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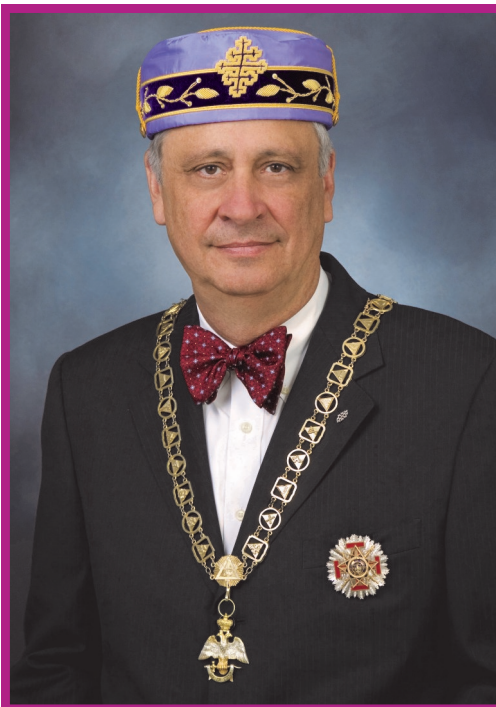
## Grand Commander Seale to Address Arkansas Honors Day Banquet

Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A Seale will give the keynote address at our Arkansas Honors Day Banquet on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple. Grand Commander Seale will be with us at all of the activities during our 2015 Honors Day. This will be the first time that a Grand Commander has visited an Arkansas Honors Day in many years.

III. Brother Seale was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction, October 3, 2003, and was installed October 7, 2003. He is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended public schools in Baton Rouge before graduating with a B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1970 and with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University in 1973. He entered law practice (general and civil litigation) in Baton Rouge in 1974 and is a member of the American Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, and International Association of Defense Council.

Beginning a lifelong interest in DeMolay at age 14, III. Brother Seale became a member of Pelican Chapter. He served as Master Councilor and received the Chevalier Degree. As an adult, he served as Chapter Advisor, received the Active Legion of Honor, and currently is an Active Member of DeMolay International Supreme Council. III. Brother Seale's Masonic career began at age 21, while a student at LSU, when he was initiated in East Gate Lodge No. 452, Louisiana. He presided as Worshipful Master in 1988 and has served as a member of the Lou-

isiana Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. A member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Baton Rouge, he participated in several degree teams of the Valley. He was honored as Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1977 and coroneted an Inspector General, 33°, in 1993. He and his wife Sandra have two children.



Brethren who have been elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree and the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour will receive those honors on October 17. The 33<sup>rd</sup> degree will be conferred at 10 am (33<sup>rd</sup> degree and elects only) with a public capping to follow at about 11:15 am. All brethren, regardless of degree, family, and friends are welcome at the public capping. Lunch will be served and the KCCH will be invested at 2 pm (33<sup>rd</sup>s, KCCH, and elects only) with a public capping of the KCCH honorees to follow at about 3:15 pm. Again, all brethren, family, and friends are welcome to attend the public capping. The banquet will follow that evening at 6 pm. Dress for the event is black tuxedo (preferred) or dark suit for

men and Sunday attire for the ladies.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEALS AT HONORS DAY IS NECESSARY. No tickets for lunch or the banquet will be sold at the door. If you or your family will be attending, and want lunch or the banquet meal, please make your reservation with the Scottish Rite office (501-375-5587 or email [bhuneycutt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhuneycutt@sbcglobal.net)). The lunch meal is \$5.00 per plate and the banquet is \$30.00 per plate.



## 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 are listed below. These honors are given for outstanding service to Freemasonry in general, the Scottish Rite, or to humankind.

Conferral of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America and the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour investiture will be held at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, located at 712 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. **If you plan to attend the banquet Saturday night, the meal is \$30 per person (each newly elected Honor Man receives one FREE ticket). Please call the office at 501-375-5587 and RSVP by October 8, 2015 if you plan to attend. The meal choices for the banquet are beef or chicken, please be prepared to give this information along with your RSVP. Dress for the newly elected Honor Men and the cast will be tuxedo and official Scottish Rite caps and evening wear for the ladies. All Scottish Rite Masters and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. (See next page for agenda)**

#### **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

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!

