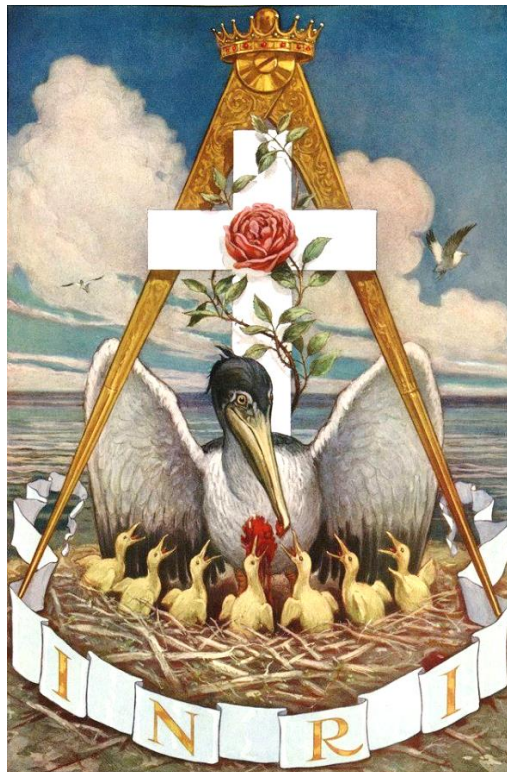


**Valley of Huntsville
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**

**Meets on the 1st Monday at Solar Lodge #914
3008 9th Avenue, Huntsville, 35805
Refreshments at 6:00 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM
(256) 539-1300**



**“THE ROSE”
NEWSLETTER OF THE
VALLEY OF HUNTSVILLE SCOTTISH RITE
3RD Quarter 2018**





*"BEHOLD HOW
GOOD AND
HOW
PLEASANT IT IS
FOR BRETHERN
TO DWELL
TOGETHER IN
UNITY"
PSALM 133:1*

HAVE WE FOUND A HOME?

From the PR - Honorable David Lakin 32°KCCH

A special meeting of the valley brethren was held on August 20, 2018 to vote on long-term tenant status at Solar Lodge 914 F&AM of the Alabama Grand Lodge. There were two proposals on the slate for discussion. First was a proposed Lease Agreement between Solar 914 F&AM (Host) and Huntsville AASR (Tenant) and second was a proposed offer to purchase the property from Solar and they become the Tenant.

Everyone should have received their notice to attend along with a detailed explanation of the options up for discussion. 22 members were in attendance who asked many questions and expressed opinions in support of, and against, this historic decision. Ultimately the decision was made to offer to purchase the property and table the resolution regarding a lease agreement.

There is an interested buyer on the Flint River property, however, the sale is not moving forward as rapidly as we would like. We are still waiting on an official offer.

We continue to support Dyslexia and our other Philanthropic activities. We need your help as we are always looking for new volunteers to support Fund Raisers, organize Scottish Rite, Masonic, and public facing events, participating in Reunion activities as DUCKS, Actors and most importantly, we need a couple of Degree Masters pronto.

Finally, I am interested in a Public Awareness Committee, to raise public awareness and improve the reputation of not only The Scottish Rite, but Masonry in general in North Alabama. This committee will educate the public on all Masons do to contribute to the wellbeing of our community. We will publicize all upcoming events and create new opportunities to interact positively and openly with our community. We will create education and fellowship opportunities to improve relations between all Masonic bodies and brothers and strengthen the fraternity by improving trust and brotherly love. If you have experience in business, marketing or advertisement please contact me and together we will move North Alabama Masonry into the future.



THE VOICE OF REASON FROM THE SECRETARIES

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Brothers, we here in the office need to communicate with you regularly. We like that part of the job. To ensure that we have good flow requires your assistance. Please remember to submit your latest home and email addresses, as well as home and cell phone numbers. We would like to send as much out via email as possible, but not everyone has email and many times mail is sent and returned to us by the postal system. Please keep us informed. You can also update your personal information at The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Supreme Council, 33° Southern Jurisdiction USA. scottishrite.org

NPD – if you know someone who has lost interest and is going to go suspended bring him back, show him we are going to turn the battleship and we are going to have fun together. He should get current and come have fun!

**PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE FEAST OF TISHRI NO LATER THAN 17
SEPTEMBER 2018 VIA EMAIL OR VOICE MESSAGE**

Note from the Editor: Newsletter submissions are due to the Secretary no later than the 2nd Business Meeting of the Quarter. Newsletter approval will occur at the following Advisory Conference, then finalized be and mailed the Brethren.



Happy Birthday Brothers!

