



VOICE of the ORIENT

SCOTTISH RITE,
Orient of Arkansas

February, 2020

From A Valley Far Away

(Living Masonry When No Masons Are Watching)

It has been well over one year since my self-imposed masonic exile. Not an exile born of punishment but rather of opportunity. The Great Architect blessed me with the opportunity to move to the rugged and beautiful mountain dessert of northwest Colorado. This move has come with advancement in my career, the ability to raise my family in the type of community that only exists in Norman Rockwell paintings, and a dream home that sits atop a bluff... overlooking a valley. My first expression is one of gratitude. Truly, and undeservedly I have been given much. My second is that of isolation. I am a mason and I dedicated my life to a craft to which I no longer have physical access. And while masonry thrives in my beloved new state, my proximity to a masonic lodge is calculated in hours. So here I sit, a mason without a lodge to attend, a self-proclaimed esoteric specialist with no brother to whom I can explain my metaphors, an obligated and decorated brother of the craft with no craft to serve.

Admittedly, my tale of woe is nothing more than therapeutic self-loathing. I have been a mason for many years and have dedicated myself to the craft with fervency and zeal since the moment I walked through the door as an E.A.. I've had the honor of serving a year in the East at my home lodge, and the privilege of being capped in Scottish Rite red, yet life has brought me to a place where there are no stated meetings to attend. I found myself asking, "How can I spread the light of masonry when I am not around other masons? How can I feel connected to my brothers when they are not here? If

no one is watching, am I still a mason?"

These questions (particularly the last) terrified me. It was easy to spread light when I was participating in degree work for aspiring new brothers. I had no problem feeling connected when I would give esoteric lectures about our fascinating symbols and history. But now, I find myself having to earn my affiliation, and indeed my identity as a man and mason in a much more direct fashion. I have to practice all that I have learned, I have to believe all that I have taught, I have to live a life worthy of masonry through my actions, intentions, and interactions with others.



Life is filled with opportunities to exemplify masonry and for that I am grateful. When we give the "grand tour" of our new home my favorite stop is the office. It is brimming with masonic art and literature. Masonic pictures and symbolism adorn the walls and of course, my own personal collection of masonic artifacts is on display. Each time I show a person this room I have the opportunity to glorify and elevate our craft through discussion of it. Other opportunities are less glamorous. Someone might see the painting of George Washington in my office and ask why it's there, or a young friend might ask me "why and how did you become a mason", or a community member might see the KCCH decal on my vehicle and ask me what it means. Each of these opportunities have actually happened to me here, and on each occasion I purposed to share as much light as is appropriate for the uninitiated. I got to be a mason and I was proud of it. (Continued Page 9)

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Arkansas Double Eagle

A NEWLY EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE
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III. C. JAMES GRAHAM, 33°
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SHORT BIO TO BE HUNG IN THE TEMPLE

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AUDITORIUM: \$1 MILLION

BANQUET HALL: \$500,000

LODGE OF PERFECTION: \$250,000

NORTH END FOYER & ATRIUM: \$100,000

FRATERNAL ROOM: \$75,000

ROBING ROOM: \$35,000

Installations!

We have just finished that part of the Masonic year when we elect and install officers. We do so in our blue lodges, in our Scottish Rite Valleys, in our York Rite bodies, and so forth. For many of us, we have attended several installations over the past several weeks. As I was watching the installation of officers for the Valley of Little Rock, it reminded me that these ceremonies, like most Masonic rituals, are symbolic and emblematic of deeper truths. For me, the installation ceremony reminds me of renewal and reinvigoration.

These Masonic installation ceremonies have a rich history and date back to at least 1723; in Anderson's Constitutions published at that time, he sets forth a ceremony for installing the Master and other officers of a lodge. It is usually held in Freemasonry that installation, not merely election to office, is necessary to invest that brother with the authority of his office. These ceremonies typically consist of a charge or code of instruction given to the new Master and officers to which their assent is required.

