



# VOICE of the ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE,  
Orient of Arkansas

June 2018

## Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love

*(The most important tenets of Freemasonry)*

As Entered Apprentices we were told that we were now a part of an Ancient and Honorable institution. Further, we were introduced to the three great duties every Mason is charged to inculcate: To God, to our neighbor and to ourselves. As Masons we are to lead by example and act as quiet and peaceable citizens, true to our government and just to our country. We are taught to combat prejudice and bias so that we may not be guilty of dishonorable actions. Along our continued Masonic journey, we are taught as Fellow Crafts that it is the internal and not the external that qualifies a man to be made a Mason. Again, the principles of Freemasonry are propounded and we are reminded of the divine and moral nature of the Craft. Finally, as Master Masons, we are installed as our Brothers keeper. In the character of a Master Mason we are authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of our less-informed brethren and to protect them against a breach of fidelity. Further, we are to preserve the reputation of this Ancient and Honorable institution to which we now belong.

A Mason's labor should always be a labor of love, for we are told in our Craft that a true Mason works without the hope of fee or reward. There is no room in our fraternity for individualism or ambition. In all of our doings, we ought always to have the good of the institution in mind before proceeding, lest we stumble and put the entire Brotherhood in danger. When you see a fellow Master Mason, do you see your brother? Are you compelled to ask him how his family is doing or ensure that he is continuing down the correct path on his Masonic journey? I sincerely hope so, because our fraternity is of no use if we do

not love and care for one another. Will we have disagreements, of course, but we must be mindful of our sacred obligations we made before God and our brethren if we are to be true Masons. There is no room for spite, jealousy or revenge in our fraternity; only Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. If we all work as one cohesive unit, there will be no limit to what we can accomplish. Remember brethren, self-preservation is an invitation for corruption

and servant leadership is always the best example to imitate. It is also important to remember what our organization is exactly. While we do have charitable causes that we support, we are not a charity; we are a fraternity first and foremost. From time to time, objectively evaluate your own behavior as well as the atmosphere at your Lodge, Valley or Chapter. The business of being the oldest and best fraternity

in the World is the most important business we have to accomplish.

Brethren, I hope this serves as a reminder for all of us in our daily business. We all proudly display the symbols of this fraternity as we should but does our conduct in the workplace and on social media fall into compliance with the noble and virtuous principles of our fraternity? Remember that being a Freemason should not just be something that you do in your spare time, it should be something that helps define what kind of a man you are. The next time you are about to do or say something at work or the next time you are about to post something on social media, stop and ask yourself, does this portray honor and integrity on behalf of the fraternity?



### 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

**III. C. James Graham, 33° P.:G.:M.:**

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.:**

Personal Representative Emeritus for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**Mitch Hensley, KCCH**

Executive Secretary for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**III. Jim Stanley, 33°**

Treasurer for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**III. Dick E. Browning, 33°, P.:G.:M.:**

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

## A Blip in Time

*Submitted by: by Bro. Keith Peterson, KCCH Valley of Fayetteville*

I recently had the honor of attending the biannual Scottish Rite Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. As with any conference of this nature the attending brethren were inundated with functional solutions to issues of Valley administration and pragmatic tips for membership recruitment and retention. Truly, there was much to be gained from the formalized sharing of best practices and all in attendance no doubt returned to their respective jurisdictions ready to implement the conference program. While I myself returned home with many great takeaways, there was something else that resonated in me with a far greater impact, the peace experienced through genuine brotherly love.



In his closing address Sovereign Grand Commander Ronnie Seale admonished the brethren present with the following scripture from Galatians 6:9; And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. A beautiful and inspiring message that on face directs us toward constancy in spreading masonic light, yet upon deeper consideration, I realized the true depth of his message. Illustrious Bro. Seale was directing us all to be steadfast in our most sacred masonic charge, to love and trust one another. Often times we find ourselves distracted by the politics and operations of speculative masonry. We seek appointment, advancement, and preferment, and because we are only human these things breed resentment, isolation, and mistrust. But when we strip ourselves of our rings and jewels, masonry endures. When we cease to don our various colored hats, masonry endures. When we divest ourselves of all of the trappings of our craft, masonry endures. As I sat and looked at the brothers from the Orient of Arkansas who surrounded me I noted our delegation was comprised of KSA, KCCH, Illustrious 33rds, an SGIG, Past Grand Masters, and a current Grand Line Officer. None wearing hats or collars, none identified by their regalia, and all experiencing the peace of true brotherhood. Yes, we had functional discussions, good discussion about masonry in our state, but more than that, we simply enjoyed each other's presence. We laughed, we dined, with those whom we knew little we got to know better, and with those whom we knew well we deepened our bond. It felt natural, it felt comfortable, it felt the way it should feel when masons dwell together in unity. (CONTINUED on Page 9)

