



VOICE OF THE ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE, ORIENT OF ARKANSAS

FEBRUARY 2016

III. Gus "Buddy" Blass II, 33°

On May 31, 1923 Gus "Buddy" Blass II was born. He entered into Magnolia Lodge #60 as an Entered Apprentice in August of 1949, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in September and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 27, 1949. On November 9, 1949 he joined the Scottish Rite in Little Rock, AR. In 1956, Bro. Blass, who had served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a First Lieutenant and had been awarded a Purple Heart, was chosen by the Little Rock Junior Chamber of Commerce as the city's Outstanding Young Man of the Year. He left the Blass Company and in 1962 became president and managing officer of the Capitol Savings and Loan Association. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Little Rock Unlimited, Urban Progress, Boy Scouts of America, Salvation Army, United Fund, American Red Cross and the Family Service Agency. His many years of service to the Boy Scouts of America culminated into Camp Rockefeller at the Gus Blass Scout Reservation in Damascus, Arkansas.

Brother Blass received the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on December 13, 1969, the same day as Brother Cletis Odell Overton, another distinguished Scottish Rite Mason and World War II veteran (featured in the February 2015 Issue, VOICE of the ORIENT).

These two men are our most tenured Inspector Generals Honorary in the Orient of Arkansas. Brother Gus "Buddy" Blass will turn 93 years young this May. The Scottish Rite in Arkansas and Freemasonry as a whole is proud to count men like Brother Blass as one of ours.



The Gus Blass Company that had originated in Little Rock in the 1860s continued as a family-owned store by the Blass-Heiman families. In 1950 Noland Blass Sr., son of Gus Blass, retired as president and was succeeded by Hugo Heiman. Heiman who became chairman of the board in 1960, served as director of Downtown Little Rock Unlimited and of the Urban Progress Association. Others who were involved in the management of Blass company included Julian Blass Jr., Gus Blass II and Max A. Heiman, all grandsons of the original founders. In 1961 a branch store was opened at Pine

Bluff, and in 1963 the Blass Company became the first major store in Little Rock to announce plans to establish a branch at the Park Plaza Shopping Center, west of downtown. In 1964 Julian G. Blass Jr. resigned as president and the company was sold to Dillard's Department Stores. Leonard F. Levy was then named president of the stores, which Dillard combined under the name of Pfeifer-Blass; later they were given the Dillard name. *(Submitted by Mitch Hensley, KCCH)*

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

III. Ronald A. Seale, 33°

Is Sovereign Grand Commander
And

Orient of Arkansas
Presiding Officers

III. C. James Graham, 33° P.:G.:M.:

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Orient of Arkansas

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Personal Representative for
The Orient of Arkansas

III. Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, G.:C.:

Personal Representative Emeritus for
The Orient of Arkansas

Mitch Hensley, KCCH

Executive Secretary for
The Orient of Arkansas

III. Robert Jackson, 33°

Treasurer for
The Orient of Arkansas

Bill Nowell, 32°

Building Superintendent for
The Orient of Arkansas

III. Dick E. Browning 33°, P.:G.:M.:

Personal Representative for
The Valley of Little Rock

III. Byron Ponder 33°

Personal Representative for
The Valley of Jonesboro

III. Jarrod R. Adkisson 33°, P.:G.:M.:

Personal Representative for
The Valley of Fayetteville

*By Bro Angelo
Coppola, 33°
Chairman, Eagle
Scout Com-
mittee*

Eagle Scout Banquet 2016

It is that time again when the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Little Rock honor those young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the year 2015. This class, like those in the past, will be honored with a banquet and awards ceremony at the Scottish Rite Temple at 6:00 pm March 4th. Scottish Rite Masonry and its members have a long tradition of support for one of the greatest youth movements in the world. This support began years ago with a previous Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG) and continues with our present SGIG Dr. James Graham who is an Eagle Scout.



This year's honoree will be Mr. Tony Sitz who began his scouting adventure as an adult leader in the Foothill District. Tony served as a cub leader, scoutmaster, OA chapter advisor and on the Council Executive Board. He has also been active with Junior Leader Training, Wood Badge and National Camping School. Since 2013 Tony has served as camp director at Camp Rockefeller on the Gus Blass Scout Reservation. Tony is also a member of Bowling Green Kentucky Masonic Lodge #73.

