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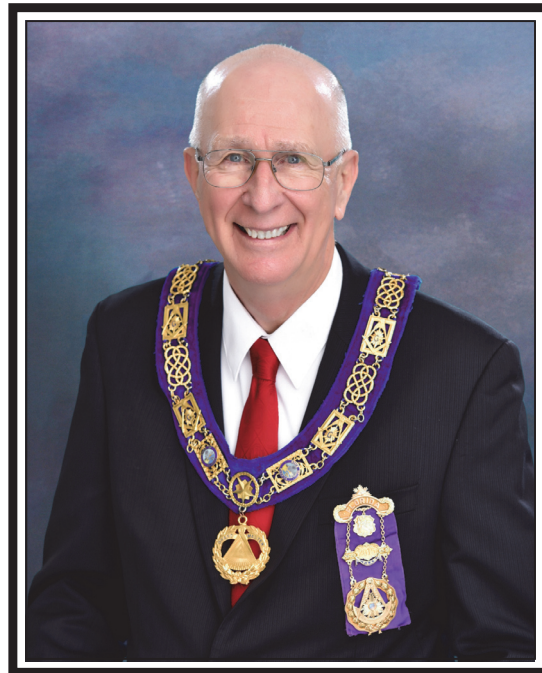
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Grand Master M.:W.: Steven P. Boring of the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of Florida

M.:W.: Steven P. Boring was born in Elizabethton, Tennessee, on August 9, 1942. At the age of eleven he moved to the Daytona Beach area. He attended South Ridgewood Elementary School and graduated from Mainland High School in 1960. He attended Daytona Beach Community College, Vencies College, and studied electronics drafting at St. Petersburg Junior College. Steve and Mary Jane were married on April 4, 2009. They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in DeLand and attend church as much as their Masonic schedule will allow. Steve has two children: Timothy P. Boring and Sandy K. Gonzalez. Mary Jane has three children: Anita L. Cambron, Alan E. Heist, and Laura L. Bassett. Steve and Mary Jane are very proud of all eleven of their grandchildren: Emily Cambron, Caleb Cambron, Haley Gonzalez, Gabby Gangaware, Rachel Heist, Grace Boring, Hannah Gonzalez, Ava Boring, Ryleigh Heist, and the twins Alexandra and Aubrey Bassett.

M.:W.: Boring worked twenty-eight years for Florida Power Corporation and retired from Florida Power in the year 2000. He proudly served as a



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member of the Florida Army National Guard for thirty-six years. During his enlistment in the National Guard he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School-Senior Sergeant's Course, First Sergeant's Course, and was a member of the Florida Army National Guard Pistol Shooting Team for over 30 years.

M.:W.: Boring received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in East Gate Lodge No. 355 in Clearwater, Florida. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 23, 1974.

After moving to the central Florida area, M.:W.: Boring became a member of Saint Johns Lodge No. 37 and served as Worshipful Master in 2006. M.:W.: Boring served on several District, Zone, and State Committees including Child ID, Masonic Education, Public Relations and

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Personal Representative

by Ill.: Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: We are now six months into the year 2015 and halfway through our efforts on the VMAP program. With that being said, I would like to mention some of the accomplishments we have made with this program. We have conducted our Spring Reunion where we added several educational sessions both for our

candidates and for our existing members. The initial reports are that these programs were well received by those in attendance and we are working on some new sessions for our Fall Reunion.

Also at our Spring Reunion, each of the four bodies were opened by their officers before the degrees of their respective bodies were conferred. The bodies were also closed at the conclusion of their degrees. All of the officers did an outstanding job considering that this is the first time that this has been done. This will continue with our Fall Reunion.

For the candidates of our Spring Reunion, we will be presenting them with their Patents of Membership and pyramids at our August meeting. We encourage all of them to attend this meeting and receive these materials.

Our Fall Reunion will be held on October 17 and 24. We have one candidate so far, but now is the time to be talking about the Scottish Rite to our Brethren who have not yet had the experience and teachings of the Rite. We hope to have a big class in the Fall, but that will be determined by all of us encouraging non-Scottish Rite Masons to take that additional step. On October 10, we will be having an Open House for the Fall Class candidates, their wives and their first line signers. Everyone will receive a tour of the building and a nice lunch courtesy of the Valley of Tampa.

