

VOICE of the ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

June 2017

III. Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, Grand Cross

National Military Appreciation Month is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages us as American citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. It further encourages us to honor the current and former members of the United States Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom, culminating on Memorial Day. As we recall our most recent observance of National Military Appreciation Month and as we look forward to the 241st anniversary of our nation's Independence, the Scottish Rite of Arkansas would like to recognize one special individual, III. Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, G.C.

Brother Gwatney was born August 17, 1929 in Trumann, AR. In 1948, at the age of 19, he enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard. Within a couple of years of joining the National Guard, Brother Gwatney would join another organization that would become very important to him throughout his life. On November 14, 1950, he sought the door of a Masonic Lodge and was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in Big Rock Lodge #633. Brother Gwatney learned his lectures quickly and continued his Masonic journey by being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on December 21, 1950 and eventually being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 23, 1951.

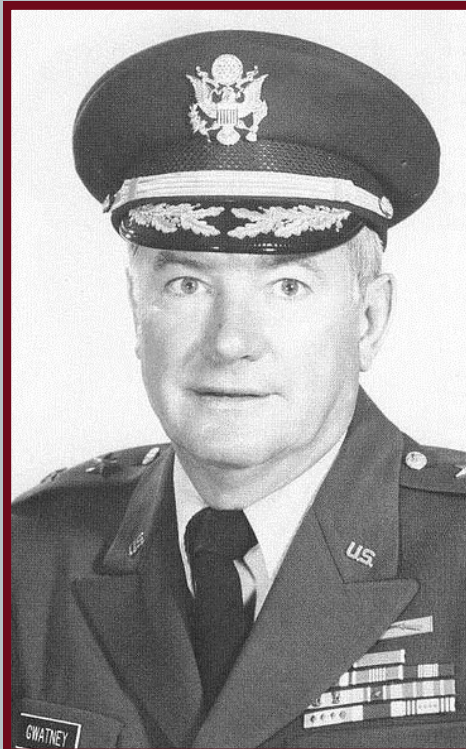
The early 1950's was a busy time for Brother Gwatney, as he became involved in the Masonic Fraternity, his military career was taking off as well. On January 11, 1952, he was

commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned as the Assistant Maintenance Officer of 739th Maintenance Company. Shortly after receiving his commission, Brother Gwatney rose through the ranks and took on new duties as they were assigned. It was on May 6, 1953 that he decided to embark upon another journey, that of a Scottish Rite Mason. In that

same year he was again recognized for his military service by being promoted to First Lieutenant. In November of 1955, Brother Gwatney was assigned as Company Commander and Battalion Adjutant along with a promotion to Captain. He held that rank and that assignment until May of 1962 when he was promoted to Major and assigned as the Assistant G4 of the 39th Infantry

Division. After serving as G3 and G5, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 16, 1966. The next year, he assumed command of the 3rd Battalion of the 153rd Infantry.

From August 10, 1970 to June 14, 1972, Brother Gwatney attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Upon his graduation, he was assigned as the S3 of the 39th Infantry Brigade and after a short period as the Brigade's Executive Officer, he was transferred to State Headquarters of the Arkansas Army National Guard and assigned as Director of Personnel and promoted to Colonel on November 1, 1971. One month later he would be returned to the 39th Infantry Brigade with the (GWATNEY Continued on Page 3)



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

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Orient of Arkansas

III. Larry D. Berry, 33°

Personal Representative for
The Orient of Arkansas

III. Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, G.:C.:

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Personal Representative for
The Valley of Little Rock

III. Byron Ponder 33°

Personal Representative for
The Valley of Jonesboro

III. Sumner Brashears 33°

Personal Representative for
The Valley of Fayetteville

THE LODGE OF THE DOUBLE HEADED EAGLE

The two-headed eagle is the most recognizable and ubiquitous symbol of the Scottish Rite. In a very rich and complex system of initiation the Scottish Rite has a plethora of symbols, all borrowed from a wide-ranging variety of historical systems scattered across all of human history. Technically, the double headed eagle is the symbol of the degree Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, which was the twenty fifth and last degree of the Rite of Perfection at least as early as 1758, and later the 32nd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as established in 1801. While the latter is a rite of 33 degrees, the great majority of members are 32nd degree, and so the familiar association of the double eagle with the Scottish Rite.