## More Temple Updates

As you may know, it is very expensive caring for a massive building approaching 100 years of existence. But we know that securing the future of our Temple is one of the most important things we can do for future generations of Arkansas Freemasons. The Temple staff and board members of the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation continue to look for ways to update and improve the mechanical systems in our aging building and we are excited about the next step we are taking in this direction. The Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation has now approved and accepted a proposal from Powers Heating and Cooling Specialists for the replacement of our boiler. We originally operated our building with two boilers, one smaller boiler that heated the north end and the big boiler that supplied the rest of the building with steam heat. After experiencing issues with the small boiler, all of the piping was tied into the big boiler which we discovered had enough capacity for the entire Temple. This boiler is nearly 50 years old and quickly becoming

unsafe to operate. By the end of the summer we hope to have a brand new Smith High Efficiency Pressurized Steam Boiler installed and ready for this winter. It is our understanding that this new boiler will greatly decrease our natural gas bill which will in turn, have a positive effect on the Temple's operating budget. While we are excited to continue these improvements, it is not without great expense. We expect the entire installation process to cost approximately \$125,000. But we know that having reliable and efficient mechanical systems not only helps us provide a better atmosphere for the other fraternal organizations that meet here but it also increases our ability to successfully rent our building and offset our expenses. If you would like to help with the replacement of our boiler, you can do so by making a donation to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation. Please remember that all donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!!! If you have any questions, please give the Orient Office a call at 501.375.5587. Thank you for your consideration Brethren! (Submitted by Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°, KCCH)



## Fortitude

*In the 3rd section of our Entered Apprentice degree, we hear of the four cardinal virtues: fortitude, prudence, temperance, and justice. Our Arkansas Monitor says of fortitude: "Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain or peril . . . and should be deeply impressed on the mind of every Mason".*

*As some of you know, travel is one of my passions and recently I had the opportunity to visit the Greek island of Rhodes. Rhodes is a medium sized island, 50 miles long by about 25 miles wide. It sits in the Aegean Sea 225 miles south of the mainland of Greece and about 500 miles north of present day Israel. One of the incredible things about Rhodes is its' Old Town, a medieval walled city built by the Knights Hospitaller of St John in the early part of the 14th century. Why did these Crusaders and Knights build a walled fortress city on this small island? The history is that the Crusaders had taken over Jerusalem in the First Crusade in 1099; thereafter the Knights Hospitaller and Knights Templar became the strongest force in Jerusalem. By 1291, the Knights in Jerusalem were defeated and caused to retreat by Saladin and his army. The Knights Hospitaller moved their headquarters to Rhodes and built an impressive Palace of the Grand Master and a strongly fortified walled city. That city and those buildings exist to this day and is now one of the real highlights of visiting this special place. I marvel when I look at these ancient walls and buildings that have stood the test of time. They stand as a monument to the Knights of St John, but more importantly, they stand today as a monument to fortitude. Imagine the distress of the Knights*

From The Desk Of:

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

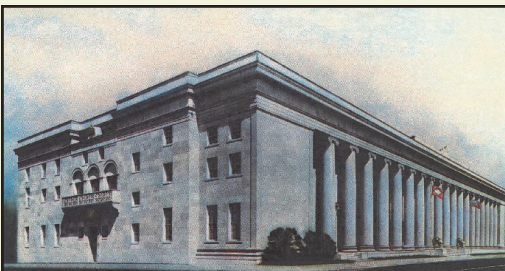


*as they were forced to retreat from Jerusalem. It would have been easy to simply give up and move back to the middle of Europe from whence they came. But they did not. They had the strength of character and endurance, even in the face of despair, to stay the course and to build a huge walled city that still stands more than 700 years later.*

*So, as our Monitor says, every Mason, each one of us, should heed the virtue of fortitude. Which of us does not need determination, steadiness of purpose, or steadfastness when the going gets rough? Albert Pike put it this way in Morals and Dogma: "Every man has a work to do in himself, greater and sublime than works on wood or marble – upon his own soul and intellect, and so gain the highest nobleness and grandeur . . . . The great author or artist only portrays what every man should be. He conceives what every man should do. He conceives and represents beauty, magnanimity, fortitude, love, devotion, forgiveness".*

