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SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

JUNE 2016

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IS NOT
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**Then
or
Now**

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The Orient of Arkansas

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The Valley of Jonesboro

**Happy
4th of July**

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Top Youth Honour For Local Scout

*By Bro Angelo Coppola, 33°
Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee*

Charles R. Finlay 32* KCCH was honored when his God-son, Sam Owen who resides in New Zealand was awarded the top youth scouting honor. Brother Finlay presented his God-son with an Eagle Scout Certificate from the Orient of Arkansas.

Sam Owen a St. Joseph's Venture Scout earned the highest achievement possible as a youth member of New Zealand Scouting Program. Sam completed his Gold Young New Zealanders Challenge Duke of Edinburgh Award then training in leadership skills, risk management, camp craft and life skills to complete his Queen's Scout Award. These two awards are the culmination of several years of hard work and determination, including several expedition, safety modules, new skills and physical challenges. Later this year, he will be presented with his Queen's Scout Award and Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificates by the Governor-General and Chief Scout, Anand Satyanand.

Sam, who is the son of Mike and Penny Owen and only the 37th Venturer to have his name placed on the Group's Honours Board.

Eagle Scout Banquet 2016 Held

The Eagle Banquet was held on March 4, 2016 at the Scottish Rite Temple beginning a 6 p.m... This year's class consisted of more than 100 Eagle Scouts.

The meeting began with an excellent meal provided by the kitchen crew, camp guard and the Knights of St. Andrew. There were close to 400 scouts, family and friends in attendance for the banquet.

The honoree for the night was Brother Tony Sitz who has been and continues to be very active in the scouting organization. Tony spoke on the role scouts play today and in the future of our great country.

Mr. W.: James Graham, 33*, SGIG also addressed the group on the values of scouting and he thanked the many volunteers and parents who worked so hard so it would be possible for the scouts to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

After the meal the scouts, family and friends adjourned to the auditorium where they were recognized with an Eagle Scout neckerchief and cup. As per all the previous years Mr. Randy Luten moderated.



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Finding the Meaning

One of the things that we hear repeatedly in our Scottish Rite work is that each must study the degrees after taking them to fully appreciate their significance. This search for meaning is found throughout Masonic degrees. The fraternity often does not offer explanations of the symbolism of our degrees, indeed we are told that each interprets the symbols as he sees fit.

In the 31st degree of the AASR, the setting is in the Egyptian Court of the Dead. In the degree, the candidate plays the role of an ancient Egyptian appearing before the Court of the Dead to be judged for the acts done in his life. Judgment and justice for one's deeds is a central tenet of many religions; in the 31st degree, this judgment is acted out as through the eyes of ancient Egyptians.

Pike wanted to make the point that a Mason ought to always consider one's motivations and actions. Holding fast to the tenets of honor and integrity. The idea of individual responsibility, that each is accountable for his actions, is at the center of this degree. Like all Masonic ritual, the idea is not to promote the religion of the ancient Egyptians, indeed Pike chose this belief system because it is a dead religion. But again, each interprets the symbols for himself and if a Masonic Christian interprets the central theme as the accountability occurring at the Last Judgement, it is the right of each to do so.

From The Desk Of:

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



But the 31st degree goes further. The candidate is told that it is not enough to have simply avoided evil, but instead one must promote the good. It is not enough to avoid hurting our fellowman, but instead we must help others less fortunate. It is not enough to simply watch while others are wronged, but instead one should act with love and mercy. The degree teaches that we must make a difference in our lives. And that difference is in how we treat others. How we treat our family, how we treat our Masonic brothers, and how we treat those less fortunate.

But neither did Pike believe that humankind was capable of acting virtuously at all times, but instead we are flawed creatures. So, the degree further reminds us of the frailty and imperfection of human nature. Therefore the candidate is taught to forgive and to pardon while hope remains for reformation.

We talk as Masons about the search for light. In some ways, this search for light IS the search for meaning. I hope that you find the meaning of the 31st degree for yourself and that these lessons find a welcome place in your heart.

