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**III. Charles E. Rosenbaum, 33°, S.G.I.G.**

**Lt. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council**

### **Rosenbaum, The Great Masonic Builder**

Bro. Rosenbaum was responsible for the purchase of the old Jewish Synagogue on Center Street in Little Rock, which he re-modeled for the Scottish Rite Bodies. This was the first building ever purchased to be used exclusively by the Scottish Rite. It soon proved to be inadequate so in 1902 Bro. Rosenbaum erected what was to be the first Scottish Rite Temple in the world! This new building at Eighth and Scott Streets was known as "The Gem of the Southern Jurisdiction." Among his other accomplishments, Bro. Rosenbaum served as Chairman of the building committee, which planned and erected the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., which is the home of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. It was dedicated in 1915 and the Camp Guard of the Little Rock Consistory served as the proud Honor Guard of the occasion. Bro. Rosenbaum achieved another first when he organized the first of all Camp Guards and used it in the conferral of the Scottish Rite degrees. Here are the words of our Illustrious Brother given at the three-day Fall Reunion of November 1925:

*"As we have said, it was a long road from our little beginning to our present beautiful Albert Pike Memorial Temple, and while we look back upon the struggles of our earlier days, it is indeed a comfort and delight to know that our present building, our Scottish Rite Home, is in all its appointments, and in every way, complete for the purposes of Scottish Rite Masonry.*

*Your Sovereign Grand Inspector General desires to place himself on record in acknowledging the great obligation he is under to the Brethren of these bodies, who so generously, so promptly and so affectionately tendered every assistance and encouragement from the very start until the final completion of*

*our Great Albert Pike Memorial Temple. It is doubtful if such loyalty and devotion was ever before exhibited in any body of men and it is doubtful if it ever could be again, because the faith shown and the confidence manifested at all times was such as to compel the admiration, not only of members of the fraternity, but all other classes of men throughout the State and the business world where it was known.*

*We now leave in the hand of these Bodies the future history of the Rite in this State, feeling assured that the same careful, thoughtful and loyal consideration on the part of the Brethren will prevail in the future as it has in the past and that we may go on living as one great, happy, peaceful and contented family,*

*ever remembering that this, of all other institutions, should truly be "The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God," and that we may well take for our text, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."*



### Statement of Allegiance

*The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Orient of Arkansas, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America (Mother Supreme Council of the World) whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., of which*

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Personal Representative for  
The Valley of Fayetteville



Pictures from the joint Grotto and Scottish Rite, Valley of Little Rock Fish Fry held last month at the Grotto



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*The Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council includes all the territory over which the United States of America exercises domain of powers of government, except the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned by the Supreme Council to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council also includes those countries where it has established, or may hereafter establish, Bodies of the Rite, and over which countries no regular Supreme Council has acquired jurisdiction.*

## Name This Publication Winner

The winner of the "Name This Publication" contest is Bro John Brown Jr of Rogers. He is a member of the Valley of Fayetteville. You can see the winning name on the cover.

## Update Your Mailing Address

**Address Update:** Have you moved recently, or do you have a Scottish Rite friend who didn't receive this magazine? Do you think your contact information may not be up to date? If so, please visit the website listed below and update your address. If you have trouble or have a question please contact your Valley Secretary, they are ready to help!

<http://scottishrite.org/members/members-programs/>

## Your Membership Committee

### ***Your Valley needs your help!***

Serving on this committee will only take a couple hours of your time every few months and you can do it from the comfort of your own home. This is the most important committee that we have in our Valley because it holds the greatest reward for us all, if we work for each other. If you are interested in helping or if you would like more information please contact your membership committee chairman at:

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## Worthwhile Membership

### Brethren:

Exciting and important work has started on a new program promulgated by the Supreme Council, the Valley Membership Achievement Project or VMAP. In the last issue of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, the Grand Commander's column describes this new program. The basic idea is that we want all Scottish Rite members to be engaged in the work of the Rite in one way or another. Being a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason should be something that we all can be proud of; and it ought to be worthwhile to every member.

So, the officers of all three Valleys in Arkansas came together last month to talk about how to make VMAP work for Arkansas Scottish Rite. Our leaders considered several important questions:

- How can we make our meetings, reunions, and events better?
- How can we recruit more members to the Scottish Rite?
- How can we retain the members we have?
- How can we reinstate those who have been suspended for nonpayment of dues?
- Overall, how do we make Scottish Rite membership worthwhile and valuable to all members?