June		
Larry	Tanner	1
Robert	Carter	1
George	Lewis	1
Lyndall	Carter	4
Wendell	Benefield	5
Andy	Wright	5
C	Reddy	6
Andrew	Albert	6
Larry	Camp	6
Eugene	Cope	9
Carlos	Harbison	9
Clarence	McAllister	9
Ferris	Oakley	12
Henry	Best	12
Samuel	Curatola	12
Jimmy	Green	13
Peter	Mercer	14
James	Crum	15
Gary	Lacey	15
Melvin	Pizitz	16
Henry	Locklear	16
William	Wheeler	17
Charles	MacCrone	17
Clark	Webster	19
Kenneth	Shepard	19
Randall	Grice	19
Eric	Cruce	19
Charles	Cassidy	19
Larry	Higginbotham	20
Larry	Hancock	20
Benjamin	Ledford	20
Thomas	Keeton	21
Max	Nabors	23
Ralph	Franklin	25

July		
Anthony	Blackwell	1
Thomas	Totcky	2
Harvey	Pride	3
Michael	Smith	6
Jesse	Fountain	6
Richard	Sizemore	7
David	Whitaker	7
Charles	Townson	11
Robert	Brown	11
Robert	Archer	11
Jerrold	Hester	11
Charles	Stocks	12
Stephen	Morgan	13
Robert	Byrd	14
Marcus	McCrary	14
Richard	Gonce	15
William	White	15
Stanley	Harrison	15
Robert	Swaim	18
Samuel	Bentley	19
Clifton	Blakely	19
Gregory	Welch	20
Charles	McClendon	21
John	Hawes	21
Max	McWhorter	22
Fred	Jordan	22
Jimmie	Youngblood	24
Jonce	Hubble	26
Brian	Spurlin	27
Asa	McKenzie	28
William	Traylor	28
Charles	McDonald	29
Charles	Kirch	29
Kelly	Berry	29

August		
Dennis	Thomas	1
Charles	Richardson	1
Kenneth	Kaimann	2
Lester	Thrasher	2
Charles	Beck	3
Lawerence	Cameron	5
James	Traglia	5
Anthony	Bartley	5
Thomas	Beasley	7
Louis	Johnson	9
Michael	Chisenall	9
Henderson	Rollins	11
Bradley	Bagwell	11
Brian	Duncan	11
John	Steadman	12
Carmelo	Aliano	12
Duncan	Mackie	12
Ken	Couch	13
James	St. John	14
Michael	Cribbet	15
Samuel	Davis	17
William	Nappier	17
James	Yates	17
Ronnie	Clark	17
Elwood	Westmore	18
Vernon	Shankle	18
Leon	Gill	18
Charles	Phillips	19
Phillip	Sherman	19
Rufus	Passwater	20
Logan	Sampson	20
Steven	Johnson	20
Joseph	Paschall	20
John	Ferguson	21

Jamie	Butler	26	Brett	Benefield	29	William	Claus	22
David	Roberts	26	John	Morrow	29	Michael	Brewer	22
Stephen	Daniel	26	Stephen	Dover	30	Edgar	Allingham	23
James	Robinson	29	John	Pennington	30	Hugo	Britt	23
Rodger	McAnalley	29	Leo	Chamness	31	James	Lollar	23
			Patrick	Keyes	31	Brandon	Brown	25
			Leland	Ragsdale	31	William	Robertson	27
						Mark	Williams	27
						James	Miller	27
						William	Burfitt	27
						Rex	Isley	28
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						Daniel	Christopher	31
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORK

ILLUSTRIOUS WILLIAM J. “DOUG” BURFITT, JR. 33°

As the 2018 Fall REUNION fast approaches we find ourselves with the need for two highly motivated Brothers to lead and act as Degree Team Masters for the 18th and the 30th Degrees. Illustrious Brother David Whittaker and Honorable Dean Lilja 32°KCCH both stepped down this year for personal reasons leaving an opportunity for a couple highly motivated individuals to step-up and make it happen! We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the cast, lighting, props, stage hands i.e. DUCKS etc., etc. Contact Illustrious William J. Burfitt, Jr. 33°.



It has been a while since we have had a REUNION as we cancelled our Spring 2018 class event. I would like to remind everyone of the sequence of events. First of all, the location of the REUNION is Solar Lodge No. 914 F&AM, 3008 9th Avenue SW, Huntsville, AL 35805, (Phone: 256-801-0113). We will begin with registration and breakfast at 7:00 am and the degrees will begin sharply at 8:00 am and end around 5:00 pm. The Valley will provide breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day. Here are the degrees exemplified and communicated:

4th Degree Exemplified*

5th through 13th Degrees communicated

14th Degree Exemplified*

15th through 17th Degrees communicated

18th Degree Exemplified*

19th through 29th Degrees communicated

30th Degree Exemplified*

31st Degree communicated*

32nd Degree Exemplified*

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* **Exemplified means the degree is performed** and **Communicated** means that the candidate receives an "overview" of the degrees content. The 4°; 14°; 18°; 30° and 32° are mandatory per the Statutes of the Supreme Council. The overview of the degrees is either given by myself or by Honorable David Lakin 32°KCCH. We will publish a sequence of events the closer we get to the REUNION.