So, these installation ceremonies are a long standing Masonic tradition. We install the new officers and thank the outgoing officers. It is common at a Masonic installation that we take the time to recognize and thank those who have served as our leaders. We recognize the outgoing Worshipful Master and perhaps present him with a Past Master's apron or lapel pin. We look back and think about the various things that the outgoing leaders have accomplished during their

From The Desk Of:

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

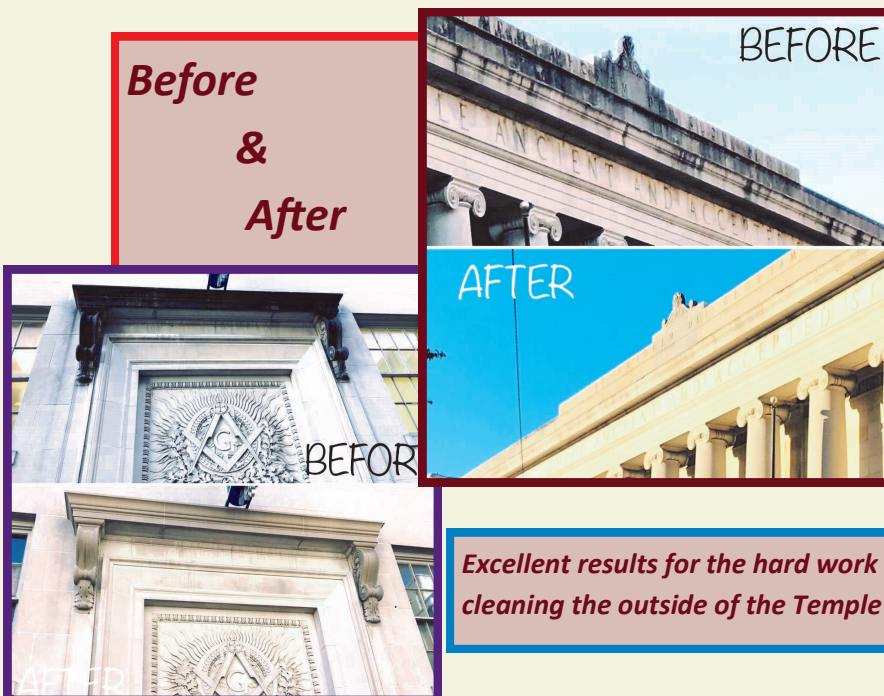


term of office. In the Valley of Little Rock, the Personal Representative, Bro. Dick Browning, decided to step down and we installed a new Personal Representative, Bro. Gary Henningsen. We had the opportunity to thank and recognize Bro. Browning for his excellent service over the past 7 years in which he has been Personal Representative. So, we "look backward" during these installation ceremonies and reflect with thanks to those who had led us.

But, more importantly, our installation ceremonies are times to look to the future. New leadership. New directions. New initiatives. We go into this new year and new decade optimistic for our fraternity. And we have new leaders who bring energy and enthusiasm to the work. These ceremonies remind us that renewal is possible, that there is hope in the future, that progress and advancement for ourselves and for our fraternity is our path.

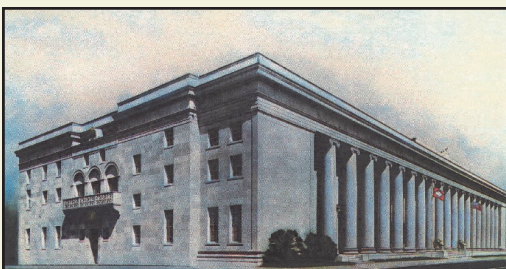
So, thanks to all those who went out of office and sincere congratulations and best wishes to all those who were installed into our various Masonic leadership posts all across our fraternity. You, your leadership, your enthusiasm for the fraternity, and your dedication are indeed the future!