SHOW THIS BANNER TO YOUR (NON SCOTTISH RITE) FRIENDS

Join YOUR Brothers in the Scottish Rite



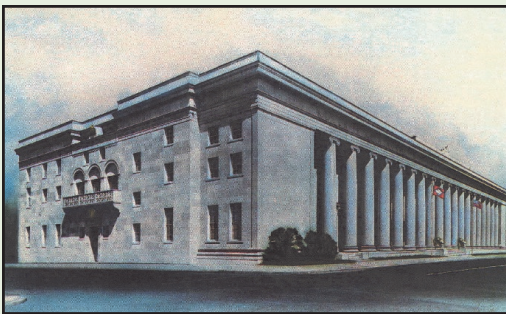
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*The 2016 initiation fee is \$200. It will be waived if you agree to stay an active member (paying your dues) for the next three years.



Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
 5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Saturday, July 16, 2016 KSA Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2016
 6:15 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2016 KSA Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016
 5:15 P.M.....Advisory Council??
 6:30 P.M..... Feast of Tishri
 Cost is \$15.00 per person

Saturday, October 29, 2016 Fall Reunion



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°

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

In and Around the Temple

*By Brother Thomas L. "Stump" Lampirez Jr. 32°, KSA Chaplain;
 Junior Warden Council of Kadosh Valley of Little Rock*

A Valley of Little Rock Tradition

The Wagon Yard is a big piece of history and a great tradition at the Albert Pike Memorial Scottish Rite Temple. As you have probably noticed, the Temple is a large building and that 156,000 square feet can get a little overwhelming. We are all traveling through history, but our building IS history, and the Wagon Yard is part of that rich history. "What in the world is the Wagon Yard?" you may ask. It is a place for out of town brothers to sleep before a reunion. It is like our own personal Scottish Rite hotel! The Wagon Yard has been around for over 40 years but there are no records documenting its genesis or completion. One thing is certain though; it holds a lot of meaning for many brothers, past and present.

The Wagon Yard is on the south end of the third floor and offers bunks with lockers to store your reunion clothes, toiletries, or hang suits. The bunks come furnished with linens, pillows, pillowcases, and blankets. A person can drive up the night before, take a shower the following morning, and then just go downstairs for breakfast. The room has access to bathrooms with showers and sinks so you can take a shower whenever you like. The Temple furnishes a towel and washcloth as well. The only thing you have to remember is your own toiletry and personal items. The day of the Reunion, once you get ready, you can head downstairs to enjoy a morning cup of coffee and breakfast with all the brothers, meet new members and candidates, as well as just have good old-fashioned fellowship with the craft. Having access to all those things will make the stay even more enjoyable. When you have no need to rush you can just enjoy the moment.

The fellowship shared in the Wagon Yard the night before the reunion is very personal because it sets the stage for your next step down the path of your Masonic education. Being apart from the world outside the temple helps you to prepare for the moral and philosophical lessons of the degrees. The most exhilarating things are that you know that the great men we call brothers have walked these same floors and stayed in the Wagon Yard before us and are still here with us in spirit. *(Submitted By Brother Thomas L. "Stump" Lampirez Jr. 32°, KSA Chaplain; Junior Warden Council of Kadosh Valley of Little Rock)*

My Life and Times in the Wagon Yard

The first time I experienced the Wagon Yard was on May 2, 2014, the night before my initiation into the Scottish Rite Bodies. I will never forget the memories made the first time I walked into that room. All the brothers that were there greeted me and immediately made me feel at home with brotherly kindness. We talked about our homes and later I listened eagerly to all the stories of their experiences from staying in the Wagon Yard for so many years. The camaraderie that night was very special to me because it made an awesome first impression. I knew in that moment that I would not regret joining the Scottish Rite.

It did not take long after initiation that I was assigned a locker and was given a name badge for it. Ever since I became part of that **(Continued on Next Page)**

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tradition, I have looked forward to staying in the Wagon Yard with my brothers the night before a reunion. It gives us time to catch up with one another and just enjoy a night together. We also have the opportunity to see the expression on candidate's faces when they walk into the room for the first time. After we help get the initiate settled for the evening we can then find out about them and then share with the initiate the stories and history passed down to us.

However, what I really love is how staying the night before allows me a small part in someone else's first exposure to Scottish Rite masonry. Many times after a reunion, I have had several newly made 32° Scottish Rite Masons come to me, thank me for the hospitality, and ask me to express their heartfelt thanks to the other Wagon Yard regulars. I have been told by those newly made 32° Scottish Rite Masons that the fellowship with the brothers in the Wagon Yard says a lot about the brotherhood in the Scottish Rite. They would then ask me if anyone would be staying in the Wagon Yard at the next reunion; and whether or not there would be room for one more person. We regulars always tell them that they are welcome and reiterate that the Wagon Yard exists for that very reason. Then their faces light up knowing that they have a place to stay for the next reunion. Through these experiences, as well as my own, I believe the continual use of the Wagon Yard will keep many brothers coming to reunions that might not otherwise. I believe this is because they enjoy the fellowship we have at the Wagon Yard and it makes it easier on them, like me, to attend the reunion without having to drive for hours on end.

