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Masonic Youth Organizations Recognized

The Valley of Tampa honored those Masonic Youth Organizations within our jurisdiction at our September

meeting. We were very pleased to have them along with the Worshipful Masters in attendance that evening.



Pictured above are representatives of the DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughters Bethels who were recognized at our September Consistory meeting.

Also pictured are Ill. : Dale I. Goehrig, 33° SGIG and
M. : W. : James W. Ford, 32° KCCH, Grand Master of Florida.

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Personal Representative

by Ill.:. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: Here we are, quickly approaching the end of another year. As in previous years, we had some pluses and some minuses. We continue to have brothers earning Double Eagle points and either being knighted and receiving their medals or earning points to receive bars or new ribbons. It takes work to advance in

the program and brothers are stepping up to the challenge. I hope everyone will wear their Double Eagle award with pride. We have continued to impart Masonic knowledge to our members through our monthly Masonic education presentations by very learned brothers. These have been well received and we look forward to that continuing in 2015. From a financial standpoint, through September, we are ahead of our budget in many categories and we look forward to a good final quarter of the year. That being said, we still need to do what we can to increase revenue and decrease expenses where we can. All of the accomplishments were the result of many brethren stepping up and agreeing to do what was necessary for us to be successful.

On the downside, we continue to see losses in membership in the Valley. We all know that Masonic membership throughout the world has been dropping and it is of vital concern to all of us.

Regarding membership in the Valley of Tampa, as of October 10, 2014 there were 10,355 members in the Particular Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Valley of Tampa. Of that number, 2,412 are Tampa Scottish Rite members, or 23.29%. If we had a goal of a penetration rate of 25% that would mean another 177 Scottish Rite members. Think of the positive things that would happen with an additional 177 members in the Valley of Tampa. To obtain that number, we all need to be talking with our Blue Lodge, Shrine, Grotto and York Rite brothers who are not members of the Valley of Tampa. There are currently 66 Blue Lodges that we draw our membership from. That equates to 2.68 new members from each Lodge in 2015 to meet the goal of 25%. When you break it down that way, it doesn't seem to be that big of a hurdle. Brethren, we can't wait until February 2015 to start working on this. We need to start now. Our Spring Reunion will be held April 11 and 18, 2015. Let's talk to our brothers starting now about putting those dates on their calendars. Working together we can accomplish this and probably exceed our goal.

Many brothers work hard year after year for the benefit of the Valley of Tampa. I am talking of course about our Valley officers, Reunion committees and our various committees. When you attend our Reunions, you see these names listed in our Reunion Book. Four brothers, however, have been elected by their peers to manage the business of the

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General Secretary

by Ill.: John E. Drewett, 33°

We are proud to announce that we have two new Scottish Rite Clubs:

Nature Coast Scottish Rite Club in

Hernando County. This newly chartered Club recently held its organizational meeting and has elected the following officers:

- President Charles D. Walter, 32°
- 1st Vice President Richard H. Trout II, 32°
- 2nd Vice President Steven G. Newman, 32°
- Secretary Joseph A. Monday, 32°

Treasurer Douglas M. Williams, 32°
 Prelate Thomas Cooper, 32°
 For information on when and where they will be holding their meetings, please contact Brother Charles D. Walter at (352) 686-9319.

The second Club is **Tampa Scottish Rite Club** in Hillsborough County. Unfortunately at this time, they haven't held their organizational meeting to elect officers and decide on where they will be meeting. The January - February Bulletin will have more information on the Tampa Scottish Rite Club.

We encourage you to come out and show your support for all our Scottish Rite Clubs. Bring your lady and a friend(s). Join your Brothers for good fellowship, luncheon or dinner, depending on which Club you attend.

For information on any of our current Clubs, there is a listing in this bulletin. 🐾

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.

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 contact the General Secretary's office, either by calling (813) 886-0578 or by email: generalsecretary@srtampa.org or by sending the form below to the office. 🐾

Brother to Brother Program Pledge

2014 Dues - \$90.00

Dear Illustrious Brother Drewett:

_____ Yes, I am willing to participate in the Valley of Tampa's Brother to Brother Program and gladly remit a check for the dues of a Brother who is unable to pay them to retain his Scottish Rite membership.

_____ No, I am unable at this time, but keep me on this list.

Please Print Name

Membership Number

Signature

Date

Scottish Rite Clubs

Lake Region Scottish Rite Education Sessions

November 20, 2014

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

15th Degree, Knight of the East

April 16, 2015 TBA

May 21, 2015 TBA

September 27, 2015 TBA

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

or

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

Support your Scottish Rite Club

Good for You - Nov. & Dec.

