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SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

September 2016

To all Scottish Rite Masons and their family and friends:

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Coin Up, an innovative mobile app that transforms the way you can help support the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation!

Coin Up allows you to donate your spare change directly to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation, every time you make a purchase with your credit or debit card. So now, when you're buying groceries, picking up your dry cleaning, or even filling up your gas tank, you have the ability to help our cause without even thinking about it.

You will also be able to monitor your round ups and set a monthly cap so you can donate what you are comfortable with. Another compelling feature of the app is your Monthly Snapshot screen, so you can see the true impact of your charitable donations. Finally, Coin Up will also send you a breakdown of your total contributions to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation for the year, so you can have them ready when it's time to do your taxes!



Coin Up was developed to create a society that engages in charitable giving through the convenience of every day transactions. Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation has partnered up with Coin Up to provide you with an innovative way to "coin-tribute" to their existing efforts of Helping Children to Communicate while securing the future of the Albert Pike Memorial Temple!



We would like to encourage you to continue your support of the great and important work that the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation is doing on behalf of Rite Care on the UALR and University of Arkansas campuses for children with speech and literacy disorders. As well as the support the Foundation gives in securing the future of our beautiful and historic Albert Pike Memorial Temple. Please take the time to visit www.coinupapp.com for more information and download it today on your iPhone or Android device. If you would like more information please feel free to call the Orient Office anytime at 501.375.5587 or email me at mitchellhensley@att.net. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration *(Submitted by Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°, KCCH, Executive Secretary, Orient of Arkansas)*



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

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Personal Representative for
The Valley of Jonesboro

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Personal Representative for
The Valley of Fayetteville

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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/>

Celebrating The Craft 2017



In 2016 the brothers of the Orient of Arkansas raised over \$2,200 to contribute to rebuilding the Temple in Washington DC and help the Rite Care centers in Arkansas. Half of the money goes to the temple in Washington DC and half to the Rite Care Center. The Rite Care Centers help children with speech and learning disorders. In May 2016 we had a silent auction using gifts donated by the Scottish Rite Masons of Arkansas. Now is the time to start thinking about articles you like to donate for our silent auction to be held in May 2017. Cash donations are accepted year-round for this worthy charity. Please send your monetary donations for this year's tax season to the Scottish Rite Foundation 712 Scott St., Little Rock, AR 72202.

(Enter the link below in your Browser to see highlights of the 2016 event:)

<https://scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/celebrating-craft-2016-highlights-full-show-hour/>

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Duty, Honor, and Perseverance

There are many, many references to duty and honor in our Scottish Rite degree work, but perhaps none more striking than in the 27th degree, Knight Commander of the Temple. In the degree, a young squire, Constans, is desirous of becoming a knight. And in the classic story, he is left alone to keep vigil over his arms and told to "let no consideration tempt thee to forsake thine vigil and leave this spot. If thou shouldst do so, thou shall be proven foresworn." He has numerous temptations through the night which would have him leave his vigil, but he perseveres in his task and remains in the church. Finally, he is faced with a much more serious situation in which the entire city and his people are threatened and he has to make a decision as to what to do. He faces the question of what is the greater duty? What does his honor tell him to do? You'll have to see the degree or read about it in *Morals and Dogma* or *A Bridge to Light* to find out!

But this whole idea of focusing our attention on our duty, on our honor, and on what is right and wrong is an important lesson of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Knighthood was considered a mark of honor, integrity, and duty. As Hutchens says in *A Bridge to Light*:

"In many of the degrees of Scottish Rite, the candidate is styled a knight; this, however, is the first of the truly Chivalric Degrees. The flourishing of knighthood during the Crusades of the Middle Ages, (1100-1400 A.D.) has been the subject of romantic legends, epic poems, books, theater, art and song for over 600 years. Perhaps the most well known of the chivalric legends is that of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. King Arthur assembled around him the most virtuous and gallant men. He created them knights and thus devoted them to the causes of right, the poor and needy, and

From The Desk Of:

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



honor. His kingdom became a paradise on earth. This idyllic world came tumbling down when the frailty and flesh prevailed — a knight fell in love with King Arthur's queen and Arthur's step-brother greedily and jealously pursued the throne.

In reality, too, the age of knighthood came to an end as a result of human weaknesses — greed, political and religious corruption and, in general, the loss of the selfless attitude held by knights and demanded by the rules of chivalry. Despite the fate of knighthood, the chivalric ideal has survived as one of the noblest conceptions of the human spirit and provides the support for the ideals of fidelity, duty, honor and courtesy, all of which Masonry teaches as its duties."

