KCCH DI, 3rd District
C. Pearce Dreadin, 32° DI, 4th District

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

District Deputy and Instructors

Jeffrey T. Lawrence, 32° DDGM, 2nd District
Richard A. Vogt, 32°, KCCH DDGM, 4th District
V. Kirk Hinote, 32° DI, 3rd District
A. Randy Chancey, 32° DI, 4th District

Grand Commandery KT

"Chas" Jordan, 32°, KCCH E. Grand Jr. Warden

District Deputies and Instructors

V. Kirk Hinote, 32° DDGC, 3rd District
Richard A. Vogt, 32°, KCCH DDGC, 4th District
Todd A. Meschelle, 32° DI, 2nd District
Brian D. Campbell, 32°, KCCH DI, 3rd District
A. Randy Chancey, 32° DI, 4th District

For the Three Grand Bodies

Carl E. Gilmore 33° Grand Secretary/Recorder
Robert C. St. John, 32° Grand Treasurer

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida 296th Reunion, May 6, 2023 Memorial Class Honoring III.: Charles G. Cumpstone, Jr., 33°

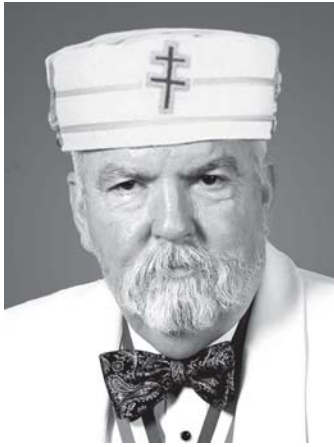


Officers of the Bodies and Distinguished Brothers

Front row (l-r): III.: James J. T. Blum, 33°; III.: Fred Wright, 33°, General Secretary, Valley of Ft. Myers;
III.: Stephen B. Jacobson, 33°; III.: Casey A. Fletcher, 33°, Director of Work;
III.: Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida;
III.: Charles C. Osborne, 33°, Personal Representative; III.: Scott McAlister, 33°, General Secretary;
III.: S. Gilbert Weisman, 33°, Classroom Assistant; III.: Lynn C. Raposa, 33°, Chairman, Stage & Floor Properties

Class Members

Candidates: Raysbert Bueno-Castro; Matthew D. Caton; James E. Denmark; Osmel J. Fernandez-Ruiz;
George C. Francey; Steven M. Gainey; David W. Ginapp; Lee D. Hudson; Floyd S. Lyles; Davids J. Marrs;
Robert N. Nelson Jr.; Kevin M. Oatman; Shawn D. Perkins; Eric A. Smith; Houston A. Tucker Jr.; Kevin R. Whitmyer;
John E. Ziegler; Ronold P. Cadet - Valley of Ft. Myers; David F. T. Vistica - Valley of Ft. Myers; Matthew Spence - Valley of Orlando



Member Education & Director of Work

by Casey A. Fletcher, 33°

This column has often cited *On Obligations* (sometimes called *On Moral Duties*) by Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE), a Roman statesman. This classic piece of literature

is a letter of advice from a father to son.

In *On Obligations*, Cicero wrote extensively on the topic of virtue. He told his son that virtue is centered upon three elements. The first lies in discerning what is true and genuine in a particular instance—understanding origins, consequences and causes. His son must be able to distinguish reality from appearance, assertion from argument. This first element is wisdom or prudence.

The second is the restraint of mental faculties, what the Greeks called emotion or passion. Virtue subjects human impulses to the control of reason. This element is temperance.

The third “enables us to treat our associates in a restrained and expert way,” dealing with each other with consideration. This third element is justice, as Masons espouse, “to render to every man his just due without distinction.”

Cicero further provided his son with two contrasting concepts of charity familiar to Masons.

He first offers a narrow application: “...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 an element of the obligations in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees and a declaration in the 14th Degree, Perfect Elu. This concept dispenses charity commensurate with worthiness.

But several 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 Entered Apprentice Degree, to the great Law espoused in the 18th Degree, Knight of Rose Croix, and to an examination in the 31st Degree, Inspector Inquisitor. This concept of charity broadens our duty to include all humankind.

