



# VOICE OF THE ORIENT

## (SCOTTISH RITE, ORIENT OF ARKANSAS)

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## Arkansas Scottish Rite Temple, A Place of Many Uses

January 22 and 23 found our Temple with a new buzz of activity. The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and Opera in the Rock co-staged Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Magic Flute". Our Temple was the perfect setting, as Mozart was a Master Mason. The scenery and costumes were our own. The opera played to sold out audiences both nights with both performers and the public seeing our beautiful facilities in a very positive light.

Brother Mozart was a prolific composer and performer. He was considered an infant prodigy as he began his professional career at the age of six. At the age of four he composed a minuet which upon discovery by his father judged it to be difficult and was told by his son that if he practiced, he too could play it, and then proceeded to play it for his father. The catalog of Mozart's works number 621 of which 41 were symphonies. Upon becoming a Mason he immediately wrote his Freemason's Funeral Music as well as music for opening and closing ceremonies and other incidental works.

During the period of Mozart's Masonic time there were several political and ecclesiastical powers that tried to suppress Masonry. The Magic Flute

makes no mention of Freemasonry, as such, but it has always been accepted as a Masonic Opera. Musicians assert that even the music has such Craft significance, beginning with the overture, with its three chords in the brass. It depicts the ancient mysteries and presents much Craft symbolism with the recurrent use of three. Masonry was feared by the despotic factions of the era. We find within our own degrees many examples of the despot attacking those striving for right, truth, justice, and freedom.



The lessons which are presented in this work for Masonry still hold truth for all of us. Though approaching 225 years since it was written we still hold the same values today as those Masons of our past. Truth, Honor, Integrity, Knowledge, and Freedom are still the pillars upon which we build our Temple. *(By Ill Paul Wilson 33°, Venerable Master, Valley of Little Rock).*





## Arkansas Supreme Council Honors

### Announced



The Supreme Council, AASR, meets every two years for the Biennial Session. At this Session, the Supreme Council elects deserving members of the Craft to be invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and to have the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree conferred on them. This year, the Supreme Council held its' vote early and those brethren who were elected have just been announced. These honors are given for outstanding service to Freemasonry in general, the Scottish Rite, or to humankind.

Honors Day for the Orient of Arkansas will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock. The 33<sup>rd</sup> degree will be conferred at 10 am (33<sup>rd</sup> elects and members only). A public capping ceremony will be held about 11:15 am for the new 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Masons. The KCCH will be invested at 2 pm that afternoon (for KCCH elects, KCCH members, and 33<sup>rd</sup> members). A public capping ceremony will be held at about 3:15 pm for the new KCCH members. All honorees will be honored at our Honors Banquet at 6 pm that evening. We are scheduled to have a very special guest at our Honors Banquet to give the keynote address.

#### **Brethren elected to receive the 33rd degree are:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Home City</u>
Doug Dobbyn	FAY.	Huntsville	Bobby Bennett	L.R.	Batesville
Patrick Carr	FAY.	Siloam Springs	James Reese	L.R.	Enola
Harley Yancey	JON.	Marianna	Terry Weatherly	L.R.	Bearden
Karl Kimball	L.R.	Little Rock	Ray Ramsey	L.R.	Little Rock

#### **Brethren elected to be invested with the KCCH are:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Home City</u>
Ralph Boen	FAY.	Russellville	Charles Langston	L.R.	Little Rock
Joe Rouse	FAY.	Fayetteville	Tom Liles	L.R.	Hot Springs
William C Hartsfield	FAY.	Bonanza	Curtis Smith	L.R.	Little Rock
Keith Todd	FAY.	Huntsville	Doug Howard	L.R.	Center Ridge
Charles Finlay	JON.	Cherry Valley	Paul Craig	L.R.	Mtn. Home
Stanley Sims	JON.	Forrest City	C S Walker	L.R.	Sheridan
Bradley Phillips	JON.	Cherry Valley	Leon Ray Camp	L.R.	Little Rock
Carl Nelson	L.R.	Leslie	Havis Harrison	L.R.	Rison
Robert Kemp	L.R.	Bigelow	Johnny Reep	L.R.	Little Rock
Mark Kalkbrenner	L.R.	White Hall	Mitchell Hensley	L.R.	Greenbrier