So, each Valley will be working over the coming months on a variety of new and different projects. Each Valley will consider new and

### From The Desk Of:

**ILL. C. James Graham, 33°, PGM  
S.G.I.G. Orient Of Arkansas,  
Active Member Of The Supreme Council**



better ways to conduct our reunions and activities. You will see reinvigorated work on reaching out and retaining our members. It will be an interesting time as each Valley works the VMAP program.

At the last stated meeting in the Valley of Little Rock, after a very short business meeting, the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree was exemplified. To the best of anyone's recollection, it was the first time that the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree had been done in Little Rock. In fact, there were no props in the property room, no robes in the robing room, and no scenery drops on the stage for the degree. All of this had to be put together. I had never seen the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree, so in the days before the meeting, I read about the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree in *A Bridge to Light* and other Scottish Rite books. I learned that the degree was about the importance and value of work. In fact, Albert Pike said that work is a blessing. It really made me think; because I usually thought of my leisure time as the blessing and work as a necessity. But on reflection, of course, I realized that work is indeed a great blessing! Those who exemplified the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree did a wonderful job. I learned a great deal and I won't soon

forget the lessons of the degree.

All of that to say that there is so much to learn, to experience, to understand in the Scottish Rite. I continue to receive worthwhile and valuable benefits as a part of my membership. What about you? Is your membership in the Scottish Rite worthwhile? What can we do to make your membership more valuable to you? If you have ideas on how we can make our meetings better, our reunions fun and engaging, our degree work understandable and memorable; please let us know. My email address is [graham714@att.net](mailto:graham714@att.net) if you have ideas on how we can make your Scottish Rite membership more worthwhile, please share them with me!!

I truly believe that every member of the Scottish Rite is important to the future of the fraternity! All those who work in the kitchen at a reunion, those who take a part in our degrees, those who attend our stated meetings, those who are unable to attend, but continue to pay their dues and support the Scottish Rite. All of us are a key part of the future for Scottish Rite Freemasonry!!

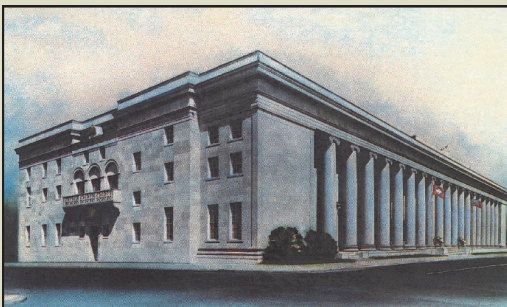
**Hard at work at the VMAP Membership Retreat held at the beautiful Albert Pike Temple in Little Rock last month.**

**Fellowship at the VMAP Retreat....**

**All work and no play.... WELL, you know the rest**

**Cookin' up more than lunch I would say.....**

**Whadda You Think??**



### Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 13, 2014

5:00 P.M. ....Feast of Tishri  
(Open to Friends & Family)  
(Please RSVP with SR Office, \$15 per person)

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. ....Stated Meeting

Friday & Saturday, October 24-25, 2014

Fall Reunion

6:00 A.M. Breakfast  
6:30 A.M. Candidate Registration  
8:00 A.M. Opening

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. ....Stated Meeting

Tuesday, December 9,, 2014

6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. ....Stated Meeting  
7:15 P.M. .... Open Installation of Officers

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. ....Stated Meeting

Thursday & Friday, February 5-6, 2015

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. ....Stated Meeting

### 2014 Officers

#### Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.....Ill Paul Wilson, 33°  
Senior Warden..... Ill Steven Tiner, 33°  
Junior Warden ..... Gary Henningsen, KCCH

#### Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... Ill .David Gibbs, 33°  
Senior Warden..... Ill. Edward Britton, 33°  
Junior Warden .....Aaron Warren, KCCH

#### Little Rock Council of Kadosh

Commander.....John Strange, KCCH  
1st Lt. Commander .....Ill. Charles Ferguson, 33°  
2nd Lt. Commander..... Vacant

#### Little Rock Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... Ill .Hal Southerland, 33°  
Prior.....Scott Sells, KCCH  
Preceptor.....Ronnie Frizzell, KCCH

# The Valley of Little Rock

Chartered October 19, 1892

Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month

712 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72203

### Rosenbaum, The Visionary

In 1902, Bro. Rosenbaum was placed in the line of Magnolia Lodge #60 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1906. While serving as an officer in Magnolia Lodge, Brother Rosenbaum conceived the idea that if the Second Section of the Master's Degree was presented upon a stage using costumes and lighting effects, the impression would be more vivid and lasting, not only upon the candidate, but it would also open new vistas of appreciation to the Brethren. He, therefore, requested the Grand Lodge of Arkansas to grant him permission to present the Master's Degree in such a fashion and on November 20, 1906 he conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Brother William C. Bond in the auditorium of the old Albert Pike Consistory before the largest attendance of members of the Grand Lodge that had ever assembled for any purpose up to that time. So far as can be ascertained, this was the very first time that the Second Section of the Master's Degree was ever dramatized using costumes and special lighting and presented on a stage. From this beginning came the now almost universal practice of a dramatic conferral of the Master Mason's Degree and it started right here in Little Rock!

