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SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

September 2017

III. Bro. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross Keynote Speaker, Arkansas Honors Day Banquet

Illustrious Brother Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, GC serves as the Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, and Director of the Department of Education and Heritage at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., where he directs and supervises all operations pertaining to the Library, Museum, Archives, Educational Programs and the Scottish Rite Research Society. The Library at the House of the Temple has over 250,000 books and the Archives contain over one million documents and photographs. The Archives include original holographs by George Washington, Paul Revere, Lafayette and other notable Freemasons. Bro. de Hoyos also advises the Supreme Council on ritual and statutory matters. As one of the world's foremost scholars on the history, ritual and symbolism of our fraternity, in 2000 he was one of three people invited to the Vatican by the Roman Catholic Church to discuss Freemasonry.

Bro. de Hoyos was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in McAllen Lodge #1110 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M in 1988, that same year he joined the Scottish Rite. From 1991-1992 he served as Worshipful Master of his home lodge. In 1989, Bro. de Hoyos became a York Rite Mason by receiving all of the degrees and orders of Capitular, Cryptic and Chivalric Masonry. He would go on to preside over all three York Rite Bodies, which culminated with him receiving the Knight York Cross of Honor in 1993. Four years later, Bro. de Hoyos would receive his first Honor and distinction in the Scottish Rite when he was invested with the Knight Commander of the Court of

Honor in 1997. Just two years later he joined the staff at the House of the Temple when he accepted his current role as Grand Archivist and Grand Historian in 1999. That same year he was elected to receive the 33rd Degree.



As the years went by Bro. de Hoyos has either authored or edited over 25 books and is considered America's foremost scholar on the Scottish Rite, Albert Pike and Freemasonry in general. In 2009 he received the highest Honor that the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction can give, the Grand Cross of Honour. There are only 70-80 Scottish Rite Masons living at one time that hold this high Honor. Just three years, Bro. de Hoyos would complete one of his biggest and most meaningful pieces of work in the Scottish Rite. In 2011, Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma: Annotated Edition* was sent to the printer. Bro. de Hoyos worked for many years on this project as the author and editor, his goal was to take Pike's work and make it more "reader friendly." This definitely was no easy task

but the fraternity thanks him for his work. If you read any of Bro. de Hoyos' books or listen to any of his lectures, you will quickly notice that he has a greatly deal of intrigue and affection for Bro. Albert Pike, something he shares with his Arkansas brethren. With the rich history of Bro. Pike being the man that brought the Scottish Rite to Arkansas and who served as our Orient's first Sovereign Grand Inspector General and eventual Sovereign Grand Commander, we are excited to have Bro. de Hoyos with us for the first time at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple!

Honour's Banquet: October 7, 2017; 6:00 pm; \$30.00 Per Person

RSVP By September 25th; (No Tickets Available At Door)

Meal Choices: Texas Grilled Chicken or Beef Medallions

See full AGENDA at bottom of inside cover.



Arkansas Supreme Council Honors

October 7th, 2017



The Supreme Council, AASR, meets every two years for the Biennial Session. At this Session, the Supreme Council elects deserving members of the Craft to be invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and to have the 33rd degree conferred on them. This year, the Supreme Council held its' vote and those brethren who were elected are listed below. These honors are given for outstanding service to Freemasonry in general, the Scottish Rite, or to humankind.

Conferral of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America and the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour investiture will be held at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, located at 712 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. **The banquet is Saturday night. Banquet tickets are \$30 each (Honorees receive one complimentary banquet ticket). Please call the office at 501-375-5587 and RSVP by September 25th, 2017 if you plan to attend. The meal choices for the banquet are Texas Grilled Chicken or Beef Medallions, please give this information along with your RSVP. Dress for the newly elected Honor Men and the cast will be tuxedo and official Scottish Rite caps and evening wear for the ladies. All Scottish Rite Masons and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. (See agenda below)**