## Making Progress

Brethren: I'm pleased to say that we are making some progress in our membership efforts this year. As most of you know, we held a meeting of all Scottish Rite Masons in Arkansas on February 28 to discuss the issues we have had with declining numbers of members.

We have had over 100 brethren who have committed to working on getting new or reinstated members. And we are beginning to see some of the fruits of that effort. Both the Valleys of Little Rock and Fayetteville had large spring classes (the Jonesboro spring reunion was cancelled due to icy weather in early March). And in Little Rock, we have reinstated about 40 members since February 28.

For those who have brought these petitions, thank you! For those who have not yet brought in petitions, this year, we still need more new and reinstated members!!! If you want to help, your Valley secretary can get you a list of brethren in your area who have been suspended for nonpayment of dues.

From The Desk Of:

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



It is said that a journey of many miles begins with a single step. I believe that we've made many good steps in the right direction so far this year, but we still have a long way to go. The bottom line is that we must grow in Scottish Rite membership in Arkansas if we want to keep our Albert Pike Temple and for the future of the Fraternity. Every single member has a role to play!!! Even if you can't attend meetings or reunions, just the fact that you pay your dues means that you are supporting the future of our Fraternity. And I am thankful for all those who are active in almost all Scottish Rite activities, those who only attend at reunion time, and those who can't attend but maintain their membership! Thank you!!!



Valley of Little Rock    Orient of Arkansas

Spring Class of May 2, 2015

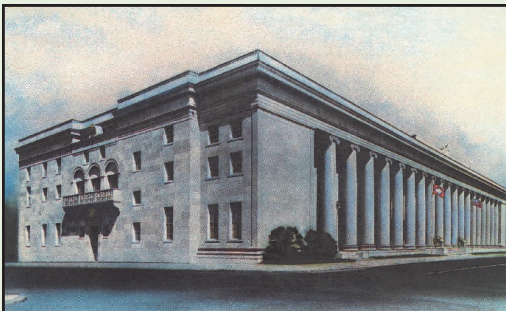
Front Row L-R.: Ronnie Frizzell, Master of Kadosh, John Strange, Commander of Kodosh, Ed Britton, Wise Master, Arkansas Chapter of Rose Croix, William Wilson, venerable Master Arkansas Lodge of Perfection, James Graham, SGIG Orient of Arkansas, Samuel Lattin, Grand Master in Arkansas, George Coffman, Grqnd Secretary, Larry Berry, SGIG Personal Represenative Orient of Arkansas Mitchell Hensley, Orient Secretary, Dick Browning, SGIG Personal Represenative Valley of Little Rock.

2nd Row, L-R.: David Burden, Justin Lowder, Van Vrevatt, Robert Hensley, Class Vice President, Alexander Winans, Class President, Chistopher Turner, Class Orator, Heath Cameron, James Mondy, Chad Hogue, Michael Gilbert.

3rd Row, L-R.: Mike Siefert, Robert Johnston, Joshua Spence, Matthew Arivette, Randy Cates, Jeffrey Persons, Adam Wright, Phillip McConnell, Johnny Brady, Jonathan Lee.

4th Row, L-R.: Ronald Toups, Albert Motta, Gregory Staton, David Harris, Nicholas Beith, Aaron Boswell, Mike Womble, Lynn Hill, Joshua Lawrence, Andrew Hefley

5th Row, L-R.: Emile Hilo, Timothy Hartwich, Terry Thomason, Landon Belote, Carroll Selph, Frank Kish, Zachary Ray, David Bufford, Charles Truesdail, Clayton Haynes, Gene Thrasher.



### Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

5:15 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

5:15 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2015

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

Saturday, October 31, 2015 .... Fall Reunion

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

5:15 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
6:15 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

### 2015 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 Edward Britton, 33°  
Senior Warden ..... Aaron Warren, KCCH  
Junior Warden ..... Jim Morehead, KCCH

#### Little Rock Council of Kadosh

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

#### Little Rock Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... Ronnie Frizzell, KCCH  
Prior ..... Scott Sells, KCCH  
Preceptor ..... Angelo Coppola, 33°

# 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

## Seldom Seen Degrees

*By Lucas Minton, 32°*

Venerable Master Paul Wilson of the Valley of Little Rock announced that the "Seldom seen Degree Program" will continue for the rest of the year. The brethren have really enjoyed seeing degrees that are not seen outside of the rare 3 day reunions.

The first installment was the 6<sup>th</sup> degree or "Intimate Secretary." In that degree we as Scottish Rite Masons are reminded to have fidelity and zeal in the performance of our several duties, show benevolence in your opinion of all, disinterestedness in our own acts, and to always act the peacemaker. The overarching theme being the necessity of an enlightened citizenry.

The May 12 meeting was the last installment which was the 8<sup>th</sup> degree or "Intendant of the Building". This degree reminds us that a Scottish Rite Mason should be benevolent to all men regardless of station in life and practice charity showing the love he has for his neighbor. Its overarching theme being the necessity of an economic order based upon capital and labor.

We look forward to the Aug 11 meeting when all in attendance will have the opportunity to see the 16th Degree or "Prince of Jerusalem". This degree teaches "heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice and compassionate judgment, along with charity, fidelity and brotherhood".

This program is expected to be an excellent opportunity to expose the brethren to all the esoteric work in our degree system. Additionally, with the use of Scottish Rite passports becoming widespread throughout the Orient this will become a great opportunity to get stamps not easily available during reunions.



**The Valley of Little Rock will present the 16th degree - Prince of Jerusalem as part of the ongoing "Seldom Seen Degrees Program" at the Stated Meeting on August 11th, 2015.**

This degree teaches heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice and compassionate judgment, along with charity, fidelity and brotherhood..



## Why I Joined!

(Van Prevatt, 32°)



When asked why I joined the Scottish Rite, I can easily say because of my wife Heidi. Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jerrod Adkisson had a Masquerade Ball at the Scottish Rite Temple, and my wife fell in love with the building and the history that went along with it. One of the Brethren was giving a tour of the building so we trailed

along with them. We were entranced with the architecture, the library, and the stage. In January we went to the Opera in the Rock's presentation of "The Magic Flute" which was very entertaining. After both trips she asked why I wasn't in the Scottish Rite?

At the time I was still hammering away at my bachelor's degree at The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, but I will happily be walking across the stage this spring to collect my 'diploma'.

With school behind me, I decided to check into Scottish Rite. I was elated to find out that there was going to be a reunion coming up in May.

Having been married for almost a year now, I have found out that it is a wise move to discuss anything that takes money and time with your spouse. I told her about the reunion coming up in May, and she was just as excited about the opportunity for me to join as I am now being a current member. One of the reasons I was excited about joining was unbeknownst to me the duty of 12th degree, "seek wisdom through knowledge". I thought about trying to pick a 'favorite' degree to write about how it has changed my outlook on life; however, truthfully I haven't been able to find a favorite degree.



It's not due to lack of reflecting; rather with each degree comes a reflection that says I am no better or worse than the last. Just like the individuals that make up Freemasonry we are all equally important. We all have strengths that can benefit the whole, but we cannot separate the body individually. For those that have not started reading A Bridge to Light I urge you to do so. Even a couple of pages a day will make an astounding impact on your life.

I am excited to help make a positive impact on those brethren joining the Scottish Rite at the October reunion. I would like to work as a stage hand or help out in any other way that I can be of service.