We are working to publish revised "Open and Closing" booklets and when they are proofed and finalized they will be made available to all Brothers for a nominal fee (reproduction cost). These booklets will be based on Arturo de Hoyos's, "**Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide**" (3d ed.) "The Big Red Book."



Master Craftsman Course

Gentlemen, don't forget about the value of the Master Craftsmen courses, they are wonderful courses. We intend to follow through with hosting a **Huntsville Masonic "Master Craftsmen" Study Group** hosted by the Scottish Rite here at Solar Lodge. The study group will be open to all Masonic Lodges and other appendant Bodies within the Huntsville vicinity or anyone who just wants to stop in to partake of the activities no matter where they are from. Senior Volunteers and some less senior will be responsible to conduct guided, group, and individual discussions focused on various topics, which may arise as a result of members taking any of the three courses outlined below. We have several Brothers who have finished one or more course(s) and are working on different courses. I believe the Master Craftsmen Study Group could be both enjoyable and beneficial to all Brethren who participate, further creating and cementing the bonds of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.



Program I: The Symbolic Lodge will familiarize students with aspects of the development of Blue Lodge Masonry and explore some of its developing symbolism. This will reveal that the "High Degrees" began to develop soon after formation of the Premier Grand Lodge (1717). Albert Pike's book, *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*, along with Arturo de Hoyos's *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (3d ed.) will be used to demonstrate a rational and philosophical interpretation for much of what is found in Craft Masonry.



Program II: Scottish Rite History & Ritual consists of six lessons, utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and *A Bridge to Light* (4th ed.) by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.

Program III: Scottish Rite Philosophy uses *Albert Pike's Morals & Dogma, Annotated Edition*, by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross and returns to the ritual of the Scottish Rite to re-explore it on a deeper level, by looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and then applying that lesson to one's everyday life. The course consists of 33 quizzes, grouped into 10 sections.

If Your Scottish Rite Ring Could Speak...



By

HENRY C. CLAUSEN, 33°

*Sovereign Grand Commander of The Supreme Council
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California*

Suppose by some magic your Scottish Rite ring could speak. What would it say? Would it not say to you:

"I SYMBOLIZE the Scottish Rite and, as such, like Aladdin's lamp, I am possessed of miraculous powers, for . . .

"I BRING YOU riches far greater than all the wealth of fabled Golconda: I can summon to you the help and the strength of your Scottish Rite Brethren throughout the nations of our world-wide Masonry . . .

"I BRING YOU the grandeur and the splendor of a Scottish Rite Ritual: That portrayal from antiquity by the golden pen in poetry and by the sacred fire in drama which inculcates the most lofty sentiments, clean moral values, and noble aspirations . . .

"I BRING YOU the magnetism of a Scottish Rite Mission: That never-ending fight for freedom—freedom of the body, freedom of the mind, freedom of the soul . . .

"I BRING YOU the beauty of Scottish Rite Vision: That revelation of truth and of greatness dimly seen in the mystic light that follows initiation, purification and perfection . . .

"I BRING YOU the insight of a Scottish Rite Philosophy: That progress in human development which transforms natural ignorance into divine wisdom . . .

"I BRING YOU the confidence of Scottish Rite Courage: That self-reliance in daily living born of an abiding faith in guidance by Him who holds the whole wide world in His hands . . .

*"These are some of the things I bring to you,
a true Freemason of the Scottish Rite."*

THE LODGE OF PERFECTION

Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit

Fides Servanda Est

A Word from the Venerable Master, Brother Kevin H. Burns, 32°

As summer ends, I have to say this has been a wonderful Masonic summer! Tammy and I have really enjoyed ourselves this summer! We have travelled to and fro enjoying the sights and people, but most of all we were able to spend time in our Blue Lodge, never forget your home Lodge!! Boaz Lodge #546 F&AM is a home away from home for us! Tammy and I absolutely enjoyed our weekend getaway trip with Hiram's Travelers part of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association, as I am the President there as well. I have enjoyed working with the Executive Board on the matters at hand effecting the Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies and working with all the leadership to ensure Scottish Rite Masonry grows and prospers for the forthcoming years here in the Huntsville area. As Venerable Master, I have absolutely enjoyed seeing the new burst in enthusiasm we are seeing in and around the Scottish Rite!!! I am also the Degree Master for the 18th so if you are ready to plunge into some fun with our team just say the word and we will put you to work. Let your inner kid out!!



The Lodge of Perfection extends to you, your family and friends a cordial invitation to join us in a Masonic Feast of Tishri. The date is September 21, 2018 at Solar Lodge located at 3008 Ninth Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. The feast begins at 6:00 pm with the ceremony following at approximately 7:00 pm.