**Before
&
After**



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 10, 2020

6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting
..... Degree Exemplification

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

6:00 P.M..... Remembrance &
..... Renewal

Fri-Sat, April 24-25, 2020 Spring Reunion

6:00 P.M..... 1st Day Begins
7:00 A.M. 2nd Day Begins

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

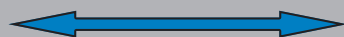
6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Open Installation of Officers

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

6:15 P.M..... Dinner
7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting
..... Degree Exemplification

Saturday, November 9, 2019 KSA Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2020 KSA Meeting
10:00 A.M. Meeting Begins



2020 Officers

Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Ill. J. D. Sexton, 33°
Senior Warden Jeffrey Squires, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden Monty Fulmer, 32° KCCH
Valley Treasurer Ill. John Strange, 33°
Valley Secretary Ill. Paul Wilson, 33°
Almoner Ill. Tom Liles, 33°

Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Ill. James Morehead, 33°
Senior Warden Ill. Troy Cole, 33°
Junior Warden Billy Britt, 32° KSA

Little Rock Council of Kadosh

Commander Thomas Lampirez, KCCH
1st Lt. Commander Mark Kalkbrenner, KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander Jacob Davis, 32°

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

** We Want You Engaged **

“You get out of masonry only what you put into it” is the quote seasoned Masons freely give to younger brothers. Those brothers are so right. Masonry builds friendships; it builds character, and offers us a way to improve our lives.

Being a 32° Scottish Rite Mason is a goal of many men that eventually become our brothers. But how many of those men, after their first Reunion, do not put any effort into being that 32° Scottish Rite Mason? Therefore, I want to encourage everyone to get involved. Come to our Feasts where you can have fellowship with your fellow Scottish Rite Masons and their families. Come to our Reunions and join our brethren who work so hard to present the degree work. Brethren who don't care for the spotlight, you are needed to work behind the scenes, in the Camp Guard, on the stage, or property room. For those that don't want to be involved in degree work you can help us with the setup, tear down, and clean up. But, the most important reason to attend a Reunion is to learn more about our wonderful craft. YOU are the one we want to see, YOU are the one we want to be a part of our brotherhood. As I visit brothers around the state at different meetings, I hear that they joined the Scottish Rite 20, 30, or 40 years ago and have never been back to take part in this special brotherhood. It's a shame because we want you here so we can get to know you, and let you take ownership of being a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. (Submitted by, Billy Britt, 32° KSA, Valley of Little Rock Membership Chairman).

Monthly Billing; Take the Hassle out!

Brethren, I want to talk about something that can be embarrassing to anyone for just a moment....dues, and not being able to pay. Dues are an important part of membership in our great fraternity. If you pay yearly, please get those dues in as soon as you can. It's easy to forget, especially if you aren't coming to your Valley or Club's meetings so take a look at your calendar to make sure you've sent in your annual dues. That said, life circumstances do change, and it is understandable, but please contact Mitch Hensley, or Beverly H. and let them help you with any problems, you may have paying your dues. Part of our obligation to our brothers is to be there at all times with a helping hand. We can work brothers having financial difficulties on an individual basis because, my Brother, we want you to be a part of the Scottish Rite Fraternity.

Also, brethren we are spending a lot of time attempting to contact those who have quit paying their dues. If you are not able, or do not want to be a part of the craft right now, please demit, so that later when you can come back and fellowship with us, it will be easier for you to do so. Consider having Mitch or Ms. Beverly put you on a monthly billing cycle with your bank draft or Credit Card. I started out a while back having my dues paid monthly by credit card and haven't had to think about it since then. (Submitted by, Billy Britt, 32° KSA, Valley of Little Rock Membership Chairman).



WASHINGTON'S QUARTERMASTER, (The Admiral's Son, and Napoleon's Brother-in-Law)

Washington's Revolutionary War quartermaster, the son of a French admiral, and Napoleon's brother-in-law were intimately involved in the story of the origin of the first Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in 1801 in Charleston, S. C.