Brethren: Your membership in the Masonic fraternity and in the Scottish Rite in particular really matters. Whether you attend your lodge meetings regularly, come to an occasional Scottish Rite reunion, or you haven't been to a Masonic meeting in a long while, your membership matters. If you believe, as I do, that the work of this fraternity is important, then your membership really matters.

It is because of your membership and mine that we are able to:

- relieve the distressed, a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons
- develop the true and deep friendships that might have otherwise remained at perpetual distance
- inculcate the important moral lessons and virtues exemplified in our degree work and ritual
- be reminded of the great duty to spread the influence of brotherly love
- make the world, that little circle in which we live and move, a little better and happier

Brethren in all three of our Valleys are working hard to retain our members. We have held calling nights where some of our officers and members have called members who haven't been able to attend in some time. I participated at a couple of those events. Talking to some brethren

From The Desk Of:

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



who I had never met was a pleasure and catching up with some that I hadn't talked to in a while was great. So many of our members have said "I am happy that someone called to check on me", and some of our members decided to catch up on their dues and continue their membership and support of this work.

At our fall reunions, we have the opportunity to invite more of our blue lodge brethren to join the Scottish Rite. Master Masons can petition and pay the normal \$200 fee, but if they will pledge that they will pay their dues for at least three years, they can join with no initiation fee at our fall reunions. I am not sure whether we will be able to continue this option in the future, so if there are brethren you know who would like to join, this is a great time to ask them!!!

And of course, in a purely practical sense, your membership and mine supports the all of the work of the Scottish Rite. Without your membership and support, the real work of this beloved fraternity would not be possible. So, thank you for being a Scottish Rite member!!

## AGENDA FOR HONORS DAY.....

**8:30 AM -----Registration**

**10:00 AM ----- 33° Conferral**

**11:15 AM ----- Public Capping Ceremony for Family & Friends**

**Group photo of all newly made 33° Scottish Rite Masons immediately after Capping Ceremony.**

**Lunch for those involved in the 33° conferral will be served following the Group Photo.**

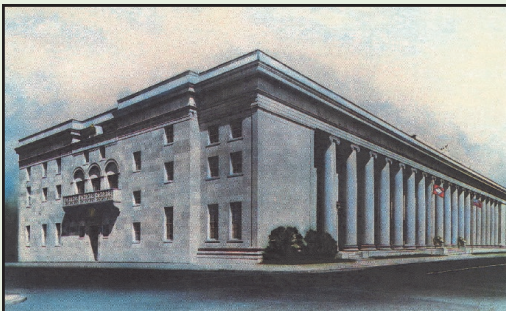
**2:00 PM ----- KCCH Investiture**

**3:15 PM ----- Public Capping Ceremony for Family & Friends**

**6:00 PM -----Banquet**

**Dinner will be served for the Brethren and their Ladies and/or other Guests (Reservations Required)**

**Keynote Speaker: Illustrious Brother Ronald A. Seale, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander**



# 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

## Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

Saturday, October 17, 2015 ..... HONORS DAY

9:00 A.M. .... 33° Candidate Registration  
10:00 A.M. .... 33° Conferral  
11:15 (Approximately) .... 33° Open Capping  
Noon ..... Luncheon (Advance Tickets Only)  
1:00 P.M. .... KCCH Candidate Registration  
2:00 P.M. .... KCCH Investiture  
3:15 (Approximately) .... KCCH Open Capping  
6:00 P.M. .... Honors Banquet

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

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°

## Why I Joined!

*By Jack French, 32°*

I always felt that at some point in my life I would become a Mason and join the Scottish Rite, but what the catalyst for this would be I wasn't sure. It turned out it was an early unforeseen retirement from Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield. With retirement I had the time to become involved and do the work necessary to become a Mason.

A few years after I graduated with a degree in Computer Science from University of Central Arkansas and



started work for Blue Cross and Blue Shield I married Joyce Stalnaker. Our marriage spurred an interest, which came from my Brother-in-law Michael Stalnaker. Until that point I had no real insight or contact with anyone on a personal basis who was a mason. Mike was in Iron Mountain Lodge and Scottish Rite and always had something to talk about regarding lodge related activities. I also became aware that my Father-in-Law Ray Stalnaker had been a Scottish Rite Mason since the early 60s.