The following Brothers recently received the following awards:

Twenty- Five Year Certificates & Lapel Pins

Clarence E. Center, Jr., 32°

Gregory A. Fisher, 32° KCCH

Edward A. Suttles, 32°

Millionaire Certificates & Lapel Pins

Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

In Honor of Vernon A. Baratz, 32°

From The General Secretary

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

Affiliations

David J. Gardner, 32°

Pete G. Peters, 32°

Reinstatement

Mark P. Brewer, 32°

Ronald C. Mincey Jr., 32°

Scottish Rite Calendar

Have you checked out the Scottish Rite calendar on the Website: www.tampascottishrite.org/w/calendar/? We have listed all of the known events that will be taking place at your Scottish Rite in 2014 & 2015 along with the meeting dates, times and places of our Scottish Rite Clubs. As new events are planned, the calendar will be updated to keep you informed so you may want to check back often. 🐾

Deadline for Jan./Feb. Bulletin

December 1 - Contributor deadline

December 10 - Office contributor deadline

December 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

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four organizations within the Valley. A special thank you to Brother Steve Jacobson, 32° KCCH, Commander of the KCCH Organization; Brother Leonard J. A. Smith, 32°, Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard; Brother Del Tanner, 32°, Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew; and Brother Ken Scott, 32°, President of the Past Masters Organization. Each of these organizations has contributed greatly to the Valley of Tampa this year. If you are not a member of one of these organizations, I encourage you to get involved with them in 2015.

There is one group of members though, that never seem to get listed anywhere, but nonetheless, are tireless workers on our behalf. I am talking about our Club Presidents; Brother Glenn Banks, 33°, North Pinellas Club; Brother Charlie Cheshire, 33°, Pinellas Club; Brother Jerry Goacher, 33°, Sarasota Club; and Brother Don Hawley, 33° Sun City Club. These brothers work hard in their local area and doing wonderful things to promote the Scottish Rite. We are very fortunate to have four Scottish Rite Clubs in our area. Please check the listing of each Club and where they meet in this issue of The Bulletin. I hope that their meeting dates and times will allow you to attend one of our Club meetings. They are great times and afford a wonderful opportunity to meet new brothers and share in fellowship that the Scottish Rite offers.

Brethren, this is the time of the year that we not only give thanks for everything that we have, but we also celebrate various religious holidays. Whatever your faith, I encourage you to celebrate the appropriate holiday with family and friends and be thankful for everything that we as human beings have been afforded throughout our lives.

VMAP is coming to Tampa

VMAP is coming to the Valley of Tampa! What is VMAP you ask? VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) is a new program from the Supreme Council and is a result of this year's Leadership Conferences. The input for this program came directly from the leadership of the Valleys in the Southern Jurisdiction so it is grass roots based.

VMAP is broken down into ten categories, all designed to increase not only Valley membership but

also Valley participation. The program will begin on January 1, 2015 and will conclude on December 31, 2015.

We have ten very dedicated brothers who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to head one aspect of VMAP. We will roll VMAP out at our December Consistory meeting, so plan on attending and hearing more details about this exciting program. 🐼

**Sovereign
Grand
Commander
Northern Jurisdiction**
by Ill.: John Wm.
McNaughton, 33°



Is it a Guy Thing?

No, my friends, this is not going to be the usual message from your Commander. Let us shift the focus of past messages at least partially and for the time being. To be honest with you patient readers, the shift is not entirely away from our usual call to serve our Brothers and to care for them as we obligated ourselves so to do. Read on.

Like many email messages we receive on a daily basis here at headquarters, a well-crafted and thought-provoking one from a Brother from the first state began by commenting on how helpful and positive the Almoner's Fund had become. Indeed, the Almoner's Fund, supported by your generosity and caring, has become and will remain an important part of our vision as Scottish Rite Masons.

The intent of his message was not primarily to highlight financial assistance. Our friend went on to mention a reality which has been of some concern to this office for years: the lack of communication. Perhaps the sad reality of a serious lack of communication between Brothers has also affected you? The fact that we are Brothers should mean just that. Are we honestly "Brothers" or just "Brothers" in name only?

Is the fact that so many of us are reluctant to pick up the phone, send a card or to use any of the many electronic devices we have at our constant disposal

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Director of Work

by Ill. : C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Brethren, by the time you read this, our 281st Reunion will be another chapter in the history book of the Valley of Tampa. I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe has inspired a great many of

our Blue Lodge Brethren to continue their search for Further Light, *by becoming* Scottish Rite Brethren.

The Supreme Council has designated Scottish Rite Masonry, as the *College of Freemasonry*. The purpose of Freemasonry is to make good men better. However, like anything in life, nothing comes easy, therefore we as Freemasons have a lifetime search and duty, that we took in our Masonic obligations, to continue that duty. I ask that each of our new Masters of the Royal Secret seek to help Scottish Rite by becoming a member of the "Knights of St. Andrew." This is a specific organization for all 32° "Black Hat" Brethren, and the cost is *zero*. These Brothers assist the Valley of Tampa on a volunteer basis, when and where they can. There are numerous Reunion Committees that need assistance, and are listed in your Reunion Book. Please consider becoming an active Brother in one or more of these groups, and enjoy the fellowship that comes by being an active Scottish Rite Brother.

I make one request, that I always ask of *All Scottish Rite Brethren*, "**...wear your cap and name tag proudly!**" The cap is like your Blue Lodge apron, with the exception, you wear it to meetings and all Scottish Rite functions. Your name tag, so that when you approach a Brother and shake his hand as a sign of Brotherly affection, he will know your name and you also know his.