George Mitchell, who had served as Washington's quartermaster in the Continental Army during the victorious final campaigns against the British, had returned after the war to his home in Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston was one of the towns in which the Rite of Perfection had been planted before the Revolution by Andrew Franken, named Deputy for North America for the Rite by Etienne Morin, who brought it to the New World. While the Rite remained small, its 25 degree system (which ended with Prince Adept, Knight Kadosh, and Prince of the Royal Secret, our 28th, 30th, and 32nd in Morals and Dogma) did have adherents there, a Council of Princes of Jerusalem (16th degree), and by the late 1790s George Mitchell was the recognized Deputy for South Carolina of the Rite of Perfection.

Alexandre de Grasse-Tilly was the son of the Admiral de Grasse who helped George Washington win American independence. From the naval Battle of Sluys that started the Hundred Years' War in 1339 until the present day the French only bested the British at sea once, off the entrance to Chesapeake Bay in 1781, allowing Washington to trap Cornwallis on the Yorktown Peninsula, thereby winning our War of Independence. The younger de Grasse-Tilly and his father-in-law, Jean Baptist de la Hogue, were living in Charleston by the late 1790s, and like George Mitchell they were active in South Carolina Grand Lodge politics. They had been major landholders on the island of Hispaniola in what is now Haiti, one of the places Etienne Morin had been most prolific in seeding with the Rite of Perfection in the 1760s. De Grasse-Tilly and de la Hogue had been forced to flee for their lives from Haiti due to the violent slave rebellion led by Toussaint L'Ouverture, and took up exile in Charleston.

The history of French freemasonry in the 18th century was one of ever increasing degree totals, ever more flamboyant titles, and unending one-upmanship. George Mitchell was the recognized head of a 25 degree system, but lo and behold, de Grasse-Tilly and de la Hogue soon boasted of holding the 33rd degree. One can imagine the effect on local Masonic politics when the newcomers began sporting higher degrees than their fellow Grand Lodge members. Somehow George Mitchell also came into possession of the 33rd degree as well. The origins of this 33 degree system are somewhat obscure, but degrees 1 - 22 were identical to the Rite of perfection, with 23-25 of the Rite of Perfection becoming the 28th, 30th, and 32nd of the new system, and 8 new degrees added. Some of these degrees were little more than titles before Albert Pike took on the revision and translation of the degrees (which were originally in French) in the 1850s.

Frederick Dalcho was the son of Prussian emigrants, born in London and by this time a physician practicing in Charleston and also active in the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Assisted by Dr. Dalcho, George Mitchell pulled off a brilliant coup that regularized Ecossais (Scottish) Masonry in the United States, excised what likely would

have turned into a baleful French influence on American Masonry, and established our current Supreme Council system of regulating Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

In May 1802 the Mother Supreme Council of the World of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry announced its existence to the world with a "Manifesto to the Two Hemispheres." Although it announced the formation of the Mother Supreme Council in Charleston in 1801 with the original founding members Mitchell, Dalcho, de Grasse-Tilly, and de la Hogue, by the time the "Manifesto" was published, the deal had been done and the Frenchmen were out the door.

That same year of 1801 the First Consul (and soon to be Emperor) of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, had decided that he was going to reestablish France's lost North American Empire. He got his ally, Spain, to return to France the vast Louisiana Territory that France had ceded to Spain in 1763 to keep from falling into English hands at the end of the Seven Years' War.

His next move was to send his brother-in-law, Charles LeClerc, with an army to put down L'Ouverture's slave rebellion and restore Haiti to French obedience. De Grasse-Tilly and de la Hogue saw this as an opening to regain their lost Haitian estates, and to set themselves up as Princes of Masonry in the West Indies.

Practically the first action of the newly formed Mother Supreme Council was to found its first daughter Supreme Council, that of the West Indies, with de Grasse-Tilly and de la Hogue as founding members, withdrawing then from the Mother Supreme Council. Mitchell and Dalcho filled out the other 7 members of the Supreme Council with South Carolinians, and on Mitchell's death Dr. Dalcho became the second Sovereign Grand Commander of the Mother Supreme Council. The erstwhile Princes of West Indian Freemasonry did not fair as well.

