

# VOICE of the ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE,  
Orient of Arkansas

February, 2019

## Arkansas Double Eagle

### *Albert Pike Memorial Temple Preservation Program*

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Albert Pike Memorial Temple has served and continues to serve as the headquarters for the Masonic fraternity in Arkansas. The brainchild of Illustrious Brother Charles E. Rosenbaum, our beautiful Temple stands as a beacon of celebration for the Craft that has now stood for 95 years! Designed by architects George Mann and Eugene Stern, it was dedicated on May 12, 1924. Mann was considered the "dean of Arkansas architects" having designed several important Arkansas buildings, including the Arkansas State Capitol and the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. The building is a monumental three-story structure in the Neo-Classic Revival style, lined on its front facade are nineteen Greek Ionic columns that have stood the test of time, just as our fraternity has.

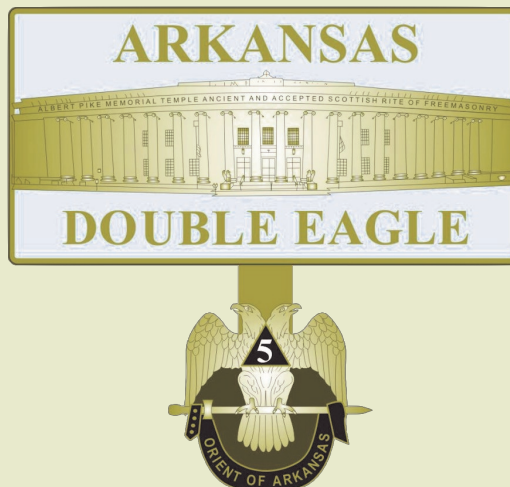
Many of our members will remember times, even recent times, when the future of our magnificent Temple was not so certain or secure. As we approach the Centennial Celebration of this great Masonic edifice we should also remember the admonishments from our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Brother James Graham, 33°, PGM. Brother Graham told us that we were at a crossroads and it was time to dedicate ourselves to securing the future of the Albert Pike Memorial Temple for a Second Century. Brethren, we have been able to keep the Temple open and if you frequent the Temple much at all, you will notice mechanical and cosmetic improvements that are being completed for the first time in decades. The leadership of the Scottish Rite believes that this labor is worth it and we do not want the progress to stop.

So in the spirit of commitment for the future and to support our Temple going into its 100th anniversary, the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Arkansas would like to introduce a recognition program for our brethren and their families that make financial contributions to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation for the purpose of Temple Preservation! For those of you that are familiar

with the Enchanted Lantern Program of the Grottoes of North America and the Endow the Future Program of our Grand Lodge, this new program, the Arkansas Double Eagle, will be very similar with a few differences. For a \$50 contribution to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation, a Brother or their family will receive an Arkansas Double Eagle lapel pin pictured in this article. There is no limit to the number of contributions that can be made and each contribution will be tracked by the Orient Office and recognized by interchangeable fobs

in increments of 5. All of the funds collected through this program will stay here in Arkansas and go towards the preservation of our Temple. Also, as an added benefit to our donors, any contribution made through this program is tax-deductible.

Through the combined efforts of each of us, much can be accomplished, and we will be successful if we each do our part. We thank you for your consideration and for your convenience, there is an Arkansas Double Eagle form on the last page of this newsletter. Please contact the Orient Office at 501.375.5587 or [mitchellhensley@att.net](mailto:mitchellhensley@att.net) if you have any questions. *(Submitted by Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°, KCCH, Executive Secretary)*



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### 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°**

Sovereign Grand Commander

**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  
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Personal Representative Emeritus for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**Mitch Hensley, 32° 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

## Words to Live By (Author Unknown)

**1]. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" to pull out when in trouble, but a "steering wheel" to guide our journey.**

**2]. So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. Look Ahead and Move on.**

**3]. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes years to write, a few minutes to burn.**

**4]. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, it will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, it can't last long either.**