I will close with saying that if you get a chance to stay in the Wagon Yard, you will always remember that night, and the memories that you will make....and you will always find me there as well. So come, enjoy this shining example of the fellowship available in our brotherhood.

I would like to take this time to thank all the brothers who made my first night in the Wagon Yard an experience I will never forget. It became the memory of a lifetime, and was an example of how first impressions should be for someone starting their new Masonic journey. I send up a special prayer for my Friend and Brother, Brother Harold Bonnette, he was a big part of my Scottish Rite experience, until we meet again my brother. Until our next reunion, keep raising Masons my brothers. Submitted By Brother Thomas L. "Stump" Lampirez Jr. 32°, KSA Chaplain; Junior Warden Council of Kadosh Valley of Little Rock

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)

Brother
Roy
Hart
32°, at
the
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trols.
Roy Sez:
"Which
one do I
switch
now?"
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SGIG taking candid photos at the Spring Reunion.



(LEFT) Brother Aaron Warren, 32°, KCCH Ready for registration

(RIGHT) Tylers are at the Door. Where have I heard that before?





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 11, 2016
 5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference
 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2016 Fall Reunion
 7:00 A.M. Coffee & Donuts
 8:00 A.M. Candidate Registration
 8:45 A.M. Opening, Lodge of Perfection
 11:00 A.M. Lunch & Reception
 12:30 P.M. Opening Chapter of Rose Croix
 2:40 P.M. Opening, Council of Kadosh
 4:00 P.M. Opening Consistory

Monday, August 8, 2016
 5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference
 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016
 5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference
 6:30 P.M. Dinner Feast of Tishri
 Speaker Brother Kyle Rowe, 32°
 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016
 5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference
 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 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°

The Forgotten Word

Most Worshipful Carl H. Claudy (1943)

"Never have I been so glad to get to Lodge as tonight!" began the new Brother to the old tiler in the ante-room.

"Someone here owe you some money or something?" asked the old Tiler.

"No indeed! But lying awake last night, thinking about Masonry, I tried to recall the word of a Master Mason, and I couldn't! It was a lost word for me, sure enough! I couldn't sleep all night, trying to remember. I couldn't remember today, and it bothered me a lot! So I was glad to come to Lodge tonight and get instructed!"

"I shouldn't have worried over that," answered the old Tiler. "Our memories play strange tricks. You didn't need it, did you?"

"No, but a Mason ought not to forget it. It's the most important thing in Masonry, if we don't have it, we cannot visit and work as a Master and everything!"

"So we are told," answered the old Tiler. "Yet don't you mistake the meaning? The syllables you are taught to pronounce are not important."

"Why, old Tiler! How can you say that?"

"Because it is true," answered the old Tiler. "Is it important what particular piece of cloth is put in an apron? Is it important what particular piece of iron is used to make a pillar, or what particular copy of a million Bibles is on the altar, or what particular piece of wood is used in the gavel? Isn't it important that we wear an apron and know why, that we have a pillar to teach a lesson, that we revere the Great Light in Masonry, that we have a gavel for our control? Then are the syllables of the word important, or is the spirit, the meaning, the symbolism

important?

Masons must know the word, the modes of recognition, the signs and tokens. But all these may slip from memory, and still a Brother has Freemasonry in his heart. They are audible symbols of spiritual knowledge.

We are taught that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. Do you read into that statement some particular word? Or is the Word here used in the old Jewish sense of the truth, the light of knowledge for which man may strive?

Masonry's search for the lost word is for far more than a syllable, my Brother. The substitute word is more than an exclamation. It is an inward knowledge of oneness with the Great Architect, for which all men of all ages have searched. Not all search in vain, many find their Word. Even the substitute word could only be given under certain circumstances; doubtless those earnest seekers who found the real word could never assemble the circumstances under which it, too, might be given to humanity.

But we continue to search. Slowly but surely man has come up from barbarianism.