Although Toussaint L'Ouverture was dealt with and sent back to Europe a prisoner, the French army in Haiti, including its General LeClerc, succumbed to tropical disease and collapsed, along with French rule over Haiti. Napoleon decided the New World wasn't worth it, and in 1803 sold Louisiana to the United States for money to spend on his wars in Europe. The Supreme Council of the West Indies, dispossessed and homeless again, removed to Paris for the rest of its existence.

De Grasse-Tilly served in Napoleon's European Wars and took the Scottish Rite with him wherever he went. In addition to being founding members of the USA and West Indies Supreme Councils, he was also a founding member of the Supreme Councils of France, Spain, Italy, and Belgium. Some have suggested father-in-law de la Hogue was the real genius behind this explosion of Ecossais Masonry, because after his death de Grasse-Tilly founded no more supreme councils. Interestingly, he did not remain a member of any of the councils he founded, and apparently by the 1820s none of them would have him. He wrote to both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions USA Supreme Councils asking for patents granting him Masonic authority that he apparently still craved but had repeatedly slipped from his grasp. Neither council even answered him.

Thus, the American quartermaster and the Prussian doctor had dispatched the admiral's son, regularized Scottish Rite Masonry at 33 degrees, and established the pattern by which it was disseminated throughout the world. (Submitted by Karl T. Kimball, 33°)



Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Fri-Sat, March 6-7, 2020.....95th Reunion
8:00 A.M..... 1st Day Registration
7:00 A.M..... 2nd Day Breakfast

Monday, March, 9, 2020

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

Friday, April 10, 2020 Maundy/Easter Service

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

Monday, April 13, 2020

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

Monday, May 11, 2020

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

Monday, June 8, 2020

5:30 PM..... Advisory Conference
6:30 PM..... Anniversary Banquet
7:30 PM..... Open Meeting
.....& Scholarship Presentations

Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

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

2020 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..... Jim Fraser, 32°

Jonesboro Consistory

Master of Kadosh John Shipley, 32° KCCH
Prior..... Joseph Kirby, 32° KCCH
Preceptor..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°

The Valley of Jonesboro

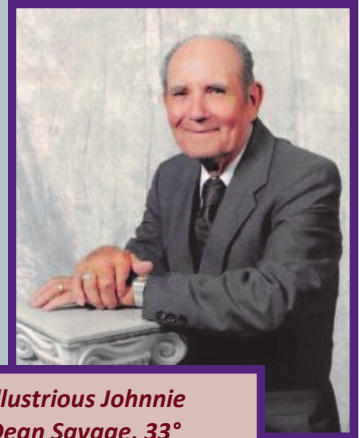
Chartered June 17, 1974

Stated Meeting on the second Monday of each month

2206 W. Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401

95th Reunion

The Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies will hold our Spring Two-Day Reunion on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, 2020. The 95th Reunion is dedicated to the memory of Illustrious Johnnie Dean Savage, 33°, who died April 21, 2019. Bro. Johnnie was made a 32° Scottish Rite Mason over 59 years ago in Tennessee. He first affiliated with Little Rock in 1974, then moved his membership to the newly founded Bodies in West Memphis in 1975. He served exceptionally in many degrees, most recently the 4°, 11°, and 30°, but would always gladly fill gaps in others when needed. Bro. Johnnie will be fondly remembered for his leadership, kindness, strong work ethic, ever-present smile, and his example for all to emulate.



***Illustrious Johnnie
Dean Savage, 33°***



***Fully immersed in the
14th Degree***

We will confer thirteen degrees during this two-day period – 4°, 5°, 6°, 8°, 10°, 11°, 14°, 17°, 18°, 21°, 23°, 30° and 32°. Our membership, which used to be in the thousands in its heyday, just dropped below 300 brothers. Brethren, this is very rare for a valley of our size to still be able to confer that many degrees. In fact, in other states, valleys much larger than ours only confer the five mandatory degrees at each reunion. Our Director of Work, degree

masters, cast members, lighting, special-effects, wardrobe, prop, and other support members work tirelessly to ensure

that each reunion is a top-notch experience for our candidates.