**5]. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you need a Base of Gold!**

**6]. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"**

**7]. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.**

**8]. A blind person asked: "Can there be anything worse than losing your sight?" The reply: "Yes, losing your vision!"**

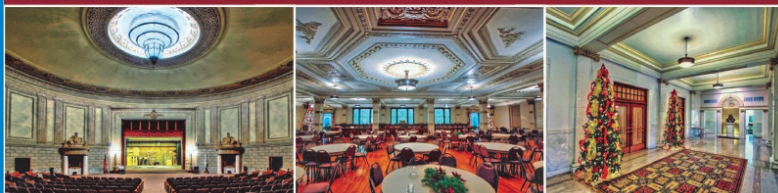
**9]. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.**

**10]. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.**

**Leave the rest to God.**

Have you downloaded the Orient of Arkansas mobile phone app, or are you on Facebook or Instagram? If so, be watching for regular installments of Arkansas Scottish Rite Trivia! Periodically, the Orient Office will post multiple choice trivia questions pertaining to the Scottish Rite in Arkansas. Check-in on those three media platforms from time to time and test your knowledge of our Rite!

### THE ALBERT PIKE MASONIC CENTER



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Albert Pike Masonic Center is truly an Arkansas treasure. With seating for 774 in the auditorium, 450 in the banquet hall, and several other unique spaces, the Center is perfect for weddings and receptions.

712 Scott Street • Little Rock, AR 72201 • [facebook.com/albertpikemasoniccenter](https://facebook.com/albertpikemasoniccenter)





## Dwell in Unity!

I think that our recent Grand Lodge annual communication was the most harmonious session I've ever attended. On reflecting on it, it made me think of the passage from Psalm 133 that is in our Entered Apprentice degree:

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

*It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

The session reminded me of the important truth in this psalm. It is good and pleasant when we work together. But "good and pleasant" may be an understatement. King David, the author of the psalm compares the united Jewish people to "precious ointment". This precious ointment refers to the anointing oil that was used in the consecration and ordination of the High Priest. It was indeed precious ointment, composed of olive oil that was infused with myrrh, cinnamon, cassia, and perhaps other fragrant herbs. It was expensive to make this anointing oil and thus was reserved for ordination of priests and consecration of articles in the Tabernacle and temples in Jerusalem. In the Psalm, David tells us that this kind of brotherhood is so good, that it is like this precious, expensive ointment; but not just a tiny amount of this ointment, but so much that it would run down from the head on to the beard and even onto the bottom of the garment.

The "dew of Hermon" refers to water on Mount Hermon. Mount Hermon (pictured below) is a 9200 foot elevation

From The Desk Of:

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



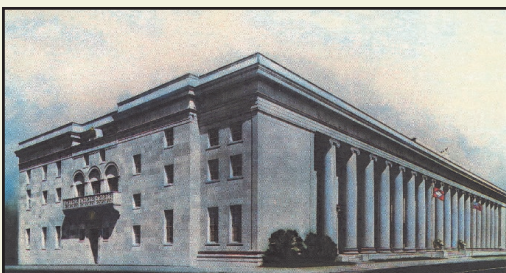
snowcapped peak that sits at the border of present day Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. The word "Hermon" means "sacred", so the mountain has been considered important for ages. The reference in the psalm to dew speaks to the important function of mountains in providing water to the valleys below the peaks. As the snow melts in the spring and runs down the mountains, the valleys below get life giving water. Again, King David compares the concept of true brotherhood, of brotherly love, to the life-giving water that flows down the mountains of Zion. A powerful analogy for us as Masons.

Because we are flawed human beings, we will always have our disagreements. But as Masons, we are taught to find a way to work through whatever disagreements we have in a spirit of brotherly love, toleration, and union. It isn't always easy, that's for sure!! But when we do so, as happened at our annual communication, it is indeed good and pleasant. In another part of our ritual, it is said differently; in the description of the trowel in the Master Mason degree, we are called a sacred band of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist except that of who best can work and best agree. When we do our work and do it agreeably with one another, we are only then worthy of the title Master Mason.