Daniel Carter Beard Receives Masonic Scouter Award

Each year a Masonic body has the opportunity to nominate one of its members for the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award. The award was instituted in Pennsylvania with the intent of honoring those individuals who have given a lifetime of service to the Boy Scouts of America. This year's recipient is Brother Terry Sharp who is a member of Albert Pike Lodge #714 and a professional scouter with the Quapaw Area Council.

Brother Sharp began his career in scouting as a district executive and today is the assistant council executive for the Quapaw Area Council. Terry has spent over 30 years as both a professional and volunteer scouter. Terry is truly deserving of this honor.

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/>

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A Program of the Valley of Little Rock

Freedom of Speech

I had a wonderful vacation over the holidays; leaving shortly after Christmas, I had a trip visiting New Zealand and Australia. They are beautiful countries with nice and friendly people. We had a great trip.

One part of the trip was honestly troubling. It is a VERY LONG trip to get to Oceania and I changed planes a number of times both ways. On the way to New Zealand, I was flying part of the way on China Southern Airlines and changed planes in Guangzhou, which is in mainland China. I had a six hour layover at the airport. Like most other long layovers, I found a spot in the airport to sit and relax, turn on my laptop computer, and surf the internet. Catching up on email, both work and personal, as well as reading the news, etc. So, I did so in Guangzhou. They had wireless internet. The airport looked modern, like most other airports I had been through. But when I went to Facebook to see what all my family and friends were up to, I could not connect. At first, I thought it was a problem with the wireless connection, so I checked it. No, it seemed to be working fine. I went on to other websites and after some time, I typed in www.facebook.com again. Again, it wouldn't connect. After a few tries and after not being able to connect to some other websites, such as cnn.com, I decided to Google it. It turns out that the Chinese government blocks certain websites and Facebook and CNN are among them.

From The Desk Of:

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



I was honestly offended!!! How dare they block the website I wanted to see? The Google links talked about the variety of websites and internet traffic monitored and censored by the Chinese government. They consider Facebook to be “dangerous” and possibly “traitorous”!!! How crazy is that? But of course, it only took a moment to realize that this is exactly what Albert Pike was trying to emphasize in our ritual where there are so many references to tyranny and the need for Scottish Rite Masons to defend individual liberty.

Masons have fought for the rights of liberty, equality, and fraternity throughout history. It is so easy for us to take our freedoms for granted. Let us not forget how very blessed we are! Our freedoms are instead precious and have been bought by the blood and the sacrifices of so many. As Albert Pike said in Legenda “the right of the people of every State to govern themselves, and to adopt or continue only the institutions of government as shall seem to themselves best suited to their condition . . . the heart of man craves only justice and love. Men are good. Evil institutions alone have made them bad; and it is the duty of Masonry and of every Knight to aid in leading them back to the truth”.

SHOW THIS BANNER TO YOUR (NON SCOTTISH RITE) FRIENDS

Join YOUR Brothers in the Scottish Rite



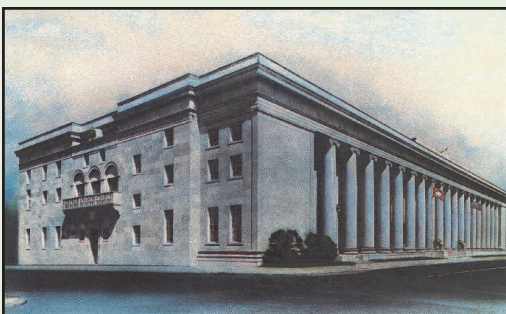
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*The 2016 initiation fee is \$200. It will be waived if you agree to stay an active member (paying your dues) for the next three years.