Conferring thirteen degrees in a Blue Lodge is no easy task, but our Director of Work, Ill. Hershell Wright, 33°, and his team have it down to a science. It is a fully immersive experience for the candidates, who are all seated right in the middle of the action instead of watching from a distance. With Bro. Hershell adding new smoke and magic nearly every time, it is a wonder to behold. If you have not been in recently, it's worth your while to attend. There's nothing sadder than having just a few brothers sitting on the sideline with all the work that has been put into each degree.



***The Wizard of Oz - Ill.
Hershell Wright, 33°***

Brethren, I hope you will remember the purpose of a Scottish Rite Reunion. At its core, a Reunion is a chance for brethren to come together and continue their journey into the craft by re-witnessing the Scottish Rite degrees. It's a chance to explore more deeply the ethical teachings and philosophy of Freemasonry, thereby renewing our interest and devotion to the program and the purpose of Scottish Rite. But, more importantly, just like a family reunion, it's a gathering of the membership after a period of separation – a homecoming of the brethren in continued fellowship of the fraternity. Reunions are a chance to learn from each other and build the connections that have sustained our fraternity for centuries.

95th Reunion (Continued)

Let's make this a TRUE REUNION – if you are a brother that comes to "every" stated meeting, invite someone that has not been in a while. Offer to go by and pick them up and let them know how much they are missed. If you are a brother that has "never" or rarely been to a stated meeting, come back!! Catch up with old friends, meet new friends, eat great food, drink coffee, share laughs, watch impressive degrees, get reinvigorated, and help welcome our new candidates to the Fraternity. If you cannot make it both days, come one. If you cannot make it all day, come for breakfast or lunch, get caught up with your fellow brothers, and attend one or two degrees.

We hope to see a big crowd for this reunion, Bro. Johnnie would love that.

Jonesboro Scottish Rite in the Information Age

One of the areas of the Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP) that we have steadily tried to improve upon is engagement and communication with our members. We have used Social Media, specifically Facebook, as an avenue for several years, but recently added two additional mediums to hopefully help communicate with existing members, and in some cases, even help in recruiting new ones – a website and an email campaign manager.

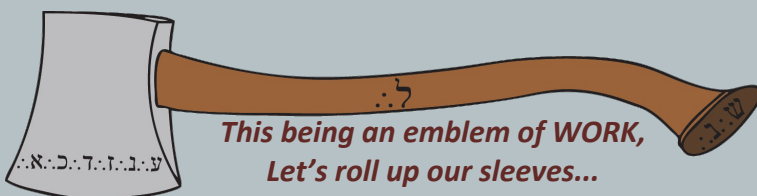
Our new website can be found at <http://JonesboroScottishRite.org>. If you have not visited it yet, please take it for a spin and let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement. For existing members, we hope the schedule of stated meetings, special events, and reunion dates will help keep you informed. Likewise, recent news articles and reunion pictures will let you know what we are doing as a valley.

We also hope that you will use it as a recruiting tool. The website has everything a curious Master Mason needs to know about the Scottish Rite, the system of degrees, frequently asked questions, and what they can expect to encounter. It also has details on how to join the Scottish Rite complete with a petition they can download. We hope that you will use this website to stay informed and to build our membership base.



We have also started using the MailChimp Email Campaign Manager to send email blasts to our membership, as needed, to remind you of meetings and keep you current on events and news. But, we need your help in this area. Currently we are just shy of 300 members in the valley, but only have 140 email addresses, which is less than half of our membership. If you have not been receiving informational emails from us, then we probably do not have an address for you. Help us keep you updated on what's going on, send an email to secretary@jonesboroscottishrite.org or call the secretary at (870) 759-2793 and add your email address to our database. We promise we will not share with anyone, nor send out any emails that are not related to events at Jonesboro Scottish Rite.