### Jurisdiction of Supreme Council

*The Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council includes all the territory over which the United States of America exercises domain of powers of government, except the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned by the Supreme Council to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council also includes those countries where it has established, or may hereafter establish, Bodies of the Rite, and over which countries no regular Supreme Council has acquired jurisdiction.*



### Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Board

6:15 P.M..... Remembrance & Renewal

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

..... (\$15.00 Per Person RSVP by April 4th)

Fri-Sat, April 26-27, 2019 ..... Spring Reunion

5:00 P.M..... 1st Day Begins

7:00 A.M. .... 2nd Day Begins

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5:15 P.M..... Advisory Board

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

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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

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



### 2019 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

Valley Secretary ..... Ill Paul Wilson, 33°

Almoner ..... Tom Liles, KCCH

#### Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... James Morehead, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden ..... Ill Troy Cole, 33°

Junior Warden ..... Billy Britt, 32° KSA

#### 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 ..... Ill Angelo Coppola, 33°

Prior ..... Robert Kemp, 32° KCCH

Preceptor ..... Max Easter, 32° KCCH

# The Valley of Little Rock

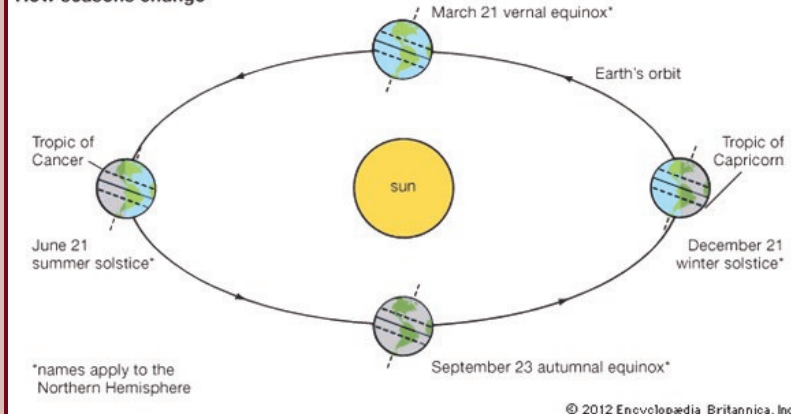
Chartered October 19, 1892

Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month

712 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72203

## The Winter Solstice

### How seasons change



The winter solstice is one of the most celebrated astronomical events in the world. This solar event takes place on or around the 21st of December where the sun is said to enter the tomb for a period of 3 days and is reborn on December 25th. In numerous cultures and religions it is celebrated as a form of recognition of resurrection, rebirth, immortality, etc. This resurrection of the sun marks the beginning of the lengthening of days and the shortening of night in the Northern Hemisphere.

The winter solstice is the result of the axial tilt of the earth and the earth's orbit around the sun. Because the earth is tilted at 23.5 degree, we experience seasonal changes due to the length of exposure to the sun. Those who live north of the Tropic of Cancer will always see the sun in the south and those who live south of the Tropic of Capricorn will always see the sun in the north. These imaginary Tropic lines represent the farthest the sun will appear to travel north or south in a given year. This movement of the sun changes and controls the length of daylight in both hemispheres.

Cultures throughout the world have tracked the movement of the celestial bodies for the purpose of growing crops, predicting seasonal changes, mating animals, etc. and generally had some sort of ritual that followed along with these seasonal patterns. Since time immemorial, mankind has found it necessary to trace the solar patterns. due to our dependence on them for growth and birth. The sun is the one thing we must rely on.