Speaking of our Reunions, they are not just for our candidates. They are to serve as a reunion for our current Brethren to gather once again and catch up on old times, see old friends and make new ones. If you have not been to a Reunion in some time, you are encouraged to attend any or all of our Reunions.

In this issue of *The Bulletin*, we are pleased to recognize those Scottish Rite Brothers who are currently serving the Grand Lodge of Florida in elected or appointed offices and committees. The Scottish Rite in general and the Valley of Tampa in particular has always been a big support of Craft Masonry and the Grand Lodge of Florida and those listed in this issue is certainly indicative of that support. We wish these Brothers well as they carry out the work of the Grand Lodge this year and we are always there to support them in their endeavors.

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General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

Brother to Brother Program

The Valley of Tampa has a program to assist those brothers who for various reasons are unable to pay their Scottish Rite dues, and face being suspended for non-payment of dues. The last thing the Scottish Rite wants to do is to suspend a member because they fell on hard economic times and can't pay their dues. Most of

the time the member is too proud to ask for assistance from a fellow member.

The list of Brothers who have agreed to pay a Brother's dues has dwindled down. This program is voluntary, but I would encourage you to sign up if you are able to do so, and help a needy Brother from being suspended (2014 delinquents haven't been suspended.)

When a request is received by my office, the facts are checked out and if it is determined that the brother is unable to pay his dues, the Secretary will send a letter to the next participating Brother on the list.

If you are agreeable to assisting the Valley and the Scottish Rite in this program, please mail the Brother to Brother Pledge Form, or contact the General Secretary's office, either by calling (813) 886-0578 or by email: generalsecretary@srtampa.org. 🐼

Brother To Brother Program Pledge

2014 - 2015 Dues - \$90.00

Dear Illustrious Brother Drewett:

___ Yes, I am willing to participate in the Valley of Tampa's Brother to Brother Program.

Enclosed is a check for \$90.00 to pay a Brother's dues.

___ Apply \$180.00 to their 2014 and 2015 dues to retain his Scottish Rite membership.

Enclosed is my check.

___ No, I am unable at this time, but put me on the **Brother to Brother Pledge List**.

Please Print Name

Membership Number

Signature

Date

From The General Secretary

We extend a hearty welcome and a warm hand of fellowship to those Master of the Royal Secret who have joined us by Affiliation 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

Abilio Santos, 32° Robert W. Taylor, 32°

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We continue to post informative daily messages on the Valley's Facebook page (Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite.) If you have not checked us out, please do so. We currently have Facebook members from around the globe who check in every day to see what we have posted. In addition, we post pictures from our monthly meetings and special events.

If you are one of us who travels during the summer months, we hope that you have safe travels and look forward to your return to the Tampa Bay area. 🐼

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

Tuscan Lodge No. 6, 6:30 p.m.

September 17, 2015 November 19, 2015

April 21, 2016 May 19, 2016

Sebring Lodge No. 249, 6:30 p.m.

September 30, 2015 - 9th & 10th degrees

March 29, 2016 June 29, 2016 September 29, 2016

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club

Last Friday at 6:00 p.m.

VFW Post No. 10209, phone (352) 686-9319

Spring Hill, FL

North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Reservations preferred, phone (727) 460-1824

Kally-K's Steakery Fishery

1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

1st Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Perkins Family Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd., N, Largo, FL

Information & Reservations (727) 577-5923

Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (dark July)

Sahib Shrine

600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in even numbered months

(dark December)

Scottish Rite Club Building

240 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

3rd Monday, 11:30 a.m.

