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Orlando Scottish Rite's 2010 Spring Reunion

This class is dedicated to the memory of the Illustrious Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°
Grand Prior and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida



Congratulations to the new Masters of the Royal Secret

Christopher D. Altaville, Daniel D. Archer, Dennis B. Ardingner, Marion J. Blocher, Jack Calo, III, Richard C. Clark, David W. Cochrane, Casey A. Crouch, William P. Davis, Gerry D. Douma, Jr., Raymond L. Fisher, Rodney M. Gray, Kenneth C. Hewski, Michael A. Kilgore, Ronald B. Kreger, Thomas Lopez, Justin B. Marshall, Justin S. Mc Donald, Kenneth Leroy Meek, John A. Miles, Mark E. Nach, Stuart D. Orgaz, Edward L. Pisani, Jr., Michael J. Price, Peter D. Remington, Albert J. Rohe, Pete E. Rutherford, Steven R. Singleton, Gordon D. Summers, Rodger A. Sutton, Clarence E. Swimm, George E. Tarrant, William R. Thompson, Matthew W. Tomasetti, Jonathan M. Vitale, Gary L. Wisnienski.

From the desk of the Personal Representative

“Scottish Rite Strategic Goals – Re Branding”

If you are in tune with current events, you may have seen various indications that we are on the road to an economic recovery. While our current economic situation is no where close to where many of us were a few short years ago, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's time for us to re-evaluate our Valley Strategic Goals. Many of us are at a critical point in our personal lives and Scottish Rite is no exception! I know we have all heard this before, but we must not lose sight of where we are and where, I would predict, we are headed. For the past 75 or so years our numbers have been declining, not just in our Scottish Rite, but all Masonic Organizations are experiencing a decline in membership and active participation.

The real question now is... How much longer can we wait to change our destiny, reverse this trend and re-take the dignity and respect once enjoyed by our position in society and the world? To not act on this organization killer and respond to the inevitable decline or even the possible extinction of our order would be inexcusable! We have to stop the losses now and begin to rebuild Masonry into an organization the people of today will again understand our purpose and regain the respect of our industry and community leaders. Does this mean that we need to make changes to Masonry? I don't believe so, at least not to the fabric or principals of Masonry. It does mean that we must change the operations side, business side and the perception people have about Masonry! We must treat Masonry as a business and when your business fails, you must re-brand or go bankrupt! 200 years ago Masonry was on the rise in America because the organization filled a need. Masonry was something that men of means and stature joined to make a difference in their country, their communities and from what history has reported to us, even some world events.

For almost 100 years afterwards there was a sense of accom-

plishment and growth in being a Mason. Masonry filled a need, there was a true perception of value in your participation and membership in being a Mason. You were making a difference in the formulation of a country, your community and your Lodge. 200 years later we have not changed to fill the needs of today's society. We have failed to evolve with society and to fill those needs of today's men and women. The Masonic organization has no real draw for those outside our organization and little is done to change the perception of the general public, who for the most part, still view us as a secret society, distrusted and to be approached with caution.

To survive or turn around this inevitable slow death we are experiencing, we MUST RE-BRAND our organization. We need to begin now to choose leaders who have knowledge and experience to guide these changes, who have a vision and will put qualified people into strategic places throughout the organization. We must begin now to make plans, reassess our strategic goals and form long and short range action plans. We need to commission a Public Relations team to develop a publicity program that can be shared and will showcase all the accomplishments of Masonry and Scottish Rite!

We can no longer continue to view this as someone else's problem, it's our problem and it will take us to change it for our futures sake. Do you have what we need to evolve or will you remain in the status quo? We need progressive leadership, fresh ideas and a public relations campaign to begin immediately.

Fraternally,

Ill. Zeb E Blanton, Jr., 33°

Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G.
Valley of Orlando

Calendar of Events - What's Happening Around Here?

Jul 5th -	Office Closed for the 4th of July Holiday	Oct 22nd -	Monthly Dinner & Radio Show, 6:30.
Jul 23rd -	Official Visit by Ill Dale I. Goehrig. Ring Ceremony, and Knighting Ceremony, 6:30.	Nov 19th -	Monthly Dinner, Election and Installation of Officers for 2011, White Coats 6:30.
Aug 27th -	Monthly Dinner & Meeting White Coats, 6:30.	Nov 25th & 26th	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Sep 6th-	Labor Day, Office Closed	Dec 10th -	Holiday Extravaganza
Sep 24th -	Feast of Tishri, White Coats, 6:30		
Oct 9th & 10th -	Fall Reunion		

**** **Scottish Rite Fall Reunion October 9th and 10th** ****

Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, USA, Inc.