This event is sponsored by the Lodge of Perfection and the Huntsville Knights of Saint Andrew.

Cost of the meal is \$15.00 per plate (Children 12 and under eat free) with a menu consisting of:

Grilled Ham & Smoked Turkey
Boiled Potatoes & Kevin's Baked Beans
Turnip Greens
Salad
Rolls
Desert & Drink

**PLEASE RSVP TO THE FEAST OF TISHRI NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT
PHONE: 256-539-1300 OR E-MAIL: SCOTTISHRIT5290@BELLSOUTH.NET**

King Solomon chose the Feast of Tishri as the time to dedicate his temple, which makes this a very special occasion. Please consider joining us for this special occasion.

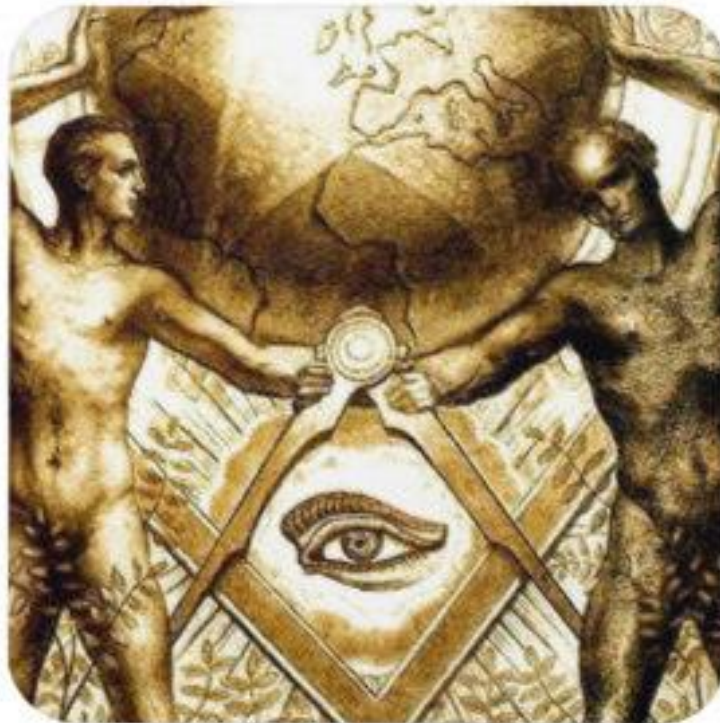


I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD
ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this world be better,
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you,"
And then treat us just that way?
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you"
Wouldn't life be far more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking too?
You know something good about me,
"I know something good about you."

-S.-R. News.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Canton, 98th REUNION November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 1944



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudæorum

Ormuzd--Ainsoph--Demiurgos

A Word from the Wise Master Honorable Joseph F. Zito, 32°KCCH



The Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting a Lodge of Sorrow at the October regular meeting. It is a very solemn occasion for all Scottish Rite Masons. Mark your calendars, honor our Brother who have passed from this plane to the next and remember this is a open ceremony.

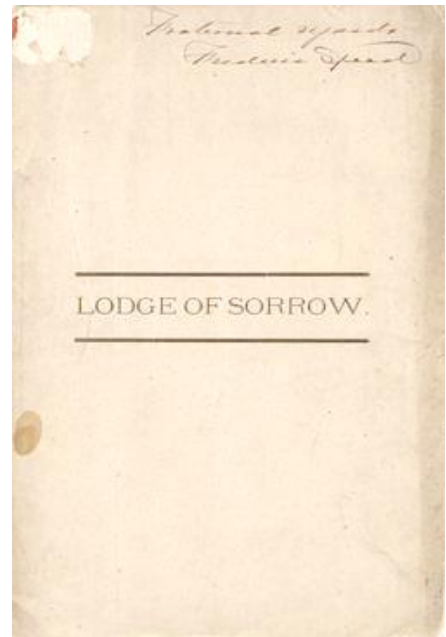
Frederic Speed: Union Officer and Prominent Mason

On April 13, 1865, Frederic Speed (1841-1911), Union officer, was given the task of processing and arranging transport of released Union prisoners of war back to their homes. In his haste to clear Camp Fisk, Speed counted only two trains of 600 men, rather than the three that came to Vicksburg, Mississippi to meet the steamboat, "*The Sultana*". Speed thought that the number of men was around 1,300, but the actual figure was much greater - possibly 1,800 men. The steamboat was overloaded.

Mechanical problems with the boiler started in Vicksburg. Later, when the steamboat had just departed Memphis, Tennessee on April 27, 1865, two or more of the boilers exploded. Most of the passengers onboard died in the wreckage of the steamboat or in the Mississippi River.

Frederic Speed was court-martialed for his part in this disaster and found guilty, but the case was later overturned. Speed stayed in Vicksburg after the Civil War and became a judge and prominent Mason.