Brethren elected to receive the 33rd degree are:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Valley</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Valley</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| David Thomas Arnold | Fayetteville | Gary Wayne Henningsen | Little Rock |
| Alan Ray Davidson | Fayetteville | Jerry Lee Oates | Little Rock |
| Johnny Coleman Rye, Jr. | Jonesboro | Floyd Kelly Rigsby | Little Rock |
| Troy W. Cole | Little Rock | Martin Eugene Warren | Little Rock |

Brethren elected to be invested with the KCCH are:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Valley</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Valley</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Robert Kuhl Baugh | Fayetteville | Sheldon A. Gately | Little Rock |
| Randy L. George | Fayetteville | Charles Rodrick Goodrich | Little Rock |
| Scott Allen Nelson | Fayetteville | Roy James Hart | Little Rock |
| Keith Peterson | Fayetteville | John Dan Kemp, Jr. | Little Rock |
| Gary Michael Winningham | Fayetteville | Michael Dwayne Lawrence | Little Rock |
| David Allen Eaker | Jonesboro | Justin K. Morris | Little Rock |
| Joseph Grant Kirby | Jonesboro | Michael Rada Olegario VI | Little Rock |
| Charles Roscoe Smallwood | Jonesboro | Alton Darin Pecanty | Little Rock |
| Michael David Bradley | Little Rock | Cory Nicholas Stover | Little Rock |
| Ronald Davis Eans | Little Rock | Ronald Shinall Tucker | Little Rock |

Agenda

8 am: 33rd Elect Registration
9 am: 33rd Degree (33ds and elects only)
Noon: Lunch (ticketed event - \$7.00 each)
1 pm: KCCH Elect Registration
2 pm: KCCH Investiture (KCCH, 33rds, and Elects only)

3:30 pm: Public Capping of all Honorees
(Open to family and friends)
6:00 pm: Banquet (ticketed event - \$35.00 each)
(Open to family and friends)
Attire: Men: black tuxedo preferred,
Ladies: semi formal

Honor and Gratitude

On Saturday, October 7, Arkansas Scottish Rite Masons will gather as they have for decades to honor some of our members with the KCCH and the 33rd degree. I'm looking forward to this special day that happens only once every two years after the Supreme Council elects brethren to these honors. I hope that you are able to join us on October 7 for this special day. More information is available elsewhere in this issue about times, meal tickets, etc.

As some of you know, I find the origin of various words quite interesting. The word origin for honor as a verb comes from the Old French onorer or honorer meaning "respect, esteem, revere; show thankfulness" and from Latin honorare "to honor".

And the word gratitude comes directly from Medieval Latin gratitudinem (nominative gratitudo) meaning "thankfulness," and from Latin gratus "thankful, pleasing" Both of these Latin words come from the suffixed form of the Proto-Indo-European root "gwere" meaning "to favor or to congratulate".

Clearly these two words are related; to honor someone is to express our thanks and gratitude for what they

From The Desk Of:

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



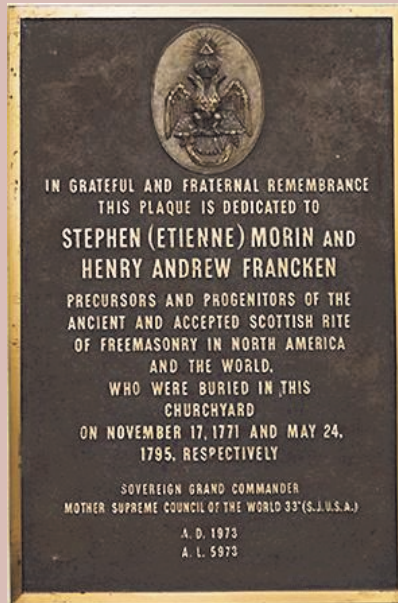
have done. It shows our appreciation for their work, their dedication, their commitment.