I would like to thank all of you for the support you have provided to the Foundation this past fiscal year. Your hard work has provided over \$82 thousand dollars to the Language Disorder clinics that we support here in Florida. The millionaire and billionaire programs continue to receive your support as well and we thank you! We will be having our annual golf tournament at the Walk-about Golf club in Mims at the later part of the year, and once a date is established, we will be asking for your assistance and support. The "Rose Upon the Altar" cast traveled to Miami to perform at the Scottish Rite Consistory, to assist them in a fund raising activity. We are ready, willing and able to perform this play as a fund raiser, all you have to do is contact myself or Illustrious Chuck Hayes, and we can make it happen.

Illustrious Roy Clark (Hee Haw fame), has informed me that he accepts broken, discarded, or retired musical instruments; has them refurbished, and then donates them to aspiring children musicians who cannot afford an instrument. If you would like to donate an instrument/s to his very worthwhile charity; please contact me and I will make arrangements to see that he gets them. Thank you!

Fraternally,
 Ill. Ron Trinkle, 33°
 Orlando Scottish Rite Trustee

Here is my charitable donation to the **SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**

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This is another great avenue made available to the members. You can contact the office by phone at 407-657-4550, e-mail at osrb@juno.com or mail the form to P.O. Box 5736, Winter Park, FL. 32793-5736.

KCCH Court of Honor

My Brothers,

The KCCH project is progressing at a good pace. We have developed a mechanism to fund our endeavor. The idea is to have fund raising event at several Lodges throughout the Valley. The first will be held at Gateway Lodge 384 in Mims, July 9th from 5 to 7 PM. We are serving a Spaghetti dinner with half of the proceeds going to the Lodge and half going to the Scottish Rite. I feel that this is a WIN, WIN venture. I hope that the other Districts in the Valley will join in this to further the cause of Masonry. Our next meeting should be in July. The date is the 23rd at 5:30, just before Dinner.

Fraternally,
 Randy Ziegler, 32° KCCH
 Commander KCCH Court of Honor

Be diligent to BRING A MASTER MASON TO SCOTTISH RITE.

CONGRATULATIONS—Our Spring Reunion was a big success. We had a class of 36 new members, an 80% increase over our last Fall Reunion. A big "thank you" to all who contributed. This should energize us for our upcoming Fall Reunion in Oct. If everyone takes ownership for new members, we will do even better in our forthcoming Fall Class. Remember, every member of the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center is on the Membership Committee. Look for the Lodge visitation schedule in the Scottish Rite Bulletin or visit SROrlando.org for our schedule on Lodge visitations. Invite your Master Mason friends to attend one of these visitations.

Ill. Robert W. Moyer, 33° General Chairman,
 Membership Committee

Why the Feast of Tishri?

Excerpted from the book: "Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite"

The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most meaningful of Scottish Rite festivals. Although originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, no other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than our historic celebration, held in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple (2 Chronicles 7:8-10). To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principal ideals and traditions of our Fraternity. First of all, we observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an age-old custom which now has the power of law. Under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, the feast was considered an obligatory observance, a sharing of our fraternal spirit...Secondly, the rich legendry of the Temple's dedication, held in connection with the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree...

The consecration of the Temple must also be observed at the Feast of Tishri because it teaches the equality and unity of all members of the Rite. The people of Israel, unified under Solomon, were equal in their devotion to the Lord and equal in their sovereignty to all other nations. In the Feast of Tishri, all Perfect Elus and those of higher Degrees can join at the banquet table and share the bond of fraternal unity. Yet another reason to keep the Feast of Tishri is that such observance fosters the warm spirit of fraternal fellowship so vital to our Rite. We meet at a common table, express our mutual esteem, and so promote that essential bond of cordiality and respect which lightens and shares the weight of our Masonic endeavors. Such social amenities open us to each other in an atmosphere elevated beyond the sphere of normal, day-to-day communication. Within the context of the Feast of Tishri, we realize more deeply than ever before the value of our fellowmen, without which the individual is lost in a self-imposed prison of human isolation.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The annual Valley of Orlando Flag Retirement Ceremony, sponsored by the Knights of St Andrew, was held on June 12th, and over 5,600 flags were retired in a very impressive ceremony.



14th Degree Ring Ceremony



The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, with its honors and obligations, touches all aspects of a new Candidate's Life. It is important, therefore, that his lifelong Masonic journey continue after receiving the Scottish Rite degrees. In an effort to signify this continuation and to involve the Brother's Lady in understanding a small part of the significance of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Fourteenth Degree Ring Ceremony is being reinstated. The Ring Ceremony with its color, warmth and dignity is meant to impress upon the wives and ladies of the Candidates

their new status upon his attaining the Fourteenth Degree and to make them feel that they are also a part of the Scottish Rite. Please make every effort to attend our July 23rd stated meeting (open to all members, ladies, family and friends) to witness the 14th Degree Ring Ceremony and extend a hearty welcome to these newly made Masters of the Royal Secret and their ladies.