There are two civic duties we as Freemasons should observe and participate in, voting for the peoples representatives on November 4, and the observance of Veteran's Day on November 11. Another of our wonderful family and religious days are Thanksgiving on November 27, when we thank the Grand Architect for all our blessings. In December we have two wonderful days to again be thankful to God, the First Day of Hanukkah on December 16 and Christmas on December 25. God Bless you all. 🐾

Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. : C. Donald Prosser, 33°

In the last issue of our Scottish Rite Bulletin, I noted that the Armageddon of World War I had begun in Europe in 1914. America was still very much an isolationist country and it was the understanding that it was a European war, and congress and the president promised, "no American Soldier would ever be involved." Under the surface however, events were happening that would draw us into the first worldwide war and soldiers, sailors and airmen, would either die by the millions or be terribly injured for the remainder of their lives. In the Valley of Tampa, the majority of the Degrees were communicated. However, this practice came to an end when the Supreme Council ordered that all Degrees would be conferred with costumes. It was allowed to separate the Degrees into Spring and Fall Convocation, as they were designated. The five mandatory Degrees would continue to be conferred in both Spring and Fall Convocations, and with permission of the SGIG after designation of Spring and Fall Degrees, designated Degrees could be communicated when not conferred.

The first act that brought America closer to becoming an active participant in the war, was the sinking of the SS Lusitania by a German submarine, with loss of many Americans lives, men, women and children. 🐾

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to contact a Brother a defect in the male personality? Is this just a part of the proverbial "guy thing" for us to be so reserved, insensitive and closed to the needs of our Brothers? How will each of us, as Masons, feel when and if we need the support of others, and there is nothing but a communication vacuum?

Think about it!

We really do set our obligations aside when we fail to contact a Brother who no longer comes to lodge. Have you been contacted when you missed a few or several meetings? Has your lodge or other Masonic body ever contacted you on a joyous or sad occasion if they know about it? Did anyone ask why you might have demitted from a Masonic body? Probably not.

How ironic it is in these times of constant communication that so few of us are actually communicating. With all of the incessant chatter infiltrating our lives, one has to stop and wonder if anyone is actually saying anything of value to those who matter.

Our Brother wrote, "But I would also hope that 'caring for each other' is a theme that would encourage Scottish Rite Masons to reach out to their Brothers who are in need of hearing words of concern, hope, comfort and yes, caring."

Thank you, my Brother, for communicating with this office and for awakening our need to go beyond "the guy thing" to do "the Masonic thing."

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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. unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

November 10, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Meeting

Program by Kenneth Carolan 32°

Roast Turkey & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce & Apple Pie, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

December 8, 2014:

Executive Committee Meeting

Dinner and Meeting

Program by Casey A. Fletcher 32° KCCH

Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Vegetables, House Salad & Dinner Rolls, Warm Bread Pudding w/Caramel Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade 🐾

Valley of Tampa eNewsletter

We encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter which will keep you informed of news and events at Tampa Scottish Rite. Please visit <www.tampascottishrite.org>, click on **Publications**, then **Tampa eNews** then sign up under Tampa eNews. 🐾

Prelate

by Ill.: Lou Ortt, 33°



In Zechariah 9:12, the prophet speaking to the people of Judah, who were then in exile in Babylon, referred to them as "prisoners of hope." After decades in exile, it seemed they would never be restored to their homeland, yet they hoped. The basis for their hope was the promise God made to Abraham and his descendants: that God would be their God forever and through them all nations would be blessed; that God would, indeed, bear the people up on eagles' wings and out of harm.

The Psalmist also knew that God's protection was infinite and wanted all to know that, no matter what the situation was, there was always hope; and, for this hope, we celebrate with thanksgiving. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth," he said in Psalm 100. Obedience to the One who made us is to be offered with gladness. It is a song of celebration and informs the worshipers they are still to seek the Divine presence. The courts of the temple are to be entered with thanksgiving, remembering that God made it possible to be there. His steadfast love endures forever. This is a promise and a truth which sustains us today through our faith and obedience. It gives us hope for the future.

As we approach the Holiday Season, we need to pause and give thanks for all the hopes we have seen fulfilled and the blessings bestowed on us throughout our personal lives. May each of us be able to sing our song, our Psalm of praise and thanksgiving, for the blessings we have received and for the hope with which we can face the coming year. 🐾

Scottish Knights of St. Andrew Meeting Dates

November 10, 2014

December 8, 2014

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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



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August 29, 2014

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September 1, 2014

Luther M. Beal, 32°
September 12, 2014

James C. Hoppe, 32°
September 20, 2014

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October 5, 2014

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August 21, 2014

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September 24, 2014

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August 16, 2014

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August 24, 2014

John A. Jones, 32°
August 12, 2014

James T. Trefrey Jr., 32°
September 15, 2014

James H. Dansby, 32°
August 23, 2014

Thomas W. Kennedy, 32°
August 12, 2014

Robert L. Wilson, 32°
August 27, 2014

Richard D. Fisher, 32°
August 9, 2014

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August 21, 2014