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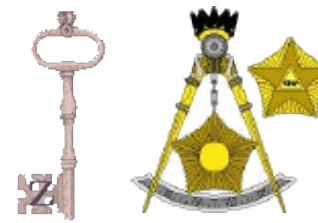
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NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Ill. James A. Salisbury, Jr.

Greetings! As I sit here to write this, a lot has been happening here at the Valley. We just had the official visit of Ill. Richard G. Hoover, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient in Florida. He presented Ring and Patents to our fall class, Double Eagle awards for the last year, along with greeting and speaking with the members of the Valley who were in attendance. It was very nice to have sitting Masters and Secretaries in attendance. I want to give a SHOUT OUT to Hon. Jerry Garner and his kitchen crew for a fine meal as always, KSA and KCCH who performed dishwashing duties, and the youth who served the meal. It was all One Big Team effort for this to happen. Please always remember to make your reservations.

The first day of the Spring Reunion has come and gone. It is hoped that you came to sit with your Brothers and enjoy the ritual and fellowship. It is a “Reunion”, how long has it been since you were here? Well, that’s just too long.

We have had a change in Education. Hon. James Gazaway has moved to the Valley of Middle Georgia. He will be missed in many ways. We are very fortunate to have Bro. Joshua Schutts, 32°, KSA to step up to the plate. He is very knowledgeable in Masonic studies. Do come out for our Education and Sandwich Supper on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. I promise you will like what you hear and see. ✖

Ill. Richard Hoover, SGIG presenting a Millionaire Certificate to Mrs. Evelyn Carambas



Our great kitchen team hard at work. Thanks for all you do!

HONORS

Ill. Kurt P. Larson, Personal Representative

It’s that time again, when people wait in anticipation of the upcoming announcement of the new Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and the new Inspector Generals Honourary. So this month I thought I’d pull back the curtain on the mysterious process and give you an idea of what happens during the process and the outcome. It sounds like a mouthful and there is a lot of work that goes into the process. For the nominee it is easy. For the nominators it is time consuming. For the leaders, challenging; for the Supreme Council frustrating.

So let’s break this down starting at the very beginning. A long time ago, the greatest honor a Scottish Rite Mason could receive was the 33rd degree. At the time, there were only 11 who ranked as 33rd Scottish Rite Freemasons. They were the founding fathers of our Fraternity and active members of what came to be known as the Supreme Council, Mother Council of the World. Then along about the time of 1850-1860, the Supreme Council of New Orleans created additional 33rds. When this happened, it wasn’t long before our Supreme Council created the Inspector General Honourary. These men receive the actual 33rd degree and can sit in chambers with those designed as the Supreme Council, with some limitations. But, that’s not what we are here for.

Every man who is eligible to be a member of the Supreme Council must hold the rank and dignity of Inspector General Honourary. But first, in the Southern Jurisdiction, a man must have attained the rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. This was an award created by Albert Pike to recognize others who are working for the betterment of our Fraternity and yet to keep from weakening the meaning of the 33rd and last degree. So this new designation was created which is neither a degree nor a stepping stone to the Supreme Council. It is a designation honoring those who have contributed to the Fraternity and encourages further participation in the work of our Valleys.

So how do we determine how many of this or that will there be? Every two years, the Supreme Council meets in session where in the finances, membership and a ton of other matters are discussed. Then, based upon the membership of the entire Fraternity, a determination is made so that 1% of all Scottish Rite members can be represented in the 33rd degree. Depending upon the active membership, that number can be a lot or a few. For instance, if the Supreme Council determines there can be 100 new 33rds, then it will send a number to the most active Orients and fewer to the least based upon their membership numbers.

If I haven’t lost you yet, that means based upon our active membership, and the number of people initiated and those we keep from losing via Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) and those we reinstate as compared to the entire Orient, we would get more or less than another Valley in Florida. All boiled down – not that many unless we have some outstanding reunion classes or bring back a ton of members who haven’t been active in a while. So it’s determined by us for all our membership numbers.

In the Statutes of the Supreme Council it says in Article XIV Court of Honour the number of such nominations for Knights Commander for each Orient in the United States shall be two for each nomination for Inspector General Honourary as set forth in Article IV, Section 9, of these Statutes. In addition to the earned nominations provided for in the preceding section, and in addition to the number standing to his credit, and in the same form and manner, and complying with the same conditions, each Sovereign Grand Inspector General and each Deputy of the Supreme Council may nominate for the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, two Masters of the Royal



Secret for each fifty Masters of the Royal Secret who have received the Thirty-second Degree in his Orient since the preceding regular session. Any unused nominations will be carried forward to the next Session.

SEC. 5. of that article say a Sovereign Grand Inspector General or a Deputy of the Supreme Council may not nominate to the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour anyone who has not received the Thirty-second Degree at least forty-four months before the session at which the nomination is to be voted on, ...