Knights of Saint Andrews

Dear Brothers,

At the time of this writing, Our Venerable Master, Dominick Tesoriere is in the hospital recovering for health issue and we wish him all the best and a speedy recovery. The KSA will continue with its regular meetings at the regular times.

We have been busy in preparation for the flag retirement ceremony and I would like to thank all those Knights who gave so much of their time, talent and treasures. The ceremony was done with a great amount of respect and decorum and we made the Valley of Orlando extremely proud. On that note, the KSA Honor Guard made their debut at this event and from the comments and reaction, did an outstanding job. Congratulations go out to all the members of this elite team of Dedicated Knights. I feel certain that next year will be even better. Thanks to all those members of the Valley who contributed so much and made it a great event.

The KSA will be having a knighting ceremony coming up at the June meeting so all those new Knights who have not been knighted, please make certain that you are in attendance so you can go through the ceremony and receive your tartan. There will also be a special ceremony to formally induct the members of

the KSA Honor Guard at the August stated meeting. Please make certain you are in attendance. We are planning a Knight out for the KSA and all Brothers who wish to attend at the Willow Tree Restaurant in downtown Sanford on Friday 16 July at 7:30pm. This is a great German restaurant with lots of appeal and great atmosphere. Please bring your ladies and let's have a great KNIGHT out with Brothers and ladies. Please contact me via email emsexton@yahoo.com or phone (407-341-6705) if you are planning to attend so that I can make a reservation for our party. We certainly want to invite all those new brothers who just came through in the Spring Reunion. If you have decided to join KSA, this would be a great opportunity to meet some of the Knights and enjoy a wonderful Knight of fellowship. Red hats and White hats are also welcome to attend and enjoy a great Knight with us!

Fraternally,

Ed Sexton, 32°
Senior Warden,
Knights of Saint Andrew

Valley Facilities Available for Rentals

Did you know that the dining room, auditorium and meeting rooms at the Valley are available for rentals? The Scottish Rite Masonic Center offers you a perfect environment for your Special event. A handicap accessible building, centrally located for the Greater Orlando area, in Winter Park, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center has ample parking, and sits on beautiful grounds which features a lovely pond and lake. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center has multiple rooms available for rent; Meeting rooms for large and small gatherings, banquet facilities for up to 360 guests, with a commercial kitchen as well as a full function auditorium with seating for more than 450 guests. For more information, please contact Ill. Keith Albright, 33° in our office for details and pricing.

A Word From The Committee On Work

Degree Masters & Committee Chairmen,

Brethren, before we know it the Fall Reunion will be upon us. Degree Masters, if you have not already started practicing your degrees it is time to get started. Please schedule your degree practices with Ill Keith and if you need access to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center contact him or me. If you have any changes to your degree, what ever they may be, coordinate them with the appropriate committee and also clear it thru Ill Zeb, Ill Keith and/or myself. Committee Chairmen, please make every effort to accommodate the Degree Masters when ever possible. Normally whenever a change is requested it is only done to make it a smoother and more informative degree. The Degree Masters and Committee Chairmen meeting is schedule for September 11th, 8:30am breakfast and 9:00am meeting. If you are not able to attend please send a representative in your place. All changes to the Fall Reunion Program booklet must be submitted to Ill Keith by September the 20th.

Ill. George R. Van Pelt, 33°
Director of Work

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Scottish Rite Clubs – Valley of Orlando

Central Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Thursday each month at Brevard Lodge #113 at 7:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Deltona Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Monday each month at Landmark Lodge #383 at 7:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner.

Halifax Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Monday each month at Halifax Lodge #81 at 7:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner at 6:00 PM

Lake Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Wednesday each month at Barnhills at the Lake Square Mall in Leesburg at 7:00 P.M. Reservations required. Contact the Ill. Hank Link, 33°, phone: 352-383-3078.

New Smyrna Beach Scottish Rite Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the New Smyrna Beach Shrine Club 7:00 P.M. for covered dish dinner.

Osceola Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Friday each month at St. Cloud Lodge #221 at 7:30 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner.

Sanford Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Wednesday each month at I-Hop Orlando Ave (US 17-92) south of the 417 at 6:00 P.M. Dinner meeting.

South Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 4th Thursday each month at Melbourne Lodge #143 at 6:30 P.M. Covered dish dinner.

Titusville Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Tuesday each month at Indian River Lodge #90 at 6:30 P.M. Covered dish dinner.

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. -- The Scottish Rite Creed