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

Friday, March 4, 2016 Eagle Scout Banquet
6:00 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Program

Saturday, March 5, 2016
6:00 P.M. Remembrance & Renewal

Tuesday, March 8, 2016
5:15 P.M. Advisory Council
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2016 Day 1, Spring Reunion
6:00 A.M. Breakfast
6:30 A.M. Candidate Registration
8:00 A.M. Opening

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2016 .. Day 2, Spring Reunion
6:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Opening

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
5:15 P.M. Advisory Council
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Saturday, May 21, 2016
.... Celebrating the Craft Webcast at Bendemeer
..... Grotto. Call 501-375-5587 for more details.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

2016 Officers

Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Ill Steven Tiner, 33°
Senior Warden Gary Henningsen, KCCH
Junior Warden J. D. Sexton, 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 Ill. Charles Ferguson, 33°
1st Lt. Commander Bobby Bennett, KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander Thomas Lampirez, KSA

Little Rock Consistory

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

Educational Opportunity:

Sign up for the new Master Craftsman-style educational series for the Valley of Little Rock!

The VMAP Committee has developed a new Master Craftsman-style educational series based on the book, The Seven Honor Men of Arkansas Scottish Rite Masonry by William M. Shepherd. The two-part test works in the same way as the Southern Jurisdiction's Master Craftsman series works. For \$15 you will receive a copy of the book and will receive a copy of the first quiz. Once the first quiz is returned to the Little Rock office by mail, a second quiz will be mailed to you along with the graded first test. Once the second quiz is completed and graded, you will be awarded a certificate at the next reunion. Our candidates from the October 31st reunion were the first to receive the first installment of this new program. You can contact the Little Rock office for more details. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the history of the Scottish Rite in Arkansas.

The VMAP committee members are Barry Brady (chairman), Bill Jones, Thomas Lampirez, Alexander Winans, Angelo Coppola, Shawn Jennings and Max Easter. If you have any suggestions for improving or enhancing the Valley of Little Rock's Scottish Rite experience, please let one of the committee members know and we will discuss at our next monthly meeting. *(Submitted by Mitch Hensley, KCCH)*

"The Shot Heard Around The World"



A Special Spring Reunion

April 19, 1775, 241 years ago, "the shot heard around the world" began the America Revolution. To honor the memory of those brave men who, at the Lexington Green, stood up to the mighty British Army so that we could be free -- the Valley of Little Rock will began a two-day reunion to reaffirm our steadfast belief in the principles of our great county. Our goal is to bring 241 Master Masons into the Scottish Rite during this reunion, one for each year since that historic moment. Will you be part of this rededication? Will you be at the Temple on April the 9th and April the 23rd to symbolically stand for freedom? Will you renew your vows to be a "Soldier of the People"? Will you...Will you bring a Master Mason that day to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite?

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It is our chance, as Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Little Rock, to sound the alarm to every Valley in America that now is the time to become a Scottish Rite Mason. Take up the cause, my brethren!

Brethren, our Spring Reunion will be on two Saturdays in April; April 9 and April 23. You can bring your Master Mason friends THIS YEAR to the Scottish Rite for free! They only have to agree to pay their dues for at least 3 years. As you can see from the above, this reunion will be special, patriotic, with lots of "colonial costumes" etc. You never know what you might run into at the reunion! Come and be a part, we want you and you will enjoy the experience!! (Submitted by Ill Dick Browning 33° Personal Representative Valley of Little Rock)

Rebuilding the House of the Temple Campaign.

The 100th anniversary of the ground breaking for The House of the Temple in Washing DC was celebrated in 2015. With any building that is 100 years old it needs restoration, renovation and structural rehabilitation. The Rebuilding the Temple Campaign is a fund raising effort that supports these goals and a temple endowment fund to provide for the future maintenance



of the House of the Temple. The goal is to raise 97 million dollars. This is a lot of money and will take large as well as small donations. This is like building

a dam that takes small and large stones. No amount is too small to contribute.

The Scottish Rite web site (ScottishRite.org) has many ways to contribute to this very worthwhile effort to remodel the House of the Temple. One way to support the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign is by adopting a book in the library and becoming an Architect of the Library. Adopting a book cost \$250. Upon receipt of your donation, the Librarian will select the book you will sponsor, and your name as the book sponsor will be listed in the online Library catalog. You will receive a special thank you letter from the Supreme Council Librarian with name of the book or collection you are sponsoring. You can also make a gift in honor of or in memory of someone else.