So that spells out how many. So who gets it? And that is determined individually by each Sovereign Grand Inspector General. However, a recommendation is made by the Personal Representative to the SGIG. Then the SGIG in consultation with the PR will make a nomination to the Supreme Council. Generally, nominations are made for the following: his contributions to his community, or his contributions to the Fraternity, or his contributions to the Scottish Rite. These last three are important. While everyone feels that they have worked their butts off for our Valley, if they are not chosen there are hard feelings which is not what was intended. You have to meet one of the three categories. How do you choose between, in our case, 500 plus outstanding men? I can tell you it isn't easy. I would honor each of you if in my ability to do so. So I take input from every man who is a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and Inspector General Honourary. They fill out a form and submit it to me privately. Nobody but I know who was nominated. Then I have a super secret group of men (who changes each time and I will not reveal who they are) who advise me and they rank the nominations based upon the good to the Valley, the community, and the Fraternity.

It is up to me to review each of their rankings from the committee and then submit my recommendation to the SGIG. Is my recommendation the people who will receive the honors? Not always. Sometimes there are needs that the Supreme Council sets forth that I have no idea about and someone else is selected. But the man is still deserving of the honor and recognition.

It sounds complicated, can be frustrating, but it is not something that is taken lightly. As I have said, we have an outstanding group of men within these walls. How do I honor everyone? By treating each of you with the respect you deserve and welcome you into our Scottish Rite as upright men and masons. Thank you for all you do. It truly is your Valley.

The men who are selected will be sent a congratulatory letter from the SGIG and an invitation to Honours Weekend. This November it will be held in Tampa. Those selected will write the SGIG a letter (yes, old fashioned mail – no email or text) indicating they will accept the honor. They will register through the General Secretary and pay for their registration and hotel. This is not a Valley expense. Then depending upon if it is KCCH or 33°, they will send an honorarium to the Supreme Council. This changes from session to session but, it is not cheap.

Then when November finally gets here, they will travel to Tampa at their own expense to attend either an investiture (KCCH) or coronation (33°) and a banquet honoring everyone in Florida. At the investiture or coronation there is a short education program, followed by a bathroom break. Then the candidates proceed in a Grand Procession into the room where the formal investiture or coronation take place and the room is sealed. No one in or out until the conclusion of the ceremony.

While there is a lot more to it, I think you have a better idea what happens behind that curtain. So let the smoke settle, the winds calm, and know we are part of the best Valley in Pensacola. Thank you for all you do. I wish I could choose everyone for honours. ❖

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.



Master of Kadosh

Hon. Gene Bodkin

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. Makes for getting outdoors and cleaning up that wintery yard. Just think of leaves, weeds, and grass. Soon it will be time to plant that garden.

We are at that one quarter mark in our masonic year. Our meeting for March brought out one of the largest crowds (Brothers and Sisters) in many a month. Our SGIG made an official visit. He handed out numerous awards to the craft. This past year was very productive with a vast attendance from the Brethren. It certainly was shown by the number of Double Eagle awards passed out by the SGIG.

Plans are coming along for our fundraisers this year. Among them are the Blue Angels air show, manning some fireworks tents, the BBQ sales, and a proposed steak night.

Our education night and great food meeting is coming along very well with a new instructor. Bro. Joshua Schutts has taken over the duties of instruction. To recap a bit, Hon. James Gazaway has moved out of the area. Please come out and enjoy further light in masonry as Brother Schutts leads us along into the Scottish Rite Degrees. By the way, the food is excellent, and the fellowship is immaculate. ❖

Wise Master

Bro. Scott Phillips, KSA

Greetings from The Chapter of Rose Croix. It's a pleasure to be easing into this year as the Wise Master for The Chapter of Rose Croix. I'd like to thank all the individuals that have afforded me their advice concerning fundraisers and many other things. I'd also like to thank those brothers serving in my line this year. I've received an outpouring of support.

As mentioned, we plan on having an Elvis impersonator at some point this year. The hope is to raise some money for our organization. As always, if anyone is interested in learning more about what our particular body does and is involved in, I'd be more than happy to speak with you. ❖

Fraternally yours,
Scott Phillips

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Hon. James Draeving, KCCH Commander

Brethren and families,

As we continue to experience an ever-growing cost to maintain our daily lives, we must remember that our financial obligations in the Valley have also felt this increased burden. Just like the cost of eggs have skyrocketed over the past year, so have some of our monthly and annual Scottish Rite bills, like our facility and liability insurance.

To help offset some of these increases, the KCCH and KSA membership have partnered together to focus the next 5-months (April – August), as the time to make a Valley-wide push to help aid in the replenishment of our general fund. With so many other things already planned for this year, in lieu of yet another event, we would like for you to consider making a financial donation for this cause.

