



# VOICE of the ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE,  
Orient of Arkansas

September, 2019

## The Gem of the Southern Jurisdiction

*As you may or may not know, the Scottish Rite in Arkansas has a profoundly rich history that has helped to shape the fraternity not only in our state, but around the world as well. While there are numerous firsts in the Scottish Rite that Arkansas can claim, let us take a moment to recall one special piece of our history, "The Gem of the Southern Jurisdiction", The Albert Pike Consistory.*

*On September 18, 1902 the Albert Pike Consistory was dedicated. This great Masonic edifice would prove to be the first building in the world to be built exclusively for the purpose of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This dedication was such a monumental occasion that even the President of the United States, Brother Theodore Roosevelt, was in attendance. Even the newly elected Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Richardson, the*

*man that would go on to oversee the planning and construction of The House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., dubbed the new Temple in Little Rock, "The Gem of the Southern Jurisdiction." Only one can assume this is why Brother Rosenbaum would eventually chair the building committee charged with*



*erecting our headquarters in Washington just a little over a decade later.*

*After quickly outgrowing the renovated Synagogue on 3rd and Center Streets, Brother Charles E. Rosenbaum, S.G.I.G. in Arkansas, made arrangements to purchase the corner lot at 8th and Scott Streets. At this time, the Scottish Rite in Arkansas was growing at an impressive rate with Reunion classes numbering in the hundreds. Under Brother Rosenbaum's direction, plans were made to erect a Temple on this newly purchased lot that would serve as the headquarters for Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the state. In this new Temple, the stage that was constructed was much larger than the stage in the remodeled Synagogue. The scenic equipment was custom made and much more elaborate than anything the fraternity had ever seen before. In fact, the stage design of this Temple would serve as a model for future Scottish Rite stages across the country. The building was a substantial structure and a unique fixture in the city of Little Rock.*

*Most of us are very familiar with how the story progresses from there, the Albert Pike Consistory would not be the only Scottish Rite Temple erected on the corner of 8th and Scott. Even though it would be expanded on two different occasions, it does not take away from the significance of this truly historic Temple. It was the pride of the Southern Jurisdiction that proved the Scottish Rite was a great force, made up of men with serious convictions and with the dedication to spread the Light of Scottish Rite Freemasonry to the world. (Submitted by Mitchell L. Hensley, 32°, KCCH, Executive Secretary)*

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Arkansas Double Eagle Lapel Pin



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## The Death of Someone Else

Our Valley was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing will leave a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Brother Else has been with us for so many years and for all of those years, Someone did far more than the usual member's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a reunion to attend, or ritual to learn, one name was always on everyone's list: Someone Else.

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful Brother was looked to for both inspiration and results; Someone Else can work with that group or committee. Someone Else was such a great ritualist; he could learn the work and do it so impressively. He was always happy to help in the kitchen and dining room during our reunions. When there was work that needed to be done on our building, Brother Else was always the first to arrive and the last to leave. It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in our Scottish Rite fraternity. When there was a financial need, everyone always assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

From The Desk Of:

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



Someone Else was a wonderful Mason, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everyone has expected too much of Someone Else. And now, Someone Else is gone!

What will we do? Someone Else has left a wonderful example to follow, but who will follow it? Who is going to do all the things that Someone Else has been doing?

When asked to help this year, when asked to attend the next reunion, when asked to join our committee, when asked to help restore our beautiful temple, just remember – we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

If you want to fill the shoes of Someone Else, a good place to start is with your Valley's next reunion. I hope to see you there!

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!



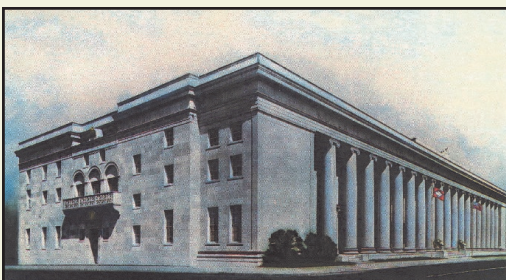
### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to our very own, Ill. Larry D. Berry, 33°, Grand Cross on achieving the highest honor of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A! Only the sixth Arkansan in the history of the Scottish Rite to receive this honor!