(dark June, July, August and September)

Freedom Plaza Club

Sun City Center, FL

Tampa Scottish Rite Club

4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon

Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center

5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL

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Deadline for Sept./Oct. Bulletin

August 1 - Contributor deadline

August 12 - Office contributor deadline

August 14 - Transmit print file to our printer

Good for You

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Fifty Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Paul J. Albright, 32°	Norman A. Cluff, 32°
Robert H. Cook, 32°	Robert A. Davis, 32°
Harold L. Hill, 32°	Morris E. Moore, 32°
Edward M. Norman, 32°	Glenn D. Payne, 32°
Fredric R. Plank, 32°	Lenn R. Pruitt, 32°
Jerry L. Revels, Sr., 32°	Sheldon G. Wald, 32°
Albert B. Wilcox, 32°	

Twenty-five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Russell W. Call, 32°	J. Stuart Crompton, 32°
Robert E. Hewell, 32°	Ernest B. Holcomb, 32°
Louie A. King, 33°	Ray B. Kinsey Jr., 32°
Ronald C. Newton, 32°	Thomas R. O'Berry, 32°
Jack G. Stabler, 32° 🐶	

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

Richard G. Hoover, 33° Senior Grand Warden
William C. Klinke, 32° Grand Historian

District Deputies and Instructors

Michael H. Goldman, 32° DDGM, 22nd District
Donald W. Cowart, 32° DDGM, 23rd District
Russell R. Aldridge, 32° DDGM, 24th District
Perry D. Batson, 32° DDGM, 25th District
William C. Sundquist, 32° DI, 21st District
Steven J. Silvers, 32° DI, 22nd District
Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH DI, 25th District
Barry D. Hart, 33° DI, 27th District

Committeemen

Corporate Board

James W. Ford, 32° KCCH

Endowment & Investment Committee

David W. Jones, 32°

John W. Westerman, III 32°

Masonic Home Board of Trustees

Charles R. Jordan, 32°
John W. Westerman, III 32°

General Services Panel

Kenneth A. Carolan, 32°
Thomas R. Quay, 32°

Masonic Home Attorney

Bruce Marger, 33°

Finance & Accounts

J. Dick Martinez, 32°

Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents & MH-100

John F. Wermann, 32° KCCH - Chairman
Richard C. Hollie, Sr., 32° KCCH
Frank S. Albinson, 32°

Wills & Gifts

Barry D. Hart, 33°

Grand Lodge Properties

Reed G. Rue, 32°

Panel of Attorneys

Bruce Marger, 33°
Jon B. Coats, Jr., 32°

Masonic Jurisprudence

Russell B. Glendinning, 33°
Ronald C. Mincey, 32°
J. David Neveitt, 32°
Houston D. White, 32°

Foreign Relations

J. Dick Martinez, 32° - Chairman
Joseph A. Gonzalez, 32°

Perpetual Membership

Eric B. West, 32°

Membership Development

Henry J. Lamb, 32°

Committee On Work

Fern E. Street, 32°
A. Gary Cavanaugh 32° KCCH

Grand Master's Coordinating

Kenneth D. Balsley, 33°

Masonic Leadership Training

Robert J. Lambert, 32°

Masonic Education

Felix Gordillo, 32°

Penal Affairs

John E. Drewett, 33°
Thomas M. Edwards, II, 32°
Steven J. Silvers, 32°

Public Education & Citizenship

Matthew B. Winters, 32°
William J. Doolin, 32°

Youth Activities

Anthony L. Pickren, 32°
L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32°

Grand Master's Charity

H. Michael McCool, 32°
W. Allen Sorbie, 32°

Grand Lodge Flagship Charity

John A. Baldwin, 32°

Child ID

David J. Rasmus, 32°

Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund

David A. Henderson, 32°

Special Notice for August Meeting

At the August 10 meeting the new 282nd Reunion Class will be receiving their Scottish Rite Patents and 14° Ring Pyramids in a special ceremony. It will be an open meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. so that family and friends may attend, all first line signers should also make it a point to attend.

