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SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

February 2018

III. Bro. John Joseph Pershing, 33° General of the Armies

John Joseph Pershing was born September 13, 1860 in Laclede, Missouri. Being a young southern boy at the end of the Civil War, coupled by the fact that his father supported the Union as sutler during the conflict, young John knew he wanted to be a soldier.

In 1878, after completing his schooling in Laclede, Pershing went on to teach local African American children. As he pursued his teaching career, Pershing also continued his studies at what is now known as Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. In just a couple of years he would complete his education and receive a bachelors degree in scientific didactics. Within another two years, Pershing would be sworn in as a West Point cadet in the fall of 1882. Pershing, due to obvious abilities, quickly rose to the rank of First Captain. In August of 1885, he would be given another great honor by being asked to command the honor guard that saluted the funeral train for President Ulysses S. Grant as it passed West Point.

In his early military career, Pershing was involved in many skirmishes with various Native American tribes. He fought the Sioux Indians just days after the Wounded Knee Massacre, causing Chief War Eagle and his men to retreat. Pershing also commanded one of the first Buffalo Soldier regiments in Montana that would eventually deport a large number of Cree Indians to Canada. In 1891, he enrolled in the College of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he would later graduate earning his L.L.B. degree. For the next several years Pershing would serve as a West Point instructor until the call of war came again.

After the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine and the start of the Spanish-American War, Pershing would find himself in Cuba where he was cited for his gallantry. Likewise, during the Philippine-American War, Pershing would go on to serve his country with distinction by again being cited for his bravery on the Cagayan River.

In 1905, after serving as an observer during the Russo-Japanese War, Pershing skipped three ranks and more than 835 senior officers by being promoted to Brigadier General. Eight years after rising to the rank of General, he would be sent down south to help manage the border tensions between the United States in Mexico. Within another few years, Pershing was commanding the expedition to capture the Mexican bandit, Pancho Villa. It was also during this time

that he tragically lost his wife and three daughters in a fire at their home in California.

Moving on from this life-changing tragedy, Pershing received and accepted President Woodrow Wilson's offer to command the American Expeditionary Force to confront the unrest in Europe that eventually led to World War I. This war ushered in the era of trench and tank warfare, the likes of which the world had never seen. Again, General Pershing showed his country and the world that America was a force to be reckoned with. America's performance in the war had now garnered the title of Super Power for the country and General Pershing deserved a great deal of the credit.



During his vast and impressive military career, General Pershing served his country valiantly all over the world. As a result of his extraordinary service in the Philippines, he would be nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor, when he learned of this Pershing wrote to the Adjutant General and asked that the recommendation not be acted upon. Since he never received the Medal of Honor, the situation from the Philippines was revisited in 1922, which resulted in the recommendation of giving him the Distinguished Service Cross. Pershing would not receive this honor either as he was the Army Chief of Staff at the time and he disapproved the action. Perhaps the honorable precepts and practices of the Masonic fraternity led him to remain humble and selfless, serving without the hope of fee or (Continued on Page 3)

Statement of Allegiance

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The Robe

Submitted by: Ill Steven Tiner, 33°, Venerable Master, L.R. - 2017

Who cannot remember the ending of the 17th degree when the candidate is finally clothed in a white robe, following the time of trial? One doesn't forget the moment when, as a candidate, he has the habiliments of mourning removed from him, which he donned in the 18th degree Dark Chamber, and is robed in white, in the 18th degree Light Chamber. But what does it signify?

Clothing has represented various motifs in different cultures. In man's earliest history, he wore animal skins to camouflage during a hunt or battle. Sometimes it even represented the ability of the person wearing it, for to master a bear (by taking its skin) requires strength, courage, and skill.

Eventually clothing was made of fabric, including the finest linens, wools, and silks – again representing the wealth of the wearer and in some cases the purity of power of the material.

Kings and emperors around the globe have been appareled in jewel studded royal cloaks, fur trimmed, to show the authority and wealth of the kingdom they represented.