Historically, its use could be associated with the symbol of the house of Brandenburg, then the Kings of Prussia, though other dynasties including the Romanov Tsars also used it. By the time the degree Royal Secret came into use the most famous mason in the world, as well as the most famous general and the most famous king was Frederick II the Great of that same house of Brandenburg. So great an esteem did the 18th century Craft hold for Frederick that, whether actually, or as some would have it mythically, his approval was sought and obtained for the Constitutions that still are officially the founding documents of the Rite today, those of 1762 and 1786.

More important, though, than the historical roots are the philosophical reflections. Like the Roman god Janus, whose two faces looked in opposite directions, and for whom the first month of the year is named, the two headed eagle looks in opposite directions to remind us that opposite qualities must be simultaneously weighed judiciously in deciding many things. The past is important, and should not be forgotten, but the future must be considered. Justice must be carried out to have civilization, but for a civilization to be worth living in it must be tempered with mercy.

You have been introduced to the teachings of the Kabbalah, and seen how various opposite virtues compliment the completeness of a man. One of the prime lessons that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has to teach young men is how to find balance in their lives, acknowledging and accepting opposite pulls that must be balanced to achieve success. To the extent it succeeds in doing so, it justifies its existence and contributes to a better tomorrow. (Submitted by III Karl T. Kimball, 33°)

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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/>

Scottish Rite Honours

"Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them."

Aristotle

In each odd numbered year, the Supreme Council meets for its biennial session in Washington, DC. This year, the meeting will be held August 19-22. Associated with this meeting is the election of a number of deserving brethren to receive Scottish Rite honors, the 33rd degree and the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. I remember Brother Dwane Treat, 33rd, our immediate past SGIG, say that selecting brethren for these honors was one of the hardest parts of the job. I certainly agree with that statement. We have many deserving brethren who work so hard in the Rite, in Freemasonry, and in civic life, but only a small number can be elected for these honors.

A select few members are nominated to receive the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary, in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, to Freemasonry, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees. In the Southern Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council chooses 33rd degree members from among those who have previously received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor. The 33° cannot be asked for and if asked for must be refused. These 33 Masons are Inspectors General Honorary and serve as honorary

From The Desk Of:

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



members of the Supreme Council. The active members of the Supreme Council are chosen from among them.

The Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) is invested upon members who have contributed extraordinary service to the Rite, to Masonry in general, and to the world at large. The KCCH may be conferred after a minimum of 44 months of membership as a 32nd degree member (but often much longer) and is strictly limited in numbers. A KCCH may, after 44 months at that rank (but usually longer), receive the 33rd degree, Inspector General Honorary. This award is even more limited in numbers than the KCCH.

Election for either of these honors is made by nomination of an active or deputy member of the Supreme Council and unanimous ballot of the Council.

We will hold our Arkansas Scottish Rite Honours Day on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock. I hope that you'll make plans to attend this event and congratulate our newest Scottish Rite honor men!

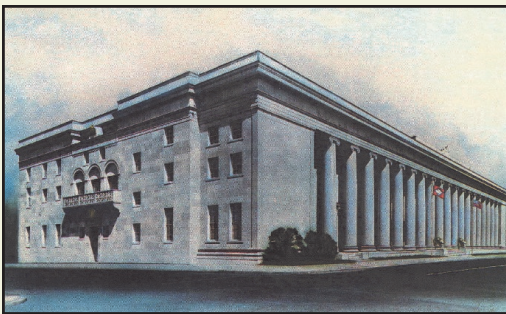
(GWATNEY Continued From Cover Page) assignment as Deputy Commander. Two years later he would assume full command of that same Brigade and receive State promotion to Brigadier General with federal recognition of that rank coming on June 25, 1974.

From 1981-1983, Brother Gwatney served as The Adjutant General of the Arkansas Army and Air National Guard. During his time as The Adjutant General, he would be promoted to the highest rank he would hold in his distinguished military career, that of Major General.