We present these honors to our brethren, but it is done with a deep sense of thanksgiving and gratitude. We are thankful for their service to the Scottish Rite, to Freemasonry, and to mankind in general. Each has made different contributions according to his own individual gifts and talents, but in common, we stand thankful for all they have done.

Honor and gratitude go hand in hand. If we have a sense of thanksgiving for our brethren, we realize all that they have done and we want to recognize them. And so we will on October 7. I hope that you will join us and tell each of our honorees "thank you"!!

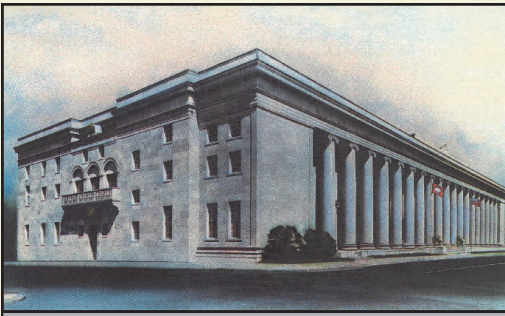
THE MAN WHO BROUGHT ECOSSAIS MASONRY TO THE NEW WORLD

The original title of this essay was to be "The Man Who Brought Scottish Masonry to the New World," but that really would not have been accurate. Scottish Masonry, that is Blue Lodge Masonry from Scotland, had been in the new world since the early part of the 18th century, and lodges founded by the Grand Lodge of Scotland or old Kilwinning Lodge No. 0 were sprinkled among those who founded the state grand lodges of the original 13 states. "Eccossais" is French for "Scottish", and was largely Scottish exiles from Britain's Glorious Revolution of 1688 who were still loyal to the overthrown Catholic King James II and his descendants who established French Masonry. The first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France was Charles Radcliffe, the last Earl of Derwentwater. He is credited with having originated the first version of our degree Perfect Elu, which was originally known as The Secret Vault of James VI. James VI of Scotland was the same as James I of England, for whom the King James Bible is named.



Eccossais Masonry as founded in France by these Scottish exiles became very popular, and as the degree systems evolved from 3 to 7 and by 1758 to 25, a group of Paris and Bordeaux high degree masons representing the major Masonic centers of the nation formed what they called The Emperors of the East and West to regulate Eccossais Masonry through a system they called The Rite of Perfection. This system of 25 degrees had Perfect Elu as the 14th, in fact all the degrees from 4th through 22nd the same as our traditional Scottish Rite degrees. 23th was Prince Adept, or Knight of the Sun, 24th was Knight Kadosh, and 25th and last was Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

The most prominent Blue Lodge in Bordeaux, Loge L'Anglais, like many of the lodges of that day had a daughter lodge to confer the higher degrees, theirs known as Loge L'Francaise. This Eccossaise lodge in 1761 granted a patent to one of their citizens and brothers by the name of Etienne (Stephen in English) Morin a patent naming him as an inspector of the Rite of Perfection and granting him power to promulgate the degrees and name deputies throughout the (Continued Page 10)



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, September 12, 2017 Feast of Tishri
6:30 P.M. Dinner
... (\$15.00 per person Open to family & Friends)

Saturday, October 7, 2017 Honors Day
8:00 A.M. Honors Day Begins
6:00 P.M. Honors Banquet
..... (See Front Cover for More Information)

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Fri-Sat, October 27-28, 2017 Fall Reunion
6:00 P.M. Reunion Begins
7:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Continue Degrees

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
5:15 P.M. Advisory Board
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

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
5:15 P.M. Advisory Board
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Stated Meeting

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

Time to Get Wet!!

As an 18 year old freshman, I was called to the office of the Dean of graduate studies, department of Physical Education, at SCA (now UCA). Dr. Spencer had a problem with one of her graduate assistants and wanted me to help. Well, this is indeed strange! What could I do? She knew I had all the swimming awards in Scouting, even graduating from our national aquatic school; I had received and taught all the American Red Cross swimming/lifesaving courses and had all the books about teaching swimming BUT no training in academic teaching in a college. Besides how would this smart grad student accept a young freshman telling her how to teach her class? Anyway, what was her problem?