### Little Rock Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew

*Mitch Hensley, 32° KSA, Secretary/  
Treasurer, Little Rock Knights of St. Andrew*

The Little Rock Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew is an invitation only service organization within the Scottish Rite. Membership in the KSA is open to 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Masons who have worthily served their Valley for a period of one year and is limited to only 32 active members. An individual cannot petition the KSA but if invited, the novitiate will serve a period of one year as Squire and if his service to his Chapter and Valley are sufficient he will be elevated to a Knight of St. Andrew on his one-year anniversary of a Squire. The Little Rock KSA meets bi-monthly on the odd months of the year at 10:00 A.M. at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple. All KSA's, KCCH's and 33° Masons are eligible to attend our stated communications and initiations. The Knights of St. Andrew are dedicated to the service of our Valley and our members. You will see a KSA working on almost every committee in our Valley. We strive to be an example for all Scottish Rite Masons while proving that Masonry is work.



### 22d Degree

The Valley of Little Rock demonstrated conferral of the 22nd Degree at the Stated Meeting on August 12th (See article on page 5)



## Your Valley – Our Rite

(Mitch Hensley, 32° KSA, Editor, Valley of Little Rock)

The Scottish Rite in Arkansas is continuing to adapt and progress under its new leadership and YOUR Valley is making decisions for the future solely with its members in mind. Now, more than ever, membership in the Scottish Rite has its benefits. The Valley of Little Rock is continuing to make it easier for it's members to perform the first duty required of any Mason and that is the payment of his dues. If you, or a Brother that you know, need to pay his Scottish Rite dues here are a few opportunities that are now available to you through the "Draft My Dues" program: Need to pay your 2015 dues? Sign up for a bank draft from your checking account, only \$10 for 12 months. Haven't paid your 2014 dues yet? Sign up for a bank draft of \$15 for 14 months to pay your 2014 and 2015 dues. In danger of being suspended or know someone that has? Sign up to pay your 2013, 2014 and 2015 dues with a bank draft of \$20 for 15 months. It's that easy! Just call the Scottish Rite office and sign up today, call 501-375-5587.

Since we are talking about dues lets also talk about our "Fifty for the Future" program. We WANT our members and we NEED our members. Many of our members do not return to the Scottish Rite because they feel that there is nothing for them to do besides sit in the auditorium and watch the degrees performed. I assure you, they are wrong. Just come to a reunion and you will see how much help we really do need. We have members that do three or four different jobs at each reunion simply because there is not enough help, but it has to get done. That's why we need you to come back. "Fifty for the Future" is a membership retention program. Its volunteers have agreed to contact those members that do not attend and have not paid their dues. You are a part of the Valley of Little Rock and your Valley needs to know why we have not seen you lately. Great progress has been made in this Orient in a very short period of time but how much more can we accomplish if everyone helped in some way? If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile effort please contact our Personal Representative, Ill. Bro. Dick Browning, 33°, P.G.M.

## My Return To The Scottish Rite

By Bro Jeremy Verser, 32°

Bro Jeremy lives in Heber Springs with his wife Ashley, Son Wyatt age 6, and Daughter Sophie, age 3. He is a member of Sugar Loaf Lodge 414 in Heber Springs, and a member of the Valley of Little Rock

I went through the Scottish Rite degrees at the fall reunion in 2012. While I knew what I had witnessed was significant, two full days in the auditorium is a lot to process. I knew coming back to a future reunion would really be a help to me, but with two little kids and a full time job, I wasn't able to come back for a little while.

The next reunion I was able to attend was the Spring Reunion in 2014. It being a one-day reunion coupled with Sugarloaf Lodge #414's newest master mason going through the degrees made it easy for me to come back. I knew from my previous experience that any and all help would be needed, so I figured there was a good chance I would get put to work in some capacity.

Shortly after arriving at the reunion, I was asked if I could help backstage and I happily complied. I had toured the backstage area before and had always thought that it was really neat. I thought that seeing the degrees from a seat in the auditorium was impressive, but this time, actually helping set these scenes up on stage was a complete blast! Not only did I get to revisit some of the degrees but I was able to help make them come together onstage so that this class could have a memorable reunion. This was an absolute joy. It was honestly one of the highlights of my Masonic career thus far.

