



ALLEGIANCE

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Chattanooga, Orient of Tennessee, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, of which

- Ronald A. Seale, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander*
- William Gene Sizemore, II, 33°, is Grand Executive Director*
- Joseph C. Harrison, 33°, is SGIG in Tennessee*
- Joel L. Bremer, 33°, is Personal Representative of the SGIG*
- Terry L. Plemons, 33°, is Assistant Personal Rep. of the SGIG*

ADVISORY CONFERENCE

- Venerable Master.....Dennis Phillips, 33°
- Wise Master.....Johnny E. Thompson, 33°
- Commander.....Richard M. Smith, 32° KCCH
- Master of Kadosh.....Steven A. Reno, 33°
- Secretary.....William E. Barber, 33°
- Treasurer.....Charles T. Millirons, Jr., 33°
- Past Wise Master.....Bobby G. Officer, 33°
- Past Commander.....Robert E. Hall, 33°
- Almoner.....B. Don Aldridge, 33°

Dates to Remember

- Jan 8, 2017Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 PM
LOP Mtg 7:30 PM
- Feb 12, 2017.....Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 PM
LOP Mtg 7:30 PM
- March 12, 2017.....Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 PM
LOP Mtg 7:30 PM

April 8, 2017Spring Reunion



In Remembrance of our Deceased Brothers

- Leland L. Gaddis, 32°
- Melvin R. Woosley, 32°
- Neal Clark, 32°
- Phillip Carman, III 32°
- James S. Webb, 32°
- Jack N. Moore, 32°
- Virgil E. Crawley, 32°
- Willard E. Baker, 32°
- Carlos E. Gregory, 32°
- Lee L. Mason, 32°
- Carl J. Griffith, 32°
- John W. Jackson, 32°
- J. R. VanArnam, 32°

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

CHATTANOOGA

Keith Taylor, 32°, President
Volney Farned, 32° KCCH, Secretary
Meeting 2nd Thursday
Dinner – 6:30 PM EDT.....Scottish Rite Center

BRADLEY COUNTY

Van Swearingen, 32° KCCH, President
William J. Herron, 32°, Secretary/Treasurer
Meets Quarterly (March-June-Sept-Dec)
2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM EDT.....Old Fort Restaurant

GRUNDY COUNTY

Jim Parrott, 32°, President
Bill Hargis, 33°, Secretary
Meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 PM CDT

MCMINN COUNTY

W. A. PRICE – MARION COUNTY

Dennis Phillips, 33°, President
Kermit Grissom, 32° KCCH, Secretary/Treasurer
Meeting 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM CDT
Sequatchie Valley Shrine Club.....Jasper, TN

RHEA COUNTY

Gary Whittaker, 32° KCCH, President
Jason Lankford, 32°, Secretary/Treasurer
Meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 PM EDT

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY

Troy Ballard, 32° KCCH, President
Meeting 1st Thursday 6:00 PM
The Cookie Jar.....Dunlap, TN

WARREN COUNTY

WHITE COUNTY

Lee Melton, 32° KCCH, President
Robert Hall, 33°, Secretary
Meeting 4th Tuesday 6:00 PM CDT
Casa Luna Restaurant.....Sparta, TN



Robert Potts, 32°

Robert Potts was raised in May 2011 at Faith Lodge No. 756 in Oak Ridge, TN. He was appointed Senior Deacon in 2012 and regularly advanced to Worshipful Master in 2015. He joined the Knoxville Scottish Rite Valley in the 2012 Summer Reunion. He served the Valley on the stage crew, the library staff, and project staffs, including aiding in programming the degrees in the new digital light board. He was made a Knight of Saint Andrew in February 2013, courtesy of the Chattanooga Knights of Saint Andrew and served as Secretary from August 2013 to March 2016. He served one two-year term as a Member At-Large on the Valley’s Executive and Foundation Boards. He has been active in the re-development of Zelmar Grotto since 2013 and currently serves as Secretary and Treasurer. He recently joined Kerbela Shrine. Robert is a Chattanooga native and spent many years regularly passing the Chattanooga Scottish Rite Temple. He is proud to finally be a member of a Masonic body in his hometown.

Top-Line Signers for 2016

Jamey Taylor, 32° KCCH (5 Petitions)
Justin M. Huggins, 32° (3 Petitions)
C. D. Pursley, 32° KCCH (2 Petitions)
James D. Hill, 32° (2 Petitions)
Larry W. Lilly, 32° (2 Petitions)
John R. Lifsey, 33° (1 Petition)
Billie Joe Cook, 33° (1 Petition)
Eddie E. Scott, 32° (1 Petition)

B. Don Aldridge, 33° (1 Petition)
Dennis L. Phillips, 33° (1 Petition)
Evan C. Powell, 33° (1 Petition)
Joseph A. Kleinschmidt, 32° (1 Petition)
Ronald A. Scott, 32° KCCH (1 Petition)
Richard B. Genter, 32° KCCH (1 Petition)
Brandon D. Chaffin, 32° (1 Petition)
Hoyt O. Samples, 33° (1 Petition)

Shown above is a list of “top-line signers” of member petitions for 2016. Our congratulations to Jamey Taylor, 32° KCCH, for the 5 new members he brought into our Masonic Family and to all the top-line signers for 2016.

To further our quest for new members, below is a 12-step membership plan which, when followed, should allow us to meet and/or exceed our member goals. Your individual help is needed to accomplish these goals.

You can go “on-line” at <http://www.chattanooga-scottishrite.org/news/2017-spring-reunion> and print a petition for proposed members – let’s have a great class this spring.

Scottish Rite Membership Plan

1. Make membership a conscious effort.
2. At **every** Masonic event, have a Scottish Rite petition in hand.
3. At **every** Masonic event, ask attendees if they are a member of Scottish Rite.
4. Actually assist the prospect in filling out the petition. **CLOSE THE DEAL!**
5. Keep the prospect informed of his status.
 - A. When will he be voted on and was he elected.
 - B. Make sure the prospect has all the details of the reunion.
 - C. The SR office should notify the prospect as soon as possible of **all** the details of the reunion (date, time, place, dress, etc.).
6. Make sure that each candidate has a mentor **before** the reunion.
7. At each meeting, announce the name of each first-line signer and recognize such person.
8. Starting January 1, 2016, levels of recognition:
 - A. One petition – announced at monthly meeting and name in next newsletter.
 - B. Five petitions – Intendant of the Building Plaque.
 - C. Ten petitions – Master Architect
 - D. Fifteen petitions – Perfect Elu
 - E. Twenty petitions – Knight Kadosh
 - F. Twenty-five petitions – Master of the Royal Secret
 - G. Starting at ten petitions, first-line signer’s name shall be placed on a plaque.
9. **All** KCCH and 33° Scottish Rite Masons shall be expected to first-line sign at least one petition per calendar year.
10. In considering suggestions for honors, the number of petitions submitted shall be considered.
11. Contact approved but uninitiated Masons.
12. **MEMBERSHIP IS A PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITY WHICH WILL ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE FOCUS ON A PERSON-TO-PERSON APPROACH.**



Pictured above are some of the Brothers and their Ladies who assisted in shoe distribution to school children this past year. A total of 651 pairs of shoes were given out to local school children. With your continued support, we hope to serve even more local children in 2017. It is a real joy to see these youngsters walk out with a big smile and wearing their new shoes. The dates for the shoe distribution in the fall of 2017 will be announced at a later date and in plenty of time for all Scottish Rite members to help in this worthy cause.

From the Advisory Conference and Office Staff, we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and now a Happy New Year!