



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.....Robert E. Hall, 33°
Master of Kadosh.....William E. Fulks, 33°
Secretary.....William E. Barber, 33°
Treasurer.....Charles T. Millirons, Jr., 33°
Past Wise Master.....Bobby G. Officer, 33°
Past Commander.....Terry L. Plemons, 33°
Past Master of Kadosh.....Roy W. Browning, 33°
Almoner.....B. Don Aldridge, 33°

Dates to Remember

July 4, 2016.....Office Closed for Independence Day
July 14, 2016.....Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 PM
LOP Mtg 7:30 PM

August 11, 2016.....Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 PM
LOP Mtg 7:30 PM

September 5, 2016.....Office Closed for Labor Day
September 8, 2016.....Advisory Conference 5:00 PM
Feast of Tishri 6:30 PM

October 2, 2016.....Shoe Distribution – Noon
October 28-29, 2016.....Fall Reunion

December 11, 2016.....Shoe Distribution – Noon



In Remembrance of our Deceased Brothers

William L. Silence, 32°
Joe Willard Greene, III, 32°
Erich Randall Gonc, 32°
William Floyd Pack, 32°
Clarence Elbert Douglas, 32° KCCH
Jimmy Edward Hayes, 32°
Thomas Grady Seymour, Jr., 32°

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

CHATTANOOGA

Jim Arnhart, 32° KCCH, 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
Dayton Masonic Lodge.....Dayton, TN

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

From the General Secretary

It is once again my pleasure to serve you as your General Secretary and am available to answer any questions you may have or get these answers for you in a timely manner.

Membership.... Please note that the Chattanooga Scottish Rite Bodies are stronger by 24 new members from the April 2, 2016, Spring class. It would be a large feather in all our caps if we can surpass this number with an even greater (larger) class for the Fall Reunion to be held on October 28-29, 2016. Therefore, I want to urge every member to go to your Blue Lodge and all other Masonic Bodies. **and** announce the Fall Class and ask those Brothers who are not now members to strongly consider joining our great Fraternity. We need to grow and each member can make this happen.

If there are any questions you may have, just come by the office or call, and we will get you the necessary information for this important occasion.

*William E. Barber, 33°
General Secretary*



CHATTANOOGA SCOTTISH RITE

Ninety-Seventh Reunion: Robert Edward Nolan, 32° KCCH; Memorial Class April 2, 2016

Seated (l-r): Jim Pilkinton, 32° KCCH - Class Director ; Dennis L. Phillips , 33° - Venerable Master ; Johnny Thompson, 33° - Wise Master ; Ill. Joseph Harrison, 33° - SGIG in Tennessee ; Joel Bremer, 33° - Personal Representative of the SGIG in Tennessee ; Robert Hall, 33° - Commander of Kadosh ; Bobby Green, 33° - General Secretary ; Robert G. Officer, 33° - Past Wise Master

Standing front row (l-r): Michael Duane Bush, 32° ; James William Bush, 32° ; Shawn Summey, 32°; Neylan Hillman Spivey, 32° ; Scotty Lee Jones, 32° ; Anthony Bryan Buck, 32° ; Kenneth H. Woodard, Sr., 32° ; Jeremiah L. Baggett, 32°; Roger Crittenden, 32°

Standing middle row (l-r): Christopher Wayne McLendon, 32° ; William J. Bryant, 32° ; Randall Lee Sharp, 32°; Zachary Coley, 32° ; Gerald Sanders, 32° ; Johnny Lamar Anderson, 32° ; Bobby Dean McCulley, 32° ; Clayton Todd Baggett, 32°

Standing back row (l-r): Tommy Anderson, 32° ; Mike Dorsett, 32° ; Charles Bowman, 32°; Amos Dodson Lowrance, III, 32° ; Steven Torres, 32° ; Michael MorningStar, 32° ; Adam Gibson, 32°



Brother Gerald (Doug) Fitz-Gerald, 33°, a 50-year Scottish Rite member, recently stepped down after 56 years as Secretary of Marion Lodge #515. In a special ceremony and in his honor, a plaque recognizing this noteworthy accomplishment was placed near his former desk in the Lodge. Brother Doug is also a Past Master of that Lodge and has served for over 60 years as a Funeral Master, presiding over literally hundreds of Masonic funeral services.

A former member of the Scottish Rite 31st Degree cast for many years, his service to the community is also significant, having been elected to two terms as Marion County Mayor and multiple terms as a Marion County Commissioner.

We salute you, Brother Fitz-Gerald, for your many accomplishments and your years of dedicated service!

Dennis Phillips, 33°, Venerable Master

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

All lodges in North America are dedicated to the memory of the Holy Saints John. St. John the Baptist day is commemorated around the summer solstice in June and John the Evangelist day is commemorated around the winter solstice in December.

John the Baptist was known as a man of the wilderness and dressed in camel skins and ate wild honey and locusts. This leads many to believe that he was associated with the Essenian community which was principally located at Qumran, along the northwest shore of the Dead Sea.

As a result of the corruption of the ministry by the Hasmonean dynasty, a group of pious Jews withdrew from organized religion and formed a group by the name of the Essenes. The Essenes were very moral.

Thus, when Herod Antipas took his brother's wife (Herodias), such taking was condemned by John the Baptist. As a result, John the Baptist was imprisoned. During a drunken party, the daughter (Salome) of Herodias by her previous husband Phillip engaged in a very seductive dance which especially pleased Herod Antipas and he told Salome that she could have anything in the kingdom. She then consulted with her mother, Herodias, who hated John the Baptist and they agreed that they would demand the head of John the Baptist on a platter, and Herod executed this great man.

We revere the memory of John the Baptist today because he was a man of great integrity who spoke the truth without compromise. We as Masons should possess those same qualities and live a life worthy of emulation.

Hoyt O. Samples, 33°, SGIG Emeritus