I know there are brethren out there like me that went through the degrees at their reunion and haven't made it back for one reason or another. Life happens and you can't always make the time. If you're considering attending an upcoming reunion, even just toying with the idea, my advice would be to go. Jump in and help in any way you can. Not only is any and all help appreciated, it is imperative that you take part in the work going on in your Valley. It takes so many people behind the scenes to make these degrees happen and I promise that if you come back to a reunion and work you will get something out of it and have a lot of fun in the process, I know I did.

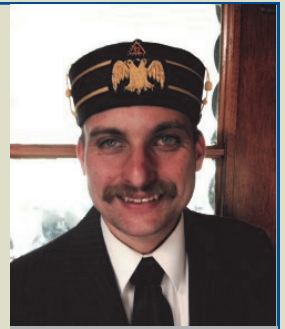
## THE TWENTY-SECOND DEGREE KNIGHT ROYAL AXE, PRINCE OF LIBANUS

(Dramatized at the August 12, 2014 Lodge of Perfection)

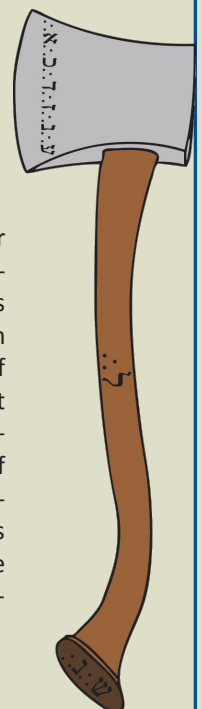
~From First to Last, Masonry is Work~

According to a legend, the Tyrians or Phoenicians were ever ready to aid the Israelites in their holy enterprises. The tie between them was the mysteries, into which the principal persons of both nations were initiated; Moses necessarily received them from Egypt, before he could marry the daughter of a priest of Heliopolis. These mysteries, modified by Solomon, or perhaps at an earlier date by Joshua or even Moses, became in some respects like Masonry, such as it was practiced at the building of the Temple, and as such as it has in part come down to us. Hiram, King of Tyre in Phoenicia, and Hiram Abif, whose father was a Phoenician and not a Jew, were likewise initiates. Hence, the intimate connection between them and Solomon, bound together by obligation, as Masons are today.

-A Bridge to Light



*Let's Put a face with  
the words*





### Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, October 13, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council

6:30 P.M. .... Dinner

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council

6:30 P.M. .... Dinner

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council

6:30 P.M. .... Dinner

Christmas Celebration

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2015

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council

6:30 P.M. .... Dinner

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2015

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council

6:30 P.M. .... Dinner

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Friday, March 6, 2015 ..... Spring Reunion

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee & Donuts

8:00 A.M. .... Candidate Registration

8:50 A.M. .... Opening, Lodge of Perfection

Saturday, March 7, 2015 ..... Spring Reunion

7:00 A.M. .... Breakfast

7:45 A.M. .... Candidate Roll Call

7:50 A.M. .... Opening, Chapter of Rose Croix

11:30 A.M. .... Lunch

### 2014 Officers

#### Jonesboro Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Ill. Wally Thomas, 33

Senior Warden..... Daryl Johnson, KCCH

Junior Warden..... Carl Phillips, KCCH

#### Jonesboro Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master..... Ill. Byron Ponder, 33°

Senior Warden..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°

Junior Warden..... John Warnock, KCCH

#### Jonesboro Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Ill. Ronnie Hedge, 33°

1st Lt. Commander..... Ill. Gary Tiner, 33°

2nd Lt. Commander..... Ill. Johnny Savage, 33°

#### Jonesboro Consistory

Master of Kadosh..... Mike Noles, KCCH

Prior..... Ill. Joseph Kirby, 32°

Preceptor..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°

# The Valley of Jonesboro

Chartered June 17, 1974

Stated Meeting on the second Monday of each month

2206 W. Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401



## Brother Jerald Burns, 32° KCCH Provides a Service

More than a dozen firefighters have taken their "last ride" in a historic 1946 fire truck, thanks to the generosity of Bro. Jerald Burns 32° KCCH, Valley of Jonesboro. "I have been contacted by families of firemen wishing to have the bodies of firemen transported to cemeteries in my old fire truck." "It has come to mean a lot to families who are trying to fulfill the wishes of their loved ones, who have spent a lifetime serving their communities as firemen. I feel that it is something I can do to show my respect for these men, who have given us so much."