Ecclesiastical authorities wear that which signifies their rank. This is true in Catholicism, Buddhism, and Eastern Christianity to name a few.

On Easter Sunday, in Jerusalem, the high priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, with no matches in hand, reaches forth to reignite the sacred flame of the church. It is believed that the spiritual power of the special cloak he dons (it is said to be the same cloak that was worn by the high priest of the Eleusini-an mysteries) allows him to do this.

In the second book of Kings, the story of Elijah and Elisha is told. One day Elijah comes across a young man named Elisha plowing in the fields, and throws his mantle over the youth's shoulders. Elijah, who until a few days earlier felt that he was the sole God-fearer left, now has recruited his first disciple and eventual successor. Elisha instantly comprehended the significance of this act – he was to carry on Elijah's work when he was gone. Elisha immediately put down his plow, prepared a great feast for the community, and left with Elijah, to follow the great prophet.

Elisha remained loyal to Elijah, and to God, following Elijah through the desert as he traveled to eventually be carried up into heaven by fiery chariots and horses in a whirlwind.

Elisha went on to perform exactly twice as many miracles as Elijah. Following Elijah's ascension to heaven, Elisha picks up the cloak Elijah has dropped. Like his master, he strikes it against the water, and the river parts. Watching on the opposite side, Elijah's other disciples witness this miracle and declare, "Elijah's spirit now rests on Elisha." (CONTINUED on Page 10)

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We are Builders

This column is based on a brief reflection given at the Grand Master's Banquet on February 1 during the Grand Lodge session.

As I suspect that you do, I remember well my Entered Apprentice degree. I came to the lodge that evening not knowing what to expect and somewhat nervous. Once it was over, I was relieved because it wasn't embarrassing or awkward, but was serious and made a very positive impression on me. But, I soon learned that I had only begun. There was a lecture to learn and "work" to do. I did that work and took the next degree. I looked ahead and figured that all of this "work" would be done once I took my Master Mason degree. That's when I would be finished with my work.

Of course, I learned quickly that my work was not complete after my Master's degree. There was more lodge ritual to learn, there were lodge offices to hold, there were appendant bodies like the Scottish Rite to join. And that brought even more work.

We learn as Masons that we are builders. All of the major symbolism in Freemasonry is centered on building: working tools, cornerstones, cement, rough and smooth ashlar (stones). We are taught that our job is to build a beautiful building as the builders of King Solomon's Temple built that building as a beautiful place to worship God. But we are no longer operative Masons, we are speculative Masons. Our work isn't really so much about ritual or Masonic meetings or helping in the kitchen as it is to build the inward temple, the temple of our lives.

From The Desk Of:

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



And that work, the work of self-improvement, is the core of what it means to be a Mason. I can only speak for myself, but I still have many rough ashlar that I need to smooth. I still get angry when I shouldn't. I still don't offer charity as often as I should. I still sometimes say a mean word when a kind word should have been said. I still sometimes harbor a grudge. I don't often enough forgive. Although I have seen the constellations of faith, hope, and love in the 18th degree, I don't often enough practice them. My rough ashlar still need work. But if I will remain active and if I pay attention to the lessons of Freemasonry, I will continue to build that inward temple.

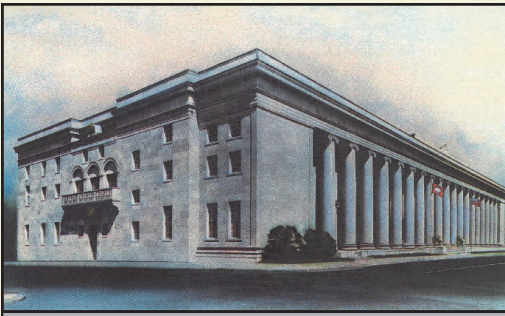
But, someday, our inward temple will be complete. The stones will have been smoothed, the cement will have been laid, and the building will be finished. That will be the time when the Grand Architect says "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . "

Brethren, remember that we ARE builders. We must continue this important work.