You'll even find the sun in our rituals within the Blue Lodge, with St. John the Baptist marking the summer solstice and St. John the Evangelist marking the winter solstice. The ruffians have been associated with the zodiacal signs of Libra (the state), Scorpio (the church) and Sagittarius (the mob) and Chiram the Sun. Those zodiac signs precede the winter solstice and are said to chase the Sun to it's death from October 21st to December 20th. As you can see, there is some very rich symbolism throughout our degrees and the winter solstice is ever present and celebrated among Masons all over the world. (Submitted by David S. Ponder, 32° KSA, Valley of Little Rock



## A Century of Good Work

On March 23, 1919, Bro. Frank S. Land, 32° K.C.C.H., Commander of the DeMolay Council of Kadosh, was the presiding advisor at the first meeting of a group that would later become DeMolay International. He had told them the story of Jaques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and the young men were inspired to use his story as the foundation of this new organization.



They met in the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City, MO, and Bro. Land discussed what this new group would be about. It would be about helping young men be better citizens of our community, and the membership would be the ones running the group while he would be an advisor for them.

In 1925, Bro. Land was coronated a 33° and was awarded the Grand Cross of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite 33° in 1955. Bro. Land has many other awards to his name due to the work he did with the youth of his community.

DeMolay was founded because a brother, Sam Freet, asked if he could find a job for the son of a deceased Fellowcraft, Elmer E. Lower. Because Bro. Land was impressed by the interview of this young man, he wanted to help him and his friends become better contributors to the community.

As DeMolay International continues to celebrate their centennial of existence, the Scottish Rite should also celebrate. For if it was not for one of our members, we would not have one of the greatest youth organizations that assist young men to be better leaders of our community and nation. (Submitted by Shaun Jennings, 32° KSA, Valley of Little Rock



KSA Members Lucas Minton, Jeffrey Squires, Chad Hogue, David Ponder, don Camp Guard uniforms for a picture before the 32nd degree at the October 2018 Reunion



A view of the descending chandelier and a peek at the winch room above

KSA Members Tim Mistic and Toby Crow working with Jack Fitzugh of Young Electric performing much needed maintenance.



64, 100 watt bulbs and 1, 1000 watt bulb all glowing warmly gives our beautiful auditorium MORE Light



### Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, March 11, 2019

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

Monday, April 8, 2019

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

Friday, April 19, 2019 .....

.....Combined Maundy/Easter Service  
6:00 PM.....Extinguish the Lights  
.....Dinner, followed by relighting the Lights.

Monday, May 13, 2019

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

Monday, June 10, 2019 ..... Anniversary Banquet

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

### **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.....Brad Phillips, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden .....Kyle Rowe, 32°  
Junior Warden .....Colin Miller, 32° KSA

#### **Jonesboro Chapter of Rose Croix**

Wise Master ..... Ill. Rufus Ray, 33°  
Senior Warden ..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°  
Junior Warden ..... John Warnock, 32° KCCH

#### **Jonesboro Council of Kadosh**

Commander..... Gary Miley, 32° KCCH  
1st Lt. Commander..... Dean Lamberth, 32°  
2nd Lt. Commander..... Ill. Johnny Savage, 33°

#### **Jonesboro Consistory**

Master of Kadosh ..... John Shipley, 32° KCCH  
Prior..... Joseph Kirby, 32° 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*

Brethren,

My name is Bradley R. Phillips and I am honored to serve as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Jonesboro. The Scottish Rite is unique from the local blue lodge in that it gives its members the opportunity to meet and work with others on a regional level. The Scottish Rite expounds on the lesson of "who best can work and best agree" from the local lodge by introducing members, especially new master Mason's, into a larger world within the fraternity and exposes them to new perspectives and ideas which can then be taken back to the local lodge. Accomplishing this while introducing new lessons through the beautiful system of degrees is no easy task. However, the officers, members, degree masters, and cast members make it look easy. I am truly honored and humbled to have been placed in this office and I look forward to seeing you within the valley of Jonesboro. (Bradley R. Phillips, 32° KCCH; PGM, Venerable Master, Valley of Jonesboro)

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## *From The Secretary's Desk*

Greetings Brethren! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. On Sep 10th, 2018, I was appointed by Ill. C. James Graham, 33°, SGIG as the new secretary of the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies and was officially installed at the October stated meeting. Although not a job I would have ever necessarily wanted or envisioned for myself, I do appreciate the leadership of the Valley and Orient for having the confidence in me to fill some pretty big shoes. I would like to thank Bro. Charlie Finlay, who was serving as acting secretary, and Bro. Mitch Hensley and Ms Beverly Huneycutt, in the Orient Office, for all getting me quickly up to speed and continuing to answer questions.