Finally in 2013 I had talked with a good friend (Terry Minton) about Masonry. Rather than encourage me he said that there was a lot of memory work and that at my age, "he doubted if he would do it". Not to be discouraged, I mentioned my interest to him a second time. He said he would get me a petition, but that I should consider speaking with J.O. Issac about Cabot Lodge #319. I called Bro. Issac, we talked about Masonry and what that meant, the time commitment, service commitment, and the financial commitment. J.O. brought me a petition and the rest is water under

the bridge. I did my EA work from October to November of 2013. Then, during November 2013 Ray had a severe stroke. It had never occurred to me that as an Entered Apprentice candidate I could have had Ray or Mike at my initiation. The first time I spoke to them about my initiation at Cabot Lodge #319 we were at the hospital. They were shocked and amazed. Mike talked about helping with my lecture work. Mike loved his brethren, and being a Scottish Rite Mason. **Continued Next Page**



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Like a good son and mason Mike had moved home to help his mother take care of Ray who was recuperating from stroke complications. During that time Michael died from a combination of prescribed medications and flu. Unfortunately neither he nor Ray came to my degrees but they have been with me since then and will always be with me as I search for more Light in Masonry.

Ray and Mike's love for the Scottish Rite made it seem like a natural progression. I had heard of the Scottish Rite and knew about the organization from Ray and Mike. After I had received my Master Mason degree in April 2014 I sent a petition to Scottish rite for the May reunion. It was a one day reunion with 21 candidates.

I participated in a degree during the Fall 2014 reunion and marched with the Camp Guard in two degrees during the spring 2015 reunion. For me the familiarity of the activities, the men of Scottish Rite and the structure of the fraternity is what appeals to me. As I have been told you get out of it what you contribute. I try to attend the monthly stated meeting and continue to work to gain further insight into the meaning of Scottish Rite. In May I was able to participate in the "Seldom Seen Degree Program" and worked in the 8th degree.

## Valley of Little Rock Call Night a Success

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> a very devoted group of brothers filed into the Albert Pike Memorial Temple for a night of fellowship and work. Armed with cell phones and lists these brothers called our brethren with outstanding dues. They were able to update information such as addresses and renew memberships by offering more than the traditional "check in the mail" payment option. After a few hours of hours work with excellent results they proved that a few men with just a little time and a lot of tenacity can do a lot for a brother and for the fraternity in general.

## **FROM THE ORIENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°

Brethren,

Today I received the first report on our Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation and Kroger's Community Rewards Program.

We currently have 13 people signed up for our Foundation and we will soon receive a \$65.00 check from Kroger because of those people linking their Kroger's Rewards Card to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation. This comes out to \$5.00 per member. Brethren we are not having to do anything for this money and all the people that sign up have to do is shop at Kroger. If half of the Scottish Rite Masons in Arkansas signed up for this FREE program and shopped at the same rate that these 13 people did, then in one quarter Kroger would send our Foundation a check for \$8,750.

Anyone can sign up for this free program, Mason or not, so get your family and friends onboard as well! Please email me or call 501-375-5587 if you are interested in this program and wish to sign up.

**See more about this worthwhile program on  
the back cover of this magazine**

## Return of the Two Day Reunion, With a New Format

Brethren, the bodies of the Valley of Little Rock are pleased to announce that for spring 2016 the Valley will return to a two day Reunion schedule. Our newest Scottish Rite Masons spoke with one loud voice requesting to see more degrees. As we all know the Scottish Rite is similar to a college of Freemasonry where many lessons, both practical and philosophical, are taught. So it should be no surprise to anyone that there is a hunger for more intellectual light that comes from the conferral of our degrees.

That said, the new format will be more friendly for our brethren who find it difficult to get away from their usual vocations on a Friday and we will have a 2 Saturday "Reunion". The first half of the "Reunion" will April 9<sup>th</sup> and the second half on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The time in between will give our new Scottish Rite Masons time to reflect on the moral and philosophical lessons presented in our degrees. This format will also provide for more time for our new initiates to ask questions and understand the historical context of the degrees and how the bodies coalesce in our degree system.