### 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

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

.....Open house for prospective Candidates

6:00 P.M.....Light Refreshments

8:00 P.M..... Conclusion

Fri-Sat, October 25-26, 2019..... Fall Reunion

6:00 P.M.....1st Day Begins

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M. ....Christmas Party

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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

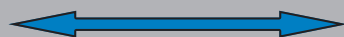
6:15 P.M..... Dinner

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

Saturday, November 9, 2019 ..... KSA Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2020..... KSA Meeting

10:00 A.M. .... Meeting Begins



### 2019 Officers

#### Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master ..... Gary Henningsen, 33°

Senior Warden ..... J. D. Sexton, 33°

Junior Warden.....Jeffrey Squires, 32° KCCH

Valley Treasurer.....John Strange, 33°

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

Almoner ..... Tom Liles, 33°

#### Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master.....James Morehead, 33°

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, KCCH

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

## New Membership Program

**&  
SPECIAL LUNCHEON HONORING JOE CLEMENTS, 33°**

The Valley of Little Rock has a new membership program for the next three Reunions. We will allow any Master Mason to join the Scottish Rite FREE!!! If they agree to have their dues (\$120 annually) drafted from their bank account for the next three years. That would be a draft of only \$10 a month! They will receive a dues card for the year they come in and their draft will start the month after they receive the degrees. This is a great deal!! Our fee to join is currently \$200 so they save that NOW. All they have to do is complete the petition and the "Draft my Dues" form and send it in. Simple—Easy—Affordable.

**What do you need to do? SPREAD THE WORD**

**But wait...There's more!!**

During this period (September 2019 thru October 2020) if YOU top line three petitions the Valley will present you this beautiful Scottish Rite windbreaker with your name embroidered on it. To qualify these petitions can be for the degrees or for reinstatement.



This month our SGIG will be sending letters to all those Brothers who were raised a Master Mason in 2017 and 2018 a letter asking them to join. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to personally contact them and ask them to join too.

Let's see how many can earn their jacket by the October 25-26 Reunion. Remember this reunion is very special as we are honoring a Scottish Rite Mason who has given so much to our Valley and our fraternity statewide, Illustrious Joe Clements, 33°.

**\*\* Sign a petition today!!!! \*\***



## Summer Solstice Ancient Traditions

*Being we have just left summer and passed through the Autumnal Equinox we will notice our days get progressively shorter. At this time it seems only appropriate that we reflect on the difference of ancient traditions seen with the joyous greeting of the summer and the melancholy reception of autumn as the days get shorter and the nights longer.*

*Ancient Ideas and Observations Surrounding the Summer Solstice* - In ancient Greece, the summer solstice marked the start of a new year and the month-long countdown to the Olympics. The Greeks also observed the festival of Kronia, during which they worshipped Cronus, the god of agriculture.

*In ancient Egypt, the summer solstice represented the coming of the brightest star, Sirius. Not long after, the Nile would begin to flood its banks, marking a season of abundance from the land. The Egyptians believed Sirius was responsible for the floods and considered it the start of a new year.*

*The ancient Romans celebrated the festival of Vestalia, in honor of the goddess of the hearth. Married women brought offerings to the temple of Vesta, hoping the goddess would bestow blessings upon their families. Vesta was the protector of married women and virginity, and was exclusively a goddess for women.*

*Ancient Ideas and Observations Surrounding the Autumnal Equinox* - To the ancient Greeks the Autumnal Equinox is associated with the initial abduction of Persephone by Hades. This event caused her mother the goddess Demeter to mourn the loss of her daughter where nothing would grow for months. Every subsequent year the Equinox marked the return of Persephone to the darkness of the underworld where she was reunited with her husband Hades.

*In ancient Egypt the Autumnal Equinox marked the beginning of a new year. The withering of leaves represented a time of rest. They watched for the earth to move into the cardinal zodiac sign of Libra, which is a balance and indicative of the equal days and nights.*

*The Ancient Romans celebrated the Autumnal Equinox in a similar manner to the Greeks with a focus on preparing for the harvest. Curiously the Romans were less interested in the stars and heavenly bodies themselves and more interested in how they affected the life of man. (Submitted by, David Ponder, 32° KSA)*



## New Valley of Little Rock Knights of St. Andrew!

The following brethren, having met the rigorous qualifications for service rendered to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, have been knighted in the Valley of Little Rock Knights of St. Andrew.

Sir Knight Billy Britt

Sir Knight Jason Hoch

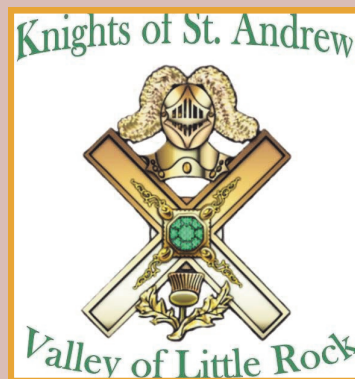
Sir Knight Tim Mistic

Sir Knight Troy Meaux

Sir Knight James Rochelle

Sir Knight Tony Sitz

Sir Knight Shaun Smith (pending)



## Valley of Monroe Reunion Invitation

Many of the brethren in the Valley of Little Rock will recall the youngest Scottish Rite Mason going through our Spring 2016 Reunion John Allen Johnston who is a mason from Transylvania Louisiana. Brother Johnston was here for college and went through our degrees at the age of 20 due to the lower age threshold to become a mason in Louisiana.