The world improves with age? Except in war, men are less cruel now than centuries ago; men know more than they did centuries ago. We are all brutes underneath, but to be underneath connotes something above. In our long struggle after the lost word we have put something above the brute. On that we climb, and are by so much nearer the Word we seek.

It is this which is important. Let not your heart be troubled if that strangest part of all God's works, the human mind, plays a prank on you. Better men than you and I have forgotten their own names. Now and then one forgets the name of Deity. But in the

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THE FEAST OF TISHRI, (An Invitation)

Venerable Master Brother Drew Price 32^o KCCH, cordially invites you to our annual Feast of Tabernacles celebrating the completion of the Temple of Solomon in the year 986 B. C. The dedication of the Temple was held six months after its completion, on the 15th day of Tishri. Among the symbols of Succoth are four species of plants—the citron, the branch of the palm tree, the myrtle leaves, and the willow leaves. The citron plant produces both fruit and fragrance. The palm produces fruit but no fragrance. The myrtle produces fragrance but no fruit, and the willow produces neither fruit nor fragrance. This teaches us that there are also four kinds of people. There are those that have knowledge and good deeds—they correspond to the citron. There are those who live a life of good deeds, but have no knowledge—they are like the palm. There are those who have knowledge, but perform no good deeds—they are like the myrtle, and there are those who have neither knowledge nor good deeds—they are like the willow. Yet, on Succoth, all of these different species of plants are placed together and bound as one, thus teaching us that though there are different kinds of people on Earth, with their own interests and desires, accomplishments and failures, they must still be bound together in one universal brotherhood.

Rabbi Julius Nodel 32^o
Valley of Pasadena, CA



New Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Jonesboro Spring Reunion held 4-5 March 2016. There were a total of 6 Candidates. FRONT ROW (L-R): Robert L. Chapman, Harold L. Owens, Thomas G. Hale, Tyler M. Limbaugh. BACK ROW: Christopher R. Wilcox. NOT PICTURED: Scott Martin.



In Memoriam

Brother Jesse S. Sanders, Jr. 32^o
Summer Ave #729
March 4, 2014

Brother Nelson B. Ladd, Jr 32^o
Jonesboro #129
December 12, 2015

Brother Troy Seaton 32^o
Lafayette #189
January 25, 2016

Brother David W. Brown 32^o
Lafayette #189
December 25, 2014

Brother James D. Green 32^o
Rensselaer-Vann #494
April 20, 2014

Brother Alvie Chilcutt 32^o
Dannelly #300
September 3, 2015

Brother Bobby E. Byrd 32^o
Piggott #545
September 14, 2013

Brother Harold T. Dollar 32^o
Colony #190
April 20, 2016



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW COLOR GUARD

Left To Right: Colon Miller, Randy Gilless, Curtis Pace, Jon Walter



Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

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

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Annual Lecture Series
5:00 P.M. Dinner

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

5:30 P.M. Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M. Feast of Tishri
7:30 P.M. Stated Communication

Friday-Saturday, October 7-8, 2016 Fall Reunion

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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

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

A GOOD STORY

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly

for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded; don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25,
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I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.



Brother Keith Peterson, 32°, KSA and Dr. C. James Graham, S.G.I.G.



Brother Keith Peterson, 32°, KSA presents the Scottish Rite Ribbon to ROTC Cadet Daniel Hendrix at the Spring Awards presentation at the University of Arkansas on April 28, 2016

A MASONIC INCIDENT

From *THE CRAFTSMAN* – 1866

A little incident, containing some mystical interest, transpired in Wayne County, South Carolina, during the late war. It is as follows:-

It was late at night, the husband was absent, and the wife, alone with her children, had retired. Three or four soldiers rudely knocked at the door of the house, and demanded entrance and something to eat. The good lady told them that it was too late, that she had nothing cooked, but fearing they would break the door; she got out of bed, and opened it to protest against them.

They insisted that she should cook something for them, and while she was getting ready, and they were roaming about the house, one of the party, who seemed to be the leader, happened to find a copy of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence." Turning over he found the name of the poor, frightened woman's husband written on the fly-leaf.

"Is this your husband's?" he inquired of the lady.

"Yes sir," was the timid reply.

"Is he a Mason?"

"Yes Sir."

"Come, boys, right about-march!" and immediately the house was cleared and quickly closed.