While Brother Gwatney's military accomplishments are what we have chosen to highlight in this article, his business accomplishments are nothing to ignore. As he assembled this impressive military career, Brother Gwatney also worked in banking and real estate, with his passion being the car business.

After 42 years as a Scottish Rite Mason, he was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 9, 1995. Four years later, on October 5, 1999, Brother Gwatney became an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council by receiving the 33rd Degree. Then again, on September 28, 2001, Brother Gwatney was honored with a very exclusive recognition by the Scottish Rite; he was given the Grand Cross of the Supreme Council. This honor is so rare that there is usually only 70-80 of the recipients living at one time.

Illustrious Brother Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, G.C., along with his wife Syble, have meant a great deal to our State and to Freemasonry. They have been an indispensable and undeniable part of maintaining the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. and our beautiful Temple here in Little Rock, the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, our two Scottish Rite homes. We would like to take this time to thank Brother Gwatney for his service to our great Country and our great fraternity.



Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 8, 2017

..... KSA Stated Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council

6:15 P.M..... Dinner

7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

6:15 P.M..... Dinner

7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

..... Feast of Tishri

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

Saturday, October 7, 2017 Honors Day

8:00 A.M. Honors Day

8:00 P.M..... Honors Banquet

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council

6:15 P.M..... Dinner

7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Saturday, October 28, 2017 Fall Reunion

6:30 A.M. Breakfast

8:00 A.M. Open Lodge of Perfection

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:15 P.M..... Dinner

7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:15 P.M..... Dinner

7:00 P.M..... Open Installation of 2018 Officers

2017 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 Aaron Warren, KCCH

Senior Warden Jim Morehead, KCCH

Junior Warden Troy Cole, KCCH

Little Rock Council of Kadosh

Commander Ill. Charles Ferguson, 33°

1st Lt. Commander Ill Bobby Bennett, 33°

2nd Lt. Commander Thomas Lampirez, KSA

Little Rock Consistory

Master of Kadosh Scott Sells, KCCH

Prior Ill Angelo Coppola, 33°

Preceptor Robert Kemp, KCCH

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

RITUALIST FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF LITTLE ROCK

Why would one want to be a Ritualist for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite?

The Ritualist is the heart and soul of the Scottish Rite Reunion, not to take anything away from the others that work in our Reunions, for all of the workers from the kitchen crew to the stage crew and property room, the Class Directors and the Robing room staff, are all essential to making a great Reunion experience. There is no small or unworthy job in bringing together a great Reunion.

The Ritualist has the responsibility of expressing through short dramas, the important life lessons contained in our degrees. Hopefully, leaving the class members with much to think about and a yearning to discover more of the mysteries of the Fraternity through reading and study.

It is the Ritualist, who gives the Candidate his first insight into the Degrees, by delivering powerful and meaningful performances that will be forever embedded in the candidate's memory.

The job of Ritualist is not an easy one. First he must make it known to the Director of Work or one of the Officers that he is willing to participate in the Reunions. Then, when assigned his part, he must study it and commit it to memory. Once he has his part memorized, he then needs to follow the script and add his dramatic skills to the memorized part. The Ritualist must always keep in mind, that he is teaching, and the lessons are lost if the Candidate cannot hear or understand him, so, he must speak clearly, distinctly, slowly and loudly as though he were talking with someone in the very back of the auditorium.

The most important part of being a ritualist is delivering a performance that is understood by the class, and moves them to want to get involved in some way to help make the Reunion experience great for the next class of candidates.

The conferral of our Scottish Rite degrees, are the main reason we exist. We are to learn the lessons of the Degrees we have received and apply them to our daily lives, then to pass that information on to the new candidates. This is part of what we vowed to do in the 32nd degree, to make ourselves wiser and better men, then to endeavor to make others wiser (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE) and better. This is why we become Ritualists, to teach and hopefully make the new candidate and ourselves better men and Brothers.