# 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, 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

Monday, December 14, 2015

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

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

Christmas Celebration

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

Monday, January 11, 2016

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

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

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

Monday, February 8, 2016

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

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

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

Friday, March 4, 2016 ..... Spring Reunion

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

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

12:00 P.M. .... Lunch

Saturday, March 5 2016 ..... Spring Reunion

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

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

## 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°

## The Double Headed Eagle

Each Reunion, a new brother will ask about the Double Headed Eagle. Here's a reprint of an old article explaining the meaning and origins of our symbol.

Long used as the insignia of a Scottish Rite Mason, the "Double Headed Eagle of Lagash" is now the accepted emblem in the United States of America of the 32 Degree. It is the oldest crest in the world. It was a symbol of power more than two thousand years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.



No other heraldic bearing, no other emblematic device of today can boast such antiquity. The double-headed eagle first originated in the mighty Sumerian city of Lagash. From cylinders taken from the ruins of this ancient city, the double-headed eagle seems to have been known to the kings of the time as the Storm Bird. From the Sumerians this symbol passed to the men of Akkad, from whom it was brought to the Emperors of the East and West by the Cru-

sades. Charlemagne first made use of the double-headed eagle when he became head of the German Empire, the two heads denoting the union of Rome and Germany, in AD 802. There seem to be some who believe that the double-headed eagle may have been a Masonic symbol as early as the twelfth century, but, it probably was first known to Freemasonry in 1758, upon the establishment of the Council of Emperors of the East and West in Paris. This was a part of the Rite of

Perfection, a Rite of twenty-five degrees, from which was evolved a large part of the present system of The Scottish Rite. The successors today of the council of Emperors of and West, are the various Supreme Councils of the Thirty-third Degree throughout the world. They have inherited the insignia of the personal emblem of Frederick the Great, First Sovereign Grand commander, who conferred upon the rite the right to use in 1786; at which time seven **(Continued Next Page)**

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additional Degrees were “adopted” making which was added a governing Degree, the 33rd. The double headed eagle of Lagash is a white and black eagle. The head, neck, legs and tips of the wings are white, while the body and wings are black. Its wings are extended, yet drooping; in its claws is a naked sword, one talon of the right claw clutching the hilt of the steel serpentine shaped blade, the left claw grasping the blade.



### THE GREATEST OF THESE

Being a mason means many things to each brother. During our travels along the road of the Craft, we are taught about brotherly love, relief, and truth. We also learn about faith, hope, and charity and that the greatest of these is charity. Helping others,

Particularly a worthy brother, his widow and orphans is a common theme in the masonic society so much so that our by-laws demand a charity committee to dispense the doling of alms to worthy members. We in the Scottish Rite are no different. We have an office of almoner to oversee the charity funds and to dispense the same to those who truly need it. While we have not had many requests for assistance in the recent months that does not mean that the need is not there. Many brothers are embarrassed or feel ashamed to ask for help and most family members of masons don't understand that they may be entitled to our charity.

As members of this great society of brotherhood, it is incumbent upon us to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves to make sure our brothers and sisters are taken care of in times of need. I am asking all of you to contact me, or the office, should you come across anyone in need of help. Even if the request is not for funds, there still may be avenues in masonry that can be exercised for a charitable conclusion.

I thank you for all your charitable contributions you have made in the past and for the generous giving you will make in the future. Doesn't it feel great to help others? Who knows, someday you may be the one we help.



New Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Jonesboro Reunion held 31 Jul -1 Aug 2015. There were a total of 16 Candidates. FRONT ROW: Rickey Johnson, Jarrod Williams, Douglas McConnell, Waymond White, Daryl Carr, Harrold Cottrell, Willie Clark . BACK ROW: John Stowers, Jackson Jr Troxel, Brock Acebo, Ionut Bindea' Michael Ham, Timothy Gene Dixon. NOT PICTURED: Nicholas Lesley, Michael Vandermark Jr, and Jeffrey Nichols.