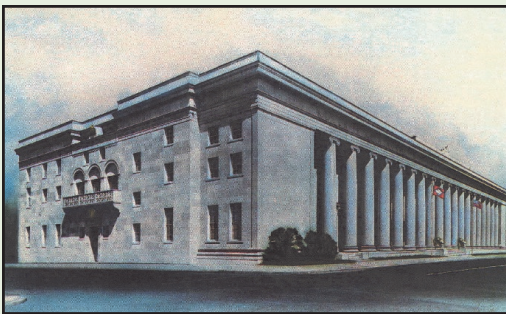
The other analogy in the vigil depicted in the 27th degree is again the darkness-light symbolism seen throughout Masonic ritual. The squire is left in the church during the hours of darkness and faces his trials in that darkness. And yet, the morning comes, and with it the light.

I've reflected a great deal recently on these ideals: duty, honor, and perseverance and the concept that we be true to these ideals even during the times in which we find ourselves in darkness. I believe that if we follow the example of Constans, keeping the vigil, but also finding the greater honor found in following the dictates of integrity and duty, we will find the right path. As Shakespeare said in *Hamlet*, "To thine own self be true"!!



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.





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 11, 2016

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

Saturday, October 29, 2016 Fall Reunion

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

6:30 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting
..... Exemplify 25th Degree

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting
..... Open installation of 2017 Officers.
..... Family & friends invited.)

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council
6:30 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council
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, 33°
2nd Lt. Commander Thomas Lampirez, KSA

Little Rock Consistory

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

Happenings In and About the Temple

Valley of Little Rock

Knight of the Brazen Serpent

Master of the Council of Kadosh Ill Charles Ferguson, 33° has chosen the Stated Meeting on November 8th to bring another one of the "Seldom Seen Degrees" to life in The Valley of Little Rock. The Valley will exemplify the 25th Degree, "The Knight of the Brazen Serpent". The degree will be performed in the auditorium with drops and costumes.

This degree focuses on our duty to fulfill our destinies and re-create and re-new ourselves by continuous reformation, repentance, and advancement in knowledge. Just as a serpent labors to shed its skin and is physically renewed, we too must labor to be morally and mentally renewed. The lessons of the 25° are taught in the Middle Eastern tradition; however the symbolism is much older. This degree incorporates elements and knowledge from the ancient Egyptian, Babylonian, and Greek mysteries. These elements express the ancients' wonder of the celestial sphere and the handiwork of the Great Architect of The Universe.

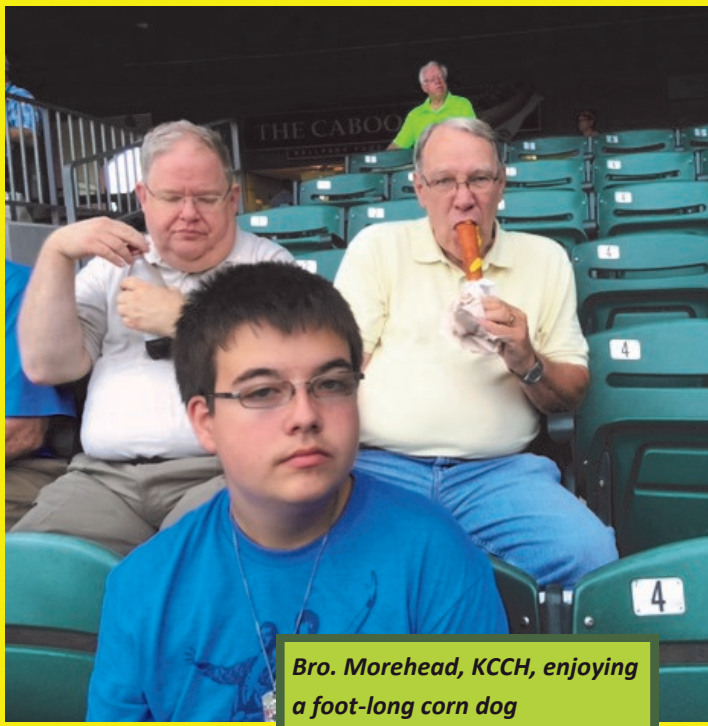
This will be a great opportunity to connect with new brothers who have just gone through our one day reunion as well as reconnect with existing members. Brethren who have their "Scottish Rite Passport" will also be able to get another stamp as they continue their search for light by witnessing all the degrees and learning their lessons. *(Submitted by T. Lucas Minton 32°, KSA)*

Upcoming Fall Reunion

Brethren, the Fall One-day Reunion is fast approaching, October 29.