If you think this would be something you would be interested in doing, please contact: Hal Sutherland, 33 Director of Work, Valley of Little Rock (Email: hlsutherland@me.com, Phone: 501-551-3333, you can text or call).

Come See the 27th Degree on July 11th

This degree teaches the virtues of knighthood and asks its adherents to practice these virtues in life. Virtue requires duty; and both remain the same, regardless of the times. The Knight Commander of the Temple learns that he is the manager of his time and that he himself will decide when he will perform his duty; he does not wait for orders or authorization. He is his own man and his task is to abolish distress at just the right time. The moral code of Freemasonry is more extensive than that of philosophy; Masonry requires action! Come to the Temple July 11th and watch the exemplification of this degree by our team our ritualists. We will have a meal together in the small dining room at 6:15pm and the degree will begin at 7:00pm in the auditorium. See you there!



Scottish Rite Honors Eagle Scouts

The Valley of Little Rock once again hosted the Eagle Scout banquet honoring those boys who obtained scouting highest rank in the Quapaw Area Council Boy Scouts of America for 2016. What a night it was with the largest number of Eagle Scouts every for the Quapaw Council in one year. The honorees for the night was John and Mildred (Cookie) Standley who have give well over 50 years of service to the Scouting program.

The Valley of Little Rock has been honoring Eagle Scouts, their parents and leaders for over 40 years at no cost to them or the council. This year was no exception with nearly 400 were in attendance. A special thank to our SGIC Dr. James Graham for continuing the tradition, Brother Gary Henningsen for his leadership in organizing and preparing for the event, Mr. Randy Luten for his leadership in organizing and presenting neckerchiefs and Eagle cups to each and every honored Eagle Scout and finally to Brother Justin Morris and his kitchen crew who prepared the meal, served it and cleaned up. Brother Morris added a new touch by utilizing china rather than paper plates. He was of the opinion that the Eagle Scout deserved first class treatment. He also enlisted the help of our Valley Rep Brother Dick Browning.

Note: James Graham, Dick Browning and Justin Morris are all Eagle Scouts. (Submitted by: Ill Angelo Capolla, 33 Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee

Get Current Valley of Little Rock Scottish Rite Updates

Sign up for the new texting service!

The primary charge of the new Valley of Little Rock Valley Membership Achievement Award (VMAP) committee is to develop and suggest ideas to enhance the experience for our membership. Enhancing communication is a key component for keeping our membership engaged. In an effort to improve communication methods with our members, the committee recommended (and the Valley leadership has approved) using a texting service to give our members the most current relevant information about our Scottish Rite activities. Each member will need to subscribe to the service. The first step is to text the word – Rite – to 411247. You will receive a response that says type – Y – to subscribe. That is all there is to it! Our initial goal is to get 1,800 members in the Valley of Little Rock to sign up for the service. This is a great opportunity for us to keep in touch with each other. Please sign up and encourage your brothers to do the same. (Submitted By: Barry Brady, 32°, KSA)

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, David Ponder 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: Barry Brady, 32°, KSA)



Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, July 10, 2017

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

Saturday, August 5, 2017 Summer Reunion

7:00 A.M. Breakfast Provided by KSA
8:00 A.M. Candidate Registration
8:45 A.M. Opening Lodge of Perfection
11:00 A.M. Lunch and 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 14, 2017

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

Monday, September 11, 2017 Feast of Tishri

5:30 P.M. Advisory Council
6:30 P.M. Dinner Feast of Tishri
7:30 P.M. Guest Speaker

Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

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



2017 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
Interim Master of Kadosh John Shipley, KCCH
Prior Joseph Kirby, 32°
Preceptor Ill. Brent Howton, 33°

The Valley of Jonesboro

Chartered June 17, 1974

Stated Meeting on the second Monday of each month

2206 W. Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401

From The Venerable Master

Fraternal greetings! There is a lot going on in Eastern Arkansas. With our Summer Reunion on August 5th coming up we are trying hard to utilize all the talent we have in order to deliver a masonic experience to the fullest dramatic effect. We have been very well served in this endeavor by the members of the KSA, the Director of the Work, and our wonderful group of Eastern Arkansas Ritualists. The Ritualists of Eastern Arkansas preserve the intricacies of masonic language expressed through the beauties of southern vernacular; the combination of these two elements, along with the innovations of Bro. Hershell Wright, help to create an "old-timey" experience not to be missed.