### Growing the Scottish Rite in Arkansas

**Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°, Executive Secretary**

**Orient of Arkansas**

Brethren, the Scottish Rite experience in Arkansas is better today than it has been in recent memory. Freemasonry is changing and adapting with the times and the Scottish Rite is no different. We are changing our way of thinking in the Scottish Rite because we realize we are a fraternal order first and foremost. The Scottish Rite has a real chance at growth this year, which is an outstanding reality for a Masonic organization today, and with your help our Rite will grow in Arkansas! If you are a member in good standing, thank you! If you are a member that has not paid his dues this year or is in danger of suspension, please do not be another Masonic statistic. As I write this article, there are 177 Arkansas Scottish Rite Mason's that are due to be suspended December 31, 2015. If you are one of these brethren, please reconsider. While the amount you owe may seem too much, I assure you there are many options available to you for your convenience and we are willing to work with you in any way we can. Please remember, this is not a membership in a hunting club or a fantasy football league, this is the membership renewal in your fraternity. If the books closed today, each Valley in Arkansas would be in better shape than they have been in a very long time. But sadly we are scheduled to suspend 177 of our brethren because they have chosen to not communicate with us any longer. If there is any issue, please reach out to us, we may be able to help, but we cannot if we do not know my brethren. I am asking you to make a choice. Make the choice between making the Scottish Rite fraternity grow in Arkansas or becoming just another statistic in the Masonic decline present in the world today. If you need to pay your dues, please do so, there are lots of ways we can make it easy on you. If you have a Master Mason friend that you need to talk to about the Scottish Rite, please do so and let us know. We can help get him initiated at his convenience. And finally, if you are a Master Mason that has already been suspended in the Scottish Rite for non-payment of dues, please consider returning to us my brother, I assure you the Rite is much different from when you left. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Orient Office at 501-375-5587. Thank you and God Bless!





## Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

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

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

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

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

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

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

## 2015 Officers

### Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Patrick Carr, 33°  
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

## Valley Speaker Series Continues

*Patrick C. Carr, 33°*

*Venerable Master, Valley of Fayetteville*

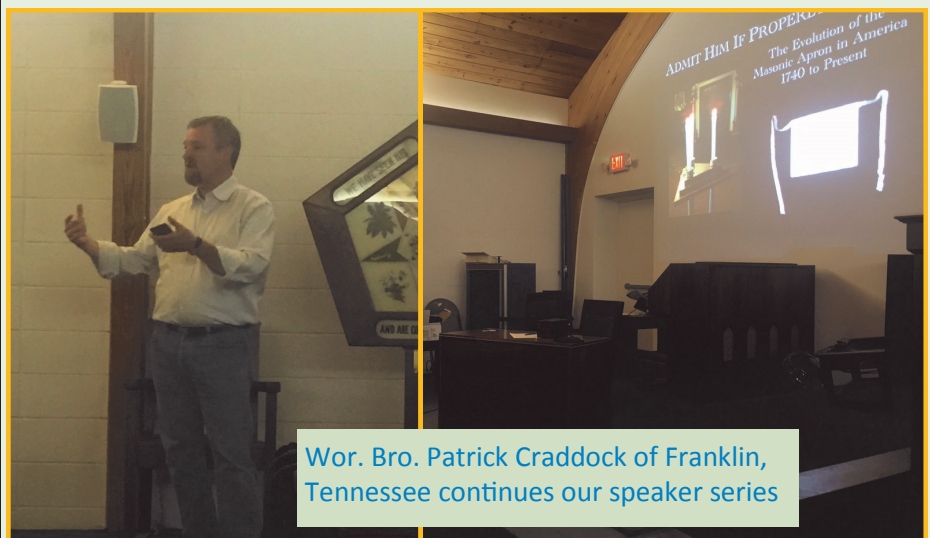
We have had a great year in the Valley of Fayetteville and we are looking forward to many more years of excellence in education and ritual. We have been very busy with recruitment and retention through our VMAP program and I encourage all our members to attend and see what our Valley has to offer.

The Valley of Fayetteville held our second annual Scottish Rite Speakers series on Saturday, August 1 in Fayetteville. There was an excellent banquet served by the kitchen crew beforehand. Afterwards the brethren present retired to the Lodge Room to attend a presentation by Wor. Bro. Patrick Craddock of Franklin, Tennessee. Bro.

Craddock owns the Craftsman's Apron and is one of the premier experts on the evolution and design of the Masonic Apron. His presentation was lively and included many opportunities for questions and discussions. Those present witnessed an excellent treatise on how our masonic apron has developed and changed since the beginning of the apron itself.

The speaker series is a benefit of the Scottish rite members in Fayetteville. The valley invites master masons to attend even if they are not Scottish rite masons. The first speaker was MW Bro. Michael Halleran, who spoke about the American Civil War and

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Wor. Bro. Patrick Craddock of Franklin, Tennessee continues our speaker series



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freemasonry. The valley is in negotiations with several speakers to schedule our 2016 speakers.

