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The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission and guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.



NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.



“Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother”

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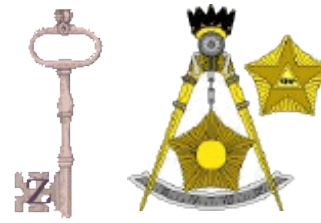
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NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Ill. James A. Salisbury, Jr.

Well, here we are in the middle of June already. The new DDGM's have started their official visits, the Grand Master and the Imperial Potentate will all be here at the very same time. Both are very good men. A coin flip always works as to which visit to attend.

By this time, you should have received your BBQ Sandwich Fundraiser mailout with your tickets. Please support the endeavor. Helping young kids to hear, speak, and learn is an awesome thing and is very worthwhile. If you look on the form we sent, you will see a box that you can check for *donations only*. If all you wish to do is donate, please check the box. We have ordered food for 1,100 meals. Our goal is to sell all 1,100. If you would like to help on the prep day of Thursday, June 23, or serve on the sales days of June 24 and June 25 (car city), please call the office at 850-494-0801 and let us know. We would love to have you, as help is always welcome.

The Valley will celebrate the 4th of July on Thursday, July 7. There will not be a meeting, just burgers, dogs, coleslaw and baked beans. If you wish to attend, please call the office no later than noon, July 5, so we can have a good idea of how many to cook for. We will start serving around 5:30 pm. If the weather is nice, we might set up under the front breezeway.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 4, 2022. That evening we'll celebrate the Pensacola Scottish Rite Women's Association. Please do attend and show your support for these great ladies.

Please remember that the Education and Sandwich Supper is now held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. This program is really worth attending, the instruction is second to none. Hon. Gazaway and Hon. Kickliter really do their homework and provide some very good insight into the Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

For the officers who will be incoming for 2023, you must start right now planning your line's fundraiser, do not wait. Each line: Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, Lodge of Perfection, along with KCCH and KSA, will be having their own fundraising project for 2023. The Consistory will continue fundraising for the Scottish Rite Foundation. Talk it over with the members of your line, and get them involved since they will be where you are one day. These fundraisers are very important. Please do not procrastinate. ✖

Dues Notices will be mailed in August 2022

This coming August you will be receiving your 2023 Dues notice. There will be a slight increase. I am asking that all of you please pay as soon as you receive it. This can be done the old way by writing a check and mailing, you can go to <https://scottishrite.org/> and set up your account so you can pay there with no hassle, or you can call the office and use your credit card. It is very important that you pay as soon as you can. We use our dues to maintain and operate the Pensacola Masonic Center and pay insurance. Again, please do not procrastinate, pay as soon as you receive the notice. ✖



THE MASONIC JOURNEY

Ill. Kurt P. Larson, Personal Representative

This time of year, many of our brothers have returned from Grand Lodge full of vim and vigor for the Fraternity. That is good to recharge our batteries. However, not everyone shares that experience and wonders why all the hype. It's simple. Freemasonry is a journey – NOT a destination. Now that might be hard for some to fathom. But our craft is built upon that very first step you took in becoming a Mason. Think about it, you had to be taught how to take that very first step – the proper angle of our feet. The length of stride. How to place your hands, and on and on.

This journey we are on is never ending. Some feel once they have gotten the degrees, they are done. I for one can tell you that many years of study only make for many more years of study to understand what those “brilliant” men who helped us along the way meant. And that's just if we consider the first step, in Florida Freemasonry. There are variations based upon the Grand Lodge. Do they mean the same? Perhaps, but more likely they are similar.

Once you have taken that first step, the next ones become easier. And the next, and the next, and so on. But it is up to the brother to listen, head, and learn the lessons given. Do we all interpret the information the same? No, that's the beauty of it all. We are freemen, allowed to interpret the meanings and the importance in our own lives. I have been influenced by so many of you. But, ya'll are different. I am working to make this THE organization you feel strongly enough to attend, criticize, empower, and improve. If you didn't you wouldn't care one iota about the Valley, it's members or if it even existed. There are exciting things happening here because of all of you.

A part of the masonic journey beyond the first step, is advancing through the degrees. Sometimes it is taking leadership roles to guide the Lodge, Valley, Chapter, Council, etc. to the next step as an organization. And then when you've passed the mantle to the next candidate, you hope they do better than you. And that is the cycle. We are proud of our members and their accomplishments. This Valley was well represented at Grand Lodge. We have several of our members who've stepped up and taken on Grand Lodge duties. Congratulations. We are proud of you and look forward to great things from you. But, we do that for our future members as well. We are proud of the first steps a man takes in front of that alter for the first time. While we don't gush like a new father, we have that inward pride of a man helping another accomplish something great.