Brother Johnston has extended an open invitation to all Scottish Rite Masons in the state of Arkansas to come to the Valley of Monroe Reunion November 2nd and 3rd 2019. Additionally he has received permission from both the Arkansas and Louisiana SGIGs and Personal Reps to have members from Arkansas work in degrees.

So if you have a desire to travel to another valley and observe their degree work and help please contact him at [brotherjohns1995@yahoo.com](mailto:brotherjohns1995@yahoo.com) for details. (Submitted by T. Lucas Minton, 32° KSA)



### Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, October 14, 2019

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

Saturday, October 26, 2019

5:00 PM..... KSA Fundraiser  
..... Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction  
..... At the Lodge on 2206 W Washington,

Monday, November 11, 2019

5:30 PM..... Advisory Conference  
6:30 PM..... Thanksgiving Dinner  
7:30 PM..... Stated Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2019

5:30 PM..... Advisory Conference  
6:30 PM..... Christmas Dinner  
7:30 PM..... Open Meeting - Entertainment

Monday, January 13, 2020

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

Monday, February 10, 2020

5:30 PM..... Advisory Conference  
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

### **2019 Officers**

#### **Jonesboro Lodge of Perfection**

Venerable Master..... Ill Brad Phillips, 33°  
Senior Warden ..... Kyle Rowe, 32° KCCH  
Junior Warden ..... Colin Miller, 32° KSA  
Valley Treasurer ..... Ill Gary Miley, 33°  
Valley Secretary..... Jon Walter, 32° KCCH  
Almoner..... Curtis Pace, 32° KCCH

#### **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..... Ill Gary Miley, 33°  
1st Lt. Commander..... Dean Lamberth, 32°  
2nd Lt. Commander..... (Vacant)

#### **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

This year has had a heavy Scottish Rite influence in my masonic career. Since joining the Scottish Rite, I have always heard the Venerable Master give the opening charge at every Lodge of Perfection, "In the name and under the auspices of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite whose see is at Charleston in the state of South Carolina...". Upon being installed as Venerable Master this year for the Valley of Jonesboro, I have said those words several times; however, I had never really given them a great deal of thought. They were, after all, just words in an opening ceremony like in every masonic meeting when the master calls it to order. This year I gained a new perspective into that opening charge, in April I had the opportunity to visit the State of South Carolina while attending their Grand Session. I got the chance to walk on the beach at the "sea" at Charleston, view a lighthouse, and witness the heavy Scottish Rite influence throughout the city. It seemed everywhere I looked, I noticed small masonic and Scottish Rite cornerstones scattered throughout the beautiful city of Charleston.



In August, I had the privilege of attending the Scottish Rite Biennial Session in Washington DC. Being able to walk through the House of the Temple, one of the most famous buildings on the face of the earth, in the capital of our great country was indeed an honor and inspiration. The beautiful architecture, history, and for lack of a better terminology "awe," is something I will never forget. Being coroneted an Inspector General Honorary is a great honor that I do not believe I have even begun to deserve. The Valley of DC is in and of itself a truly magnificent building. While there, I had a small portion of downtime to visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial as well as other notable locations including Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and the US Capital building. All unashamedly displayed freemasonry to the public.

I believe the most significant aspect of my time in Washington DC, was that the capital of our country doesn't attempt to hide its masonic influence. It isn't just some building on a street that no one knows exists. DC, just like Charleston SC, embraces Freemasonry and promotes the fraternity to the world. They are proud of the influence freemasonry has had in the foundation of our country. With all the political correctness in our society, Freemasonry has still stood the test of time. It has endured and will continue to survive as long as its members are willing to take an example from Charleston and DC and be the stewards of their heritage to promote its tenets into the future. (Submitted by Ill. Bradley R. Phillips, 33°, PGM, Venerable Master, Valley of Jonesboro)

## KSA Fundraiser

4th Annual  
**chili**  
cook off

**\$10**  
Donation  
for food & entertainment

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 ★ 5 PM**



Scottish Rite Valley of Jonesboro  
2206 W. Washington Ave



The Jonesboro Chapter of the Knights of St Andrew will host their 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Saturday, October 26 at 5 p.m. at our Valley. Featuring live music, it is open to all masons, their friends and family. Bring your chili to be judged and receive free admission, or just sample the food, enjoy some great entertainment, and bid on some great desserts. It's always a great time, and well worth a suggested \$10 donation at the door to help our worthy causes.