**PICTURED BELOW: (LEFT) Is the Marine Gate, which is the main entrance to the walled city from the harbor. (RIGHT) Is the Courtyard of the Palace of the Grand Master. Both, beautiful places that have stood the test of time.**





### Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

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

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

Fri-Sat, August 24-25, 2018..... Reunion  
 5:00 P.M..... 1st Day Begins  
 7:00 A.M. .... 2nd Day Begins  
 ..... (See Next Page for Detailed Schedule)

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 ..... Feast of Tishri  
 5:15 P.M..... Advisory Board  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 ...(\$15.00 per person Open to Family & Friends)  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
 5:15 P.M..... Junior Officer Meeting  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Fri-Sat, October 26-27, 2018..... Reunion  
 5:00 P.M. (Tentative) ..... 1st Day Begins  
 7:00 A.M. (Tentative) ..... 2nd Day Begins

Tuesday, November 13, 2018  
 5:15 P.M..... Advisory Board  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
 6:30 P.M..... Christmas Party

### 2018 Officers

#### Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

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

#### 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

## Our Scottish Rite Clubs

One of the most important programs for 2018 in the Valley of Little Rock is the establishment of Scottish Rite Clubs around the Valley. For many years we have had three very active Clubs; in Batesville, Mt. Home and South Arkansas. These Clubs provide a vital link to our members who cannot easily make meetings in Little Rock. Over the years we have these Clubs provide their members with a great Scottish Rite experience PLUS they provide a great place to become more involved in the Scottish Rite. These Clubs have also provided many Master Masons a reason to join the Scottish Rite.

In an effort to build on the success of these three Clubs, the Valley leadership is making a big effort to establish new Clubs. One has already began working in 2018 in Hot Springs. They have had two meetings with great attendance and increase interest in those Counties served in making the Scottish Rite better. Great Work!! We have another group of Scottish Rite Masons working in the Texarkana area to establish a Club there. I know they will be successful.

How about in your area of the Valley? Would you like to see a Scottish Rite Club get started? It only takes about 10 members in a county to get started. These Clubs meet once a quarter, usually for dinner with their wives, have a short program and keep everyone informed about what is happening in the Valley of Little Rock. If you would like to have a club in your area, contact our Executive Secretary, Mitch Hensley, at the Temple (501-375-5587) and he will help you get one started.

This is a great way to experience the Scottish Rite, have some fun and get to know your Brothers better. How about it?... Give Mitch a call. The Time Is Now!

Please see page 10 for the Points of Contact with contact information for each club, as well as a new club in Texarkana. (Submitted by Ill. Dick Browning, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Little Rock)

*Director of Work and Cast Members Discussing the next degree during the Reunion of the Valley of Little Rock*





## SUMMER REUNION SCHEDULE AUGUST 24 & 25, 2018

### AUGUST 24

5:00 - 6:00 PM REGISTRATION AND CANDIDATE RECEPTION  
5:30 - 6:30 PM SUPPER \$8.00 PER PERSON  
(FREE FOR CANDIDATES)  
6:45 PM COMMUNICATE 4TH & 14TH DEGREES  
7:00 OPENING CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX & PRESENTATION OF  
COLORS  
7:15 PM 15TH DEGREE: KNIGHT OF THE EAST OR SWORD  
8:45 PM 16TH DEGREE: PRINCE OF JERUSALEM  
9:45 PM DISMISS

### AUGUST 25

6:30 - 7:30 BREAKFAST  
7:00 AM REGISTRATION  
8:00 AM 17TH DEGREE: KNIGHT OF THE EAST & WEST  
9:15 AM BREAK/GAP TIME  
9:30 AM 18TH DEGREE: DARK CHAMBER KNIGHT ROSE CROIX  
10:45 AM GAP PROGRAM  
11:00 AM 18TH DEGREE: LIGHT CHAMBER  
KNIGHT ROSE CROIX  
12:00 LUNCH & GAP PROGRAM  
1:00 PM CLASS PICTURES  
1:15 PM OPEN ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF KADOSH  
1:30 PM 19TH DEGREE: GRAND PONTIFF  
2:10 PM 20TH DEGREE: MASTER OF THE SYMBOLIC LODGE  
2:45 PM 21ST DEGREE: NOACHITE OR PRUSSIAN KNIGHT  
3:45 PM GAP PROGRAM  
4:10 22ND DEGREE: KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL  
AXE/PRINCE OF LIBANUS  
4:55 PM 23RD DEGREE: CHIEF OF THE TABERNACLE  
5:30 PM 24TH DEGREE: PRINCE OF THE TABERNACLE  
6:00 PM COMMUNICATE THE 30TH AND 32ND DEGREES  
6:25 PM GODDESS OF LIBERTY  
6:45 PM DISMISS & GAP TOUR OF BUILDING