On May 21st we will "Celebrate the Craft" with a silent auction. Bendemeer Grotto has graciously allowed the Scottish Rite to hold the auction in their building and in conjunction with their monthly steak dinner (\$15). Bidding from 5 to 6:30 pm; dinner at 6 pm, winning bids announced at 7pm. Half of the money raised will stay with the Scottish Rite in Little Rock, the other half sent to the House of the Temple. We had the silent auction last year and had a lot of fun. We hope you will join us. (Submitted by Ill. Jim Stanley, 33°, Orient Chairman for Rebuilding the Temple).

Why Pay Your Dues Early?

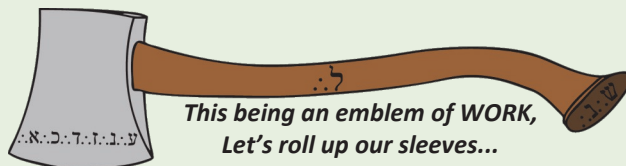
In our effort to help our members understand some of the "business side" of the Valley I wanted to write to you and give you some information about your dues. (I know you will pay them...this is not a bill!!) A fair number of brethren have paid their dues for 2016 by this time of the year. This is very, very helpful to your Valley. Why? Because the first couple of months of the year the Valley must pay the Supreme Council per capita tax of about \$44,000; plus our insurance of \$2,700; plus our rent of \$1,500 plus our Orient assessment of \$25,000; so that's a total of \$73,000 the first few weeks of the year. You can see why getting dues paid early in the year is a big help for us managing your money.

Did you ever think about giving YOUR Scottish Rite Valley a present? Most don't, but I have a suggestion that would be a great present and not cost you any extra money!!! Sound good to you? Well, here it is...sign up for our new program "Draft my Dues". If you will enter this program then we will draft your bank account or credit card for ONLY \$12 per month for 10 months starting in March. At the end of the year you will have paid dues and the process starts all over again. Think about how much better we could manage your dues money; you could help us out with a steady cash flow, and be easier on your bank account! Everybody wins. Remember it doesn't cost you any more than your normal dues...think about it, please. Call the office at 501-375-5587 for details; we'll make your first draft later in February and send you your 2016 dues card. (Submitted by Ill Dick Browning 33° Personal Representative Valley of Little Rock)

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 2 day Reunion schedule. Our newest Scottish Rite Masons spoke with one loud voice requesting to see more degrees and the Scottish Rite Bodies listened. 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 our brethren choosing this rite.

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 9th and the second half on April 23rd. 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. (Submitted by Lucas Minton 32° KSA)



***This being an emblem of WORK,
Let's roll up our sleeves...***



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

Friday, March 4-5, 2016 Spring Reunion
7:00 A.M. Coffee & Donuts
8:00 A.M. Candidate Registration
8:50 A.M. Opening, Lodge of Perfection
12:00 P.M. Lunch
7:00 A.M. Breakfast
7:50 A.M. Opening, Chapter of Rose Croix

Monday, March 14, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Council
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2016 Maundy Thursday

6:00 P.M. Extinguishing the Lights
Dinner followed by Relighting the Lights

Monday, April 11, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Council
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Council
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Council
6:30 P.M. Dinner
Scholarship Presentations.
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

4th Monday of each month. 6:30 P.M.

2016 Officers

Jonesboro Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Drew Price, KCCH
Senior Warden Daryl Johnson, KCCH
Junior Warden Carl Phillips, KCCH

Jonesboro Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Ill. Rufus Ray, 33°
Senior Warden Ill. Brent Howton, 33°
Junior Warden John Warnock, KCCH

Jonesboro Council of Kadosh

Commander Gary Miley, KCCH
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°

Capping Ceremonies are always FUN!





Ill. C. James Graham, S.G.I.G. Orient of Arkansas and Ill Wilburn Howton Place the Personal Representative to the SGIG Jewel on Ill Byron Ponder, after his recent appointment to the position.

On November 10, 2015 the Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Little Rock traveled to Jonesboro, Initiated 10 Candidates, presented the Charter and Installed the Officers.