I am so proud to see the men who've stepped up to support their Lodges, and even taken on roles in Grand Lodge. I am proud to call them brother and offer my support and loyalty to accomplish the goals of their organizations. At the same time, but supporting our Blue Lodges, we are building a future for the Scottish Rite. As much as I love you guys, we're not going to be around forever. We need to be transferring our knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm to the future now. We can't wait until they come to our door and ask for admittance or offer to take on some responsibility or office.

So while we are celebrating those who've come back from Grand Lodge with lofty titles and experiences, don't forget that we need to be celebrating ALL the steps we are taking as Masons. While it might seem like our Fraternity has gone underground without as much visible public engagement, perhaps we are working hard to make sure we have built our own infrastructure so when that man comes to the door – we are ready, willing, and able to support his journey that is just beginning. ✖

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**Hon. Ronald L. Parks, KCCH
Master of Kadosh**

Hello to all and welcome to summer,

Along with summer comes hurricane season. Yuk! Anyway, I hope all of you are enjoying the warm weather and doing well. We have lots going on at the Scottish Rite and hopefully you are able and willing to join in. This month we are having our annual Barbecue Sandwich sale on June 24. All the proceeds go to the foundation which goes to support the Hearing and Language Disorder Clinic at Baptist Hospital. So, take time to send in your money to help our cause. Even if you don't order the sandwiches, it will make you feel good that you did. Also, don't forget our annual picnic on July 7, 2022. Be sure to come out and have a burger or hotdog. Lastly, if you haven't been to our Soup and Sandwich education night be advised it is now on the 4th Wednesday of the month and it is going well. Hon. Bobby Kickliter is bringing the food and it is way more than pizza. The food is good and so is the education received. Enough for now.

My main topic for this writing is on Education. As Masons, we are always looking for light. Therefore, we need to continually educate ourselves and this is especially true in the Scottish Rite. Masonry has much history and presents many opportunities for a Brother to learn more about the craft. Learning doesn't quit at the Master Mason Degree or the 32nd Degree. A Mason should be continually learning and bettering himself. Do you know what the word Kadosh means? The term "Kadosh" is derived from a Hebrew word and means holy or consecrated or to be made holy. This is only one example of words that are used, but some never take time to learn what it means or why one would use it. I challenge each of you to learn something new every day, whether it has to do with Masonry or not. It keeps the mind sharp, and if you're getting old like me that is a good thing. As the saying goes, "a mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Lastly, I am throwing in a pitch for membership. How many Brothers in your Lodge are members of the Scottish Rite? If the majority are not, then there is some work for you to do. As I said above, we should be continually learning, educating ourselves; and the Scottish Rite, as do other appendant bodies, provides an avenue to do just that. This is why you should be telling them to join.

Even though it is early, I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July as we celebrate and partake of the festivities on this important day in our history. May you always have plenty to eat and drink and the Brotherly love only your Brothers can offer. ✖

**Scottish Rite Women's Association
Mrs. Lois Thiergart, President**

Happy Summer time everyone! Wow, we have a Sandwich Fundraiser, with prep on June 23, and BBQ sales and delivery on June 24 and 25, 2022. Our next event is the July 7th picnic coming up at 5:30 p.m. with no meeting. Let's bring something yummy to go with hamburgers.

I missed you earlier this month, so let's give the office some help by folding newsletters whenever the newsletters come out. Our volunteers, both men and women, are terrific. So, let's support everything the Scottish Rite does. Blessings, Lois ✖

Masonic Corner:

- Fellowship Breakfast, Ensley 278, biscuits & sausage gravy - every second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.
- Fellowship Breakfast, Myrtle Grove 352, second Saturday of the month 7-9:00 a.m.

The Valley recently had the pleasure to honor members of the community, and our own, at the May 5th Family Values Night at the Valley. Below are the individuals honored and a little about them. If you have the chance to meet them, be sure and thank them for their work helping families in our area.

**Ms. Venessa Bettis
Director, Women's Recovery Ministries**

I specialize in helping hurt, lost women to prepare them for a future beyond addiction. I use a positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage the Women to work hard and succeed. I'm inspired daily by my 2 daughters and son. In my spare time I like to spend time with my grandchildren, family time, meeting with my spiritual sisters in Christ, traveling and relaxing at the beach. Charis House Christ centered recovery program for females promotes and encourage each woman who comes into the program to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be released from bondage of drugs/alcohol.

Hon. Benny Bernal & Ms. Venessa Bettis



**Mr. Rick and Suki Lambert
Rotarian and Volunteer**

Rick is a 21 year veteran of the USAF, CEO of Iron Horse Wealth Strategies. Member of the Pensacola Rotary Club and Olive Baptist Church. He thrives on helping others, and does so without bringing attention to himself. Community service is an important part of Rick and Suki's lives. Rick has been a Rotarian in Pensacola for over 19 years. Suki has been instrumental in Rick's Rotary endeavors which led to her being a Honorary Rotarian in 2009.

