



Chattanooga Scottish Rite News

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● Please contact the Scottish Rite if you have had a change in address, email, phone number or know of a death or illness of a member. To reduce costs, [future newsletters will be sent by email.](#)

Please note: If you have not paid your Past Dues. Dues for 2019 are now due. Please remit \$100 for your 2019 dues payment as soon as possible.

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:

ADVISORY CONFERENCE

Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander;
William Gene Sizemore, II, 33°, Grand Executive Director;
Joseph C. Harrison, 33°, SGIG in Tennessee;
Hoyt O. Samples, 33°, SGIG Emeritus in Tennessee;
Charles T. Millirons, 33°, Personal Representative of the SGIG;
Terry L. Plemons, 33°, Assistant Personal Rep. of the SGIG

Venerable Master.... Richard R. Petty, Jr., 32° KCCH
Wise Master.....Volney Farned, 32° KCCH
Commander.....Richard M. Smith, 33°
Master of Kadosh..... Steven A. Reno, 33°
General Secretary.....John R. Lifsey, 33°
Treasurer.....Johnny E. Thompson, 33°
Past Venerable Master..... Dennis Phillips, 33°
Almoner..... B. Don Aldridge, 33°



IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

Felix L. Wilkey, 32° 2/15/2018
Muriel Lee Harris 9/2/18
Charles McConkey 10/25/2018
Danny Brown
David Edward Buchanan 3/28/2017
Tullus Alfred Swafford, III 10/05/2016
Shane Wesley Uselton 3/12/2018
Clarence Alvin Schutt, Jr., 32° 2/9/2017
Franklin Edwin 'Bud' Moody 2/15/2019
Jay Menuskin, 32°. 11//7/2017
Ralph Willard Nichols, 32° 2/1/2018
John Lee Middleton, Jr. 32° 03/09/2019 (Charter Member)
Van Swearingen, 32° KCCH 03/25/2019
Max Howe, 33° 5/2/2019
Melvin Turner, 33° 5/6/2019
Harold Ray Cox, 33° 2/5/2019
Billy E. Elliott – 1/16/2018



Third Degree Team

The team has been practicing and has degrees scheduled. The degrees are conferred in full form, with complete regalia and costumes. For those that are interested please contact the Scottish Rite Office with your name, address, telephone and e-mail address. Also please indicate what part(s) you would be most interested in for the first and second sections of the Third Degree. Non Scottish Rite Masons are welcome to participate. At least two degrees have already been scheduled in area Blue Lodges. A great opportunity for you to participate in the Scottish Rite and support Ancient Craft Masonry.



Cap & Ring Ceremony Fall 2018 Class

The Chattanooga Scottish Rite Bodies held their Cap and Ring Ceremony for the Fall 2018 Reunion class and held their annual Valentine's Day celebration. The Cap and Ring Ceremony was attended by all members of the Fall 2018 Reunion Class. The Scottish Rite Patents, rings and Cap were presented. SGIG

Emeritus Hoyt O. Samples, Jr., 33° presented the patents, and members wives placed the caps and rings on their husbands. AS the meeting fell on Valentine's Day, February 14, the Valley celebrated Valentines Day with a custom catered meal for the ladies, complete with chocolate covered strawberries and chocolate cake for dessert. The ladies were served at their tables by the gentlemen and SGIG Emeritus Hoyt O. Samples, Jr., 33° gave a brief historical summary of Valentines Day. After the talk Bro. Samples presented an appropriate Valentines Day gift of a heart shaped box of chocolates to the Ladies who had been married to the longest, Mrs. Audeline Phillips, wife of Bro. James Marshall Phillips, 32°, a fifty year Scottish Rite Mason, and the youngest married valentine, Mrs. Amanda Thompson, wife of Bro. Johnny Thompson, 33°. All ladies were given an appropriate Valentine's Day gift of the ValleChattanooga, presented by SGIG Emeritus, Ill. Hoyt O. Samples, Jr., 33°. Over 100 brethren and their ladies were present for a delightful evening celebrating Valentine's day and our Cap and Ring Ceremony



Upcoming Events

Fall Reunion Nov. 1-2, 2019 FRIDAY & SATURDAY.

50th Anniversary Celebration – Sat. October 19th, 2019 6:30 p.m. Walden Club – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – Black Tie (tuxedo preferred) w/Scottish Rite Cap – Tickets \$25.00/per person- Call Office for details and reservations

GOLF Tournament – Saturday, August 24th – Contact Nathan Frazier 423-508-5864 or nfrazier423@gmail.com or Tony Bennett 423-595-8888 tonybennett@smsupply.net

Thirty-Third Degree Conferral – Dec. 7th, 2019 – Nashville – Call office for Reservations

KCCH Investiture – Sat. September 14th, 2019 – Reservations Required

You are Cordially Invited
50th Anniversary Celebration
Chattanooga Scottish Rite

Saturday, October 19th, 2019

Reception 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

The Walden Club
Keynote Speaker: Sean Greystone, 33°. G.:.C.:.
Building Superintendent
The Supreme Council

Tickets \$25.00 per Person
Entrée Selections: Steak, Chicken, Fish, Vegetarian
RESERVATIONS Required