(PERSHING Continued From Cover) reward. However, Pershing is the only American to be promoted to the rank of "General of the Armies" in his own lifetime. In 1976, Congress gave President Gerald Ford the authority to posthumously elevate former President George Washington to the same rank. This meant that General Pershing was one of the highest-ranking service members in the country's history, second only to Washington who holds the top spot simply because he served before him. Also like George Washington, Pershing was a proud Freemason.

John Joseph Pershing received all three degrees of Symbolic Masonry in Lincoln Lodge #19 in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 22, 1888. Although he was never able to be heavily active in the Masonic fraternity, the institution meant a great deal to him as it helped to shape him as a young man. Pershing was a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite. As a member of the Valley of Wheeling in West Virginia, he was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 22, 1929 and Coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason on January 6, 1930. Brother John Joseph Pershing died on July 15, 1948 at the age of 87. A state funeral was held and he was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery near the graves of the soldiers he commanded in Europe.



Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 13, 2018..... Ceremony of
..... Remembrance & Renewal
6:30 P.M..... Dinner
.. (\$15.00 per person Open to family & Friends)
..... Stated Meeting Prior

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Fri-Sat, April 27-28, 2018 Reunion
5:00 P.M.....1st Day Begins
7:00 A.M. 2nd Day Begins

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2018..... Feast of
..... The Consistory
6:30 P.M..... Dinner (Open to family & Friends)
..... Stated Meeting Prior

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting



2018 Officers

Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Gary Henningsen, 33°
Senior Warden J. D. Sexton, KCCH
Junior Warden..... Jeffrey Squires, 32° KSA

Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master..... Aaron Warren, KCCH
Senior Warden James Morehead, KCCH
Junior Warden..... Ill Troy Cole, 33°

Little Rock Council of Kadosh

Commander Ill Bobby Bennett, 33°
1st Lt. Commander..... Thomas Lampirez, KSA
2nd Lt. Commander Mark Kalkbrenner, KCCH

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

Did you know??

The Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) is an invitation only volunteer organization, whose active membership is composed solely of 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

The purpose of the KSA is to assist the Valley in all manner of ways to continue to help re-build the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

KSA members in the Orient of Arkansas can be identified by presence of a black Scottish Bonnet sometimes called a Glengarry and a piece of fabric called a tartan hanging from their name badge.

The KSA tartans for each Valley in Arkansas, Fayetteville, Little Rock, and Jonesboro, are composed of different colors and patterns.

Each Valley chooses the total number of members allowed into its KSA membership.

The Valley of Little Rock KSA Chapter has a maximum membership of 32.

The members of the KSA are responsible for the performance of the 29th Degree at our Reunions.

KSA members come from all aspects of the Scottish Rite Valley from Ritualists, to stagehands, to kitchen and dining room staff, and Tilers.

If a member receives Honors he will attain Emeritus Status opening up a slot for a new Squire.

Honors recipients who were active members of the KSA earn the right to wear an Emeritus Tartan.

The KSA welcomes the help of any and all Scottish Rite Masons during functions, whether opening doors or sweeping floors!

Although the KSA is made up of 32° Scottish Rite Masons ALL honors recipients are eligible, and highly recommended, to attend stated meetings, Knight and Squire Rituals. (Submitted by T. Lucas Minton, 32° KSA, Secretary)



2018 Seldom Seen Degree Program Renewed With New Reunion Format

After the success of the Seldom Seen Degree Program with brethren wanting to see the “new” degrees conferred at stated meetings the officers of the Valley of Little Rock put together a new Reunion Schedule for 2018. The brethren of the Scottish Rite Valley of Little Rock are very pleased to announce that we will do something that, to our knowledge, has never been done before. Our Valley will confer every single degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. This new format will consist of 3 installments. Each installment will consist of 3 full Saturdays and 3 brief Friday evenings spread out over the course of 2018.