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

**What goes on in the Prop Room, Stays in the Prop Room!!!**



## Scottish Rite Symbolism

Recently, I was asked to write an article on the symbolism used in our degrees for the journal. Having no idea which specific symbol might be a good topic to write about, I sat and examined the seemingly endless multitude of symbols used throughout our degrees. Of course this was to no avail. Finally, feeling the pressure of a deadline for the article, I reached out to a small group of brothers for a suggestion via text. I received a response rather quickly stating, "As Above, So Below". Having been familiar with this Hermetic axiom for quite some time, I accepted the challenge. I admit, initially I thought this would be much easier than what it turned out to be and I will likely not do it the justice it deserves. However, I will attempt to explain it based on my own understanding.



"As Above, So, Below" comes to us from the Hermetic philosophy and you'll find it's use in our 27th degree, Knight of the Sun. The axiom is used to describe a correspondence between all things and teach a universal truth. We find within it many correlations to ourselves and all that surrounds us (i.e. Macrocosm and Microcosm, God and man, spirit and matter, etc.). The list swiftly becomes endless, when you begin to give it some thought. It is nearly impossible to describe such an infinite idea! It alludes to a duality and speaks to a common bond. A bond where we find ourselves composed of something more than mere matter, in a place where seeing means something other than using sight alone, and where a word takes shape in form. As we sit and contemplate all that our senses perceive, we begin to an idea of why the word is ineffable. "In the beginning was the word" and our symbols are only pale reflections of the truths that lie hidden within. We need not focus on any one single symbol more than the word itself. We see it and hear of it throughout our degrees, mentioned time and time again.

As I began to internalize this idea, I found many things. I found that I am thankful for my brothers their diligence in our quest for truth, and their grip when I find myself in darkness searching for light. I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for the guidance that the small group of brothers provided me with at the beginning of this task and to all Scottish Rite Masons who labor for the love of our gentle craft. Let us remember the word in our hearts and our words strengthen the fraternal bond of all mankind, especially the brethren. *(Submitted by David S. Ponder 32° KSA, Valley of Little Rock)*



### Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, July 9, 2018

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

Saturday, August 4, 2018 ..... **Summer Reunion**

7:00 PM..... Breakfast Provided by KSA  
8:00 AM..... Candidate Registration  
8:45 AM..... Opening, Lodge of Perfection  
11:00 AM..... Lunch and Reception  
12:30 PM..... Opening Chapter of Rose Croix  
2:40 PM..... Opening, Council of Kadosh  
4:00 PM..... Opening, Consistory

Monday, August 13, 2018

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

Monday, September 10, 2018..... Feast of Tishri

5:30 PM..... Advisory Council  
6:30 PM..... Dinner; Feast of Tishri  
7:30 PM..... Guest Speaker

Monday, October 8, 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 ..... 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

Hello Brethren,

I would like to commend all the Brethren of Eastern Arkansas for making our Spring Reunion such a success...thank you to all who participated and exemplified the Work. Our event was heightened by the presence of our Grand Master, Bro. Brad Phillips, who lent all of his talents to help Eastern Arkansas make it a special day. Moving forward, the Valley of Jonesboro has an exciting summer planned for the brethren of Eastern Arkansas. At our June Meeting, we celebrated Founders Day and presented our yearly scholarships and various other awards. This was an open meeting that was very well attended with 75 members and visitors enjoying the evening. August will bring our one day Fall Reunion, when all the talent in Eastern Arkansas will be on display as we exemplify the 5 mandatory degrees of Bro. Albert Pike's glorious Scottish Rite...there is still plenty of time to turn in petitions! Brethren, if you plan on attending any of our summer activities, we eat at 06:30 p.m. If you have a large party attending please inform Brother Richard or Brother Charlie, as we try to get an accurate count. Please come if you are able, and help us "Build it Great!". (Bro. Drew Price 32° KCCH; Venerable Master, Valley of Jonesboro)



(Pictured Below): MWGM Brad Phillips, Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas, addresses Candidates and Brethren at the 91st Reunion held on March 2nd & 3rd, 2018.