If you know of any brethren that could not make the two day reunion make sure they realize this is their opportunity to receive the essential Scottish Rite degrees in a single day and start them down a path toward even more enlightenment. Additionally, this will be the last opportunity that brethren have for entrance into our bodies without an initiation fee (they must sign up to have their dues drafted from a bank account or credit card for the next three years).

We need to get busy recruiting our new Master Masons into the Scottish Rite so they can enjoy the additional fellowship and the teachings of our ancient and honorable institution. So let's get those petitions filled out and turned in, and don't forget to tell initiates to have a coat and tie for the class picture! *(Submitted by Ill Dick Browning 33° Personal Representative Valley of Little Rock)*



Bro. Morehead, KCCH, enjoying a foot-long corn dog



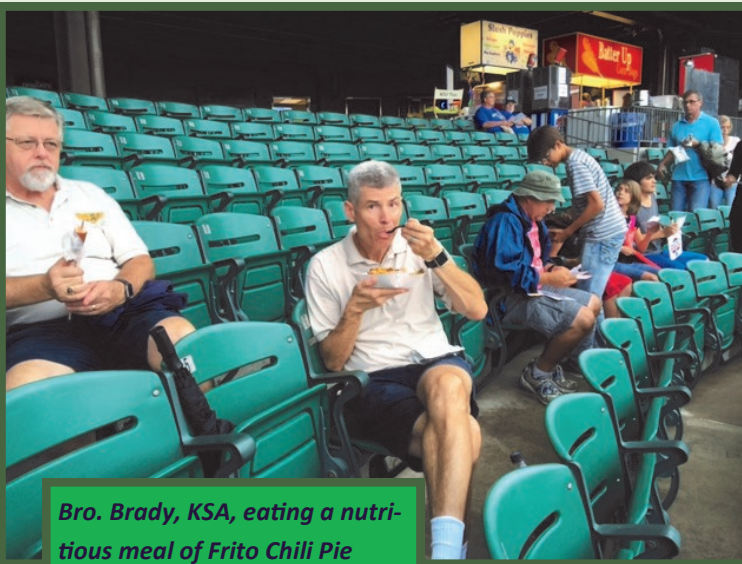
Thursday, August 18, the Valley of Little Rock sponsored, through the VMAP Committee, a night at the Arkansas Travelers ball game. Eighteen brothers and their family came out to the Dickey-Stevens ballpark in North Little Rock. A great time was had by all, except the Travelers who lost 3-0. Thanks to Brother Berry Brady for organizing the event. If you missed this event, it will be repeated in 2017! Our SGIG was the big winner at the ball park's bingo game. I'm sure we'll be seeing him there again.



Miles Jennings wondering why he has to listen to Ill. Browning explain the game.



Our Ill. SGIG showing off his winnings from Inning BINGO.



Bro. Brady, KSA, eating a nutritious meal of Frito Chili Pie



Calling Night/Scottish Rite Birthday Party on May 31, 2016 (and others throughout the year) was very productive. As a direct result of these calling nights, we plan to suspend only about 60 or fewer for non-payment of dues in the Valley of Little Rock. The lowest number that anyone can remember.



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 10, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2016

5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference

6:30 P.M. Christmas Celebration

7:30 P.M. Open Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017

5:30 P.M. Advisory Conference

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Friday, March 3, 2017 Spring Reunion