**Ministry Village at Olive
Charis House, Most Excellent Way, Tender Hearts
Caring Hands, and Early Learning Center**

Executive Director, Drayton Smith, oversees a vast group of people dedicated to helping others in need. The Ministry Village at Olive expresses the love of Christ to all people through acts of service. The organization aims to increase access to people dealing with unserved or underserved community needs including emotional, financial, mental, medical, physical, spiritual and vocational.

**Outstanding Scottish Rite Family of the Year
Ben Q. Quinto, 32° KSA & Family**

Bro. Ben and his wife, Rose, have been staunch supporters of the Valley of Pensacola and Freemasonry. Today Ben and his wife graciously support the Children's Language Disorders Clinic as well as the monthly Fellowship Luncheon. Everywhere you look you see Ben and Rose helping in some manner. He strives every day to be the model for those who follow. Ben and Rose are very active at the Little Flower Catholic Church.



**Shawn D. Johnson
Knights of St. Andrew**

Summer is definitely here and I hope everyone is staying cool as the summer is just starting to heat up. It is hard to believe the year is already half over. As they say, "time flies when you're having fun." Speaking of fun, the KSA and KCCH are teaming up to put on what is sure to be a fun and exciting fundraiser. On Saturday, September 24, 2022, we will be putting on a Summer Soiree Dinner Dance. We have put a lot of time and thought into this event to make it where all can attend and enjoy themselves. It will start at 4:00 p.m. to allow those that have a hard time driving at night the opportunity to get out and have a good time with family, friends, and brothers they may have not seen in a while. Yes, this is an open event and all are welcome to attend. This is also a BYOB event, so if you would like to bring a special beverage feel free and please drink responsibly. The event will kick off with music put on by DJ Micky, who will play any of your favorite song requests. The evening will continue with a great meal consisting of Burgundy Pork Tenderloin, mash potatoes with brown gravy, "Masons favorite" green beans, dinner rolls, salad, and desert. There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Tickets will go on sale soon and I'm sure more surprises to come. So, please put this date on your calendar and let's make this Summer Soiree Dinner Dance a great and fun event, at the same time raise some money for our Valley.

On another note, we started the GOLD BAR PROGRAM last year and it was a great success. We are continuing the program this year and in the years to come. To recap what the Gold Bar Program is and the one thing that makes this program different is all the proceeds stay in our Valley. This is how it works; every time you donate \$100 you will receive a Gold Bar lapel pin to wear on your Double Eagle Award lanyard or the lapel of your coat. When you donate \$500 you will trade your gold bar lapel pins in and receive a special 500 Gold Bar Club lapel pin. Then you will continue receiving a gold bar lapel pin for every \$100 donated till you reach \$1,000 in donations where you will trade your Gold Bar pins and your 500 Gold Bar Club pin in and receive a special 1000 Gold Bar Club lapel pin. This process will continue and you will receive a special Gold Bar Club pin every time you reach \$500 in donations. There has also been some discussion on hanging a plaque in the building to recognize those names that have reached the different Gold Bar Clubs. I feel this program is a great way to support our Valley, and I hope every Scottish Rite Mason will continue to support this program. Please take a moment to look over the donation form that was inserted in your newsletter and consider making a donation and start earning your gold bars.



I hope everyone is in good health and enjoying the summer. Hope to see you soon. ✖



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 7	Cook Out – Independence Day	5:00 PM
Jul 29	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
Aug 4	Executive Meeting KCCH Meeting – Conference Room KSA Meeting – Library Invocation followed by Dinner Program – Scottish Rite Women's Assoc KCCH Honor Guard Host – Commander, Council of Kadosh	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Aug 24 Aug 25	Education & Sandwich Supper Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting	5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Sep 1	Executive Meeting KCCH Meeting – Conference Room KSA Meeting – Library Invocation followed by Dinner Program – Masonic Youth / Ring & Patent Honor 25 & 50 Year Members KSA Honor Guard Host – Master of Kadosh, Consistory Newsletter Articles Due	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Sep 5	Office Closed	
Sep 13	Newsletter Production	9:00 AM
Sep 28	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM

REMINDERS

If you are waiting until the day of the BBQ Sandwich sale to come with your tickets and pay then, we cannot guarantee that we will have a sandwich for you. Please do call first, no later than June 20, to ensure that we have enough BBQ.

If you know of a member/family member in sickness or distress, please call the office (850-494-0801) so they can be put on our Circle of Concern list. Thank you!

Circle of Concern

- Hon. Russell Burgin
- Bro. Julian Cooley
- Ill. Fred Hurd
- Hon. Robert Matteson
- Ill. Lewis Pollak
- Hon. Michael & Judy Wood

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