On April 14, 2015 the Little Rock Valley was joined by Dr. Greg Robinson Ph.D. CCC-SLP, head of the UALR Speech Pathology Department. Dr. Robinson joined the brethren for a meal and accepted a check for \$5,000 from the Valley of Little Rock on behalf of Arkansas Coalition for the Education of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.



# The Valley of Jonesboro

Chartered June 17, 1974

Stated Meeting on the second Monday of each month

2206 W. Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, July 13, 2015  
 5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Friday, July 31, 2015 ..... Fall Reunion  
 7:00 A.M. .... Coffee & Donuts  
 8:00 A.M. .... Candidate Registration  
 8:30 A.M. .... Opening, Lodge of Perfection  
 12:00 P.M. .... Lunch

Saturday, August 1, 2015 ..... Fall Reunion  
 7:00 A.M. .... Breakfast  
 7:50 A.M. .... Opening, Chapter of Rose Croix  
 11:30 A.M. .... Lunch

Monday, August 10, 2015  
 5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015  
 5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner, Feast of Tishri  
 Speaker ..... Ill Lee Fergus, 33°, Orator  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2015  
 5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015  
 5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

## 2015 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°

## Feast of Tishri

As the children of Israel were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a seven day feast in the Jewish month of Tishri, during which they were to live in "sukkahs" (shelters or Booths). He decreed that this feast be celebrated annually to forever remind Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt. This "Feast of Tishri" (or "Feast of Succoth") is thus a symbol of Freedom.

Some 450 years after its origin, the Feast of Tishri was utilized in dedicating the newly completed King Solomon's Temple, and this association led to its adoption by the Scottish Rite Masonry to symbolize our dedication to Brotherly Love and human accord in a peaceful world.

This adaptation is evidenced in lessons taught by the Third Degree lecture (Blue Lodge), wherein we learn that David King of Israel was denied the privilege of building the Temple of God due to the "many wars and much bloodshed associated with his rein. On his death, Solomon (King David's son) ascended the throne and brought peace and tranquility in the world

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## Are You a Candidate for Suspension?

There is a real potential of losing several members due to non-payment of dues. This would be quite a blow to the Valley of Jonesboro. We lose many members to death each year, but to lose several more to suspension would have an adverse affect on our Valley. Perhaps some members still do not realize how the system works. Several years ago, the Supreme Council started to mail out dues statements to the members. It is up to members to return payment by mail, come to the office and pay directly or use the online payment system at [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org). The office will immediately issue you your new dues card.

After three notices you become delinquent in your dues. After two years of non-payment a member is subject to suspension. We understand that sometimes monetary circumstances cause a problem, with dues payment. we welcome your phone calls or emails at any time and will do whatever we can to help. We do not want to suspend anyone but please help by letting us know. Contacted us at the Scottish Rite office:

**870-932-0610 or**  
**[scottishrite1@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:scottishrite1@suddenlinkmail.com)**





Anita and Ill. Jerry Miley 33°, And Bro. Logan Vincent 32° during Maundy Thursday-Eastern Observance

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through wisdom and righteousness - God thus chose him to perform "so great and glorious an undertaking" as that denied David. And so it was through Solomon, construction of the Temple seemingly guided by the hand of God, for indeed it was. Association of the Feast of Tishri with the dedication of the Temple of Solomon led to its third name, the "Feast of the Tabernacle". The Feast of Tishri thus epitomizes the character and purpose of Scottish Rite Masonry, all being consistent with the dictates of God who spake it into existence.