8:00 A.M. Candidate Registration

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

12:00 P.M. Lunch

Saturday, March 4, 2017 Day 2

7:00 A.M. Breakfast

7:50 P.M. Opening Chapter of Rose Croix

Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

2nd Monday of each month after the Lodge of Perfection Meeting

2016 Officers

Jonesboro Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Drew Price, KCCH

Senior Warden..... Brad Phillips, KCCH

Junior Warden..... Kyle Rowe, 32°

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..... Dean Lamberth, 32°

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

Jonesboro Consistory

Master of Kadosh Mike Noles, KCCH

Prior..... Joseph Kirby, 32°

Preceptor..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°



Origin of the Scottish Rite

After the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, Masonry became very popular. It passed over the Channel to France in 1725 where many ritualists invented numerous "side degrees" subject to no governing body and hawked them about the country and through the continent. In 1740, Chevalier Ramsey, a Scottish nobleman, gave some famous lectures in Paris and Bordeaux on the origin and objects of Masonry. He subdivided the "Three Degrees: and concocted degrees from the parts explained by his philosophic lectures. He established a Lodge which he called Harodim, but the French styled it Scotchman's Lodge Masonry, which fact may have had something to do with the misnomer, Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite had its beginning in France. In 1754, the Chevalier de Bonneville established in the College of Clermont in Paris a chapter of "twenty-five" so called High Degrees. This college was a sort of refuge for the Stuarts of Scotland, which fact may have had some bearing on the name Scottish Rite. The body established by Bonneville, including the Three Symbolic Degrees was called the Rite of Perfection. In 1785, these Degrees were taken by Marquis de Lernaïs to Berlin where they in the following year were placed under a body called the Council of Emperors of the East and West, which was formed at Paris In 1762, it is said that Frederick the Great "formed and promulgated" what is known as the Constitutions of 1762. In 1786 reorganization took place in which eight degrees were added to the twenty-five and the name changed to Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. By these Constitutions, Frederick resigned the authority of Grand Commander, which title he had held since the adoption of the Grand Constitutions in 1762, and deposited his Masonic prerogatives with a council in each nation to be composed of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-Third and last degree of Freemasonry. (Submitted by Brother Walt Bergener, KCCH). From Pasadena S.R. Bulletin February 2011



New Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Jonesboro Fall Reunion held 6 August 2016.

Moral Courage

Moral courage is the element most needed in the world today, and we need it among Masons. It is the great lesson inculcated in the life of the Master Builder. The duties and obligations of Masonry are plain, but the reasons that they are not exemplified before the world is that men lack courage. We hear a great deal said about this being a Great Masonic Age. It is, if we mean ritualistic perfection, splitting Masonic legal hairs, and decorating ourselves with costly insignia. Too many of us practice Masonry with our mouths, and exemplify it only in our minds. But if we mean that Masonry which manifests itself in conduct and makes the best of use opportunity, then let it be said that it's sadly needed at the present time. It is Masonry born of moral courage that the world needs today. Peter was valiant in the Garden of Gethsemane, yet Peter was cowed by a single question at the High Priest's Palace. There are lots of Masons just like Peter. They come to our lodges, assume our obligations, and fail in their practice of them before the world because they lack the Moral courage to stand four-square for man, for the Nation, for God! (Submitted by Chuck Bruggeman, 32°, KCCH) From The Toledo Masonic Bulletin

In Memoriam

Brother Donald A. Sellers 32°
Wilson #432
June 11, 2015

Brother William C. Forrest 32° KCCH
Nettleton #657
June 19, 2016

Brother William J. (Dub) Hodges 32° KCCH
Jonesboro #129
July 1, 2016

Brother Thomas W. Hamilton 32°
Lafayette #189
June 23, 2016

Brother Henry E. Napier 32°
Chickasawba #134
July 18, 2016

Brother Joel P. Cockrill 32°
Marion #686
Mar 16, 2016

Brother Bobby C. Gower 32° KCCH
Chickasawba #134
August 16, 2016





Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

October 7-8, 2016 Fall Reunion Cancelled For the Valley of Fayetteville. New date to be set.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

5:30 P.M.Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M.Dinner
7:00 P.M.Stated Communication

Wednesday, November 24, 2016

Valley is Dark due to Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

5:30 P.M.Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M.Dinner
7:00 P.M.Stated Communication

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

5:30 P.M.Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M.Dinner
7:00 P.M.Stated Communication

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

5:30 P.M.Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M.Dinner
7:00 P.M.Stated Communication

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

5:30 P.M.Leadership Meeting
6:00 P.M.Dinner
7:00 P.M.Stated Communication

2016 Officers

Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Ill. Mike Briscoe, 33°
Senior Warden..... Mike Winningham, KSA
Junior Warden Bryon Speller, 32°

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise MasterEric W. Paslick, KCCH°
Senior Warden..... Scott Nelson, KSA
Junior WardenBryon Speller, 32°

Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Dr. Joe Rouse, KCCH
1st Lt. CmdrKeith Peterson, KSA
2nd Lt. CmdrClint 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

News and Happenings

In the Valley of Fayetteville, Masonic education, membership engagement, achievement, and brotherhood are an integral part of our Masonic journey. Our stated meetings are always interesting and worth your time to come and have dinner to converse and enjoy the company of your brethren. All are welcome! We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and our stated meeting at 7:00 p.m.

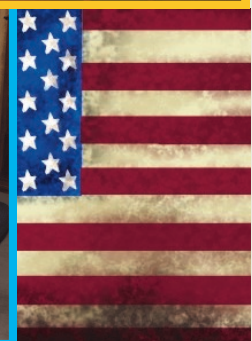
The Valley of Fayetteville continues to update as well as putting into place the goals and objectives of our VMAP or Valley Membership Achievement Program. We want your Scottish Rite membership to be one that you value and makes you proud to tell anyone that you are a Scottish Rite Mason.