Greetings Brethren:

As Memorial Day has just passed, we honored the men and women who gave all for us and our country. As the 4th of July is approaching, we are preparing to celebrate the birth of our great nation. The men and women who made this country and the men and women who have defended and will continue to defend it, always need to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Our nation's heroes have a very important and common element with Freemasonry, and that is our obligations. Our heroes have pledged their lives to keep our nation free. We, as Freemasons, have pledged our lives to be better men, men for the community to look up to and men who will be leaders. At times, we will slip in our obligations but our Brothers are there to remind us. Our obligations should be a constant reminder on how we should lead our lives, both publicly and privately.

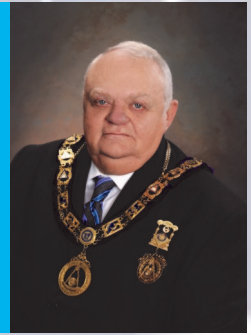
I have personally been told that our obligations are nothing



Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Billy J. Holder Jr , 32° , KCCH

Grand Master



ing more than words, that they have no meaning. This is wrong. Our obligations are our commitments to our God, our nation, our family and our communities. Times change, people change, our obligations and commitments should remain constant. They are not hard to live by. Our commitment, as Masons, is something that should not be watered down or ignored.

I would like to wish all of my Brothers a safe and happy 4th of July.



M.: W.: Billy Joe Holder, Jr.
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas

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)

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end we remember, in some far place where angels see that our memories work! All you needed was conversation with any Brother who had sat in Lodge with you. If you desire, nothing prevents you from giving and receiving it as Masons are taught to do."

"Your only cause for worry is that you fail to keep always before you that Masonry in men's hearts searches for a word which no man has yet put into words. The tender lesson of the Master Mason Degree has been a solace to millions. The Word, substitute though it is, has meant much more than the scholar translates. It is this which you must never forget, even when your memory temporarily takes from you the recollection of the letters and their pronunciation."

"You should be a travelling lecturer!" cried the new Brother. "You mean that as a compliment, but I'd rather sit still

and tile."

"But you can't get anywhere!" cried the new Brother.

"Neither can a sign post by the road," smiled the old Tiler, "Yet it points the way."

(Reprinted from the Virginia Masonic Herald – Spring 2015)

We are slowly trying to convert the Temple lighting to more efficient LED bulbs to make our spaces brighter and to save on electricity. This is an effort we are opening up to the entire Orient for donations. No donation is too small and all funds collected will

be used to purchase these energy efficient bulbs. Call the office at 501-375-5587 if you have questions.



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

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

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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:

"The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

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- directly or indirectly, for the support of sectarian or private institutions."

Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? _____

II. Have you ever had or expressed opinions contrary to the forgoing 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) The total fees from 4° thru 32° are \$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".

OR

2) The \$200.00 initiation fee will be waived if the candidate will promise on his honor as a Master Mason that he will pay his dues in the Scottish Rite for at least 3 years before deciding to leave or stay. It will take at least 3 years of activity to understand the Rite.

3) The fee for Re-Instatement is \$120.00 for 2016 dues card. _____

YOU MAY REMIT PART OR ALL OF THE FEE AND DUES WITH THIS PETITION, OR YOU MAY PAY
THE FULL AMOUNT WHEN YOU REGISTER AS A CANDIDATE.

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VISA and MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

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)

Name: _____

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Name: _____

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Little Rock Scottish Rite Office, Phone 501-375-5587, 1-888-247-1106, Fax 501-375-5589, 712 Scott Street, P.O. Box 2139, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Affiliation Applicants will also fill in and sign this portion of the petition.

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 ► _____

Address: _____

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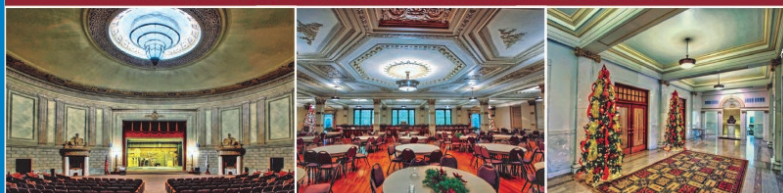
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The biographies of the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals & history of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Orient of Arkansas

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!

THE ALBERT PIKE MASONIC CENTER



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Albert Pike Masonic Center is truly an Arkansas treasure. With seating for 774 in the auditorium, 450 in the banquet hall, and several other unique spaces, the Center is perfect for weddings and receptions.

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