Dinner at 5:45 p.m., cost \$10 and reservations are required. 🍷

Coming Masonic Events

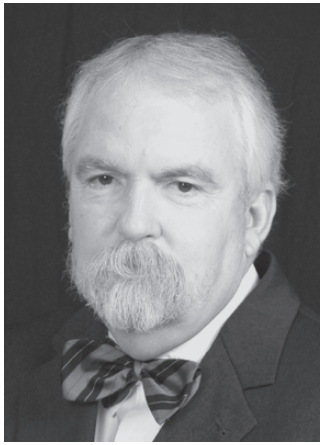
Please note ALL Scottish Rite Masons may attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee Meetings start at 4:30 p.m., Dinner time is 5:45 p.m. and regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. and cost is \$10 unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

July 13, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Regular Meeting
Program by William Sundquist 32° - Xenophon
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Baked Ziti
Vegetable Blend, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea,
Lemonade

August 10, 2015:

Executive Committee Meeting
Dinner and Open Meeting
(See Special Notice above.) 🍷



Director of Work & Member Education

by Casey A. Fletcher, 32° KCCH

Preparations continue for our Fall Reunion on October 17 and 24, 2015. We anticipate that some "new" degrees will be ready—degrees that have not been

conferred in quite some time. Brethren interested in joining a degree team should send an email of interest, with contact information, to dow@srtampa.org. Quite a few teams have openings—both speaking and non-speaking parts.

Important as membership growth is, our Reunions are not just about inducting new members. They are about learning. Many Brothers re-attend Reunions to refresh their memories about the degrees they've already witnessed and to see degrees not conferred when they joined the Valley. Ritual work is the primary way our Rite teaches. Our regular attendance at Reunions is a good habit. We also learn from special activities and self-study.

Our recent Spring Reunion had two special educational activities that endeavored to explore the lessons and meanings of our degrees. They were well received by both the class and attending members.

The first session specifically addressed the 9th and 10th degrees. These degrees deal with the ruffians. Recall that in the 3rd degree of the Scottish Rite, the ruffians escape. This leaves unfinished business in the Hiram Legend that our Rite addresses in the 9th and 10th degrees. There is more to these two degrees than the simple message "justice prevails."

The second session provided a tour from the 1st degree of the Blue Lodge through the 18th degree. The character and plots were reviewed so connections between the degrees could be made. How each degree points back to several previous ones and how each lays a foundation for ensuing ones became more evident. We hope to include one or two such sessions in the Fall.

In the meantime, two excellent programs are scheduled for our July and August Consistory meetings (listed elsewhere in this Bulletin). We should continue our education by participating in the Master

Craftsmen self-study programs. Utilizing *Bridge to Light*, the *Monitor and Guide*, *Morals and Dogma* and a few other Masonic books, the programs help chart a course for our study and understanding of the Rite.

Learning. That is what we came here to do, right? Our Reunions, educational programs and self-study courses provide an opportunity to learn and grow.

Finally, let's begin recruiting Master Masons for the Fall. Get October 17 and 24 on their calendars! 🐼

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

In 1917, elections were held on New Year's Day. At the March 5 meeting it was approved to pay the Tyler a salary of \$10 per month. The Spring convocation was held on five days commencing on April 6, and concluding on April 20. The Class consisted of 33 candidates and was named "The Albert Pike Class."

The Valley of Tampa authorized purchase of Liberty Loan Bonds in support of the "War for World Liberty." The Finance Committee report was given at the July 2 meeting with the assets of the Valley reported to be \$31,668 and liabilities of \$1,798. The Valley approved purchase of the previously approved Liberty War Bond in the amount of \$3,000.

At the August 5 meeting a motion was made and passed to suspend dues for all Brothers "called to the colors" also approved was a motion to approve the same for all Ministers and Rabbis. The Valley approved a "slow class," to begin on October 8, ending on November 14, with two degrees conferred each time. Ill. Olin S. Wright 33° SGIG, consecrated 49 new members on that date. It was announced that Ill. Olin S. Wright 33° had been coroneted as SGIG of Florida at the Supreme Council 1917 Meeting. Ill. Wright 33° SGIG, ordered that all distressed Brethren unable to pay their dues were to be placed in Emeritus Status.

