



# 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 2018, or 2019 Dues, a notice is included with this Newsletter. Dues for 2019 are now due. Please remit \$100 for your 2019 dues payment as soon as possible.**

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## 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.....John R. Lifsey, 33°  
Treasurer.....Johnny E. Thompson, 33°  
Past Venerable Master..... Dennis Phillips, 33°  
Almoner..... B. Don Aldridge, 33°

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## IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

Michael Harold Brannon, 32° - Nov. 26, 2018  
Billy Harold Dean, 32° KCCH – Nov. 29, 2018  
Edwin Ray Beaty, 32° Dec. 1, 2018  
Haskell Clark, 32° KCCH – Dec. 19, 2018  
David Buchanan, 32° Mar 28, 2018

Tullus Alfred Swafford, III, 32°, Oct 4, 2016



## December 2018 – Christmas Celebration.

At the December Stated Meeting, our own version of “Santa” Bro. Doug Terry, 32° KCCH, was present for Christmas Dinner and Festivities for Families and Children. A great time was had by all.



## Master Craftsman Study Group

A Master Craftsman Study Group has been formed in the valley of Chattanooga for those interested in continuing their Mason Education through the Master Craftsman Program. It is open to all – those who have enrolled in Master Craftsman, and those interested. The group will meet on the nights of our stated meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month) one hour prior to the dinner. New participants are paired with experience Master Craftsman partners for individual assistance. It is a great way to expand your Masonic knowledge. Please contact the Scottish Rite Office for more information. No registration is necessary, just show your interest.



SCOTTISH+RITE  
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN



### Third Degree Team

There is renewed focus in the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Third Degree team. This team will confer the Master Masons Degree in Lodges throughout our Valley. The initial plans are limited to one conferral per month (usually a Friday or Saturday night) and some travel will be involved. Car pooling will be encouraged. The degrees will be 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.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Class -Fall Reunion -2018



Chattanooga Scottish Rite  
Fall 2018 Reunion

#### Billie Joe Cook, 33° Memorial Class

Front Row (l-r) Wayne Gunter, 32° KCCH S.W., John Lifsey, 33°, Gen. Sec. Joe Harrison, 33° SGIG, Charles Millirons, 33° Personal Rep. Johnny Thompson, 33° Treasurer, Jim Arnhart, 33°, Class Director  
2nd Row (l-r) Gary Thomas, 32° (w/Banner) Nick Haven, Stacy Hickman, McKinley Cronon, James Burgess, Robert Koppish  
3rd Row (l-r) Kenneth Bailey, Bryan Knoeffel, Tyler Dolin, Armando Hysong

## Master Craftsman Presentations



During the Fall 2018 Reunion, SGIG Joe Harrison, 33°, presented Bro. David Hewitt, 32°, and Bro. Darrell Rich, 32° with their Master Craftsman Medals and Certificates for completion of the Master Craftsman program. Bro. Harrison spoke to the class about the importance of the Master Craftsman program and encouraged the class members to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

**Upcoming Events** February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Cap & Ring Ceremony and Ladies Valentines Night. Dinner at 6:30 Reservations required by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner \$12.00 members– Ladies FREE.



**Spring Reunion** April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY Night & SATURDAY. Degrees will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday night (4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - (18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>)

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IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PAID YOUR 2019 DUES, PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES WITH THIS FORM.
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If you are a Lifetime or a 50 Year Member, you are NOT obligated to pay dues.



2019 Dues Notice

Member Dues for 2019 are \$100.00 and payable with this notice.