Fourteen years after the disaster of the *Sultana*, Speed had taken on the role of a knowledgeable Masonic ritualist. On January 15, 1879, Frederic Speed gave an address at a Lodge of Sorrow, or Funeral Lodge, in Okolona, Mississippi. This Lodge of Sorrow was held once a year in memory the fraternal dead. The purpose of this ceremony was to describe the virtues of the departed Brethren. A Lodge of Sorrow renewed the focus on living and was meant to ease the transition to death for Masons. The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has an autographed copy of the address that Speed gave at this Lodge of Sorrow (see image to the right).



In 1882, Frederic Speed became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He gave a detailed address at the 1882 Grand Lodge meetings. Later, in 1905, he was elected to the role of Grand Secretary. A recently acquired autographed letter, written while he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, concerns Masonic business "The letter" is dated March 1905 and is written to H. H. Hall of Alabama who is interested in obtaining a Masonic certificate.

(http://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com/library_and_archives/lodge-of-sorrow/)

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

*Arche, Logos, Phos, Pneuma
Haikal Kadosh*

A Word from the Commander Lawrence E. “Larry” Fouse, 32°



As our Valley's Fall REUNION rapidly approaches, I am becoming more and more excited both as a member of the KSA and as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh! The 30° – Knight Kadosh is one of the five degrees exemplified in our REUNION. This degree is simply wonderful and has deep meaning to me personally. I tend to agree with Illustrious Charles David Hall, 33° in his description of the 30° as he considers this to be one of the most important degrees in the Scottish Rite lineup. He further explains “If in death there is life, then the great martyrs of history live indeed in the hearts of the followers after Truth. Every Mason who has attained this Degree should study the history of the Templars for it is as true now as then that the esoteric teachings of

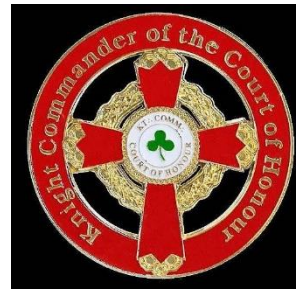
Masonry are only to be appreciated when studied diligently and continually. This Degree particularly teaches the great necessity of combating arbitrary and unscrupulous power and all influences which would keep the people in ignorance.” I look forward to supporting the REUNION with my fellow Knights of St. Andrew and all the Brethren who are able to work together and bring more Brothers into this Great Fraternity of ours! **SO MOTE IT BE!**

(<https://dcsr.org/the-degrees-of-the-scottish-rite-council-of-kadosh/>)

CONSISTORY

*Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit
Fides Servanda Est*

A Word from the Master of Kadosh Charles D. Brown, 33°



Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

The official blog about the collections, exhibitions, and programs of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

ROTC/ROTC Awards Update from Illustrious Tom Craig 33°

Our tradition of awarding deserving young leaders working and learning in various ROTC and JROTC units in the area Universities and High Schools continues. Last quarter we presented awards to the students from the schools listed below. There are two awards, one for High School students enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) for their scholastic excellence and demonstrated ideals of Americanism. The second is for second and third year cadets enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) who are outstanding in their class academically and in character.



Alabama A&M University
Arab High School
Athens High School
JR Austin High School
Albert P. brewer High School
Buckhorn High School
James Clemens High School
Columbia High School
Decatur High School
Ft Payne High School
Virgil Grissom High School
Hazel green High School
Huntsville High School
Bob Jones High School
Lawrence County High School
Pell City High School
Sparkman High School



Our Charitable Endeavors

The Valley of Huntsville continues to support the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation.

TEACHER AWARD

The Valley of Huntsville continues to support the wonderful Teachers of our State. There are two awards: The Alabama Teacher of the Year and The Teacher Hall of Fame.

DYSLEXIA TESTING

The Valley provides the space for local testing and people such as Board Members and volunteers to support and serve the Foundation, which provides for free Testing of Alabama children between first and eighth grades.

Child must be at least 7 years old and half way through the first grade.



From the Knights of Saint Andrew, Brother Roger Mullins 32°



The Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) is a service organization developed for 32° Black Cap Members. The principles goals of the KSA are to provide an opportunity for Black Cap members to play a larger role within the Consistory, to help members become more active in the Consistory as a whole, and to promote the Scottish Rite within Freemasonry. As some of you may know, our organization was formed in early 1993, by Illustrious Weldon Good, 33° from the Oklahoma, Tulsa Valley, who identified men who were joining the Scottish Rite, but not returning to help and participate in subsequent REUNION s. To energize the Brethren, he organized the KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW as a service group for the Valley. Our main duties are to assist as needed during the REUNIONS and to be available to the Valley's General Secretary for any assigned duties.



We need your support during the FALL REUNION!

Do you want to play a bigger role and provide a service? Then come join the team and contact Roger at any time!! Contact me at me at any time or any of the other KSA Brethren!