The new format will not be a radical time departure from the 2017 format and will have a degree Friday night before the full day Reunion. However the content of each Reunion will be different. The goal of our first Reunion installment, the evening of April 27, and all day April 28th, will be to confer all the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection 4° to 14° and then communicate the essential degrees to the candidates. Afterward, the 15° and 16° will be conferred during stated meetings

The next Reunion installment will be the Friday evening July 27, and all day July, 28. During this Reunion the goal will be to finish conferring the degrees of the Chapter, and approximately half of the Council degrees. Afterwards the essential degrees not conferred will be communicated to the candidates. After the Reunion we will confer the 25° and 26° at following stated meetings

The third and final Reunion installment will be on Friday evening October 26, and all day October 27th. The night before we will confer the 27° and the subsequent day we will confer the 28° through 32° finish the Council Degrees and Consistory degrees. Afterwards we will once again communicate the essential degrees to those who have not received them over the course of the year.

In attempting this great task, it is our sincere desire that it will be an encouragement to all our Brethren to attend each of these degrees, some of which you have likely never before witnessed. This year will go down in history because there are a few degrees that have NEVER been exemplified in the state of Arkansas before.

It is also our hope that some of our Brethren will be motivated to come and assist in the production of these degrees, help is needed in all areas, Robing room, Stage, Properties, Kitchen, Camp Guard, as well as the cast. Do not think you are not needed.

So make sure to put the dates on your calendar

*Submitted By:
Ill Hal Sutherland 33°,
Director of the Work*

New Scottish Rite Club

The Scottish Rite members of Hot Springs, in coordination with the Little Rock Valley VMAP committee, established a new Scottish Rite Club for 2018. Our club held its first quarterly event on January 24th at 7 p.m. in Hot Springs at Central Bowling Lanes.

It was a wonderful night of fun and fellowship with nearly 30 in attendance, including wives and children. We reserved a party room for dinner and lanes for bowling, then provided pizza and soft drinks for all who attended. We would like to encourage the Scottish Rite members in the vicinity of Hot Springs to attend our upcoming events. Additionally, we have invited friends that are interested in becoming Masons, local Blue Lodge Masons, and York Rite Masons. Our hope is to increase membership in the Scottish Rite, improve our visibility in the community, and strengthen the fraternal bond among Arkansas Freemasons through our efforts.

We can't say thank you enough for the support we received from the Orient of Arkansas and the Little Rock Valley. We are planning a dinner in April and would love to hear from brothers that are interested in attending. Please feel free to call or email me or email at the contact information provided below. (Submitted by David S. Ponder, 32° KSA; Cell: 501-760-8149; Email: dponder87@yahoo.com) **(See Pictures Below)**





Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, March 12, 2018

5:30 PM.....Advisory Council
6:30 PM.....Dinner
7:30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Friday, March 30, 2018**Maundy Thursday**

6:00 PM.....Extinguish the Lights
.....Dinner followed by Relighting the Lights.

Monday, April 9, 2018

5:30 PM.....Advisory Council
6:30 PM.....Dinner
7:30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018

5:30 PM.....Advisory Council
6:30 PM.....Dinner
7:30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Monday, June 11, 2018 **Anniversary Banquet**

5:30 PM.....Advisory Council
6:30 PM.....Dinner & Scholarship Presentations
7:30 PM.....Remembrance of our Anniversary

Monday, July 9, 2018

5:30 PM.....Advisory Council
6:30 PM.....Dinner
7:30 PM.....Stated Meeting

Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

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

2018 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, KCCH
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