I have made a few changes in the office, of which I would like to make you aware. First, I will be performing my duties mainly from my home office and will only be in the Jonesboro Scottish Rite office when necessary. Of course, I will be at all stated meetings and reunions. This has worked well for me the past six months and has not presented any problems. Second, because I am not in the Jonesboro office, I have disconnected the phone lines there. The new phone number for the Jonesboro Valley is 501-463-6696, which will forward immediately to my mobile phone. If I am unavailable, please leave a voicemail and I will return it as soon as possible. Third, I have changed the official email address for the secretary to [secretary@jonesboroscottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@jonesboroscottishrite.org). Please delete the old suddenlinkmail.com address and add this new one to your contacts.

I have started sending out reminders and small newsletters via email over the past few months. If you have not been receiving them, and you would like to, please send me your email address and I will add you to the mailing list. We currently have over 300 active members in our valley, but I only have 134 email addresses. I would love to increase this number - it is much easier and obviously cheaper to communicate via email. I also will be setting up a Valley Website in the next few months and will let you know when it is ready for primetime. There is already a temporary landing page there at <http://jonesboroscottishrite.org>.

I look forward to seeing you in the future, and if there is anything I can do to help you, please contact me. (Jon Walter, 32° KSA; Secretary, Valley of Jonesboro)



## Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program

The Master Craftsman program is a series of quizzes and essays based on the rituals of the Scottish Rite and is an interesting, by-mail correspondence course. It is divided into three main courses designed to be taken in the following order:

Course 1 - The Symbolic Lodge, consists of 7 Quizzes

Course 2 - Scottish Rite History & Ritual, consists of 6 Quizzes

Course 3 - Scottish Rite Philosophy, consists of 33 quizzes grouped into 10 sections

For all Scottish Rite Members, young and old, it will familiarize you and increase your understanding of all the degrees. There is no "pass" or "fail" grade for the quizzes. The individuals who grade your work at The Supreme Council only point you to the correct answer to help you understand the topic question and to increase your understanding. They also offer you encouraging remarks and comments which I really appreciated. As you complete each quiz, you mail it to the Supreme Council for grading and it is returned with an answer sheet. At the end of Course 1 and Course 2 you receive a Certificate and a Pin.

As you can readily see, Course 3 is a great deal more involved as it covers all 32 Degrees in depth. It returns to the ritual by looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and applying that to your everyday life. I am currently working on this course and am enjoying the challenges in each degree. At the end of this course you will be rewarded with a medal or pins to denote multiple completions.

I am really enjoying the course and the better understanding of the degrees, and I challenge every Scottish Rite Mason to complete the three courses and improve yourselves in Masonry. (Submitted by: Charles Finlay, 32° KCCH, Valley of Jonesboro)

## Scottish Rite Workshops and Fellows Conference

As one of three 2018 Fellows from the state of Arkansas, I had the honor of attending one of the Scottish Rite workshops in Atlanta in April and the Sovereign Grand Commander's Fellows Conference in Washington DC in August. The workshops are a great opportunity to meet and network with other brethren from across the country, exchange ideas on success stories, learn what tools are available to make our valleys stronger, and leave with the motivation to bring the applicable ideas back home with the goal of improving the Masonic experience for all our members.

The workshops, held every two years in various locations, are open to any Scottish Rite member. I strongly suggest you attend one in the future. Some of the topics discussed this year were enhancing skills for current/emerging leaders, generation gap differences, availability of online tools, fundraising ideas, member engagement, community outreach, and the VMAP program. One of the parts I enjoyed the best was the breakout sessions with valleys of the same membership size. In these, you will meet brethren from many other states who have the same issues you have, and brainstorm ideas on what works and what does not.