To end the dramatic year, America joined the Allies in WWI, Congress declared war on the Axis Powers on April 6, 1917. A secret message from Germany to Mexico had been intercepted offering an alliance to help Mexico recover all the territory lost during the Mexican War. German submarines had been sinking American ships carrying needed supplies to England and France. The first draft for the war was held. In Tampa 6,164 men volunteered for service. The Tampa Tribune stopped printing comics until WWI was over. 🐼

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



Our Declaration of Independence was signed over two hundred years ago. It provided us the comfort of knowing that we have the opportunity to create our own lives. The more we accept and acknowledge this, the more liberty we experience.

Let us not blame the world or ourselves for things we do not like in this life. With the aid of our Heavenly Father, we have the power to improve our environment.

An elected official once said, "To expect a change in human nature may be an act of faith, but to expect a change in human society without a change in human nature is an act of lunacy."

Our lives are a reflection of what we believe we deserve. As we increase our faith and open ourselves to God's infinite love we find that we receive new power flowing through us, guiding us to a new way of life.

These concepts hold true for all the things we do, especially for our fraternity. If we open our minds to receive the lessons of our ritual and act on them as each sees them as appropriate, we can take gigantic steps to improve not only our fraternity, but also the community and our personal lives. 🐾

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Publicity, Jurisprudence, Arrangements, and the Grand Lodge Corporate Board.

In 2008 M.: W.: Boring was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District by M.: W.: Joe Fleites. In 2009 he served as Grand Marshal, in 2010 was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and in 2011 served as Junior Grand Steward for M.: W.: Jim J Harris. M.: W.: Boring is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando-Past Master of the Knights of St. Andrews and Past Master of the Lodge of Perfection; Sanford York Rite Bodies-Monroe Chapter No. 15, Sanford Council No. 20, and Taylor Commandery No. 28; Past Monarch of Zangi Grotto; Bahia Shrine-

Ambassador; the Royal Order of Scotland; Memorial Lodge No. 16; Seminole Chapter No. 373, National Sojourners; and Space Coast Council No. 32 Knight Masons. He is a Past Patron of DeLand Chapter No. 16, Order of the Eastern Star. He has served as a DeMolay Dad Advisor; a member of the Advisory Board of DeLand Assembly No. 31, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, for several years and is a holder of the Grand Cross of Color. Since 2010 M.: W.: Boring has been a member of the Masonic Youth Association of Florida, serving as the Secretary in 2011 and 2012.

On May 28, 2012, M.: W.: Boring was elected by the Craft and was installed on May 30, 2012, as Junior Grand Warden of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida. After being elected to Senior Grand Warden in 2013 and Deputy Grand Master in 2014, he was elected and then installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida on May 27, 2015.

M.: W.: Boring had the honor and privilege of Raising both his son Tim and his step-son Alan to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; both Tim and Alan are Past Masters of their respective Lodges. M.: W.: Boring's hobbies include guns, racing, and classic cars. M.: W.: Boring spends his leisure time working in the yard and spending time with his family. 🐾

Grand York Rite Convention

At the recently completed Grand York Rite Convention in Panama City, several members of the Valley of Tampa were recognized for their hard work and labor. Springtime Commandery No. 40 with Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33° Eminent Commander was recognized as the winner of the Richard John Carr Trophy for excellence in opening the Commandery with nine Sir Knights.

In addition, four members of the Valley have assumed leadership positions within the three Grand York Rite Bodies. These are Brother John L. Horne, Jr., 32°, the newly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida; Brother Eric B. West, 32°, the new Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Brother Carl E. Gilmore, 32° KCCH, the new Grand Treasurer for the three Grand York Rite Bodies and Brother L. Edward Villiaume, III, 32°, now serving as Grand Secretary/Recorder of the three Grand York Rite Bodies. 🐾

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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



Richard L. Allen, 32°
May 1, 2015

John L. Collard, 32°
March 20, 2015

Arnaldo Pelaez, 32°
May 21, 2015

George F. Bellows, 32°
March 24, 2015

Lloyd E. Eggers, 32°
April 26, 2015

Myron D. Preble, 32°
April 28, 2015

Richard B. Brown, 32°
April 6, 2015

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April 27, 2015

Benny R. Williams, 32°
April 29, 2015