Greetings Brethren,

Another year has come and gone and the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite continues to press forward with the great work of Scottish Rite Masonry. The KSA are to be congratulated for completing the 2017 VMAP program on behalf of our valley! What a tremendous accomplishment for these brethren. These KSA members helped make this possible; Jon Walter, Randy Gilles, Brian Higdon, Colin Miller, Mike Swindle, and Barry Rudd. They were aided in this great endeavor by Bro. Charlie Finlay, our assistant secretary. If you see these brethren congratulate them on a job well done for our Valley.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate Bro. Brad Phillips on fulfilling his Masonic dream of becoming Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas. Most Worshipful Bro. Phillips is the Senior Warden of our Lodge of Perfection and was honored with the KCCH in 2015. Our new Grand Master is a tireless worker and will, no doubt, serve our state well. Congratulations Bro. Brad, Eastern Arkansas is proud of you!

From The Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

One of the most unpleasant things that each Valley Secretary must do each year is to suspend members who did not pay their annual dues. Unfortunately, this year we had to suspend 17 members for non-payment of dues. All suspended members have received statements, phone calls and e-mails reminding them of their unpaid dues. Each member received a notice that if there was a problem or if they were not interested in keeping their membership in the Scottish Rite, please contact the office. Only one brother contacted the office, the rest just left the reminders and e-mails unanswered. If you know anyone who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, talk to them and see what we can do to get them back.

Please come to our stated meetings, we meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, dinner at 6:30, Lodge of Perfection at 7:30. All Scottish Rite Masons are welcome. We meet at Jonesboro Masonic Lodge #129 located at 2206 West Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR.

Ill Richard Gambill, 33°
General Secretary

Maundy – Easter Observance

Maundy Thursday is a common and popular name for Holy Thursday, the first day of the Easter Triduum, and the final three days of Lent before Easter. Coming at the high point of Holy Week or Passiontide, Maundy Thursday commemorates Christ's Last Supper, at which He instituted the Eucharist, the Mass, and the priesthood. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." Near the end of the Last Supper, after Judas had departed, Christ said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

The name Maundy Thursday is to-day more common among Protestants than among Catholics, who tend to use Holy Thursday, while Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox refer to Maundy Thursday as Great and Holy Thursday.

Each year the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies celebrate this occasion with the Degree Teams performing the Ceremony of "Extinguishing the Lights" followed by the Ceremony of "Relighting the Lights"

The Ceremony of Extinguishing the symbolic Lights constitutes a ceremony of vast significance to Scottish Rite Masons. It is a time of reflection and the seeking of spiritual strength and guidance from the Deity. To Masons, this necessarily embraces considerations relating to increased fraternal love among members of the Craft, and magnified efforts toward the betterment of mankind. "It is the hour when the Veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth; when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light; when the columns shatter; and when the cubical stone sweated water and blood. The instant the word was lost to the world."

The Ceremony of Relighting the Lights on Easter Sunday symbolizes the restoration of God's Love. His promise of immortality; the triumph of Truth and Justice over the evils of malice, intolerance and ignorance. To Masons, this necessarily requires a reaffirmation by them to practice sound moral principles in their daily lives and thus accelerate the spread of universal brotherhood. "The moment when the Word was recovered; when the Cubical Stone was changed to the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star reappeared in all its splendor; when the columns of the Temple were reestablished; and the Working Tools of Masonry restored. When the True Light dispelled the darkness and the New Law began to rule upon all the earth."

Both of these ceremonies are beautiful to behold and the Ceremonial Officers do an excellent job in presenting it to the Members. This year Maundy Thursday will be observed on Friday 30 March, and we hope to see you all here to celebrate it.