Visiting the House of the Temple for the Fellows Conference was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life. It began with a dinner on Friday for fellows and their wives, continued Saturday with a culmination of sessions similar to the workshops and ended with an overwhelming closing ceremony that Grand Commander Seale led us through in the Executive Chamber and Temple Room that literally left me in tears. It was inspiring being surrounded by like-minded brethren from around the nation who are "on fire" for making Scottish Rite a better experience. I want to thank the leadership of my Valley and Ill. Bro. C. James Graham for allowing me to attend. (Submitted by: Jon Walter, 32° KSA; Secretary, Valley of Jonesboro)

## In Memoriam

Dempsey Hodge 32°  
Aurora #423  
12/13/2002

Leslie T. Tolley 32°  
Chickasawba #134  
9/1/2015

Davey T. Winberry Sr 32°  
Eastern Star #207  
9/11/2016

Harry C. Niewald 32°  
Eastern Star #207  
2/17/2018

Frank J. Augustini 32°  
Jonesboro #129  
5/3/2018

Benjamin F. Kelley  
Adelphi #355, MO  
6/9/2018

Charles C. Hall 32°  
Smithville #29  
9/17/2018

Harrell G. Mays 32°  
Jonesboro #129  
10/2/2018

Harold G. Cottrell 32°  
Chickasawba #134  
10/24/2018

David E. Rowland 32°  
Euclid #130  
10/24/2018

Danny L. Smith 32° KCCH  
Forrest City #198  
11/30/2018

Otto R. Kirkpatrick 32°  
Forrest City #198  
12/4/2018

Roy E. Oden, 32°  
Jonesboro #129  
2/6/2019





### Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

KSA Meeting, Washington Lodge #1  
Saturday, March 2, 2019 ..... 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Saturday, April 13, 2019 ..... Spring Reunion  
7:00 A.M. .... Registration & Breakfast  
8:00 A.M. .... Degrees Begin

Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
Education ..... 4th Degree - Secret Master

Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
Education ..... 5th Degree - Perfect Master

Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
Education ..... 6th Degree - Intimate Secretary

Van Buren Scottish Rite Club  
Meets 1st Wednesday every month at 6:30 P.M.  
At Van Buren Lodge #6; 18 Fayetteville Rd, Van  
Buren, AR 72956

### 2019 Officers

#### Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master... Clint Chastain, 32° KSA  
Senior Warden.. Andrew Morrison, 32° KSA  
Junior Warden ..... Michael Lewis, 32° KSA

#### Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... Robert Baugh, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden..... Lynn Freeman, 32° KSA  
Junior Warden ..... Leroy Kerst, 32° KSA

#### Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... R. Barry Glenn, 32° KSA  
1st Lt. Cmdr ..... J. L. Freeman, 32° KSA  
2nd Lt. Cmdr ..... Carl Xaysanasy, 32°

#### Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... Alvin Lievsay, 32°  
Prior..... George Riggs, 32° KSA  
Preceptor..... Wes Stephens, 32° KCCH

# The Valley of Fayetteville

Chartered October 22, 1925

Stated Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

1106 East Masonic Drive, Fayetteville AR 72703

## Van Buren Scottish Rite Club News

*On October 3rd of 2018, the first meeting of the newly established Van Buren Scottish Rite club was held at Van Buren Lodge #6. It had taken a lot of work to get to this point. A lot of coordinating and spreading the word to garner interest in the Club was met with favorable opinions. The Brethren of the River Valley were very excited to have the Scottish Rite back near their home towns and are enthusiastic about staying involved.*

*The purpose was for precisely that. Getting everyone in the Valley, wherever dispersed, engaged in the Scottish Rite. Teddy Holmes, 32° KCCH, was leading the charge and getting everyone interested in attending a monthly gathering of Scottish Rite members. And it has proved fruitful! More Brethren are becoming engaged and keeping the Rite alive all across the state.*