Since we are the University of Freemasonry, speakers such as these are necessary to continue our masonic education. I hope to see more brethren at next year's symposium.

Photo Collage of the Arkansas Delegation  
at the Biennial Session & Centennial  
Jubilee Held in Washington D.C.

August 22-25, 2015



Most of The Arkansas Delegation Just Prior to  
the Banquet





### Greetings Brethren:

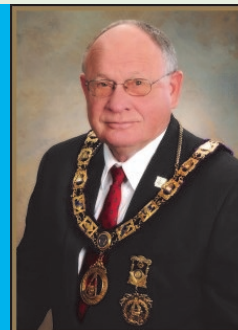
I have just returned from the Scottish Rite (S.J.) meeting in Washington D. C. It was good to be present when R.:W.: Brother Patrick Carr and Brother Karl Kimbal received their 33<sup>rd</sup> degree honors. It was both a pleasure and

an honor to have Masonic communication with so many fine men who are leaders of Masonry in America. It is also interesting to find that we all have some similar problems. In many areas of our country, our fraternity is experiencing decreasing numbers. And yet, in other areas, they seem to be maintaining or increasing their memberships. One problem that some jurisdictions are experiencing is less and less participation by our Lodge members in community service projects. How many of us have stopped to think about what image we project in our communities? Attending Lodge meetings regularly is good, and very important. But, that is only one aspect. When was the last time your Lodge was involved in a project or action that is beneficial for your community? When was the last time a Lodge project was reported on in your area newspaper(s)? Have you ever considered planning an activity during your Lodge's stated meeting? Meetings don't have to be confined to the opening of the Lodge, reading of the Minutes of



## Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

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



the previous meeting, listening to the Treasurer's report, voting to pay your bills, and closing the meeting. Is it really surprising that some members don't want to attend a meeting that is "the same old thing" again? We have a "good product", and that is our brotherhood and its obligations. One way we can possibly "market our product" is to plan activities to assist our community and its citizens. It is obvious; many of the successful young men in today's times want to be part of something meaningful. We need to be good neighbors, and we need to be seen doing it. If you think you have a good idea and want to call my office, call 501-374-4693, and discuss it with me.



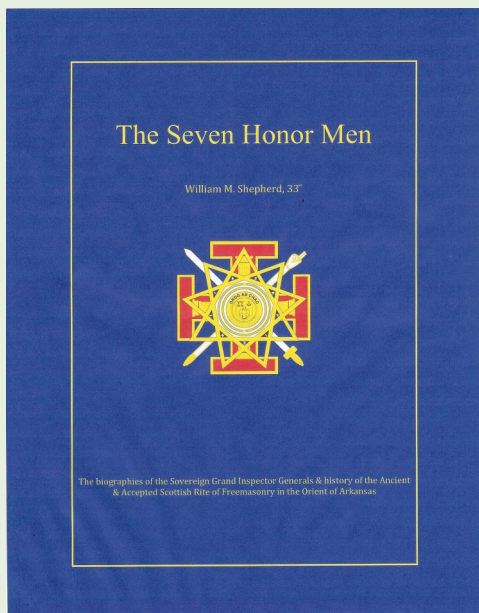
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Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas

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

## 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!

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Orient of Arkansas

## Petition of

(Please print or type full name here)

"Please Check One" ☐ **Petition For Valley of Fayetteville** ☐ **Petition For the Scottish Rite Degrees** ☐  
**Petition For Valley of Jonesboro** ☐ **Petition For Re-Instatement** ☐  
**Petition For Valley of Little Rock** ☐ **Petition For Affiliation** ☐ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(state) (city or town)

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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Sign Here ► \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign name in full—first name, middle name, if any, and last name—do not use initials)

**Recommended By:** (Two Masons of the Rite, or W.M. and Secretary of Blue Lodge under seal)

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To: The Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies of which I am Presently a Member Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Brethren: I desire to affiliate with the Scottish Rite Bodies located in the Valley Indicated above.

Please issue a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING (or DEMIT)

And send same to Scottish Rite Bodies, 712 Scott Street, P.O. Box 2139, Little Rock, AR 72203

Sign Here ► \_\_\_\_\_

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