In Memoriam

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

Brother Charles B Roscof 32°
Lafayette #189
8/23/2017

Oscar Harvey Martin 33°
Forrest City #198
9/30/2017

Brother William J Ledbetter 32°
KCCH
West Memphis #737
9/29/2017

Brother Edward Grauman 32°
Lafayette #189
9/16/2017

Brother George W. Johnson 32°
Forrest City #198
10/23/2017

Brother John Thomas Williams 32°
Chickasawba #134
10/8/2017

Brothewr Irby W. Campbell 32°
Marion #686
12/9/2017

Brother Bobby G. Gathright 32°
Monette #558
12/25/2017





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 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Stated Communication

Saturday, April 7, 2018 Spring Reunion

7:00 A.M. Breakfast

8:00 A.M. Degrees Begin

12:30 P.M. Lunch

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Stated Communication

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Stated Communication

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Stated Communication

KSA Meetings, Washington Lodge #1

Saturday, March 17, 2018 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 30, 2018 1:00 P.M.

..... No meal served.



2018 Officers

Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... James Swank, 32°

Senior Warden..... Clint Chastain, KSA

Junior Warden Andrew Morrison, KSA

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Joe Harris, KSA

Senior Warden..... Robert Baugh, KCCH

Junior Warden Lynn Freeman, 32°

Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Randy George, KCCH

1st Lt. Cmdr Barry Glenn, KSA

2nd Lt. Cmdr J. L. Freeman, 32°

Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh Joseph Morrison, KSA

Prior..... Alvin L. Lievsay, 32°

Preceptor..... George Riggs, 32°

THANKS BRETHREN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY

Brethren,

It was both an honor and a pleasure serving as Venerable Master of the Valley of Fayetteville in 2017. I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me this opportunity as well as for all the help and support you have given me. During the past year our Valley has witnessed a resurgence of brethren stepping up to the plate, so to speak. The days of a select few seemingly doing all the work, all the planning, all the events, are gone. I have seen more involvement from brethren this year, both young and old, newly initiated as well as more seasoned in the Rite, than I believe I ever have before. I have seen this involvement carry over from the Scottish Rite to the Blue Lodges in our area, as well as other appendant bodies, and it is outstanding.

Involvement is so essentially necessary for the future of the Scottish Rite. It takes all of us rowing in the same direction to achieve our goals and grow this Valley to its full potential. Not a single one of us can get there on our own without the help of others. Our Valley has seen some rough times, brethren. There is no denying that. But the enthusiasm and willingness to work, putting ideas into motion instead of just talking about them once a month when we meet, those are the things I am proud to see happening in our Valley and you, my brothers, deserve the accolades.

To the KSA, the tireless workhorses of the Scottish Rite, I cannot thank you enough for all of your efforts over the past year. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and you are given thanks far less often than you deserve. Without you the Valley of Fayetteville would not be where it is today. Most, if not all, of you also hold offices in the Valley and it gives me great pleasure knowing that the future of the Valley of Fayetteville, Scottish Rite Freemasonry, our Fraternity, is in very capable hands. *(Submitted by Mike Winningham, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master, 2017, Valley of Fayetteville)*





PICTURED ABOVE: 2018 Valley of Fayetteville 2018 KSA Squires. (Left to Right) George Riggs; Brent Perkins; Michael Dewberry; Harry Geene; Michael Lewis; Brett Pansano.



PICTURED ABOVE: 2018 Valley of Fayetteville New Knights (Left to Right) Trevor Robinson; Lynn Freeman; Jim Swank; J.L. Freeman

PICTURED BELOW: 2018 Valley of Fayetteville 2018 KSA Officers (Left to Right) Barry Glenn, Sentinel; James Kring, Senior Warden; Clint Chastain, Preceptor; Jim Swank, Chaplain; Joe Harris, Secretary; J.L. Freeman, Senior Deacon; Andrew Morrison, Junior Warden. (Not Pictured) Trevor Robinson, Junior Deacon; Joseph Morrison, Treasurer



Greetings Brethren and Sir Knights!

For those of you reading this article that are not familiar with the Knights of St. Andrew, we are easy to spot amongst the Brethren at the monthly Stated Meetings. Instead of wearing the Scottish Rite 32-degree black hats, that are emblematic of the order, the Knights of St. Andrew wear the black Glengarry.