Front row (L-R) Curtis Pace, Treas., Fred Niemeyer, SW, Mike Swindle, Preceptor, Colin Miller, JW, Garrett Barnes, Sec. Back Row (L-R). Jon Walter, SD, Randy Gilles, Chap, Ross Rainwater, JD. (Not pictured Nick Lesley, Sentinel.)

ANCIENT FREEMASONRY

Some very startling information has just come into my possession, information that, will shake the very foundations of what we today know as Ancient freemasonry, information that proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Ancient Freemasonry did not originate in Great Britain, but was started in the United States of America, not by stone masons, but by Plains Indians, many ,many years ago.

For you see that on the great plains an Indian Chief took for himself three wives. For the first wife he built in one corner of the teepee a bed on the skin of a wolf. For the second wife he built in another corner of the teepee a bed on the skin of a deer, the third wife was built a bed on the skin of a hippopotamus in the third corner of the teepee. Lo and behold nine months later, the miracle of life unfolded, the wife whose bed was that of the skin of a wolf gave birth to a son, also the wife on the skin of the deer gave birth to a son, but all things where not equal, for the wife on the skin of the hippopotamus gave birth to twin boys . This proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Ancient Freemasonry was started by that Indian Chief, many, many years ago on the great plains of the United States of America. For there you have Pythagoras's 47th problem of Euclid, that the sons of the squaw on the hippopotamus are equal to the sons of the squaws on the other two hides.

Author Unknown



In Memoriam

Ill Carroll L. Evans 32^o
West Memphis #737
November, 23, 2015

Brother Evie E. Boone 32^o
West Memphis #737
March 4, 2015

Brother James L. Busby 32^o
West Memphis #737
February 13, 2015

Brother Bobby R. O'Neal 32^o
Chickasawba #134
May 4, 2015

Brother Robert L. Brady 32^o
Euclid #130
April 25, 2015

Brother Roy C. Beardon 32^o
Jonesboro #129
June 18, 2015

Brother William T. Davis 32^o
Rensselaer Vann #494
January 31, 2015

Brother Carl E. Jones 32^o
West Memphis #737
April 10, 2015

Brother William G. Abernathy 32^o
West Memphis #737
September 18, 2015

Ill William L. Fergus 33^o
Jonesboro #129
July 21, 2015

Brother Michael E. Coker 32^o
Curia #144
July 2, 2015

Bro Edward N. Golden 32^o KCCH
Aurora #423
July 31, 2015

Brother Mason D. Brown 32^o
Euclid #130
February 21, 2015

Brother Johnny A. Hedge 32^o KCCH
Cardinal #677
September 8, 2015

Brother Everett R. Houser 32^o
Forest City #198
November 1, 2015

Brother Thomas E. Williams 32^o
Curia #144
October 29, 2015

Brother Archie L. Williams, Jr. 32^o
Aurora #423
October 30, 2013



Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:30 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:30 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Saturday, April 16, 2016 Spring Reunion

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:30 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:30 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:30 P.M. Banquet
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Saturday, August 6, 2016
3rd Annual SR Speaker Series featuring Ill. Bob Davis, 33° GC.

2016 Officers

Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Ill. Mike Briscoe, 33°
Senior Warden..... Boyd R. Boen, KCCH
Junior Warden..... Mike Winningham, KSA

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Eric W. Paslick, KCCH°
Senior Warden..... Scott Nelson, KSA
Junior Warden..... Bryon Speller, 32°

Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Dr. Joe Rouse, KCCH
1st Lt. Cmdr Keith Peterson, KSA
2nd Lt. Cmdr Clint Chastain, KSA

Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh Al Davidson, KCCH
Prior..... Matthew D. Beyers, KSA
Preceptor..... George Stone, 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 of Fayetteville Officers Installed

Patrick C. Carr, 33°

Ill. Bro. C. James Graham was on hand at the January stated meeting to install the newly elected and appointed officers of the Valley. The newly elected line for the Lodge of Perfection includes Venerable Master: Ill. Michael Briscoe, 33°, Senior Warden: Bro. B. Ralph Boen, KCCH and Junior Warden: Bro. G. Michael Winningham, KSA. The following were appointed and installed: Master of Ceremonies: Bro. Keith Peterson, KSA, Orator: Ill. Monroe Robinson, 33° and Captain of the Host: Bro. Wes Stephens, KCCH.