(Pictured Above): Newest Members, Valley of Jonesboro made at our 91st Reunion in March 2018. Candidates are Left to Right, Robert Rainwater, Asa King, Robert Lewis, James Kemp.





## From the Knights of St Andrew

The Jonesboro Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) held a knighting ceremony for six new Knights on Monday, March 12. The ceremony was held immediately following the Lodge of Perfection stated meeting and was well attended. This brings the total membership of our KSA chapter to fifteen.

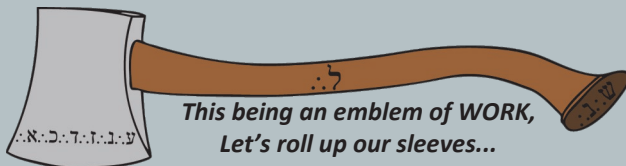
New Knights welcomed were Darren Cloud, James Kemp, Bob Lewis, Francis Lewis, Robert Rainwater, and Cole Younger. Afterwards, each of the new Knights received an engraved name plate, KSA badge for their tartan ribbon, and black plume for their Glengarry.

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service organization, consisting of 32nd degree 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. (Bro Jon Walter 32° KSA, Preceptor)

### MOSES COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN



*Moses Descending From  
the Mountain*



*This being an emblem of WORK,  
Let's roll up our sleeves...*

## In Memoriam

James DE. Lampley 32°  
Chickasawba #134  
1/27/2018

Leo Smith 32°  
Rensselaer Vann #494  
3/4/2018

Donald L Hall 32°  
West Memphis #737  
6/12/2017

Keith Hickman 32°  
Crittenden #607  
9/26/2012

Herman C (Bud) Ridge 32°  
Jonesboro #129  
4/6/2018

Terry J Weller 32°  
Chickasawba #134  
12/29/2016

Vernon B Williams 32°  
Salem #418  
9/20/2017

Hillard R. Duckworth 32°  
Piggott #545  
12/27/2017



(Pictured Left to Right): Front Row. Robert Rainwater, James Kemp, Darran Cloud, Jon Walter (Preceptor) Robert Lewis, Francis Lewis, Cole Younger. Back Row. Ross Rainwater, Randy Gilles, Curtis Pace, Colin Miller, John Stowers, Mike Swindle, Brian Higdon, Barry Rudd.



*K.S.A. Knighting*



### Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 27, 2018  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Saturday, October 6, 2018 ..... Fall Reunion  
 7:00 A.M. .... Breakfast  
 8:00 A.M. .... Degrees Begin  
 12:30 P.M. .... Lunch

KSA Meetings, Washington Lodge #1  
 Saturday, June 30, 2018 ..... 1:00 P.M.  
 4:00 P.M. .... Family BBQ  
 Saturday, September 29, 2018 ..... 1:00 P.M.



### 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°

# The Valley of Fayetteville

Chartered October 22, 1925

Stated Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

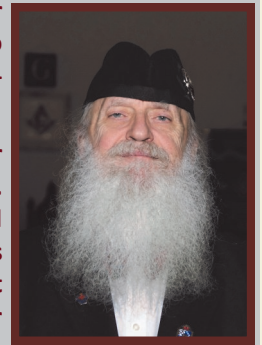
1106 East Masonic Drive, Fayetteville AR 72703

## From the Venerable Master

**Brethren,**

As we head into the summer months, let us consider how we can honor the charge we have heard so often to "do good unto all." How can we achieve the greatest impact for good in our community with our charity budget?

Summer is a time of vacation for most of us, but for many in our community it is a time of increased stress. Schools are out. Food and childcare costs are increased for working families with young children. In other homes the veteran, the aged, and the infirm are unable to get out and enjoy the simple liberties you and I take for granted. Last year we took a number of people to an NWA Naturals ballgame. We also gave additional funds to our Almoner for him to apply to good work.



It is also time to begin early preparations for our fall Reunion on Oct. 6th. Degree directors will be reviewing their rosters and confirming availability with cast members. We should also be striving to develop understudies for key roles, something we have not had in recent years. Every brother who is raised in our part of the state should be made aware of our Scottish Rite Valley and our fall reunion. *(Submitted by Jim Swank, 32°, KSA, Venerable Master, Valley of Fayetteville)*

## From the Wise Master

**Greetings Brethren,**

*"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise (1 Cor. 3: 18, KJV)."*

Brethren remember we should take time each day to make ourselves better than we were when we arose from our rest. No matter how much experience we have or how many books we have read, do not fall into a rut of thinking we have all the answers. This especially applies to our discussions with our brothers in our lodges and temples. We can all learn something from each other with kind, respectful discussions.