Brother Burns, a volunteer firefighter himself, is an antique car and truck collector and restorer, and he obtained the 1946 Ford fire truck from the City of Heber Springs, several years ago. He completely restored it from top to bottom, and gave it a bright red paint finish. "Service as a Mason and as a provider of "last rides" is my way of serving others. I don't charge anyone for providing my truck for the services. Just them telling me how much it meant to them and the family is enough pay for me. I see this service as a great investment in the lives of people."

Brother Burns is the Official Photographer for the Valley of Jonesboro. With a gleam in his eye, he will take a candid shot of anyone.....

BEWARE!!!







Ill Bro Howton, 33<sup>o</sup> presents scholarships at the June Stated Meeting of the Valley of Jonesboro held on June 9th, 2014

### Scholarships Awarded

At the June 9, 2014 Stated Meeting the Valley of Jonesboro presented three (3) Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee consisting of, Ill. Hughie Hightower 33<sup>o</sup>, Chairman, Ill John E. Farris 33<sup>o</sup>, Bro. Daryl Johnson 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH, Bro Alton Yancey 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH, and Bro. Drew Price 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH selected, from over fifty (50) applicants, the following to receive the Scholarships, Ms. Becca Burrows of Brinkley, Mr. Jared Orr of Harrisburg and Ms. Amber Floyd of Trumann. Bro. Drew Price 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH gave a resume of the recipients' qualifications. Ill Wilburn Howton 33<sup>o</sup> presented the Scholarships. Bro. Alton Yancey KCCH and his wife Flo accepted the Award for their grandniece Ms. Burrows, who was unable to attend. Mr. Jared Orr was present and accepted his Award. Ms. Amber Floyd was unable to attend.

### We Need More Rubber Bands

Many of us are like wheelbarrows, not much good unless pushed. Some of us are like canoes, we need to be paddled. Others are like kites, if not kept on a string they will fly away. Some are like balloons, filled with air and ready to blow any minute. Then there are those of us who are like footballs, you never know which way they will bounce. Some are even like trailers, they need to be pulled to every meeting, every project. Then there are those of us that are like rubber bands; they give all they can, stretch our time accordingly, hold things together, and bounce back to help even more. We Need More Rubber Bands. We can find more rubber bands in the membership of the Craft. You all can be a rubber band. You can stretch your time and help out your fraternity; even volunteering for one small task will help tremendously. Just think about all the different things a rubber band can do and all the different sizes and colors they come in. We all have unique talents and abilities we can share.

***Volunteer!***  
***Share Your Talents!!***  
***Be A Rubber Band!!!***



**Valley of Jonesboro's Newest Scottish Rite Masons.** Made during the Eighty Fifth Reunion Class held on 2 Aug 2014—**Front Row – L to R:** Carl Ray Penrod, Michael Adam Strickland, Douglas Randall Rushing, David Mark Wilson. **Back Row – L to R** Anthony Vincenzo Martin, James Donald McMahan

### In Memoriam

Brother Jan R Streeter, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Marion Lodge #686  
May 24, 2014

Brother Ralph A Morrison, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Nettleton Lodge #657  
June 20, 2014

Brother Jesse L Westbrook, Jr, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Jonesboro Lodge #129  
July 16, 2014





## Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 24 September, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Banquet  
7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Friday & Saturday, 3-4 October, 2014  
Fall Reunion

Wednesday, 22 October, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Banquet  
7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, 26 November, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Banquet  
7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, 24 December, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Banquet  
7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, 23 January, 2014

5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Banquet  
7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, 27 February, 2014

7:00 P.M. .... Remembrance and Renewal

## 2014 Officers

### Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Patrick Carr, KCCH  
Senior Warden..... Ill. Mike Briscoe, 33°  
Junior Warden..... Boyd R. Boen, 32°

### Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... Ill. Aaron South, 33°  
Senior Warden..... Eric Paslick, 32°  
Junior Warden..... Scott Nelson, 32°

### Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Joe Rouse, 32°  
1st Lt. Commander..... Larry Wilson, 32°  
2nd Lt. Commander..... Keith Patterson, 32°

### Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh..... Al Davidson, KCCH  
Prior..... Billy J. Holder, KCCH  
Preceptor..... Matt Beyers, 32°

# The Valley of Fayetteville

Chartered October 22, 1925

Stated Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

1106 East Masonic Drive, Fayetteville AR 72703

## Greetings from the Valley of Fayetteville!

*Patrick C. Carr, KCCH  
Venerable Master, Valley of Fayetteville*

I would like to take a moment to bring you up to date on some of the things that the Valley is doing.