NOTICE

The Fall Reunion for the Valley of Fayetteville has been postponed until the Spring. Our 2017 Reunion dates will be published in the next edition of this publication.

BELOW RIGHT: Ill Bro. Kevin Hatfield, 33°, leading Candidates in Degree education between each of the Degrees. The Degree education session explains the history and structure of the Scottish Rite and its relationship to craft masonry.

BELOW LEFT: Bro. Keith J. L. Todd, 32°, KCCH discusses the 4th degree with new members of the Valley



The Feast of Tishri

The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than this historic celebration of the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principal ideals and traditions of our fraternity.

We set aside the evening to thank our God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us and to promote Brotherly love and the bonds of friendship. You are therefore invited to this open meeting to enjoy an excellent dinner and program.

The origin of the Feast of Tishri is described in the book of Leviticus where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying that on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri of the Hebrew civil calendar, "ye shall have gathered in the

fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord." The Feast of Tishri is the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival.

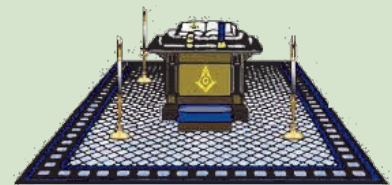
The origins and significance of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Feast of Tishri more wholly than the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. The rich legendry of the Temple's dedication, celebrated during the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree.

By observing the Feast of Tishri, Scottish Rite Masons share the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind.

The Valley of Fayetteville will celebrate the feast on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple gets face-lift

Thanks to the intensive efforts of Brothers Joe Harris, 32° and Clint Chastain, 32°, the Temple of Washington Lodge No. 1 and home to the Valley of Fayetteville, has been redecorated and spruced up. One immediately notices the changes upon entering the temple lobby as well as noticing decorative enhancements in the Lounge, dining room, and the temple room. The valley has recently added additional storage areas that join the dressing rooms which will allow the valley to continue improving its ritualistic program.



Bro. Kevin Hatfield, 33°, conducts an orientation session to a class of candidates at the reunion. The Orientation session explains the history and structure of the Scottish Rite and its relationship to craft masonry.



CORRECTION: Last issue shows that Brother Keith Peterson, 32°, KSA presented the Scottish Rite Ribbon to ROTC Cadet Daniel Hendrix at the Spring Awards presentation at the University of Arkansas on April 28, 2016.

Should have read Brother Clint Chastain, 32°, KSA and Brother Randy George, 32°, KSA (not pictured)



Greetings Brethren:

Any organization or fraternity is governed by rules and laws. Freemasonry is no different. When there are no rules or laws, or if the rules and laws are ignored, then

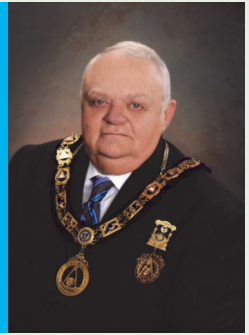
there is anarchy. Here in Arkansas, our Digest of Laws has been developed over many decades and is an ever changing volume. Resolutions are submitted and the Brethren, at our Grand Session in February, decide that if they are worthwhile to incorporate it into our Digest of Laws. There are always those who do not agree with changes made, but we are obligated to abide by and conform to the wishes of the Grand Lodge, in session. There is nothing wrong with this and if you do not agree, you can submit resolutions to change the Laws. It is done frequently and there is nothing wrong with this. So many of us do not know there is a Digest of Laws and this is inexcusable. Our Lodges, especially the Worshipful Master and the Secretaries are failing to make it known to their Lodges, that there is a Digest of Laws. The Digest of Laws is a good place to go for our Masonic Education on our meeting nights. As with many things over the years, Masonic Educa-



Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

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

Grand Master



tion has fallen by the wayside and our Brothers, especially newly made Masons, have no idea of what Masonry is or should be. To many of us, as with our Obligations, the Digest of Laws is just so many words that have no meaning, they are just words and do not apply. All of the words in our Obligations and the Digest of Laws have meaning. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of us to look at ourselves and ask this question: "Do I live by my Obligations and am I complying with the Digest of Laws?"



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

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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

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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.

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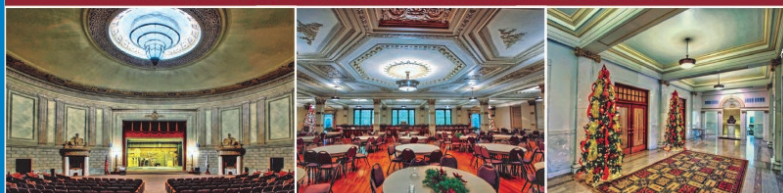
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