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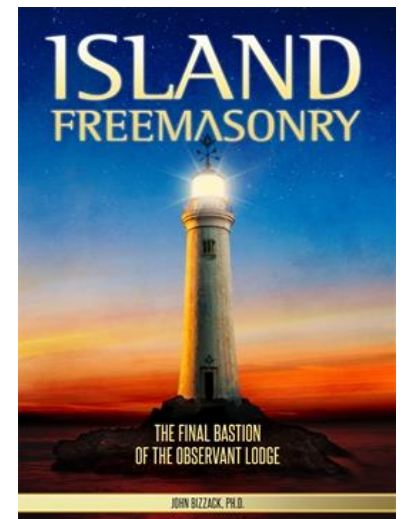
Chattanooga Golf Tournament Successful!

Our annual Golf Tournament happened on August 30th and was a complete success. We exceeded last years amount for our charity, Speech & Hearing Clinic at TC Thompsons Children at Erlanger Medical Center. Thanks to all the sponsors and players for their support. Tony Bennett 32° KCCH, as usual did an outstanding job organizing the event and getting such a great turnout!

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Suggested Reading:

In the United States, the last one hundred years has seen Freemasonry, once a cornerstone of American civil society, subside in influence, popularity, and relevance. From an all-time membership high in the 1950s, American membership numbers steadily declined for the last fifty years, resulting in half-empty lodge rooms and shuttered temples across the nation. Why? What changed? From *Anderson's Constitutions* to the Morgan Affair to the Post-War Boom in membership, John Bizzack's latest book *Island Freemasonry: The Final Bastion of the Observant Lodge* answers those questions by examining the evolution of American Freemasonry from its arrival in colonial times to the twenty-first century. In this groundbreaking new study, Bizzack traces the roots of Masonry's decline by charting how the U.S. grand lodges lost their way, departing from the original plan of Masonry in a never-ending quest for numbers. Find this and many other books in your Chattanooga Scottish Rite Library.



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Fall Reunion

It's that time again brethren. Our Fall Reunion is scheduled for October 28th-29th. We are expecting the largest class we've had in a while. The board has been challenged to bring in at least one new member each, and now we further extend that challenge to you all. Additionally, if you bring in three members this year your dues are free for the upcoming year! You can stop by the office and grab petitions or get them online at

[Forms - Chattanooga Scottish Rite.](#)



"We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members"



CQ, CQ, CQ

Are you a ham radio operator? Did you know that there is a weekly net for freemasons? Well, there is. For more information go here,

[Amateur Radio Masons Masonic Gathering Net of the World Wide Web](#)



See you on the air! 73's

Knights of Saint Andrew



In early 1993 the late, Ill. Weldon Good, 33° of the Tulsa Valley of Oklahoma saw a need for assistance during reunions. He also noticed that Masons were joining the Scottish Rite, but many were not returning to help and participate in later reunions. To rectify this, he established the organization now known as the Knights of St Andrew as a service group for the valley. This fulfilled the dual purpose of assisting the valley and giving members reasons to be further involved in valley activities. Although not based on the 29th Degree, the Knights of St. Andrew are devoted to Service, Loyalty, and Truth by emulation of the characteristics of the older organizations – the Knights Templar, and the Order of St. Andrew du Chardon. The by-laws state that the Knights of St. Andrew are a

“Black Cap” group. Any member who subsequently receives the KCCH – Knights Commander of the Court of Honor – cannot hold an office or vote although they can still work and assist in functions of the chapter. 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 other assigned duties. Finding that the Knights of St. Andrew worked well in the Tulsa Valley, Brother Good offered, with the approval of the SGIG, to charter chapters in the other two Valleys of Oklahoma – Guthrie and McAlester. Guthrie chartered in October 1993 and McAlester early in 1994. Chattanooga Valley received our charter in July 2003 ten years later. There are now **156** Valleys with KSA Chapters within the Southern Jurisdiction and **25** Chapters in the **Northern** Jurisdiction. These Chapters represent **46** States. There is also a KSA Chapter chartered in Puerto Rico. To get involved in the Chattanooga KSA contact Wade Hinson at (423) 414-8501 or call the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13th Regular Stated Meeting

October 28th-29th Scottish Rite Reunion

November 17th Regular Stated Meeting

December 4th Scottish Rite Shoe Distribution

December 19 District Lodge Officer Installation



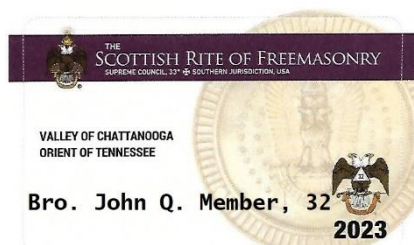
Dues are...due

Its that time again, dues are...well coming due. The great thing is you can pay them in so many different ways that there really isn't a good excuse not to get them in, and early. You can goto the Scottish Rite home page, log in and click pay your dues.