The Chapter of Rose Croix elected Bro. Eric Paslick, KCCH as Wise Master, Bro. Scott Nelson, KSA as Senior Warden and Bro. Bryon Speller, 32° as Junior Warden. The following were appointed: Orator: Bro. Joe Harris, 32° KSA and Guardian of the Temple: Bro. John Heflin, 32°.

It was decided when the Valley was moved, that only the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter of Rose Croix would have elections for the progressive line principal officers at the end of three years. This means that the Council of Kadosh and the Consistory maintained the same officers for 2016. In 2017 a new slate of officers will be elected and appointed by the Valley. Those serving in the Council of Kadosh are: Commander: Bro. and Dr. Joe Rouse, KCCH, 1st Lt. Commander: Bro. Keith Peterson, KSA and 2nd Lt. Commander: Bro. Clint Chastain, KSA. Those appointed to the Council of Kadosh include: Chancellor: Bro. Randy George, KSA, Minister of State: Bro. Andrew Morrison, KSA and Lieutenant of the Guard: Ill. Douglas Dobbyn, 33°.

The Consistory officers include: Master of Kadosh: Bro. Al Davidson, KCCH,

Prior: Bro. Matthew D. Beyers, KSA, and Preceptor: Bro. George Stone, KSA. Those appointed to serve include: Chancellor: Bro. Joseph Morrison, KSA and Capt. of the Guards: A.L. Hollingsworth, KSA.

Several officers were appointed to serve the entire Valley. Those are: Personal Representative: Ill. Bro. and Dr. Jarrod R. Adkisson, 33° PGM, Secretary: Ill. Kevin Hatfield, 33°, PGM, Treasurer: Ill. Patrick C. Carr, 33°, Prelate/Chaplain: James Kring, KSA, Sentinel/Tyler: Bro. William Hartsfield, KCCH, and Almoner: Bro. Trevor Robinson, 32°.

Knights of St. Andrew Install New Officers



On Saturday, January 24, the Fayetteville Knights of St. Andrew installed their newly elected officers. These Brethren have been instrumental in the continued growth and success of not only the Valley of Fayetteville, but the Fayetteville Knights of St. Andrew as well. They each diligently and unselfishly give of their time and their talents to insure that the Valley's needs are met on a daily basis. The Valley could not have had the successes that they have had in the various areas of the Scottish Rite VMAP initiative if it was not for these hard working Brothers.

At the meeting, Brother Joseph Morrison was elevated from Squire to Knight. This is the first new Knight of
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the fledgling KSA program. Later in the meeting five Brethren were inducted as Squires into the Order. They are Brothers Clint Chastain, Eric Westcott, Joe Harris, Andrew Morrison and Barry Glenn. We know that our Valley is in continued good hands as these Brethren continue to advance through the Knights of St. Andrew.



III. Michael D. Briscoe, 33°
Venerable Master



Eric W. Paslick, KCCH
Wise Master



KSA Officers for 2016-2017: Keith Peterson, George Stone, A.L. Hollingsworth, Michael Winningham, Scott Nelson (VP), James Kring, Robert Baugh, Joseph Morrison, Randy George.



New KSA Squires: Clint Chastain, Eric Westcott, Scott Nelson (Venerable Preceptor), Joe Harris, Andrew Morrison, Barry Glenn.



New KSA Knights: Scott Nelson (Venerable Preceptor), Joey Morrison, Matt Beyers (PVP)

Scottish Rite Ambassadors

We are starting a new group that will help increase membership, inform, and assist our Scottish Rite and its members. The program is called the "Scottish Rite Ambassadors" and is comprised of Brothers who accept its challenge. An Ambassador will be chosen from each Lodge.