Ill Wilburn Howton, 33°, and Family during Maundy Thursday-Eastern Observance

## In Memoriam

Brother Bennie L. Wheeler 32°  
Forrest City #198  
July 14, 2014

Brother Edward E. Laxton, Sr. 32°  
West Memphis #737  
January 14, 2014

Brother Daniel J. Howe 32°  
Paragould #368  
February 13, 2015

Ill Bryon W. Speed 33°  
Crittenden #607  
March 30, 2015

Brother Otto S. Gordon 32°  
Chickasawba #134  
April 12, 2015







### Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

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

Saturday, August 1, 2015

..... 2nd Annual Scottish Rite Lecture Series.  
6:00 PM. .... Dinner (Charge \$15.00 Each)  
7:00 PM Presentation by Patrick Craddock, 32°,  
W.M.: .... Open to ALL Master Masons

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

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

Saturday, October 10, 2015 ..... Fall Reunion

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

7:30 P.M. .... Stated Communication

### 2015 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. Cmdr ..... Keith Peterson, 32°, KSA  
2nd Lt. Cmdr Michael Winningham, 32°, KSA

#### Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... Al Davidson, KCCH  
Prior..... Billy J. Holder, KCCH  
Preceptor..... George Stone, 32°, KSA

# The Valley of Fayetteville

Chartered October 22, 1925

Stated Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

1106 East Masonic Drive, Fayetteville AR 72703

## From My Heart to Your Ears

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

Brethren, our Spring Reunions are now past and I am happy to see how many new Masters of the Royal Secret were made across our great Orient of Arkansas! This does not mean that our work is finished. We are just starting on the path to reinvigorating our Orient and assisting it to change into something that will be viewed as a success to all who witness it. While we have added to our numbers, we must now embark on the true work at hand, which is to keep these new Brethren both interested, educated and engaged. Interested in attending our meetings because we offer them the Masonic education that they are craving to find within the University of Freemasonry, which is the Scottish Rite. We need to strive to provide better education to our new members so that they learn what Scottish Rite Masonry really is. Those of us who have been members for some time know that being

a Scottish Rite Mason is more than ritual and meetings. It is a philosophy and a way of life. When we truly begin to understand the great responsibility of being a Scottish Rite Mason we embark upon a personal development process that will allow us to grow on both a spiritual and personal level. We must not forget this and work diligently to spread this message to our new Brethren.

The VMAP program has been a tremendous help in the Valley of Fayetteville to assist us in identifying issues that will enable us to keep the members that we currently have. It is a way to engage all of the members of the Orient. I would encourage you to become part of this initiative. There are many areas of the Scottish Rite in each Valley that always need assistance. Talk with your VMAP chairman and see

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where you can plug in. I assure you that the time you spend will be very rewarding in the long run.

Our Orient is growing, but we must not forget to close the back door, so to speak. If we bring in new members, but forget to retain those that we have on the books already, then we are not really growing our numbers. Let's band together to call the Brethren who have not paid their dues and assist them in keeping their membership current. Mitch Hensley, our Executive Secretary for the Orient is a great resource in assisting our members from going suspended for non-payment of dues. Call him when

you have an issue about dues so that he can assist to keep you from losing your Scottish Rite membership due to financial obligations.

Brethren, thank you for all that you are doing for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Orient of Arkansas, and specifically in the Valley of Fayetteville. Your attention to detail, and the work that you are doing within the Valley and the Orient, do not go un-noticed. It is greatly appreciated.



The following members have completed Master Craftsman Course I, II, or III and have received, or should shortly receive their certificates and lapel pins.

**Valley of Fayetteville**

MCI - Patrick Carr, Michael Briscoe, Kevin Hatfield, James Kring, Jarrod Adkisson

MCII - Patrick Carr, Michael Briscoe

MCIII - Patrick Carr  
College of the Consistory - Patrick Carr (Adept)



III. Bro. Kevin Hatfield, 33 and Exec Secretary of the Valley leading the Candidates in Degree education between each of the degrees



Venerable Master Patrick Carr, 32 KCCH introducing the head table to the assembled Brethren of the Scottish Rite.



Bro. Michael Lewis, newly knighted Master of the Royal Secret, and each of the class were capped by the Personal Rep and the Venerable Master.