While a move is never easy, try moving an entire Valley! I would like to thank every one of our Brothers who came out and not only assisted in the physical move, but spent innumerable hours of their time getting our Valley ready to participate in Scottish Rite Masonry. We not only had the Valley relocated, but we also appointed new officers and embarked upon a program of education and enlightenment for the Valley. We should expect the best from our Valley, as well as from the Scottish Rite, and the officers feel that this is the path that we would like to pursue for the future of the Valley.

Our monthly meetings have changed. We now have a regularly scheduled program of education. For the first seven months we decided to work our way through the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences of the Fellow Craft degree. This proved to be a great way to not only introduce our newer members to Scottish Rite Masonic education, but to also re-engage some of our more seasoned members. The Brethren who presented each of these Liberal Arts and Sciences spent quite a lot of time in researching and preparing for their program of education. Each was well received and very enlightening.

We also spend more time before the meeting in fellowship. Our kitchen staff takes the time to spread out the white linens and china in order to bring our members more of a banquet than a quick sit and eat experience. Not only

are the meals well cooked and presented, but the atmosphere has a different feel as well due to the linens and china. Also, the layout of our dining hall adds to the ability for the members to see each other and to sit with those they may not know as well. This increases our fellowship together and also adds to our Masonic experience. When dinner is completed, there is still almost thirty minutes available for our Brethren to get to know each other better.

Our Valley also instituted a Knights of St. Andrew Chapter with the assistance of the Valley of Little Rock KSAs. These men are invaluable to our Valley! They spend their time in service to our Valley in so many ways. They cook, serve, clean, assist with the ritual and are there for just about anything that the Valley needs. Thank you to our KSAs for all that they do to insure the continued success of our Valley.

At our first reunion, we decided to do some things a little bit differently. We were used to performing on a stage, but now we are in a Lodge room setting. This created several challenges, but our Director of the Work, as well as the various Degree Directors, were able to work together to create an intimate, yet engaging experience for both candidate and side line spectators alike. We were able to relocate some of the lighting to enhance the Lodge room. Also, a new sound system and board was installed to add more music and sound effects to the Degrees. Both have been very successful and we hope to continue developing the Degree experience as we grow and learn.

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We also decided to knight each of our Candidates individually. This took a few more minutes, but our new Scottish Rite Masters of the Royal Secret were honored to be individually knighted. After the close of the Consistory, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Bro. C. James Graham, capped each of our candidates. This was yet another way to add value to the experience for our class. We hope that this will continue to impress upon the candidates how special Scottish Rite Masonry is and should be in their lives. Thank you, Ill. Sir, for attending and for making our candidates feel special.

I would like to invite each of you to our meetings and to our two day Fall Reunion. We would like to hear your feedback on our processes so that we can add your successes to our endeavors as we continue to grow the Valley of Fayetteville. Membership is the key! If we make them feel special, give them a reason to attend, and teach them what the University of Freemasonry has to offer, I believe that we will not only keep our membership but add to it as well.

Thank you for all that you do for our Scottish Rite, and for Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

### **Why the Metaphor?**

*(from "Operative vs. Speculative—Who are we?"  
presented March 26, 2014, Valley of Fayetteville,  
Stated Communication)*

*I have a complete set of working tools, yet I have never erected an edifice. I have seen the making of a perfect ashlar, yet I have never wrought in a quarry. I call myself a craftsman, yet I have never fashioned anything functional or aesthetic. I am a Master Mason, yet I have never built anything that would withstand the test of time...nor have I?*

When attempting to answer the question, "Who are we?" a Master Mason must look no further than his own mythology. Working from the ground floor to the Holiest of Holies the operative mason of the past leads the modern speculative mason to light through the exemplification of sound building practices. By definition the difference between operative and speculative masonry is quite obvious. Operative masons work with stone and mortar. Speculative masons work with words and ritual. The tie between the two is a metaphor. While operative masons work in the tangible and speculative masons work in the metaphysical both are dedicated to building. At the construction of King Solomon's Temple operative masons used prescribed working tools to build the most magnificent edifice ever erected. In lodges around the world speculative masons use the same tools to build the heart, mind, and soul. So the question becomes, why the metaphor?

An examination of Freemasonry's historical roots provides the best answer to this question. If one truly believes there is truth embedded in the mythology (as this author does) then the answer is manifest in the story. The men who built King Solomon's Temple were in fact stone masons. They possessed esoteric knowledge unknown to the neophyte and used it not only

as a means to selectively protect admission into their craft but also to formulate a system of virtue and morality by which to live their lives. The use of this knowledge culminated in the construction of a temple so glorious in scope it was seen fit by the Great Architect to house the Ark of the Covenant and the foundation of a philosophy so universal in concept it has endured for 3000 years.

