



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.

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Please note: If you have not paid your 2018 Dues, a notice is attached at the end of this Newsletter. Please remit your dues payment of \$100.00 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:

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

ADVISORY CONFERENCE

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.....William E. Barber, 33°
 Treasurer.....Johnny E. Thompson, 33°
 Past Venerable Master.....Dennis Phillips, 33°
 Almoner..... .B. Don Aldridge, 33°

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NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2018

Effective January 1, 2018, Joe Harrison, SGIG for Tennessee, has appointed **Charles T. Millirons, Jr., 33°** as Personal Representative of the SGIG for the Chattanooga Valley. In addition, **Johnny E. Thompson, 33°**, has been appointed as Treasurer.

The following Officers were elected and installed on December 14, 2017, to the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix:

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master – Richard R. Petty, Jr., 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden – Wayne E. Gunter, 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden – Lee Melton, 32° KCCH
 Orator – Van Swearingen, 32° KCCH

Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master – Volney Farned, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden – John Spencer, 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden – Justin M. Huggins, 32° KCCH
 Orator – Rice Crabtree, 33°

Dates to Remember

January 11, 2018 - Advisory Conference Meeting...5:30 pm
Society Meeting..... 5:30 pm
Dinner..... 6:30 pm
Lodge of Perfection Meeting.....7:30 pm

February 8, 2018 - Advisory Conference Meeting...5:30 pm
Society Meeting..... 5:30 pm
Dinner..... 6:30 pm
Lodge of Perfection Meeting.....7:30 pm

March 8, 2018 - Advisory Conference Meeting...5:30 pm
Society Meeting..... 5:30 pm
Dinner..... 6:30 pm
Lodge of Perfection Meeting.....7:30 pm

March 17, 2018 – St. Patrick’s Day



April 1, 2018 – Easter

April 21-28, 2018 – Scottish Rite Reunion

- Please continue to submit petitions!

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Congratulations to Our Newest 33° Scottish Rite Masons



James R. Arnhart, Jr., 33°

Richard M. Smith, 33°

The 33° is conferred upon those members of the 32° KCCH who have been outstanding in their contributions to Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, or who have shown in their communities the leadership which marks them as men who exemplify in their daily lives the true meaning of the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

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THE RITE WAY!!

Membership development and retention are essential components of Scottish Rite. This Valley has recently adopted some significant programs to implement these goals.

Our Leadership Conference was a smashing success and many great ideas were advanced by those attending. Here is some of what we are doing:

1. Blue Lodge Ambassador Program---We are working toward having a Scottish Rite member serve as a Blue Lodge Ambassador to every Blue Lodge in our area. This person will be responsible to the Blue Lodge Ambassador Chairman who will report monthly to the Advisory Conference. Each ambassador will strive to assist the Blue Lodge through a Masonic Education Program and to actively promote Scottish Rite membership in the Blue Lodge.
2. VMAP—The Valley Membership Achievement Project is active and starting to blossom. Through its chairman and assistants, VMAP seeks to actively promote the acquisition of new members and the retention of present members. This will include following up on members who might be about to go inactive because of non-payment of dues. When you hear from this committee, step up the plate and take a swing! We need YOU! This Committee will also report monthly to the Advisory Conference.
3. Mentoring Program—This Committee is responsible for making sure that every candidate has a mentor assigned BEFORE the Reunion. That mentor is then tasked with two things: (1) contacting the new member each month to make sure that the new member attends the monthly meeting, and (2) that the new member, within sixty days after the Reunion, has a job of some type in Scottish Rite. You will never get more from a person that you expect so set your standards high and empower new members by letting them know that they are NEEDED and WANTED. This program may be expanded in the future to contact inactive members and make them productive members again. We don't need BYSTANDERS, we need MEMBERS!
4. Director of the Work—This newly created position is essential. This person is responsible for coordinating with all the degree masters to make sure that the correct degrees are conferred each Reunion; that all degrees are fully staffed; that the degrees are conferred in an effective and powerful way (ever been in a degree when you could not hear a darn word spoken????); and to request each degree team to research their own degree and put together a Masonic education program for that degree which can be shared in the monthly Lodge of Perfection meetings. The Director of the Work will report monthly to a member of the Advisory Conference.

There are lots and lots of other things going on and it is an exciting time to be a Scottish Rite member in Chattanooga! Remember, when you hear the knock, open the door and walk right through! THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!

Hoyt O. Samples, 33rd
Interim Personal Representative
SGIG Emeritus in Tennessee



IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS



- Lynn Moreland, 32°**
- Jay B. Stanton, 32°**
- William Watson, 32°**
- Travis Grayson, 32°**
- Gerald Fitz-Gerald., 33°**
- Anthony Morris, 32°**
- Emmit N. Welch, 32° KCCH**

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS (CONT'D)

Samuel Ott, Sr., 32° KCCH
Walter Barnes, 32°
Judge Don Moore, 32° KCCH
Howard Guhne, 32°
Richard Boyd, 32°
Norman Ellis, 32°

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2017 MERCY SHOE DISTRIBUTION



The distribution of shoes and socks to needy school children in 2017 was a success! Thank you to Charlie Haney and his team of volunteers who distributed 310 pairs of shoes and socks in October and 456 pairs in December. Charlie and his wife, Freida, are to be commended for their efforts in the organization of both distributions.

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SCOTTISH+RITE
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN

MASTER CRAFTSMAN SERIES

Okay, Brethren, you purchased the Master Craftsman with every intention to educate yourself concerning all facets of the Scottish Rite. Right? So...how far did you get? One quiz? Two? Three, maybe? Do you want to complete the series? You don't have to do it alone! You can study with others.

I want to complete the series and if you want to complete it, too, contact me and we will set a time we can get together to complete the work. I want to make the Chattanooga Scottish Rite the best educated Valley in Tennessee.

If you want to join me, call or text me, Ed Handley, at 423-505-6422.

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If you are a **Lifetime** or a **50 Year Member**, you are **NOT** obligated to pay dues.



2018 Dues Notice

Member Dues for 2018 are \$100.00 and payable with this notice.

- **2018 Dues... (\$100.00)** \$ _____
- **2017 Dues, if not already paid.** \$ _____
- **Contribution to Almoner's Fund** \$ _____
- **Total Dues Enclosed** \$ _____

(Print Full Name)

(Signature)

(Address)

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Email Address: _____

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