As it is so eloquently said in the 18th Degree, "Your duty is not to be better than your Brethren, but better than yourselves!!!" *(Submitted by Joe Harris, 32°, KSA, Wise Master, Valley of Fayetteville)*

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## Reunion (noun)

*:An act of getting people together again after they have been apart.....*

*:An organized gathering of people who have not been together for a long time.....*

As we wrap up our Spring reunions across the state. Let us remember what our reunions are ultimately for. Yes, they are used to welcome in new members to our beloved Rite. Also, for all of us to be together in Brotherly Love and Friendship.

Each Reunion serves us a very fortunate opportunity to come together in peace, love and harmony. Some brothers across the state may not be able to make our stated communications as frequently as they would like. But, the Reunion serves as the event that will have them in attendance. It affords all of us the chance to strengthen the bond of Brotherly Love between each and every one of us.

As the coming months bring us closer to another Reunion, let us endeavor to reach out to the Brothers that we have not seen in a long time. I know each of us knows at least one brother that we haven't seen in quite some time. Let us each reach out and let them know that we are still around and truly desire their presence. That is what our Fraternity offers us. The opportunity to bond ourselves for life with likeminded brethren from all walks of life. We should so take advantage of these opportunities.

May each and every one of us endeavor to strengthen our ties of Brotherly Love with all mankind, especially our Brethren.

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As the conference culminated I had the blessing of sharing a private moment with my Valley's newly appointed Fellow and we talked affectionately about our roles as servants to the craft. We romanticized the history of Freemasonry and helped each other realize the great burden of our roles and the futility of our own personal glory.

Masonry has endured for over 3000 years and we are but blips in time. Our names will one day be forgotten, but the lessons we pass to the next generation will not. It is the great responsibility of all masons to take what was given to us and to pay it forward without hope of fee or reward. We do that not by obtaining, but by serving, by trusting, by loving one another. We do that by being nameless examples and unwavering foundations for our brethren.

When we parted, we parted upon the five points. What we brought home was so much more than bullet points. We brought home hope and unity. It is my hope that we spread this unity among our brothers and they to other brothers, and on, and on, and on... (Submitted by Bro. Keith Peterson, KCCH Valley of Fayetteville)

## Comments from Newly made Scottish Rite Masons

---Brother Rob Crist 32°

All of the degrees were edifying with very good participation by the brothers to put on degrees. I liked the audio visual tutorials that accompanied the skits and kept it going.



The 14/18 ring ceremony was very nice.

Splitting up into 2 sessions several months apart is definitely the way to do it.

The early degrees identifying the esoteric were interesting, though we know Pike to cast about, across a broad spectrum. I see it as his attempt to expose the initiate to different, good thought processes. It helps if we consider the time in which he did so...no internet, etc....a learned man was something one had to work at.

The final degree was my favorite, combined with the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. I really enjoyed that ceremony! These clearly articulated what it is we believe. It was after seeing these that I told my wife the Scottish Rite aligns perfectly with my views on society and our place in it.

---Brother Rocky Dunlap 32°

It was a really good experience. I am still reading over all of the books. But at this point, it was very well done!



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## Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.:W.: Bradley R. Phillips, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



Fraternal Greetings,

Brethren, you as members of this great fraternity have spent money every year to send the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary to both the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Southeastern Masonic Conference. These conferences are not vacations for the Grand Officers! They are an opportunity to attend different workshops and seminars, learn new ideas and suggestions for positive growth, then bring back that information and share it with the lodges in their Grand Jurisdictions. This summer, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas is going to do just that! In cooperation with the Arkansas Scottish Rite, your Grand Lodge Officers are going to be hosting a one day Mid-Year Conference at the Albert Pike Temple in Little Rock on July 21st. Official notices should be mailed to your lodge Secretaries containing all the details. This conference is going to be open to ALL master masons! There will be several presentations made on various masonic subjects throughout the

day. Lunch will be available for all those in attendance. We will close by 3:30pm so that everyone can get back home before dark. Please make plans to attend this conference so as to encourage future ones.

This fraternity is what you make it, so we must strive to make it the best and successful fraternity we can. I would like to thank the Arkansas Scottish Rite for the support of this endeavor. When Arkansas masonic bodies work together as one cohesive group, there is no limit to what can be achieved.

Brethren, positive attitudes and encouragement yield positive results. We are building our Fraternity in a positive way that I am sure, will stand strong for future generations.



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



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**Petition For Affiliation**

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