Dr. Spencer told me that while her teacher knew the “book work” she was not a very good swimmer and did not want to get in the pool to teach. She asked me to go visit the class and try to help, she even said she could pay me \$50 a month. I said “just to make sure I understand, you want me to go teach swimming to a group of college girls, in my speedo plus I get paid?”!!! While I’ve never been real smart, this did not sound like a bad deal. One final question I had was “why me”? She said because you are willing to get in the water with them and show them how to swim and then work with them until they learn and enjoy swimming.

You might ask, “what does this have to do with the Scottish Rite”? Well Brethren, I believe that it is important to read and study the teachings of our Fraternity. It is important to take courses in Freemasonry. But if that’s all you do, it will be hard to understand what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason. I believe you have to “jump in and get wet” to really enjoy the benefits of your membership. If you will come to the meetings and Feast Days and Reunions you will begin to learn more. Take some kind of part. We are all good at some things and not so good at others (I know I am). Take a chance, take part in the activities, you’d be surprised how much fun you can have. One of the greatest joys of being in the Scottish Rite, for me, is sharing this ongoing experience with my Brothers. Bring a candidate to the reunion and stay with them, re-experience the thrill of our Degrees. Make some new friends from across the State or renew old acquaintances you’ve lost touch with.

It is time to jump in and get wet! Come on in, the water’s fine.
(Submitted by: Ill Dick Browning, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Little Rock.)

How finding a Scottish Rite Bible Changed someone at the age of 23

I joined the Scottish Rite because I was drawn to it ever since I found my Great Grandfather's Freemason bible towards the end of 2015. I was at my Grandparents house getting work during an investigation of company matters when my Aunt pulled out a drawer and said look at this cool old bible. She reached for a bible on the right, but my eye immediately saw the Freemason symbol on an old black Freemason bible. I grabbed that one and went straight to my grandmother and asked her if I could have it; to which she smiled and replied, "Of course, honey."

After having the bible I discovered the family section to which my attention was brought to his family. He had three daughters and one son that was born and died on the same day named "James Gary". I now go to church every Sunday, Mt. Hebron, where I found James Gary Quattlebaums' headstone. I felt some sort of draw that grew stronger to feel obligated to possibly finish or continue the family legacy through Connie and James Gary.

I called around for about a month to different places looking for answers about my great Grandfather, Connie Quattlebaum. Finally, after about 4-6 weeks of searching for answers, I accidentally called the wrong lodge to see if anything had come up. However, like most random 'mistakes', or what we merely perceive as mistakes, led to a voice on the other line starting my career as a Freemason. He said maybe I can be of assistance and I was put on hold. When he came back he said if I wanted to find out more to show up to Romance Lodge #481, where highway 31 and highway 5 meet, on the third Thursday. I asked for a petition the day I attended the first lodge ever for dinner, Romance Lodge #481. There was something about the wisdom, love, and care among the gentlemen around me and regardless of the age gap I felt at home.

As I began my blue lodge career I wanted to learn and improve myself as much as possible as I saw how important the teachings of Freemasonry were to life. Each step of my journey with my brothers of the Blue Lodge taught important moral lessons by which to live. I was surprised at how much already made sense putting everything together and lining them up with my own views and values. Once I became a Master Mason in the spring of 2016; I knew the next step was to continue the journey of the path I was on, this mysterious journey with a now well known Historical Artifact of Connie Quattlebaum's Scottish Rite bible.

Once I petitioned and went through the Scottish Rite Spring class of 2017, I felt even more drawn to this great historical fraternity. I knew after going through the various degrees that day that I was right where I belonged. Suddenly so many things clicked for me; I began to think and act differently. I am proud to be a Freemason and really feel like it is my job to make a difference in this generation behind me. I hope I can impact by leading by example as a Freemason. I want to bring in more young people to show them the great values and lessons that are taught by being a Freemason. (Submitted by: Brother Gary Lee Thompson III, 32°)

Fun at the Knights of St Andrew Picnic on July 8th



The stage is set for the Valley of Little Rock exemplification of the 27th Degree at the Stated Meeting on 11 July 2017.



Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, October 9, 2017

5.30 PM.....Advisory Council
6.30 PM.....Dinner
7.30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017

5.30 PM.....Advisory Council
6.30 PM.....Thanksgiving Dinner
7.30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2017

5.30 PM.....Advisory Council
6.30 PM.....Christmas Dinner
7.30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018

5.30 PM.....Advisory Council
6.30 PM.....Dinner
7.30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2018

5.30 PM.....Advisory Council
6.30 PM.....Dinner
7.30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Fri & Sat, March 2 & 3, 2018 Spring Reunion

8.00 A.M.....Candidate Registration
8.50 A.M.....Opening Lodge of Perfection
Saturday March 3, 2018 Day 2
7.00 A.M.....Breakfast
7.50 A.M.....Opening Chapter of Rose Croix

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 WardenBrad Phillips, KCCH
Junior WardenKyle Rowe, 32°

Jonesboro Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise MasterIll. Rufus Ray, 33°
Senior WardenIll. Brent Howton, 33°
Junior WardenJohn 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 KadoshMike Noles, KCCH
Interim Master of KadoshJohn 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

The Eastern Arkansas Fall reunion was highlighted by some wonderful ritualistic performances. Bro. Gary Miley, Bro. Dale Miley, Bro. Brent Howton, Bro. Wally Thomas, Bro. John Latham, Bro. Byron Ponder and many others all displayed skill and excellence in their presentation of the great work of Scottish Rite Masonry. Under the direction of Bro. Hershell Wright the robe room and prop department operated seamlessly. Bro. Stan Simms, Bro. Darrell Gifford, Bro. Jon Walter, Bro. Randy Gilles, Bro. Mike Swindle, Bro. Curtis Pace and a number of others all performed above and beyond the call of duty in their assistance with the exemplification of the magnificent Scottish Rite degrees.

The KSA provided a wonderful breakfast, looked very professional with the serving of luncheon, and assisted on stage and behind the scenes throughout the day. All participants are to be congratulated for helping to provide an enhanced experience of ritualistic illumination as exemplified by the Scottish Rite degrees.

We are also saddened to report the passing of Brother Dennis Johnston 32 KCCH, a valued member of the Eastern Arkansas family. Bro. Dennis was a member of Lafayette Lodge in Helena and served as Master of Ceremonies in the 4th Degree of Secret Master for many years. His spirit will be missed, but his legacy will live on through the beauty of the great work of Scottish Rite Masonry. *(Submitted by: Brother Drew Price 32, KCCH)*

From The Knights of St. Andrew

The Jonesboro Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew was chartered on November 7, 2015 with ten charter members. Members of the Little Rock Chapter performed the initiation ceremony, knighting ceremony and installation of officers that day. Since then, the Jonesboro Chapter has knighted three additional members.

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service organization, consisting of 32nd degree Black Hat Scottish Rite Masons only, that provides services for the local bodies where they are needed. The most noticeable service our chapter performs is serving the meals at all stated meetings and reunions as well as cooking breakfast for reunions. But we also act as greeters, escort dignitaries, present the colors, serve as candidate mentors, serve on several committees, work in the wardrobe room, and participate in degree work. We hope our areas of service can continue to grow as our membership increases and new ideas are developed.

Our first fund raising event was a chili cook-off in October, 2016, which was open to all masons. We are planning on doing this again this coming October, Saturday 28th and hope for even more attendance by members of the local lodges and the Scottish Rite bodies.