With our Founders Day coming up on June 12th we are reminded of our role as the keepers of masonic traditions and the importance of preserving these ceremonies for the future. Please join us also for our one day summer reunion on August 5th as we celebrate this great summer of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Brother Drew Price 32 , KCCH

Venerable Master, Eastern Arkansas Bodies



The Capital Legislature Citation was Presented to Ill Wilburn Howton, Ill Byron Ponder, and Ill Hershell Wright.



Scottish Rite Patents presented (Top to Bottom) to: Bro Brian Higdon KSA; Bro Cole Younger; Bro Roy Smith and Bro Scott Farmer

From The Director of Work

On Friday, April 14, 2017, the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies held a combined one-day Maundy Thursday/Easter Sunday Service at the Temple in Jonesboro. Our Bodies changed to a one day service over fifteen years ago, and that has improved attendance and made it easier for the Cast and Support Team to perform both services on the same day.

Our Bodies were established in 1974, and the ritual, floor work and prop set-up for the Maundy/ Easter Service was obtained from the Pasadena, California Scottish Rite Bodies (a little known fact). As our bodies grew, matured and changed locations three times, there have been necessary changes and modifications. However, we still perform these services using the original Pasadena script and lay-out. Thanks California Brothers!

We began our services with the Extinguishing the Lights Ceremony, and then retired to the dining room for a delicious catered meal. After the meal, we had a Brother give a short speech about the meaning of the services and then we returned to the auditorium for the Relighting of the Lights Service.

This was an open Service, with family and friends attending. We usually have between seventy-five to one-hundred people in attendance.

We are very proud of our Cast Members ritual and floor work proficiency, and the Support Team members knowledge and dedication. Thank you Brothers!
Submitted by Hershell Wright, 33° Director of Work

In Memoriam

Brother Camuel H. Jones 32°
Hoxie #692
4/11/2016

Brother James A. Vaughn, Jr. 32°
Piggott #545
4/1/2017

Brother Walter R. Bergener 32°
KCCH
Jonesboro #129
5/9/2017

Brother Julius J. Mitcham 32°
Chickasawba #134
5/7/2017

Brother Charles E. Givens 32°
Cardinal #677
4/28/2017



Scholarship Presentation to Miss McKenzie Brown and the parents of Ryan Baldwin



Master Craftsman Award presented to Bro Ross Rainwater KSA, and Bro Charlie Finlay KCCH.

Ill Brother Wilburn Howton addresses scholarship recipients (pictured on left) and their families, as well as those in attendance



KSA Color Guard



Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

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



2017 Officers

Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.. Mike Winningham, KSA
Senior Warden..... Byron Speller, 32°
Junior Warden Jim Swank, 32°

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Scott A Nelson, KSA
Senior Warden..... Joe Harris, KSA
Junior Warden Robert Baugh, KSA

Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Clint Chastain, KSA
1st Lt. Cmdr Randy George, KSA
2nd Lt. Cmdr Gary O'Neal, 32°

Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh George Stone, KSA
Prior..... Joey Morrison, KSA
Preceptor..... Alvin L. Lievsay, 32°

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 celebrates its' 200th Reunion In April

The Valley of Fayetteville was pleased to welcome 18 new Masters of the Royal Secret during its' 200th Reunion on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Nearly 100 members and guests attended the one day reunion and witnessed the six degrees conferred during the day: 4th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 30th, 32nd. New members are:

Name	City
Victor G. Blevins	Berryville
Jerod Bradshaw	Fayetteville
Austin R. Campbell	Huntsville
Brad Cantin	Bentonville
Shawn Ellis	Huntsville
Michael Wayne Foster	Huntsville
Todd B. Girdner, Sr.	Springdale
Mike Hamman	Fayetteville
Anthony W. Herbaugh	Fayetteville
Jacob Hodges	Springdale
Kevin Knoke	Bentonville
Lance Manning	Fayetteville
Richard Dean Mhoon	Fayetteville
Eric Paul Miller	Huntsville
Weldon Orand	Fayetteville
Terry Joseph Phillips	Huntsville
Garland W. Wade	Aurora, MO
Derek M. Witt	Huntsville

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Left, Dr. James Graham, S.G.I.G cuts the cake (right) during the noon Luncheon.at the 200th Reunion of the Valley of Fayetteville on 1st of April.