*“...Over the past three days,
We have discovered new friends;
We have strengthened our bonds with those we knew;
We have recognized and embraced our diversity;
We have applauded our common goals and purposes;
We have explored our own shortcomings;
We have learned from others how to overcome and excel;
We have shared our strengths as well as our hopes.*

*We will leave here with a renewed resolve;
We will communicate more;
We will more completely meet the needs of our Valleys;
We will not feel alone in times of frustration or concern;
We will be the glue that holds together the best parts of
Scottish Rite Masonry;
...and...
We will come together again.”*



Legend has it the kilt pin was invented by Queen Victoria. Whilst inspecting Highland troops on a windy day, she noticed one soldier valiantly attempting to keep his aprons from flapping. The Queen instructed a lady-in-waiting to stick a hat pin through his front apron, thus weighing it down.

SACRED GEOMETRY & PORPORTION: GREAT PYRAMID DECODED

By ILLUSTRIOUS MATT CROCKER, 33^o

I enjoy reading about ancient cultures, history, rites and religions. I have found I can't truly comprehend them until I travel and experience them firsthand. I was intrigued by what I read by best-selling international authors, Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval, and chose to travel through Egypt to better understand what I was learning. I spent my 40th birthday on a comprehensive tour of the pyramids and temples traversing the Nile from the Northern Sudan to the Egyptian Delta. Author, Robert Bauval, who co-wrote the Orion Mystery, Egypt Encoded and Talisman led the tour and helped me cultivate a deeper understanding of ancient Egyptian culture, history and mysteries.

TRIP TO EYGPT

I was awestruck by the Great Pyramid (GP) of Giza and spent days examining the interior and exterior. I spent half a day in the King's Chamber alone, falling asleep at one point in the evening in the sarcophagus after the tourists left. I was awoken by some agitated eastern Europeans. I was trying to experience what our Brother Napoleon did when he slept overnight in the Great Pyramid. Napoleon said it was life changing.

The ancient Egyptians, like many other of our ancestors worldwide, tried to preserve knowledge by enshrining information they deemed critical to humanity in the masonry of our ancient monuments. They did so with the desire to preserve the cultural legacy and knowledge gained over the millennia from being lost due to natural catastrophes such as a great deluge, crustal displacement or an ice age. Similarly, our greatest artisans were concerned that knowledge would be lost or suppressed due to despotic rule they encoded it into their paintings, sculptures, lore and writings so the information could endure the ages.

SACRED GEOMETRY (SACRED PORPORTION)

The word "pyramid" is comprised of two Greek words, "pyra" meaning light and "midos" meaning measures. Thus, the Greek word "pyramid" implies measurements from which light (knowledge/wisdom) is obtained. I have spent two decades traveling to ancient monolithic ruins worldwide observing similar measurements and technics employed. A year back, I spent 2 months traveling from Indonesia to India, touring Borobudur, the Angkor Wat Temple complex, Bayon, and the Ajanta and Ellora caves. What I witnessed time and time again is the sacred proportions 108, 216, 432, and 864 built into these structures. What do these numbers represent? There are numerous levels of meaning, however the most transparent is as follows:

- (1) 108: 108, half of 216, is symbolic of the sacred famine. It is the radius of the moon (1080 miles). The average distance of the moon from the Earth is 108 moon diameters placed one after another. Similarly, the average distance from the Earth to the sun is 108 sun diameters back to back.
- (2) 216: The diameter of the moon is 2160 miles across is the diameter of the moon (216). There are 216 12-foot smiling Buddha faces built into the Temple of Bayon, in Cambodia.
- (3) 432: The original Stradivarius violin was designed so that the musical note "A" was tuned to 432 Hz. Our Brother, Mozart, wrote his music so "A" was tuned at 432 Hz, which is a principle component of the 'Mozart healing effect' and catalyst for increased brain function. In contemporary music, "A" is tuned to 440 Hz. The problem with this is "432 Hz touches the full twelve scale octaval overtones of all music in creation, whereas A tuned to 440 Hz only touches eight (8), leaving out an entire section of the complete musical resonance". Four hundred and thirty two is, also, a recurrent phenomenon in nature. In addition to the harmonics you were introduced to above, 432 squared is the speed of light in miles per second. Note that 432 is also incorporated into our ancient structures and lore. For instance, there are 432 Buddhas (108 on each side) of the square section at Borobudur in Java. In addition to this sacred geometry built into ancient monuments within plain site, it is also incorporated into our lore such as the Norse mythological story, 'War of the Wolf' which states: "Five hundred doors and forty there are, in Valhalla's walls; eight hundred fighters through each door fare when to war with the Wolf they go." The product of 540 doors multiplied by 800 fighters is 432,000. The Grecian mystical Pythagorean brotherhood considered the knowledge of 432 essential to gain mastery of one's self. It is said that Freemasonry is one of the custodians of this knowledge passed on by the ancients such as the Pythagorean order. The Scottish Rite administers the 4th through the 32nd degree's, yet another 432.