As this year's Preceptor for the Valley of Fayetteville, my agenda is ambitious, but achievable. The hard work of our Chapter's Knights and Squires will provide the success of this year's goals as we maintain our ongoing activities to a high standard. Some of the plans this year include, but are not limited to, the purchase and installation of a commercial dishwasher, update of the Chapters By-Laws, develop a Chapter Awards Program, Chapter Ritual update, planned agendas for the Chapter stated meetings to include education, developing standard operating procedures for the chapter with emphasis on the Secretary and Kitchen duties.

We were pleased to welcome into our ranks 5 new Knights, Sir Knights Trevor Robinson, J.L. Freeman, Bryon Speller, Lynn Freeman and Jim Swank. The 2018 Squire class, consist of Squires George Riggs, Mike Dewberry, Brett Pansano, Brent Perkins, Michael Lewis and Harry Greene.

As we are only two months into the year the time is ripe for us to rededicate ourselves to our beloved Scottish Rite. My challenge for all of us is to develop leadership, promote the Scottish Rite within Freemasonry, assist in degree work and connect with all Blue Lodges. And do this with the Flexibility, Professionalism, Selflessness and Enthusiasm of a proud Arkansas Mason. (Submitted by SK. T. Clint Chastain, 32° Preceptor 2018, Valley of Fayetteville KSA)



Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Bradley R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



Fraternal Greetings,

Brethren we are just weeks into a new year after a historic Grand session. Many changes were made by the delegates that will determine the course of Arkansas masonry for many years to come. Masons want to be represented in Little Rock, not dictated to. They want a voice that is heard, not ignored. These are reasonable demands of worthy members who want to be treated as equals "upon the level". We are a fraternity, there is no "us versus them". Your goals are our goals; your successes will be our successes. We share the same vision for our fraternity.

I intend to begin giving recognition to the Masonic families in Arkansas through the newly established Arkansas Lewis Program. For generations, Grandfather's, Father's, and sons have all enjoyed membership in our fraternity and have counted it with pride or even a rite of passage within their family. I believe in recognizing the accomplishments of our members. Nothing is ever lost by being courteous. It is the cheapest of pleasures, costs nothing, and conveys much.

My Brethren, peace and harmony

will be my primary focus this year. Does that mean I will be weak on enforcing the Digest of Law? Absolutely NOT! I intend on keeping a strong attachment to duties as your Grand Master while balancing that attachment with compassion and understanding.

In conclusion, I want to thank each of you for electing me to serve you as your Grand Master this year and for all the support and kind words expressed during my tenure serving in the Grand Line. Of all my honors and titles, I consider the office of Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas the greatest honor that has ever been bestowed upon me. The greatest title I have ever earned beside "Husband" or "Father" is that of being your "Brother". I promise to do my utmost to live up to the trust you have reposed in me.



M.: W.: Bradley R. Phillips
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas

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The message of the white robe is that of the humble seeker. It also symbolizes a person's intention and preparation for inner transformation. It symbolizes the hermetic seal, which creates a place for inner transformation to take place.

It renders the candidate invulnerable to attacks of ignorance. Just like a mask, making us undifferentiated, the robe veils our individuality. It gives us the power of being separated from the world rather than in it, where we are in the midst of reaction and even pro-action.

When donning the robe, we resemble the knight of old who places a powerful and pure vestment upon his shoulders before going about his most important, and possibly dangerous, duties. It is a protection and the symbol of the ideal, of the impersonal good for which we personally strive.

The robe serves as a hermetic seal; it creates a metaphorical womb, for the place of transformation is truly within us. What creates the seal is our intention, and the robe symbolizes our inner purification, a willingness to let go of the material, and a commitment to focus on our true nature and communion with God.

Wrapped in the hermetic seal of the robe, we do the work on our individual selves, on our own transformation that cannot be done by or shared with others.

It is not a magical piece of cloth that causes the transformation to occur; it is our intention to transform. When donning the robe, we anticipate the best of ourselves and are open to communion with God.

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