If *On Obligations* reads like a Masonic syllabus, perhaps it is. Our ancient Brethren probably read it and transmitted its lessons “unimpaired” to us within our Work. Albert Pike certainly read it; many of its passages are found in *Morals and Dogma*.

Cicero provided wise counsel to his son—and for us.

Drawing from the wisdom of the sages of antiquity, our ancient brethren have provided instruction in our ritual and lectures about what kind of men we should be or become, and what we should do, or not do; they transmitted to us many lessons on virtue.

We probably cannot think about that too much. 🐼

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tice Mason in May 2006, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in June 2006 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September 2006. He has served as Worshipful Master of Clearwater Lodge No. 127 in 2010 and in 2016. M.:W.: Bishop has served our Grand Lodge in various District and Zone Committees as well as on the Masonic Home Board of Trustees and the Corporate Board. In May of 2013 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 20th District by M.:W.: Danny R. Griffith. M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson appointed him as District Instructor in 2016. M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover appointed him as Grand Marshal in 2017 and presented him with the John P. Duval Award in 2018. Also in 2018 he was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of State Baja California.

M.:W.: Bishop is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Tampa and has been invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is also a member of Egypt Shriners, Selama Grotto, Clearwater York Rite Bodies, Queen Ester Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star and the Royal Order of Scotland.

M.:W.: Bishop was elected to the station of Junior Grand Warden on May 28, 2020; Senior Grand Warden on June 2, 2021; Deputy Grand Master on June 1, 2022; and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master on May 31, 2023. 🐼

Prelate

by Richard A.
Vogt, 32° KCCH

Psalm 139:13-14

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



We, as Masons, are called to friendship, morality, and brotherly love. The Worshipful Master greets a new Brother by extending the hand of fellowship and brotherly love. But how do we find this Brotherly Love that we are supposed to exhibit? We find it by valuing our Brothers.

Before we can "value" our Brothers, we must first come to understand our own value. You cannot impart value to others if you don't first recognize your own value. Most of us probably think that is easy. Look at the job I have, the money I make, the house I live in, the car that I drive, or the Masonic title I hold. Those are all nice things, but in the end that is all they are—things. They hold no real meaning. When we are buried, what do we have? NOTHING! Except one thing—if we have professed our faith in God, we are God's children. That is where our true value comes from—from God Himself. We are valuable because we are children of God. We need to accept the fact that apart from God we are nothing. It doesn't matter what we have or what title we hold, if we have not God, we have nothing and we are nothing. **John 15:5** says, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."* Apart from God, we have no value; but, with Him and in Him we are invaluable. We need to recognize that our true value comes from our relationship with God; and, from that recognition we can attribute true value to our Brothers.

Genesis 1:27 tells us, *"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."* Again, in **Genesis 2:7** we see, *"then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."*

We value our Brothers by remembering that they too are children of God. Made in His image. We need not look at all their outward, and human, accomplishments to see their value. We need to look at the man—fearfully and wonderfully made, with the very breath of God inside him. In our Entered Apprentice Degree lecture, we are informed the candidate is clothed in the garb of the lodge because it is the inward man we are concerned with, not outward appearances.

My Brothers, look at the Brothers around you, and see the light of God shining through them. Then, and only then, will Brotherly Love shine through. 🐼

2023 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 2023, they were not included in the list in the last issue of the Bulletin:

Paul A. Crothers, 32° Wauchula Lodge No. 17
 Brian O. Miller, 32° Manatee Lodge No. 31
 Charles P. Chancey, Jr., 32° .. Olin S. Wright Lodge No. 79
 Wayne Forman, 32° Tarpon Lodge No. 112
 William A. Hill, 32° Brandon Lodge No. 114
 Philip A. Bonds, Jr., 32° Dunedin Lodge No. 192
 Glenn H. Guterman, 32° Zephyr Lodge No. 198 🐼

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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



John K. Cleghon , 32°
07/03/22 age 90
Asheville, NC

Steiner M. Humerick, 32°
04/01/23 age 95
Clearwater, FL

Robert E. Tamney, 32°
05/30/23 age 84
Jay Em, WY

Paul W. Feuston, 32°
04/25/23 age 96
Largo, FL

John W. Mollner, 32°
02/22/23 age 72
Tampa, FL