



**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*
- Gary Sissel, 33°, is Grand Secretary General*
- William Gene Sizemore, II, 33°, is Grand Executive Director*
- Joseph C. Harrison, Jr., 33°, is Deputy in Tennessee*
- Joel L. Bremer, 33°, is Personal Representative of the Deputy*
- Terry L. Plemons, 33°, is Assistant Personal Rep. of the Deputy*

**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.....Bobby G. Green, 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°



Brother Bobby Green, 33°, presented Brother David Olds, 32°, a member of the 2014 Spring Reunion, with his patent, ring, hat, and photo at the July 10, 2014, meeting.

**Dates to Remember**

- October 9, 2014.....Advisory Conference 5:00 pm  
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 pm  
LOP Mtg 7:30 pm
- Oct 19, 2014.....Shoe Distribution @ Noon
- Oct 31-Nov 1, 2014.....Fall Reunion
- Nov 13, 2014.....Advisory Conference 5:00 pm  
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 pm  
LOP Mtg 7:30 pm
- Nov 27, 2014 - Thanksgiving.....Office Closed
- Dec 11, 2014.....Advisory Conference 5:00 pm  
Society Mtg & Meal 6:30 pm  
LOP Mtg 7:30 pm
- Dec 14, 2014.....Shoe Distribution @ Noon
- Dec 24-25, 2014.....Office Closed for Christmas
- Jan 1, 2015.....Office Closed for New Year's

**CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

**CHATTANOOGA**

Lee Melton, 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  
Mtg 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM EDT...Angela's Restaurant

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**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  
Western Sizzlin Steakhouse.....Jasper, TN

**RHEA COUNTY**

Gary Whittaker, 32°, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00 PM  
The Cookie Jar.....Dunlap, TN

**WARREN COUNTY**

David Pendergraph, 32°, President  
Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30 PM CDT  
VFW Club.....McMinnville, TN

**WHITE COUNTY**

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



***In Remembrance of Our Brothers***

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| Guy Larkin Phillips         | Gordon George Simpson |
| James Douglas Blackwell     | James Robert Hayes    |
| Stanley Charles Colby       | John Steven Trehwella |
| John Parker Layne, Sr.      | Walter Beecher Wolfe  |
| James Earl Holt             | Mark Dwain Brewer     |
| James Christopher Vice, Jr. | Arvel Eugene Stafford |
| Donald Lavone Sharpe        | Rayford John McLaurin |
| Theodore Fred Phillips      | Roland Alvesta Smith  |

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**ATTENTION:** Wives, family members, caregivers: Should the person to whom this newsletter is addressed be ill or in difficulty, please call the General Secretary at 423-855-0175.

**Message from Dennis Phillips, 33°, Venerable Master: Tishri - the month and the festival**

Each year when we celebrate Tishri, I pause to better understand its meaning which often leads to doing research. Most significantly, Tishri is a month in the Jewish calendar with great religious and historical significance containing several feasts, festivals, and holy days. The month of Tishri is based on an ancient calendar system used in Israel/Judea and is quite different from the Gregorian calendar most of us refer to on a daily basis. It is the 1st month in the Jewish civil calendar (Tishri years) which begins in the fall. It is also the 7th month in the Jewish religious calendar (Nisan years) which begins in the spring.

Secondly, we must remember that Jewish calendars use the lunar cycle which means days begin at sunset and end at nightfall the following day. In the Jewish calendar we can think of Tishri as the beginning of a new year with New Year's being celebrated over 2 days (Tishri 1 and 2) in an event known as Rosh Hashanah or "Head of the Year". In 2014, on our common calendar, Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Wednesday, September 24 and ends at nightfall on Friday, September 26. This first of the high holy days celebrates the creation of Adam and Eve; the Shofar or ram's horn is sounded; and participants eat symbolic foods, such as apples dipped in honey to ensure a "sweet new year".

The next major event in the month of Tishri is Yom Kippur which is celebrated from sunset Thursday, October 2, until nightfall Friday, October 3 (Tishri 10). Yom Kippur, or "Day of Atonement", is the holiest day of the year for Jewish people. Its central themes are atonement and repentance, and it is a day traditionally observed with fasting and intense prayer.

Sukkot (plural of sukkah meaning "booth or tabernacle") falls 5 days after Yom Kippur and is somewhat reminiscent of harvest festivals celebrated by many cultures around the world. It begins at sunset Wednesday, October 8 (Tishri 15), and continues for 7 days until nightfall Wednesday, October 15 (Tishri 21). It is alternately known as the Feast of Sukkot, Festival of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles, and Feast of Tishri. This event commemorates the exit of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Biblically speaking as the Israelites were led out of the wilderness after 40 years, God decreed the celebration of a 7-day feast in the month of Tishri during which they were to eat and live in "sukkahs" or walled structures covered with "schach" or plant material such as palm leaves or leafy tree branches. This was the same type of temporary shelter they erected during their 40 years of travel. God also decreed this feast was to be observed annually to remind the Israelites that He had delivered them from bondage in Egypt. Thus, the Feast of Tishri/Sukkot/Tabernacles symbolizes freedom.

Some 450 years after the Exodus, King Solomon dedicated his newly completed Temple during the Feast of Tishri and commanded his subjects to make pilgrimage, thereby giving another reason for it to be known as the Feast of the Tabernacle. The Scottish Rite has adopted this event and celebrates it as a symbol of our dedication to freedom, brotherly love, and a peaceful world.

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The annual contribution from the Scottish Rite Foundation to Children's Hospital at Erlanger's Speech & Hearing Center was presented on September 4, 2014. Pictured above are Dr. Alan Kohrt, Brother David Nelson, 33°, Julie Taylor, and Dr. Joel Bremer, 33°, Personal Representative of the Deputy in TN.

**From the General Secretary**

I would like to thank the 215 members who have paid 2015 dues already and would like to remind everyone else that their 2015 dues are due and payable.



Bobby Green, 33°, presented Mrs. Guy L. Phillips with her husband's 50-year cap, certificate, and pin. Brother Phillips passed away shortly before he was to receive this recognition.

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Dennis Phillips, 33°, presented Harvey Raper, 33°, with a copy of the "Edgar M. Raper, 33° Memorial Class" photo dated April 28-29, 1979. The picture and frame were donated by Wenda Murphy who bought them at a yard sale.



**Don't forget the Boston Butt Fundraiser.** Call the office at 423-855-0175 to reserve yours at a cost of \$35 each for a pork roast weighing

approximately 8 lbs. after cooking. They may be picked up 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2014, at the Scottish Rite Center.