You can also send them to the office by mail or bring them to the next meeting as we would love to see you.

Have questions, give us a call at (423) 855-0175 or send us an email at

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This is your record of good standing.
It will admit you to meetings of Scottish Rite Bodies.
Please sign your card and carry it with pride.

Mentoring 101



On October 13th at our regular dinner Brother Hoyt Samples 33° SGIG Emeritus, will deliver a lecture on Mentoring. Make sure you get your reservations in early so we can get a good head count for dinner. Ill. Hoyt O. Samples, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus in Tennessee, is a member of the Chattanooga Scottish Rite. Bro. Samples is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a B.S. in Business Administration. He graduated with high honors from the University of Cincinnati Law School and was a member of the Editorial Board of the Law Review. He is the senior member of the Law Firm of Samples, Jennings, Ray & Clem, P.L.L.C. He is licensed to practice law in Tennessee and

Georgia and has been admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the Sixth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal, and numerous federal district courts. He is a member and Past Master of Red Bank Lodge No. 717 in Chattanooga. He is Past Venerable Master of Chattanooga Lodge of Perfection, served as Chairman of the Advisory Conference of the Chattanooga Scottish Rite Bodies, and Personal Representative of the SGIG. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and is a Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, a member of the York Rite Bodies, Alhambra Shrine, and numerous other Masonic Bodies. He is a Senior Demolay and served as Master Councilor of Red Bank Chapter and Scribe-Treasurer of the State of Tennessee. Bro. Samples is married to the former Mitzi Poteat. They have two children, Lochlin B. Samples, 32° KCCH, and Kelsey A. Samples.

Scottish Rite Education

- **Program I: *The Symbolic Lodge*** will familiarize students with aspects of the development of Blue Lodge Masonry and explore some of its developing symbolism. This will reveal that the “High Degrees” began to develop soon after formation of the Premier Grand Lodge (1717). Albert Pike’s book, *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*, along with Arturo de Hoyos’s *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (3d ed.) will be used to demonstrate a rational and philosophical interpretation for much of what is found in Craft Masonry.
- **Program II: *Scottish Rite Ritual and History*** consists of six lessons, utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and *A Bridge to Light* (4th ed.) by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.
- **Program III: *Scottish Rite Philosophy*** uses *Albert Pike’s Morals & Dogma, Annotated Edition*, by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross and returns to the ritual of the Scottish Rite to re-explore it on a deeper level, by looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and then applying that lesson to one’s everyday life. The course consists of 33 quizzes, grouped into 10 sections. For more information go here [Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J. - Master Craftsman Online College | Course Listing \(mastercraftsmancollege.org\)](http://www.scottishriteoffreemasonry.com/education/online-college/course-listing)



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Area Calendar

There are so many different masonic happenings around our valley, some may wonder why someone hasn’t created a website or something so that the traveler would know where to go on a given night. Well, you’re in luck! Someone did, and they have done a great job with it. Our very own Andy Barber has a great website that he developed and invited area bodies to connect their calendars to. That website is

[Chattanooga Area Masonic Calendar | Chattanooga Masons.](http://www.chattanoogaareamasoniccalendar.com)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have something you would like added to the newsletter? Email us your event dates, recipes or newsworthy photos and we will try our best to get them into the next letter!

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Chefs Corner



We as freemasons are always in pursuit of that perfect recipe to make the best green beans. Here is a recipe that is tried and true. In my travels I found this recipe and thought I would share. It's fancy enough for the holidays but easy enough to do for any meal. Check it out, let us know what you think.

[The Best Ever Oven Roasted Green Beans - The Wanderlust Kitchen](#)

Have a recipe you would like to share? Drop it off at the office or send us an email and we will get it into one of our newsletters.

Did you know?

The first record of Scottish Rite Activity in Chattanooga was on April 24th, 1890, when Albert Pike signs letters Temporary creating Mithras Lodge of Perfection in Chattanooga. The permanent charter was issued October 30, 1901; that charter was surrendered April 11, 1908.

FEAST OF TISHRI

Dr. David Stafford, 33°, Grand Chaplain the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was the guest speaker at our Feast of Tishri on September the 8th gathering. The origin of The Feast of Tishri is described in the book of Leviticus where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying that on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri of the Hebrew civil calendar, "ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord." The Feast of Tishri is the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival.



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,

which are:

Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole, 33°

Grand Executive Director William Gene Sizemore, II, 33°

SGIG in Tennessee Joseph C. Harrison, 33°

Personal Rep of the SGIG Charles T. Millirons, 33°

Asst. Personal Rep. of the SGIG Tony. Bennett, 32° KCCH

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