We need more members! Each chapter is limited to 32 active members. It is hard work, but also very fulfilling. If you are a 32nd degree Black Hat Scottish Rite Mason, are willing to work and want to get involved, please talk to any current member. We would love to have you. *(Continued Next Page See KSA)*

From The Director of Work

Thank You is not adequate to express my appreciation for the attendance and teamwork at our August 5, 2017 Reunion. All Degree Team members were present and well prepared to present an excellent and meaningful performance. The Support Teams (wardrobe, stage & props, sound & lighting, tylers and directors) all gave 100% to make good things happen. Thanks also to the KSA members for assistance in many areas, and for the excellent food catering team. My gratitude to everyone for their unified effort to exemplify the true meaning of a Scottish Rite Reunion! (Submitted by Hershell Wright, 33° Director of Work)

(Continued from KSA, Previous Page) In addition to KSA members, our meetings are open to all KCCH and 33rd degree Masons as well. Come to our meetings and let us know how we can better serve the local bodies. We meet monthly, on the 2nd Monday, immediately after the Lodge of Perfection stated meeting. We need your Support.

In Memoriam

Brother John C. Lynn 32°
Mt Morris #535 MI
5/24/2011

Brother John P. Clark 32°
Forrest City #198
6/8/2017

Brother Dennis E. Johnston 32°
KCCH
Lafayette #189
8/13/2017



*Great work done by all at the Reunion
Held on August 5th, 2017*





Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

7:00 P.M. KSA Meeting (Practice)
..... Springdale Lodge 316
..... Springdale, AR

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Scottish Rite 201st Reunion with Feast of Tishri
Valley Temple..... 7:00 A.M.to 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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

November & December, the Valley will be dark.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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 WardenJim Swank, 32°

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise MasterScott A Nelson, KSA
Senior Warden..... Joe Harris, KSA
Junior WardenRobert 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

PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP

I believe the considerable impact that Masonry makes on our lives as men with genuine and lasting friendships should be promoted as one of the most important, reasons to join our fraternity and be active.

Brethren, as we grow older, what do we miss the most? Generally, it usually isn't a continuation of our regular occupations. If we made our living as a surgeon we don't miss removing one more appendix. If we made our living as an attorney we don't miss winning one more court case. If we made our living as an insurance agent we don't miss writing one more insurance policy.

What we miss most is the close pal from the old neighborhood. The one with whom we rode bicycles, fished, and played little league baseball. We miss the 1st grade teacher who taught us to read, who kept us in from recess to apply poison Ivy ointment the doctor sent with us. We miss the 7th grade English teacher that sat us down and said he would hang us "to the highest yard arm in the gymnasium if our writing did not improve because he cared enough to tell us the truth, and we never turned in another bad paper.

We miss the college professor who encouraged us when we needed it most, who taught us to think positive. We miss the college roommate or the close Military friend we don't see much of anymore because he, his wife, and his children live so far away. We miss the son, grandson, or nephew serving our country overseas, who doesn't get home very often.

Masonry is about self-improvement, philanthropies, and a host of other worthwhile things, but above all else, it's about friendships. It's about human connections. It's about the very things that people, by their own admission, miss most as they grow older.

Membership in Masonry provides men with a venue in which they can, on a regular basis, strengthen existing friendships and form new ones, while at the same time be part of something bigger than self and, in the process, help to make the world a better place.

This, brethren, should be THE CORE IDEA for promoting our fraternity to the outside world and within. The reasons are simple. This is what moves men to join the Lodge and the Scottish Rite. This is what prompts them to attend meetings and reunions. This is what keeps them paying their dues. This is what keeps them coming.

Think about it, brethren. We join, attend, and stay in our fraternity for many reasons, but above all else it's about our friendships, those priceless treasures that can't be measured in terms of dollars and cents. (Submitted by: Thomas "Clint" Chastain, 32°, KSA, Commander of Kadosh Valley of Fayetteville)

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Bro's Clint Chastain and Randy George receiving Scottish Rite Master Craftman Symbolic Awards, and standing by, Andrew Morrison to receive the Master Craftman's Award.