Left, the Valley welcomes it newest degree team: 13th degree, Royal Arch of Solomon. The 200th Reunion was the first time the new degree team had conferred. L to R: Brian Perkins, Andrew Morrison, Brett Pansano, Kevin Knoke, Cand., Shawn Ellis, Cand. Bryon Speller, Tony Herbaugh, Cand., Joe Morrison and Brent Perkins.



Check presented by the valley of Fayetteville Scottish Rite to Hogan Mastrie (Life Scout). Also Springdale 316 and Sojourner's #551 presented Checks. Presented for his Eagle Project which is building a Veteran's Memorial in Springdale, Hogan is a member of BSA Troop 777.



RIGHT 3 Pictures: On the 27th April KSA Clint Chastain and Joe Harris presented Scottish Rite Awards to the Senior ROTC Units (Army and AF) at the University of Arkansas.



Greetings Brethren:

Hope you are doing well, the year is ticking away. We have had our spring reunion, and have celebrated Renewal and Remembrance. It was a fantastic program this year

and my congratulations and thanks to all that was involved, you serve the craft well. During the program, it started me to thinking. If you really sit back and think about it, everything needs to be renewed at times, you may need to tend to garden soil, paint the house, some out of love renew their wedding vows. Renew doesn't always mean to make it new, sometimes it means to get it back to where it once was. Brothers our entire fraternity is in need of a renewal. Our renewal must start out our foundation, it's just like a building, if the foundation has cracks and is in need of repair, and you can't fix the building and expect it to stay strong if you ignored the foundation sooner or later, it's going to give way and all will come crumbling down. Now is the time for us as Master Masons to start our renewal, repair our foundation, and stop the squabbling and backbiting amongst ourselves, brothers this is not who we are. This is not what we knelt at the altar and swore to. Our fraternity is founded upon Morality what does that mean you might ask? It is summed up best I think in a commentary by Jewel Lightfoot Past Grand Master of Texas (1934).

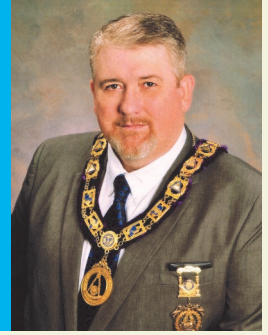
Morality is a very comprehensive term. It has been defined to be the doctrine of right and wrong in human conduct; conduct or practice which accords with moral principle or virtuous conduct; of or pertaining to the practices, conduct, and spirit of men toward God, their fellow men and themselves, with reference to right and wrong, and obligation to duty.



Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Carl E. Nelson, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



Morality then covers the entire spectrum of human conduct pertaining to the distinction between right and wrong.

Man is a moral being in the sense that he is charged with moral accountability and personal responsibility. Man is capable of becoming immoral because he alone can find it possible to knowingly and intentionally violate the moral law of his own being. Morality is therefore attributable to our immortal soul and is not the product of our physical senses. In fact, it is the desires and passions generated by our material senses that serve as obstacles to the development of lofty moral characteristics. Consequently, the Freemason is taught to circumscribe his desires and to keep his passions in check as an essential element to his personal growth and moral development.

Now is the time to put our qualms behind us and strive to right the fraternity, to where peace and harmony prevails. Then let us not forget the remembrance of the brothers who came before us, and have gone from this earth, every one of us has known men who truly walked and acted as upright men and Masons. Brethren, join with me as we seek to repair our foundation and seek a brighter future.



M.: W.: Carl E. Nelson
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas



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

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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 (\$120 reinstatement fee) _____

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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OR

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

Located at: _____

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

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