(4) 864: The diameter of the sun 864,000 miles across (864). Considered our Sumerian base 12-60 mathematics. There are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, and 24 hours in a day ($60 \times 60 \times 24 = 86,400$ seconds/day). It just so happens the distance in miles between the western and eastern Roman Empires (Vatican and the Saint Sofia (now Hagia Sofia) was 864 miles. The Toltec's Great Pyramid of the Sun in Mexico has an overall base length of 864 Standard Teotihuacan Units

Returning to the metrology of the Great Pyramid (GP), add the lengths of the base perimeter: 4 sides (4×755). Multiply by 43,200, which is the number of seconds in 12 hours, and it yields the equatorial circumference of the Earth. Similarly, take the height of the GP and multiply by 43,200, and you get the polar radius of the Earth.

How did the Egyptians and other peoples of different time periods and in different locations throughout the world come to understand sacred geometry? We know it has been passed through the mystery traditions from the ancient world, however how did the ancients know the dimensions of the Earth? Where did they gain this knowledge, and why was it limited to only a select few?

These are the questions I have spent over a decade seeking, and the answers are now coming to light. I will share what I can, however I would like you to consider a couple things as a preface for future discussions. First, you may want to condition your mind to see beyond the norm. One way to do this is to consider the vastness of space. Ask yourself, how many stars are in our galaxy? Our galaxy, the Milky Way, has ± 250 billion stars. The universe possesses 100 to 200 billion galaxies. Confirm these values for yourself (reference NASA). Again, our neighborhood, the Milky Way, alone possesses 250 billion stars. The universe is teeming with life. What we will learn in the years to come will change how we look at everything. With this said, my studies into the mysteries have evolved from the study of sacred geometry (the five [5] Platonic solids and their meaning) to sacred proportion, to frequency (harmonics/vibration), to consciousness and mastering our intent. For those of you with the aptitude, desire and disciple to become a 'Traveling Man', I hope you join me on this journey. After I was raised, I started this journey with many Brothers, and only a few have had the drive (interest, aptitude, and disciple) to continue this quest, which inevitably is done alone and is one of self-discovery and self-mastery. I know this is not for everyone, however it is one of the most gratifying pursuits I have embarked on in my life, and one that will keep me engaged until I pass from this life. I am happy to be a guide, for I am very grateful to those who have been my guides. As you embark on this journey, know it is important to circumscribe your passions. It requires you improve as a person and strive to perfect your character. There are many tests along the way, and if base desires govern your thoughts and actions you will be limited in the progress that can be made. For me, this path has gradually smoothed the Asher stone, and I cannot tell you how grateful I am to God for pointing me to this, it has immeasurably improved my life.

For future discussions, I would like you to consider this quote from Nikola Tesla, "If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency and vibration." From Mike Brewers' lecture earlier this year, think of the 3rd law of the Seven Hermetic Principles, the Principle of Vibration. and from John Hoods' lecture earlier this year on the Kabala, consider the concept of the Transmigration of souls. If this does not interest you, no worries, that is the beauty of the craft, it is rich and has so many layers of activities and meaning. There is something for all of us to keep us interested, engaged and permit us to serve. **GODSPEED.**

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SUBLIME PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

Master of Royal Secret



THE Occult Science of the Ancient Magi was concealed under the shadows of the Ancient Mysteries: it was imperfectly revealed or rather disfigured by the Gnostics: it is guessed at under the obscurities that cover the pretended crimes of the Templars; and it is found enveloped in enigmas that seem impenetrable, in the Rites of the Highest Masonry.

Magism was the Science of Abraham and Orpheus, of Confucius and Zoroaster. It was the dogmas of this Science that were engraven on the tables of stone by Enoch and Trismegistus. Moses purified and re-veiled them, for that is the meaning of the word reveal. He covered them with a new veil, when he made of the Holy Kabalah the exclusive heritage of the people of Israel, and the inviolable Secret of its priests. The Mysteries of Thebes and Eleusis preserved among the nations some symbols of it, already altered, and the mysterious key whereof was lost among the instruments of an ever-growing superstition. Jerusalem, the murderess of her prophets, and so often prostituted to the false gods of the Syrians and Babylonians, had at length in its turn lost the Holy Word, when a Prophet announced to the Magi by the consecrated Star of Initiation, came to rend asunder the worn veil of the old Temple, in order to give the Church a new tissue of legends and symbols, that still and ever conceals from the Profane, and ever preserves to the Elect the same truths.