From here the history becomes an exercise in conjecture. Libraries of books have been written regarding the "missing" period of Freemasonry. Books like *Cathedral Builders* and *Born in Blood* address the concept of medieval craft guilds, their structure, their passwords, their grips, their practices, etc. and while these guilds are generally accepted as the template from which modern Freemasons structure Blue Lodges, it can only be speculated they were the true fraternal descendants of the men who erected King Solomon's Temple. What can be proven is in 1717 modern Freemasonry as it is currently known revealed itself to the world with the emergence of the Grand Lodge of London. The men who formed this Grand Lodge were not stone masons, they weren't cathedral builders, and they (for the most part) did not tangibly practice a skilled trade when practicing their craft. Yet the metaphor was inextricably tied to their ritual, structure, and teachings. Freemasonry has gone through many iterations and revisions since 1717. Like any large organization culture, politics, history, and practicality have changed how many things are done, but the one constant has been the metaphor. In 1717, Master Masons adhered to the metaphor of the builder. In 2014, Master Masons adhere to the metaphor still. The metaphor itself is foundational and timeless.

For time eternal mankind has used "building" as a method to glorify deity. The ancient Egyptians built great pyramids, the Mesoamerican cultures likewise constructed great stone temples, and biblically all the tribes of God's creation endeavored to build the Tower of Babel in an effort to be in the presence of the divine. Spiritual building is so pervasive it is evident in almost every major contemporary religion as well as every major religion of antiquity. The motivation for this pursuit is to bring reason to a world beset with difficulty, to establish a process by which to live a life pleasing to the Creator, to enrich the spirit, to feed the soul, to understand man's moral role in a universe far greater than himself, to "be" in the presence of God. But the pyramids reached an apex, the monuments of the Incas, Aztecs and Mayans were consumed by the jungle, and the Tower of Babel was never completed due to the intervention of the Hebrew God. Thus the lesson of the metaphor, in order to realize spiritual potential man must build toward it never achieving the ultimate goal but getting as close as humanly possible, being humbled and starting again. The process of building the soul is never complete.

Modern Freemasonry understands this lesson all too well. Blue Lodge degrees build upon themselves, starting with the initiate culminating in the master and incorporating more advanced lessons of morality with every progression. Append ant bodies further build upon the masonic journey adding

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## Greetings to My Masonic Brethren Throughout the Orient of Arkansas,

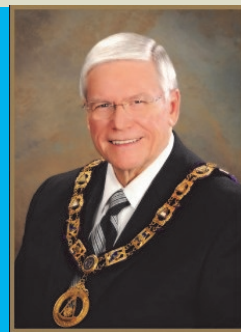
At the time I am preparing this article, I am approximately halfway through my term of office as your Grand Master. I have noted that many of our members are

concerned about how many Lodges we have, and are worried because some have meetings with less than 7 members participating in the opening and closing of the Lodge. It is my observation, that we should direct our concerns for how to develop more "strong" Lodges. Our founders were more concerned with ensuring that before a new Lodge could be chartered, it had first to establish there was a substantial number of members interested in forming a Lodge in that area to ensure the Lodge could and would function as Masonic Lodges should. That included having a sufficient number of members who could, and would, support the Lodge with dues and their time and work that would ensure an income that not only would allow the Lodge to "support itself," but also could establish the Lodge as a viable and willing entity that would contribute to the welfare of the community and be a source of good work and deeds in their community. That



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M.: W.: George K. Coffman, 33°, Grand Master



included being able to assist families in temporary need of food, shelter, and clothing (especially the widows and orphans), or a Christmas care package of food and toys for families having hard times. Masons were well known and respected in their communities for charitable acts they performed, especially during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. They were also known for taking care of their own.

We should be more concerned about voluntary consolidation of small Lodges within a relatively small area, generally within one county or within a specific area in which there are several close communities. Most of the time, Masons in such an area are already members of from two to as many as five Lodges. In such cases, we find that each small Lodge have a small dues amount (\$25 to \$50), and many of our plural members pay a total of \$100 or more a year to "help" support each of the small Lodges. If one or more small Lodges

would consolidate into one Lodge, and then raise the consolidated Lodge dues to \$75 or \$100, they would have sufficient funds to operate, including making needed interior and/or exterior repairs or exterior painting of their Lodge building, in order to have a Lodge that would be impressive to other members of the communities. They could also plan and participate in charitable work in the consolidated area of their merger. This may be one of the few ways we can again become a positive influence in our communities. When we accomplish that, we would certainly see an increase of good men petitioning our Lodges.