Boy Scout Troop[#777 Eagle Scout(Hogan Maestri) Project for Veteran's Memorial in Springdale, the Scottish Rite Donated \$1000.00 for this project.



a Helping Hand
from the Masons
of
The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Fayetteville
Orient of Arkansas

The Valley supports the Helping Hand Project, supporting the Community of Northwest Arkansas

Scottish Rite Fellowship Night at ARVEST Ball Park 1st of August. The Valley brought 150 tickets with food vouchers for give away. (Right: Valley Information Booth to give out Tickets) (Below Right: Bro Joe Harris enjoys riding the train) (Below Left: Strike and Brother Jim Swank checking each other's beard.)

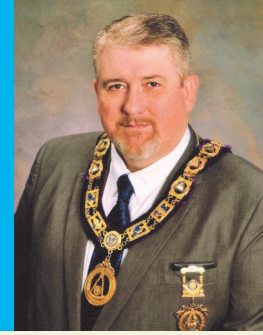




Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Carl E. Nelson, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



Greetings Brethren:

Respect, Honor and Integrity are words that have so much meaning. Words that we should all cherish as Master Masons. Brethren we must never forget what we are, who we are, and how we project ourselves out in the communities in which we live. I believe it's time for a renewal in our fraternity, it must start first with a renewal within ourselves. None of us knew what to expect when we made that humble knock upon the door. There is so much meaning to our craft that we have not learned and really understood what and who we are.

We have fallen short in properly educating our candidates, spending the time necessary to build a good foundation for them to stand upon.

There is so much more to learn outside our lectures and obligations. There is no need to rush the process, that new candidate is seeking something, let us not leave him feeling empty. Brethren these few things are only a start towards the renewal process. We are going to have to come together as one, we can't continue down the path we are presently on. Respect, Honor and Integrity is a two-way street that should be practiced by all.

Brethren we have a rough road once again to travel, but this time we must travel it together.



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

(Continued From Page 3) Western Hemisphere. Doubtless this was one of the broadest Masonic authorities ever granted.

Morin, a Bible salesman and wine merchant hoping to ply his wares throughout the Caribbean Sea left at an inauspicious time, as England and France were at war. In Europe it started as the 2nd War of Silesian Succession, and was eventually known as the Seven Years War (1756-63). The war had already started two years earlier in the New World between England and France where it was known as the French and Indian War (1754-63). The war was also fought in India and various places around the globe, the first real World War. As a result of hostilities Morin was captured and detoured to London, where he met the Grand Master of England who endorsed his patent and is said to have been instrumental in his release.

In the Caribbean throughout the 1760s Morin visited dozens of lodges throughout the French, English and Dutch colonies, especially in what is now Haiti and Jamaica, founding bodies of the Rite of Perfection across the Caribbean. One of his most important acts was to name Andrew Francken, a

Dutchman who lived in Kingston, Jamaica, as his principal deputy for North American, granting him powers nearly equal to his own. It was Francken who first brought the Rite of Perfection to the English speaking colonies on the mainland, Albany being the first Lodge of Perfection on the mainland. It is through Francken's work that the Ecossais degrees came to what would soon become the United States.

Etienne Morin, or Stephen Morin as we more familiarly know him, was the spiritual grandfather of all Scottish Rite Masonry throughout the world. He plied his trades, selling Bibles, selling Wine, and chartering bodies of the Rite of Perfection throughout the 1760s, and died in Jamaica about 1770. His pioneering groundwork led to all of the greatness that is the Scottish Rite, and we should remember and honor him for that.

The story of how the Rite of Perfection grew from 25 degrees to 33 and came to be ruled by a Supreme Council, and why that Mother Supreme Council's See is in Charleston are the tale for another day. *(Submitted by Karl T. Kimball, 33°)*

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Petition For Re-Instatement
Petition For Affiliation

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under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____ (city or town)

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I have never before petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees; if otherwise, state when and where such application was made. _____

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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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(Sign name in full—first name, middle name, if any, and last name—do not use initials)

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