Spring Class, 2019

Chattanooga Scottish Rite Spring 2019- Front Row (l-r): Steve Reno, 33°, Master of Kadosh, John Lifsey, 33° Gen. Sec. Ill. Joe Harrison, 33° SGIG in TN., Charles Millirons, 33°.Personal Rep. of SGIG, Wayne Gunter, 32° KCCH, Senior Warden, Lodge of Perfection. Jim R. Arnhart, 33°, Class Director
Row two: Bryan Fallowfield, Adam Burris, Thomas Glenn Kaiser, Kyle Combs, Andrew Shane Barrett
Row Three: Cameron Garnard, William F. Fetherolf, Justin Bradshaw Maxwell



The Knights of St Andrew (KSA) is the “Black Hat Club” for the Scottish Rite. If you are new to the Scottish Rite or are looking for a place to be more active we would love to have you visit us. There is no charge to be a member. We have a number of exciting events throughout the year and are always looking for additional help. We currently have an Annual Golf Tournament and Poker Tournament scheduled. We are looking to do more. Please plan on joining us at our next meeting and become involved.

The main duties of the Knights of St. Andrew were and are, to assist, as needed, during a reunion and be available to the Valley’s General Secretary for any assigned duties. Please help do your part!
Nathan Frazier 32°
Knight Master

Chattanooga Scottish Rite Society Dues now Due - \$10.00

If you are a member of the Chattanooga Scottish Rite Society, your annual dues of \$10.00 are now due. Please send your check to the Scottish Rite Office.
An annual meal card for the year (12 meals for the price of 8) is available - \$80.00. Save \$\$\$ by ordering now.

Chattanooga Scottish Rite Society

**Scottish Rite Society
ANNUAL Meal Card**

Is a Member in Good Standing
For the year 2019-2020

Name of Member

#1900
Expires 5/1/2020
Non-transferable

John R. Lifsey, 33°
Annual Dues \$10.00 General Secretary

Chattanooga Scottish Rite Mercy Shoe Fund

Shoe distributions are scheduled for Sunday, September 29th, and Sunday, December 1st, 2019. Shoes have already been ordered, and your tax deductible contributions will help fund this most worthwhile project. Last year over 1,000 pairs of shoes were distributed to area school children. This year, we have added another county, with the possibility of another county in North Georgia. Your contributions are needed now to support this project.

Master Craftsman Program



A Master Craftsman study group meets monthly at the Scottish Rite Building prior to the dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. There are approximately 40 brethren who are in various stages of completion of the Master Craftsman study program. This is a great way to enhance your Masonic education – Blue Lodge, History, Philosophy, and Scottish Rite. You may enroll online at the Supreme Council website, www.scottishrite.org, or contact the Chattanooga Scottish Rite office for more information.

Did you know?

∴ Tripod Symbol?

The tripod symbol also known as a trigon is used almost uniquely and very extensively in Freemasonry as an indication of an abbreviated title. They were, however, but rarely employed in the earlier Masonic publications. Frequently a Masonic abbreviation is distinguished by three points ∴ in a triangular form following the letter, this peculiar mark was first used according to Ragon, on the 12th of August, 1774 by the Grand Orient of France in an address to its subordinates. No authoritative explanation of the meaning of these points has been given, but they may be supposed to refer to the three lesser lights around the altar, or perhaps more generally to the number three, and to the triangle, both important symbols in the Masonic System. The triangle symbol is used instead of the usual period (.) essentially an initial or monogram continuing the meaning of “therefore”, or “standing for), For example, K∴C∴C∴H∴ is the abbreviation for Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. It is most often used in Masonry as an abbreviation for a title or rank such as Sov∴ Gr∴ Cmdr∴. for Sovereign Grand Commander instead of the usual single dot (.) indicating that letters have been omitted. The Scottish Rite Ritual and Monitor Guide by Arthur DeHoyas contains approximately 170 such abbreviations which were mostly extracted from Albert G. Mackey’s Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

Because of the hard accessibility of the symbol in non specialized keyboards and fonts, and to prevent compatibility issues, it was often substituted by a colon followed by a period (":."), and today it is most often seen as a series of three dots (...) to indicate that it is an abbreviation even if it's considered more elegant to use the original therefore character in printing.

Scottish Rite Library - With the leadership of our librarian, Bro. Doug Terry, 32° KCCH, our library is shaping up. We have begun cataloging all of our materials. Through donations of private collections, and cash contributions, additional books for our collection. The most recent acquisitions have been a complete set of the Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletins (dating back to 1927), and a complete set of Mackey’s Masonic Encyclopedias. The materials in our library will be available to all members and non-Scottish Rite members for research. If you are interested in donating books to the library or would like to help fund the purchase of additional books for the library, please contact the Office (423) 855-0175 or by email: aasr@chattanooga-scottishrite.org. **Your contributions will help enhance our library.**

Chattanooga Scottish Rite Golf Tournament

Sat. August 24, 2019

*4 Player select Shot *Shotgun start *Silent Auction *Raffle
*Long Drive and Closes to the Pin Prize *Range Balls included

Lunch Provided by Carrabba’s Italian Grill

\$125 player entry fee

For questions or to register contact by phone or email

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