Check out our Valley Website



In Memoriam

Gary E Wise, 32°
Paragould #368
7/13/2019

Gary L Yocum, 32°
Jonesboro #129
11/17/2019

Thomas J Mitchell, 32°
Rensselaer Van #494
11/28/2019

Donald L Lupton Sr, 32°, KCCH
Colony #190
12/1/2019

Wallace E Hudson, 32°
Alma #735
12/16/2019

Earl F Tubbs, 33°
Chickasawba #134
12/28/2019

James A Settle, 32°, KCCH
Brinkley #295
1/8/2020



News from the KSA

The 2020 Officers of the Knights of St Andrew were recently installed and have plans for a great year:

Preceptor	Colin Miller
Sr Warden	John Stowers
Jr Warden	Darran Cloud
Sr Deacon	Weldon Denton
Jr Deacon	Bob Lewis
Treasurer	Barry Rudd
Secretary	Ross Rainwater
Chaplain	Francis Lewis
Sentinel	Robert Rainwater





Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
 7:00 P.M. Opening Chapter of Rose Croix
 Celebration of Remembrance & Renewal

Saturday, April 11, 2020 Spring Reunion
 7:00 A.M. Registration & Breakfast
 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin
 Conferring 4°, 8°, 13°, 14°, 18°, 30°, and 32°

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
 6:00 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. Open Council of Knights Kadosh

Friday, June 26, 2020
 6:00 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. Called Meeting Honoring
 St John the Baptist by conferring 17°

Wednesday, July 22, 2020
 6:00 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. Stated Communication
 Held at Van Buren Lodge #6

2020 Officers

Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Mstr Andrew Morrison, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden Michael Lewis, 32° KSA
 Junior Warden George Riggs, 32° KSA
 Valley Secretary Bryon Spellor, 32° KCCH

Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master Clint Chastain, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden Michael Lewis, 32° KSA
 Junior Warden George Riggs, 32° KSA

Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander Robert Baugh, 32° KSA
 1st Lt. Cmdr Michael Lewis, 32° KSA
 2nd Lt. Cmdr George Riggs, 32°

Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh Teddy Holmes, 33°
 Prior Michael Lewis, 32° KSA
 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

****A 2020 Vision****

It is a brand new year and a brand new DECADE!!! It brings about ideas of the future that is to be held. What can we do and where can we take our Scottish Rite in coming days, months, and years??

This leads to many thoughts, plans and actions to be achieved in the coming time. How can we all come together to make our Valley better in all aspects? Can we make an individual contribution that matters? ABSOLUTELY!! Each and every member makes a difference to the Valley's success.

Stated Meetings: *There are a variety of ways to be involved within the Valley. One is simply to attend the stated meetings. Our educational program is something that I personally hold in high regard. We take each of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and go over one of them each meeting. In January, we went over the 6th degree, Intimate Secretary. This degree teaches us some very important lessons that can be readily applied to our daily lives. One important one is that we should not act hastily and with malice. Simply talking with Brethren, or people in general, and understanding their situation is one that we can work to apply to our daily lives. That is one of the many takeaways from our discussions that we have each month. I am looking forward to going over the 7th degree, Provost and Judge in February to learn what lessons I can to improve my daily life.*



Reunions: *Our Reunions are a great time to come be an active part of the Valley. They will be held on April 11th and October 10th of 2020. Reunions give many different ways to contribute. Taking part in the rituals, wardrobe, lights and sound, education, etc. Someone once said that there are "No small roles" to be played during the Reunions and that could not ring more true! Each and every person plays a key role. Even something as simple as watching the degrees. No actor likes to act for an empty room. The candidates also love being surround by their Brethren and sharing the stories and meanings to each degree. Reunions are a great time for everyone to come back together and celebrate as the word itself means.*



Traveling: Have you traveled as a Scottish Rite Mason?? The world of Scottish Rite Masonry is open to you. Just as you travel for your Blue Lodge, don't think that traveling for the Scottish Rite can't be just as enamoring as our symbolic lodge. I was fortunate enough to be able to see a Reunion in each Valley in our state last year (Jonesboro and Little Rock). I had a BLAST at each one. Each one was done so beautifully and yet, differently. I thoroughly enjoyed see each one and the Great ritual performed! It was simply something, at which, I had to just stop and marvel.