## Valley of Memphis, 20th Degree Team

A packed house gathered in the Lodge Room at our stated meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the exemplification of the 20<sup>th</sup> Degree by the Valley of Memphis, who performed excellently.

There were 16 guests from Memphis including:

- Ill. Joseph C. Harrison, Jr., 33°, SGIG and Past Grand Master of Tennessee
- Ill. Larry Kern, 33°, Personal Representative to the SGIG
- Ill. Gerald Leek, 33°, General Secretary, Valley of Memphis
- M.W. Casey L. Hood, 32°KCCH, Past Grand Master of Tennessee



Valley of Memphis, 20th Degree. Team and Visitors



Valley of Memphis, 20th Degree. Team performing the degree



Jonesboro Scottish Rite hosted a Blood Drive at our lodge on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All blood donations were used for local hospitals ONLY. Donors received a \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card through points in the online rewards store, and were entered to win a Dream Vacation, valued at up to \$6,000. All enjoyed free pizza, snacks and drinks.

PICTURED ABOVE: is Ill Brother Gary Miley, 33° giving blood.

PICTURED LEFT: is the class from the Summer Reunion. They are from left to right - John Gates, Jody Chapman, and Carlos Leon.

## In Memoriam

Hansel D. Pitts, 32°  
Rensselaer Van #494  
4/9/2019

Melvyn N. Freed, 32° KCCH  
Oak Forest #832, Illinois  
5/8/2019

Jimmy L. Gardner, 32° KCCH  
West Memphis #737  
7/21/2019

Bill R. Stacks, 32°  
Plumerville #253  
9/10/2019





### Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 12, 2019 ..... Fall Reunion  
 7:00-8:00 A.M. .... Registration  
 8:30 A.M. .... Degrees Begin  
 ..... Conferring 4°, 5°, 13°, 14°, 18°, 30°, and 32°

Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, November 27, 2019  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 ..... No Stated Communication;  
 ..... Fellowship Night with Family and Friends

Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
 ..... DARK (No Stated Meeting)  
 ..... MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication

### 2019 Officers

#### Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

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

## Renew, Refresh, Recharge...Reunion!

*In all of masonry, you will struggle to find an event as unique as the Scottish Rite Reunion. Blue Lodge has installation, York Rite has its festivals, and truly, all bodies of masonry have at least one special occasion that occurs with calendar like regularity but the Scottish Rite Reunion remains the most unique and often most challenging of them all. Twice each year, Scottish Rite masons gather at their sacred temples to renew their friendships, refresh their knowledge, and recharge the light of masonry that dwells within them.*

*The word Reunion by definition means to unite again, and to that end, the most exciting part of every Scottish Rite Reunion is the opportunity to renew the bonds of friendship with brother masons. As I think back, I cannot recall a single reunion at which I didn't see someone "unexpected". There is something about the event that calls to brothers even if it has been some time since they have attended a stated meeting, something about the event that beckons to them, "this would be a good time to drop by even though it's been a while since I have." Whether it's an older brother who might be having trouble finding transportation to meetings, or a brother who just might be saddled with a lot of life at the present time, it's the brothers I wasn't expecting to see that I cherish seeing the most. Fortunately every brother of the Scottish Rite, active or less so, knows that a reunion is a place of fraternity, a place to reconnect, a place to catch up with each other, not just as masons, but as men. Reunion day means breakfast lunch and dinner, it means cups of coffee to the side while two friends catch up, it means walks through the temple as you confide in each other, and it means you get to spend a few hours in the company of likeminded men who possess open arms and attentive ears.*



*Beyond the fulfillment of shared time, the Scottish Rite Reunion is likewise a time to refresh your knowledge as a Master of the Royal Secret. By design, each reunion exemplifies "required" degree work (and quite often delightful yet optional degree work). Every mason present will once again experience the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees and every mason present will once again be obligated to their lessons and directives. It's quite easy to receive a masonic degree, it's all together harder to remember what it means and to apply it to*



your own life and interactions with others. Each reunion is an opportunity to learn what you might have missed last time, a chance to remind yourself of your convictions and to shine a light on the path that began with a lamp and ended with a secret. Indeed there is much to learn in masonry and for the learned there is always the need for a refresher course. At every reunion Scottish Rite masons of all rank and decoration start at the beginning and journey all the way to the end with a renewed sense of understanding.