All donations of \$100 or more will qualify for our “Gold Bar” special recognition program. Please make checks out to **Scottish Rite Valley of Pensacola** with “**Gold Bar Program**” in the memo section.

Thank you in advance for all you do for our Valley of Pensacola! ❖



Director of Education

Dr. Joshua Schutts

Greetings, brethren! I'm excited to share education with the Valley on a monthly basis. My thanks go out to Ill. James Salisbury and Ill. Kurt Larson for affording me this opportunity. I will summarize the key lesson from the preceding education (as a refresher) and include a bit of "homework." This is something I challenge each of us to do over the coming month to *practice* the tenets found within our solemn ceremonies. Finally, I'll present a look ahead to the upcoming educational topic and some reflection that connects with that degree for you to think on.

In February, we covered the 8th Degree (Intendent of the Building). In previous versions of the ritual, it was known as Master of Israel or Scots Master of 3 x 9. The degree teaches that **education is important to maintain cultural continuity.**

After the untimely death of the Master Builder, King Solomon wonders how they will complete the work. We learn that before his passing, Hiram entrusted his ancient knowledge to a small group of five young men who were eager to learn. He passed this information to them along the way, much like we are called to mentor the newest Masons among us. Each of us has important knowledge~not just about our Great Fraternity~that the next generation could benefit from understanding. The "homework" is to share a portion of that knowledge with another Mason.

Our next monthly Education & Sandwich Supper is at 5:30 p.m. on March 22. We will be covering the 9th Degree (Elu of the Nine). After a small meal, we will adjourn to the Lodge room for a deeper dive (about 30 minutes of presentation and discussion) into the symbolism and ceremony. The 9th degree recounts an aspect of the Master Mason storyline that we all are familiar with. The word "Elu" is French, and means "elected or chosen." In preparation for this topic, reflect on the following: *How have your principles shaped and controlled your conduct?* Fraternally, Josh ❖

Information on the Gene Sizemore Scholarship Program

I'm calling you as a member of the Scottish Rite (Orient of). Our Orient has partnered with others and is opening a campaign to create a scholarship program for higher education in honor of Illustrious Gene Sizemore, 33° Grand Cross, Past Grand Executive Director, who is a member of the Orients of Washington D.C. and Florida and is a Virginia Mason.

Here is why we are honoring Ill. William “Gene” Sizemore:

- 75-year Mason, 67-year Scottish Rite Brother
- He has been a great friend and member of the Orients of Florida and Washington D.C.
- He is a 33°, Grand Cross, & Past Sovereign Grand Commander Honoris Causa
- He has been recognized as Outstanding Freemason and Patriot of the USA
- Successful 38-year Naval Career:
 - * Sailor – Pilot
 - * US Defense Attaché to Moscow, USSR
 - * Deputy Director of the Defense Nuclear Agency and
 - * Retired as a two-star Rear Admiral
- 24 years as Grand Executive Director of Scottish Rite, retiring in 2014.
- Raised in 1948 in Edwin Dobbins Lodge #163, Lawrenceville, Illinois (75 years)
- PWM of Cherrydale Lodge #42, Arlington, VA
- Past High Priest of Arlington Royal Arch #35, Arlington, VA
- Past National President of National Sojourners
- Member of York Rite & York Rite College, Shrine (Kena & Almas), Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, & many others.

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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 6	Executive Meeting KCCH Meeting – Conference Room KSA Meeting – Library Invocation followed by Dinner Program – Renewal & Remembrance KCCH Honor Guard Host – Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Apr 9	Easter Sunday	
Apr 26	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Apr 27	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
May 4	Executive Meeting KCCH Meeting – Conference Room KSA Meeting – Library Invocation followed by Dinner Program –Family Values Awards Program KSA Honor Guard Host – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection Program – Feast of the Consistory	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
May 24	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
May 29	Office Closed—Memorial Day	
May 29 – Jun 1	Grand Lodge at Rosen Plaza Orlando	
Jun 1	Executive Meeting KCCH Meeting – Conference Room KSA Meeting – Library Invocation followed by Dinner Program - Fiesta BBQ Kick-Off KCCH Honor Guard Host – Master of Kadosh, Consistory Newsletter Articles Due	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Jun 13	Newsletter Production/Flag Day Program	5:30 PM
Jun 22	BBQ Prep Day	8:00 AM
Jun 23/24	BBQ Sandwich Sale	11-1:30 PM
Jun 28	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM

We're asking every member of the Valley to make a gift to help create an endowed college scholarship through the Scottish Rite in honor of Ill. Gene Sizemore. Deadline for raising funds is March 31, 2023. ❖

Circle of Concern

- Hon. Gene Bodkin
- Hon. Larry Hair
- Bro. Oscar Laurene
- Hon. Ronald & Connie Parks
- Bro. William Paulchek
- Mrs. Bobby Stewart

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