Additionally: the Valley of Fayetteville still has the members of the Van Buren Scottish Rite Club meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month. This club is sponsored by the Valley of Fayetteville and managed by the Brethren of the Van Buren area. We are also having a regular stated meeting in July at the Club's hall at Van Buren Lodge #6. This helps all of the Brethren who may not be able to make the drive to Fayetteville, be able to meet with us in brotherhood!! We love having the meetings here!!

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Far greater in number are the opportunities to exemplify masonry through observing that to which I obligated myself. When I look down and see the 14th degree ring on my finger, I am reminded to be a good father to son whom will one day possess it. When I see a struggling mother in line at the convenience store come up \$2 short on her items, I am reminded that charity is fundamental to my journey. When I view my relationship with my wife, I am reminded to be humble and a servant. When I live my life, I attempt to do so with love, honesty, and integrity. These are all things I learned from masonry and can give back to the world. These things spread light. These things make me feel connected to something bigger than myself. These things make me a mason when no masons are watching.

I can't help but think there are countless brothers today and throughout our history who have found themselves in a similar situation...dedicated but

Most Important Task: The most important task that we can each do to make our Valley's successful, is to HAVE FUN!! I'm not sure, but I would think everyone that has fun doing something, wants to do it again. It's in our Nature. The Scottish Rite is one of the best organizations to accomplish this. Some of the best times I have had are with my Scottish Rite Brethren. Traveling, Reunions, or simply seeing them at our meetings and discussing the topics of the day. I want to see each of you have fun this year and in the coming years. Keeping members engaged, enjoying each other's company, and having fun is what makes the Valley successful. YOU make it successful!! And without you, we are not able to achieve that.



Ultimately, I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year and sharing in the fun that is the Scottish Rite.

removed all the same. If this missive accomplishes nothing else, I hope it at least reaches all of the brethren out there sharing the same uncertainty and having the same fears. To them and to all of you my message is simple, masonry and its impact extend far beyond our lodges and temples. Its lessons shouldn't be exemplified only in our rituals. To be a mason is to live upright and righteously. To honor the craft is to live a life guided by our most important tenants. Regardless of our geographic location, this is something we can all do, something we all should do.

In masonry our actions bind us more than our words and our behaviors define us more than our portrayals. I desperately miss the interaction I once had with my brothers and the love I experienced in their proximity. But the truth is, I am with them all each day. Masonry and my brothers are with me in every decision I make, every action I take, and every bit of energy I put into my life. All I have to do, is be the example. (Submitted By Keith Peterson, KCCH, Valley of Fayetteville)



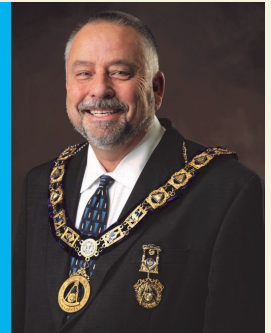
Fraternal Greetings
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Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.:W.: David Bradley, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction for their support and encouragement. I am very humbled to be able to serve each of you as your Grand Master. This is a very humbling experience and I promise to each of you that I will do to the best of my ability whatever is necessary to ensure that our fraternity will remain strong.

It is choice, not chance, that determines our destiny. And in saying this I hope that each of you will choose to join me in making our fraternity what it once was. The greatest fraternity in the world!

I believe as Master Masons we should all remember where we came from, and how we all started out on

our masonic journey. And that my brethren, was a humble knock on a door that was opened to each of us, which allowed us to become brothers of this great fraternity. And it is for this very reason I am humbled to SERVE you and our community as we move our fraternity forward.

Thank you and may God Bless you all.



Fraternally,

M.:W.: David Bradley
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas

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