Most importantly, the Scottish Rite Reunion allows us as a fraternity and as individuals, the opportunity to recharge. There is a sense of accomplishment and completion for any valley the moment the reunion begins. In the days leading up, you experienced frustrations in planning, you worried about the latest rumors and conflicts that are circulating around the craft, and you internalized the pressure of putting on a perfect example of what a reunion should look like. But once the 4th degree begins all of that evaporates. Your valley and all the brothers who have worked so hard can now focus on the experience. The concerns that precip-

itated the reunion itself now seem trivial. The valley can take a collective deep breath, recharge, and pursue light. As individuals the opportunity to recharge is vital. Masonry requires commitment and often we over extend ourselves with meetings, rehearsals, special events, and promised time to a myriad of masonic bodies. It's important for all of us to keep perspective and give mental attention to all aspects of our lives. There is no better place to recharge your mind and spirit than at the Scottish Rite Reunion. The lessons of faith, charity, moderation, humility, and inspiration are all built into the program.



The Scottish Rite Reunion stands alone in its uniqueness. It is both a requirement and a pleasure. It serves as both a school and a social gathering. It brings us together and it sets us apart. I look forward to a lot of things when it comes to the masonic calendar, and I always look forward to the next reunion...I will see you there my brother. (Submitted By Keith Peterson, KCCH, Valley of Fayetteville)

## 2019 Fall Reunion Schedule

Saturday, October 12th, 2019

Registration/Breakfast

Organization of Class

Candidate Orientation, Bryon Speller, 32°, KCCH

Opening of the Lodge of Perfection

4th Degree, Secret Master

5th Degree, Perfect Master

13th Degree, Royal Arch of Solomon

14th Degree, Perfect Elu

Lunch

18th Degree, Knight Rose Croix

30th Degree, Knight of Kadosh

32nd Degree, Master of the Royal Secret

Capping 32° Ceremony:

7:00 – 8:00 AM

7:30 – 8:00 AM

7:30 – 8:00 AM

7:45 AM

8:00 – 9:00 AM

9:30 – 10:00 AM

10:30 – 11:30 AM

12:00 – 1:00 PM

1:00 – 2:00 PM

2:00 – 4:00 PM

4:30 – 5:30 PM

6:00 – 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:30 PM





Fraternal Greetings,

My Scottish Rite Brethren, time ticks

on, and Grand Lodge Looms just ahead, it will not be long. The Grand Lodge Mid-Year conference was very informative and was a great day of fellowship and brotherly love. Thanks for all that attended. I have attended the SE Masonic conference, Arkansas the DeMolay Conclave, and the York Rite South Central Conference. All of these were special but hands down the highlight of my year so far has been attending the 2019 Scottish Rite Biennial session. This event was a very special blessing as I was attending not only as Grand Master of Arkansas but also as 33 Degree elect. My Wife Rita and I were given every courtesy and both agree this was one of the best times we have ever shared together. All these events will forever have a special place in my heart and my memory

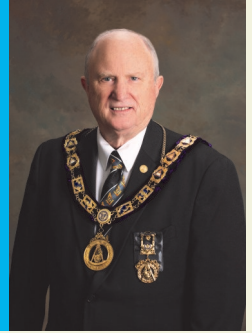
I am looking forward to the Honors ceremonies at the Albert Pike Temple on October 5th, and the Reunion on October 25th and 26th. To all Scottish Rite Brethren I extend my personal invitation to be at the reunion. Wouldn't it be great



## Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.:W.:J. D. Sexton, 33°

Grand Master



to show our newly made Scottish Rite Masons the support of a large crowd? Reunions are also meant to be a time to reconnect with your Scottish Rite Brethren from our past and from across the state. Please make every effort to attend at least on Saturday the 26th. Let's make this the highest attended Reunion we have had for the past many years.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. The support of the brethren of this state has been amazing. You are all in my heart.

Thanks to you all. Remember: "Together We Can Accomplish Much".



Fraternally,

M.:W.: Jesse D. Sexton

Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas



*On October 5th, the Orient of Arkansas held its Scottish Rite Honors Day for our brethren elected to receive the 33rd Degree and the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. We were all honored to have our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, in attendance for the ceremonies and banquet. Our beautiful Albert Pike Memorial Temple was lit up with red and white lights in recognition of our honored brethren who had just received their red and white caps!*



# Arkansas

## Double Eagle

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Signature

Date

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