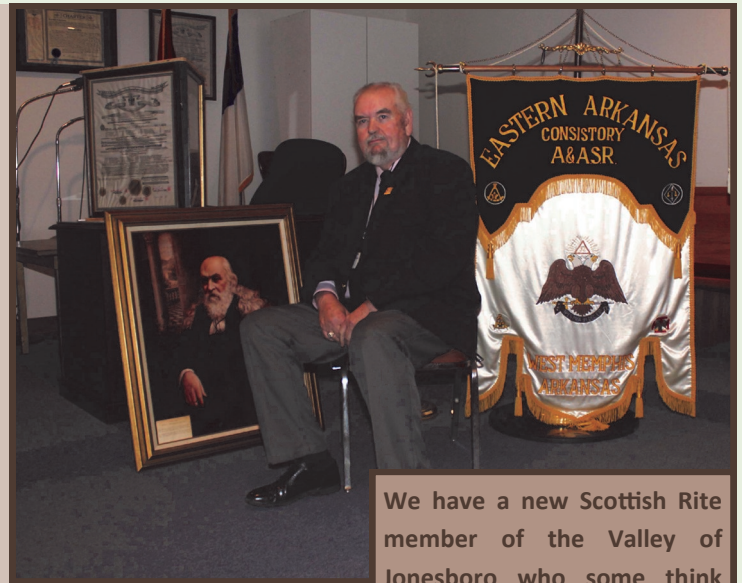
What are the duties of the Ambassador?

First, be a good and active Mason in your Lodge. Make announcements in your Lodge of upcoming activities of the Scottish Rite and bring to their attention any new Scottish Rite Brethren. Make your Lodge Brethren who were SNPD aware of ways to rejoin the Scottish Rite.

The most important thing is to be a Mentor to your Lodge's Scottish Rite Brethren especially the new members.

The rewards from this group to our Fraternity can be great.

I hope all Scottish Rite Brethren will support your Lodge's Ambassador. If you would like to be considered as a Scottish



Rite Ambassador email me at: Cole77@att.net (Submitted by Bro. Troy Cole, KCCH, Membership Chairman, Valley of Little Rock)

We have a new Scottish Rite member of the Valley of Jonesboro who some think bears a striking resemblance to Bro Albert Pike. Brother Willie Clark was a member of the Jul-Aug 2015 Class of the Valley

Initiation Fee Waived for 2016!

The Orient of Arkansas in conjunction with the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction have officially decided to continue to waive initiation for 2016 due to the large amount of interest generated in 2015. This is the perfect opportunity for any Master Masons who you might know that have not joined the Scottish Rite. Those brothers can now enjoy our degrees, their excellent lessons, and additional fellowship by joining and agreeing to stay in a minimum of 3 years.

To make it even easier for our new brethren to keep their dues paid the Orient will now do direct drafts to the bank account of their choice or bill their credit/debit card. There has never been an easier way to join, and keep your dues current. (Submitted by Lucas Minton 32° KSA)

The Tyler's Place Podcast

Freemasonry is more than just a fraternity. Freemasonry is a gathering of men from all walks of life, each with a unique story to tell and fantastic life lessons to share.

In days of old, those stories and lessons were handed down from brother to brother within the walls of the lodge. But today, it can be a challenge to stop and listen because of professional, personal, and family obligations that can sometimes keep us from engaging and learning more about the men we call "Brethren."

Photo of The Tyler's Place podcast host, Bro. Maynard Edwards, 32° So in an effort to bridge that gap, the Supreme Council, 33° is presenting a monthly podcast series called The Tyler's Place. The Tyler's Place is a collection of

stories, lessons and interviews by Masons, for Masons and about Masons. Hosted by Bro. Maynard Edwards, 32°, each episode offers a variety of topics on Masonry; like interviews with interesting and inspiring people, historical facts and insights, and tips, tricks and life-hacks for the modern Mason. And The Tyler's Place podcasts are short enough to listen to while you're driving to work, headed to a lodge meeting, or just relaxing at home. (Submitted by Mitchell L. Hensley, KCCH, Executive Secretary, Orient of Ar-

kansas) **NOTE: Available for both iPhone & Android thru iTunes, Spreaker Podcast Radio and Stitcher Radio for Podcast**



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Petition For Valley of Fayetteville
Petition For Valley of Jonesboro
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Petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees
Petition For Re-Instatement
Petition For Affiliation

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Date: _____

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(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)

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Located at: _____

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

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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