<http://freemasoninformation.com/masonic-education/books/morals-and-dogma/morals-and-dogma-sublime-prince/>



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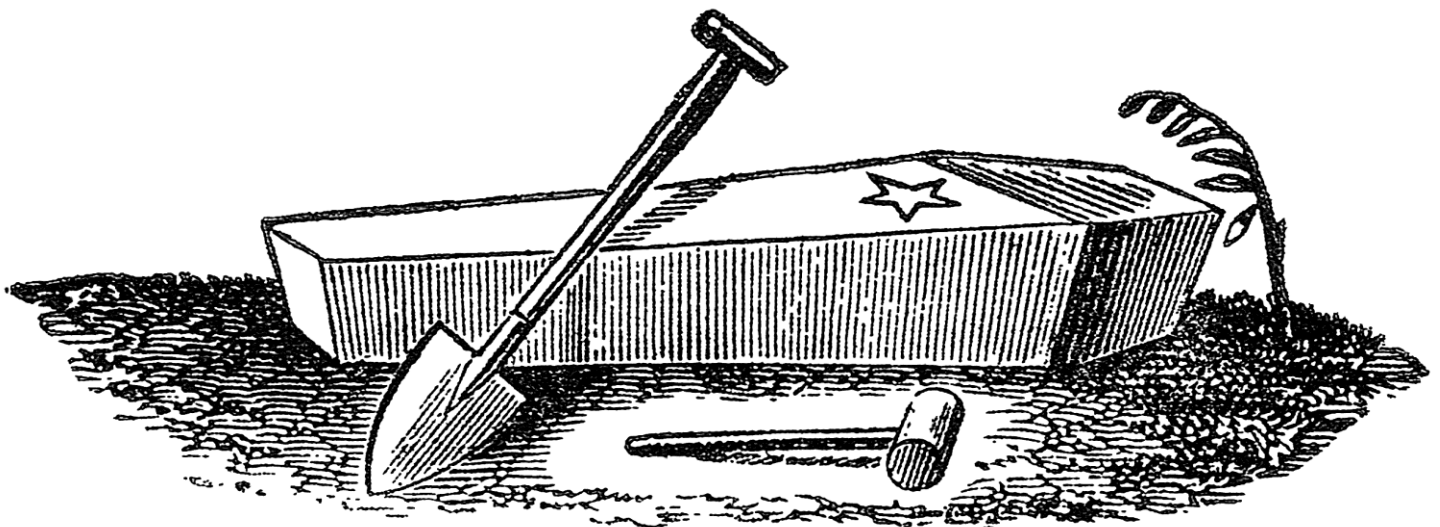
From the Almoner Illustrious Thomas A. “Tom” Paul 33°

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED HOME

Warren K Clark	February 22, 2014
Walter B Smith	October 20, 2016
J B Jaco	December 14, 2016
David C Leonard	February 4, 2017
Daniel M Christopher	June 29, 2017
Harold E Canady	November 10, 2017
Bobby R Miller	December 6, 2017
Ernest G Stephens	January 4, 2018
William F Dendy	May 2, 2018
Howard E Dupree	May 14, 2018
Ernest W Harper Jr	July 11, 2018



**AND HIS LORD SAID UNTO HIM, WELL DONE,
THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT
MATTHEW 25:21**



Calendar of Events

September

- 03 6:00 pm Refreshments and Social hour
7:00 pm **Lodge of Perfection** (*Council has refreshments - 2nd. Lt. Cmdr.*)
- 15 7:00 am REUNION Registration & Breakfast, Degrees 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 17 6:00 pm **Advisory Conference**
- 21 6:00 **Feast of Tishri Dinner** "Open" (Lodge of Perfection has responsibility)
7:00 pm **Feast of Tishri Ceremony** "Open" (Lodge of Perfection)

October

- 01 6:00 pm Refreshments and Social hour
7:00 pm **Chapter of Rose Croix** (Consistory has refreshments - Preceptor)
- 15 6:00 pm **Advisory Conference**; Temple Corp.

November

- 06 6:00 pm Refreshments and Social hour
7:00 pm **Council of Kadosh** (Consistory has refreshments - Preceptor)
Nominations are due (All four Bodies - Venerable Master in Charge)
Budget due (Finance Committee - Treasurer in Charge)
- 19 6:00 pm **Advisory Conference**

December

- 03 6:00 pm Refreshments and Social hour
7:00 pm **Consistory** (Consistory has refreshments - Preceptor)
Election of Officers and approve Budget
- 17 7:00 pm **Installation of Officers** - open

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE FEAST OF TISHRI NOT LATER THAN 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 VIA EMAIL OR VOICE MESSAGE - 256-539-1300 OR E-MAIL: SCOTTISHRIT5290@BELLSOUTH.NET

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Date of Birth: _____

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Blue Lodge & No.: _____

Blue Lodge Location _____ Date Raised _____

I, the undersigned, I have resided in this jurisdiction _____ years.

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the entire separation of Church and State as set forth in
the Constitution of the United States of America."***

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