Fraternally,

George K. Coffman,  
Grand Master



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additional dimensions to the mythology and spiritual practice. The study of esoteric Freemasonry builds from the historical interpretation of basic symbolism to scholarly investigations of in-depth semiotics. A Master Mason can study history and ritualistic degrees his whole life and still have many things to learn in Freemasonry. The young Entered Apprentice must build toward his advancement and after reaching the apex of the structure even the most knowledgeable Past Grand Master must begin his own rebuilding process. Continuing the timeless practice of building knowledge and spirit, Masons pull from their common experiences, share with each other the lessons of the craft, construct the temple of the soul, and help good men become better men through the light shed by the Great Architect.

Who are we? We are the working tools of God and the builders of the immortal soul. We are the metaphor and the reason it endures.



### Back Stage at the Jonesboro Reunion





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Orient of Arkansas

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**Petition For Valley of Fayetteville**  
**Petition For Valley of Jonesboro**  
**Petition For Valley of Little Rock**

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**Petition For the Scottish Rite Degrees**  
**Petition For Re-Instatement**  
**Petition For Affiliation**

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## Lambskin or White Leather Apron

### (Part two)

*Part One is found on page 5 of the June Issue, where we discussed the Star and Garter. In this issue, we will discuss what is meant by the Golden Fleece.*

*The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Duke Philip of Burgundy in 1429. The Roman Eagle was the symbol of the power and might of Rome during its heyday two thousand or more years ago. The Order of the Star was founded by King John II of France in the 1300's. The Order of the Garter was created by King Edward III of England about the same time. The distinguishing badge of a Freemason is the lambskin apron. After the candidate is initiated into Brotherhood, the W:M:., while investing him with the badge, explains to the candidate that our Brotherhood is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle (not mentioned in some Jurisdictions), and more*

***..... The use of the apron as a badge is actually older than any of these.***

The ritual does not elaborate further on these orders. Rather, it goes on to explain and demonstrate that noble Masonic virtue: charity. Even in the Charge After Initiation, which would seem an appropriate place for some elaboration on these orders, there is no further reference. The progression of the rituals on these lines is quite right: the objective is to keep the focus on explaining the Masonic virtues of charity and benevolence rather than a discourse on various Orders. The inquisitive mind can always separately study these Orders. In this column, we will briefly discuss *these* orders and contrast them with our own brotherhood.

## The Golden Fleece

Source: <http://www.masonicpaedia.org/showarticle.asp?id=2>

The Order of Golden Fleece was founded in 1429 by Philip III ("Philip the Good"), Duke of Burgundy, which consisted of wealthy regions stretching from Flanders to Switzerland. The order was originally instituted for the protection of the Catholic Church, and initially consisted of 24 knights, later expanded to 33 in 1433, all of them being knights by birth.

One reason for naming the order the Golden Fleece is that Philip made enormous wealth from the wool trade in the Flanders region. Another reason is that, in his youth, Philip was inspired by the story of Jason and his Argonauts in the Greek my-



**Phillip III, of Burgundy, with the collar of the Order (portrait in c. 1450 by Rogier van der Weyden)**

thology, and wanted to do a Jason by conquest of the golden east.

In 1477, the daughter of the last Duke of Burgundy married to the Archduke of Austria, and the sovereignty of the Order passed to the Austrian House of Habsburgs. Another marriage in the next generation saw the control of the Order passing to the Spanish House of Habsburgs. Over the next two centuries and a half, there were wars of succession, palace intrigues, and reshaping of political boundaries

in Europe. In the mélange of these events, the Order was split in 1712 into two, Austrian and Spanish Orders, each contesting the legitimacy of the other. The Austrian Order of Golden Fleece preserved the original practices: ritual admission, solemn oath and the Sovereign from the Habsburg controlling the Order, which was conferred on only those, who were Catholics and knights by birth (and hence wealthy). The Spanish Order of Golden Fleece was more liberal. It conferred the order on non-Catholics and non-Nobles, who were wealthy, of course.

The insignia of both orders was the golden ram, but there were some minor differences. In the Spanish Order, only one horn and one eye of the ram could be seen, but the fleece was in full profile. In the Austrian Order, the ram's head was twisted to the front, showing both horns and eyes, with the fleece in profile and swinging loose in its strap.



**Chain of the Order of the Golden Fleece, Shown in the Schatzkammer in Vienna**

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