- 2019 Dues... (\$100.00)
Contribution to Almoner's Fund
Total Dues Enclosed

Form fields for (Print Full Name), (Signature), (Address), (Phone), and Email Address, followed by the address: Chattanooga Scottish Rite, 1345 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

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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 more. We currently have an annual Golf Tournament and Poker Tournament. 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 to be available to the Valley's General Secretary for any assigned duties. Please help do your part!
Nathan Frazier 32°
Knight Master

Communications Note---- Much of the communication to and from the Scottish Rite office is done electronically via email. A large number of our brethren receive their correspondence, newsletters, dues statements, and special announcements by e-mail. For the Scottish Rite, this is the quickest, most efficient, cost effective method of communication and we prefer it over regular mail. If you have not done so, please consider sending us you e-mail and request your correspondence be sent electronically. Check you 'spam' filters to make sure that our messages are getting through. This will save all of us time and money, and allow for more efficient communication to our membership

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
50th Anniversary Committee (This Fall will be a very big year for us ), with countless other opportunities. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – will train.
Please contact the Scottish Rite Office for more information on any of these excellent opportunities; The pay is rewarding; the experience, incalculable, and the opportunities, unlimited. Please consider making your contribution to Chattanooga Scottish Rite NOW. Contact us for more details.



ATTEND YOUR BLUE LODGE

It needs you to help maintain and increase its strength through your attendance and you service. When you became a member, you increased its strength by one member, but what have you done for it lately? The Blue Lodge is the foundation of all of Freemasonry. If the base erodes and breaks down, ALL of Freemasonry will fall down. Don't let this happen! Do something about it! If your health and circumstances will permit, Attend it now!

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For those of you who use their computer you may access The Supreme Council website at www.scottishrite.org You can view happenings at The Supreme Council, read the latest edition of The Scottish Rite Journal online, change your address, pay your dues, or purchase items from the Scottish Rite Store.





## REINSTATEMENTS

While most of us are conscious of the continual need for new petitioners for our degrees some overlook that there are many former members of the Scottish Rite in our Valley who could be reinstated or induced to affiliate with our bodies if they were just asked.

These men are an important avenue of additional strength for our Rite and we should not overlook any opportunity to induce them to petition.

As each of you go about, keep this thought in mind. It will help our Valley if you put in a good word for our fraternity whenever the occasion presents itself.

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## BROTHER TO BROTHER RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Grand Commanders restoration program by the Supreme Council is still in effect. It allows a brother who has suspended NPD to be restored without having to pay the past due dues – only the current year dues. The 2018 GC Reinstatement Program has been extended into 2019. The program waives PAST dues for members who are a) 75 and under and b) have been suspended NPD for more than 3 years. The members need only to pay the current years dues to be in good standing. As in previous years,. As of January 1st, 2019, members who were suspended NPD in 2016 are eligible for this program.

## Venerable Masters Award



At the January 2019 stated meeting, Bro. Richard Petty, Jr., 32° KCCH, Venerable Master, presented the 2018 Venerable Masters Award to Brothers Ed Handley, 32°, and Bro. Ralph Ensley, 32°. These two brethren have been dedicated members, assisting with newsletters, setup for stated meetings and reunions, and helping in the office. We thank them for the dedication and service to the Rite.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Chattanooga Scottish Rite

This fall will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chattanooga Scottish Rite Bodies. Plans are being formulated for this unique event. If you are a Charter member of the Chattanooga Bodies, or are interested in working to help plan this celebration, please contact the office.

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## Cap & Ring Ceremony



At the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Stated meeting, we will have our Cap and Ring ceremony for the Fall Reunion Class 2018. Spouses are invited to present the caps and rings. This ceremony is being held in conjunction with our Valentine's dinner for the ladies. Make plans to attend NOW. Reservations **must** be made by **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** (one week prior to meeting).

## Do you know why you are required to sign your Dues card?

Most Masonic documents, including dues cards have the words *Ne Varietur*, usually placed on the size of the document with an appropriate place for the signature of the owner of the document. *Ne Varietur*. Latin, meaning: *Lest it should be changed*. These words refer to the Masonic usage of requiring a Brother, when he received a Certificate from a Lodge, to affix his name, in his own handwriting, in the margin, as a precautionary measure, which enables distant Brethren, by a comparison of the handwriting, to recognize the true and original owner of the Certificate, and to detect any impostor who may surreptitiously have obtained one. In ancient times, prior to the establishment of handwriting, one's 'mark' was used in place of the signature.