Knights of St. Andrew were busy checking in our candidates and selling Master Craftsman I.



The 30<sup>th</sup> Degree Cast from Eureka Springs has continued to provide an excellent degree at our reunions for many years.

Brethren:

I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the honor of serving the Grand Lodge of Arkansas as your Grand Master. If there is any way that I can assist you, please feel free to call the Grand Lodge Office. I am there about every day.

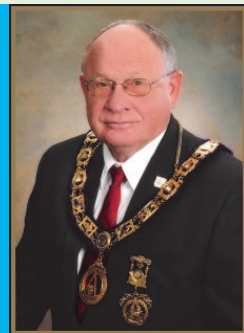
First, I would like to congratulate the forty one new members of the Scottish Rite who attended the Spring Class. I hope that you enjoyed the beautiful degrees that were exemplified for you. There are a lot more to see, and we need your help in doing them, so jump in and help where you can.

Brethren, all of the different Masonic Bodies in Arkansas are hurting in membership. Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Arkansas, Ill. Dr. C. James Graham, has asked for your help in recruiting new members and/or talking to someone who has gone suspended for non-payment of dues to come back and get involved with our beautiful work, and now,



## Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Samuel D. Lattin Jr , 33°, Grand Master



as your Grand Master I am asking you to help. Brethren there are about 7,000 Master Masons in Arkansas who are not Scottish Rite Masons and I do not know how many Members of the Scottish Rite who are suspended for non-payment of dues. All it takes is a little of your time.

I would like to congratulate those who are receiving the KCCH and the 33° in October and thank you for your hard work all these years.

M.W. Samuel D. Lattin Jr., Grand Master  
of Masons in Arkansas



### 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/>

### The Seven Honor Men

William M. Shepherd, 33°



The biographies of the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals & history of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Orient of Arkansas

### Reprint of "The Seven Honor Men" available

Commissioned by Ill. William Nash in the 1970's, "The Seven Honor Men" tells the story of the first seven SGIG's in Arkansas and the history of the Scottish Rite in Arkansas. This wonderful book about Scottish Rite Freemasonry has long been out of print but we have now ordered a reprint in paperback! The Orient Office is selling these for \$10 each, just call the office at 501-375-5587 if you would like one. If you want us to mail one it will be \$12.45. This is not a fundraiser, we simply want the Masons in Arkansas to have their rich history available to them!

### Jurisdiction of Supreme Council

*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.*



# Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry

Orient of Arkansas

## Petition of

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

(Please print or type full name here)

"Please Check One"

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street No. or P.O. Box and city and state to which mail is to be sent

Zip code

County

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am or was employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ My occupation is or was: \_\_\_\_\_

(Give name of firm, kind of business, and its location)

(State fully occupation or kind of business engaged in) (if retired, state last occupation)

I am a Master Mason in good standing with \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ At or near \_\_\_\_\_  
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_ (city or town)  
(state)

I have never before petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees; if otherwise, state when and where such application was made \_\_\_\_\_

If petitioning for Re-Instatement please provide Date Degrees received and Date suspended \_\_\_\_\_

I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees from the 4° to the 32° inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

I. The Supreme Council announces as fundamental principles the following:

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Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Have you ever had or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has?

If you answer this question in the affirmative, give particulars:

III. Have you ever been a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_

**1) I choose to petition for the 4° thru 32° at the regular fee of \$200.00; payable at the time of taking the degrees. This includes the 14° ring pyramid, the English Patent from the Supreme Council, dues for the current year and a copy of "A Bridge to Light" \_\_\_\_\_**

**2) I choose, on my honor as a Master Mason, to sign a commitment with the Scottish Rite to pay my dues for at least three years; and dedicate myself to learning more about what the Scottish Rite has to offer. In return the Scottish Rite will waive my \$200.00 initiation fee and allow me to join at no charge. \_\_\_\_\_**

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Located at: \_\_\_\_\_

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