*Their charity work is an outstanding endeavor. Working closely with the STEP Program located in Sebastian and Crawford counties, they provide children with things others may take for granted. These are children in need and find themselves in very difficult situations. The STEP Program assists these children in giving them necessities that they need. Clothes, back packs, school supplies, and toys for holidays. These things to a child will stand the test of time and make all the difference in the world.*



*So, please come join in the fellowship at the Van Buren Scottish Rite Club on the first Wednesday of every month at Van Buren Lodge #6!! See all the good work that is going on at the club. All Master Masons are invited and encouraged to attend.*

*(Left: Teddy Holmes, 32° KCCH and Sumner Brashears, 33°)*

*(Below: The attendees at the Van Buren Scottish Rite Club meeting)*





## Charitable Work

During the course of a given Masonic year, there are many ways to exercise your initial lesson of Charity. For instance, last year we developed our charitable giving in many ways. One way was to develop of Baseball game giveaway into 2 games. One in which the Brethren bought tickets for a "Masonic" night out at the ballpark with family and friends. In purchasing these tickets, it provided us a way to purchase the second game's tickets to be donated to children and families in need who might not be able to take their family out to the ballgame. So that they might be able to have a night out at the ballpark paid for by the Scottish Rite. Never have so many "thanks" been offered and so well received.



The STEP Program has taken off with much success. Due to the hard work and dedication of its workers. Jennifer Horton has diligently worked to get this project off the ground and see it succeed. Only through her hard work and dedication has it been so successful. The Scottish Rite is so thankful to be associated with such a wonderful person and Program. (Pictured below: William J. Hartsfield 32° KCCH and Mrs. Jennifer Horton)



The "Masons Care" bears (or Jer-Bears as they are nicknamed) have done miraculous things for those in need. These bears have been purchased by our local lodges and the Valley to be distributed to local fire departments, police stations, judicial courts, first responders, or anywhere needed. The idea was spawned in Springdale #316 over the past years and has taken off from there. These are such a great way to truly show that we do care for our communities, families, neighbors, and all the people in distress. Just to offer a modest token of comfort is one the best things to do when a person is down. (Picture below courtesy of Springdale Lodge #316)



*Charity is obviously synonymous with giving or lending a helping hand to those in need. In giving monetary means to help someone is truly a blessing. But, to go back to its archaic meaning, it represents a "love of humankind". Whether giving monetarily, lending a helping hand, or saying kind words to one another, we are expressing the most important tenet of Freemasonry. It is that "love of humankind" which we are taught to use through our actions of Charity.*



Fraternal Greetings,

My Scottish Rite brethren; we had a productive and exciting Grand Lodge Session. Everyone acted with Brotherly Love and Honorable Decorum. We had many complicated issues to work through and everyone presented themselves as gentlemen, throughout the process. I received so many earnest offers of support from so many my heart is filled. This experience has been impressed on my memory and will last forever.

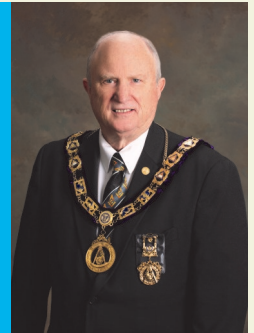
The youth of our state are so very important to our future. My Participation in the Eagle Scout presentations (*pictured below*) hosted by the Scottish Rite will be another land-mark event in my year. To see so many young men giving back to their communities to achieve this honor raises my hope for our future. Congratulation to all our new Eagle Scouts. The Grand Lodge of Arkansas wish you well in your future endeavors.



## Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.:W.:J. D. Sexton, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



As your Grand Master and as an Officer in the Scottish Rite bodies I take pride in the close bond that is prevalent between us. How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. I am looking forward to our first Scottish Rite Reunion coming up in April.

To all the Masons across the State of Arkansas, thank you for your understanding and support. Though we have made much progress this year, there is still much work to do. Always remember, "Together We Can Accomplish Much".



Fraternally,

M.:W.: Jesse D. Sexton  
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas



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