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**Mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
 In the Orient of Florida**

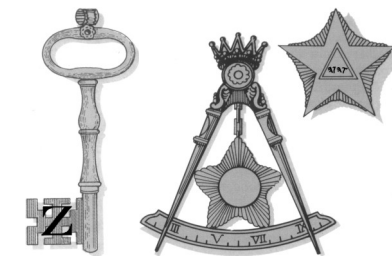
IS TO BE THE PREMIER FRATERNITY OF MEN OF INTEGRITY AND GOOD CHARACTER BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INTERACTION BASED ON THE VALUES OF FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY, PATRIOTISM, TOLERANCE, INTEGRITY AND BELIEF IN A SUPERIOR BEING. TO THAT END, WE COMMIT TO MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON HUMANKIND, PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDING A VALUE TO THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.



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.

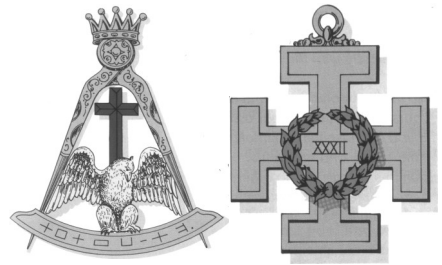
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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S RAMBLINGS

Ill. Harry C. Kuchenbrod

On October 16, 1911, The Supreme Council chartered the Pensacola Chapter of Rose Croix, the Pensacola Council of Kadosh and Pensacola Consistory. On October 29, 2011, we celebrated the centennial of those charters. In March of 2011, I asked Ill. William Stafford, G. C., and Ill. Eugene Rosenbaum to serve as co-chairmen of the Centennial Celebration Committee and to put together a team and a program that would appropriately honor our Valley for its 100 years of service. They readily accepted and assembled a committee of members and ladies who devoted the next six months to the successful accomplishment of that program. Working with Ill. Jon Davies, Director of Work, the team decided that the day would begin with the conferral of the 18th and 30th degrees, followed by an open reception of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General and the Sovereign Grand Commander. Lunch would be served and our photographer, Hon. Phillip Davies would take pictures to preserve the memory of the occasion. The festivities would conclude with the conferral of the 32nd degree and the presentation of dues cards by the Inspector General. We were honored to have Ill. Ronald A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, and Ill. Dale I. Goehrig, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida, and his Lady, Rebba as our guests. The highlight of the affair was the address by the Sovereign Grand Commander. His address was directed to the members of the class, but was also appropriate for those of us who have been members of Scottish Rite for many years. After lunch, the Grand Commander took time to meet with the class. He charged them to get active in the Valley right away by looking for areas of the Rite that interested them. He also conducted a brief question and answer session with the class.

Thanks are in order to Bro. Keith Hoffert and his food service staff for serving a delicious lunch to the members, guests and ladies. I would also like to thank the members of the degree teams, and all the other brothers and ladies who worked tirelessly to make October 29, 2011 a day we will all remember.

I'm running out of superlatives to describe our annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon, Hon. Eddie Stewart and his lady, Bobbie, and a host of volunteers. Thanks to all who contributed to our success. It was truly a day of "Meet, Greet and Eat." Hon. Eddie informed me that we served 160 lunches to our members and their guests and another 40 "take homes." It's great to see the dining room filled to capacity. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. Remember, everything was donated by our members and their ladies.

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, Illustrious Dale I. Goehrig, accompanied by his lady, Rebba, made his first official visit to our Valley as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida. After the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, Hon. Isaac Wallace requested the Personal Representative to present the Inspector General at the altar for his official reception to the Valley. After dinner, served by Bro. Keith Hoffert and his Food Service staff, Ill. Goehrig presented certificates to the "millionaires" and a Certificate of Completion to Ill. Kurt P. Larson for his successful completion of the Master Craftsman II (Continued.)

Program. Ill. Goehrig then reported on events that occurred at the Supreme Council Bi-annual session held in August of 2011 in Washington, D.C. We installed the officers of the four Coordinate Bodies of the Valley as well as the officers of the Knights Commander of the Court of Honour, The Knights of Saint Andrew, and the Scottish Rite Women's Association on Friday, December 2, 2011. I want to thank Ill. Harry Seibert and Ill. Fred Hurd for assisting with the installation ceremonies. Congratulations are in order to each of the individuals who were installed in their respective stations and places. The names of all the officers of each of the Bodies are listed elsewhere in this issue of *The Outlook*.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the presiding officers who served the four Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Pensacola in 2011. Hon. Isaac Wallace, Ill. Jon Davies, Hon. Ron Parks, and Bro. Ben Quinto devoted many hours toward the successful completion of our Valley goals and fund raisers.

I hope you all have a safe and prosperous New Year. Remember, good things are happening in the Valley of Pensacola.....Come join us.

From the Secretary's Desk

Ill. Harry Seibert, General Secretary

As 2011 continues to rapidly wind down, there are still about 90 members of our valley who are in arrears for 2011 dues. This results in over six thousand dollars in revenue that is not available to run the center. The problem that we have encountered is the fact that the dues notices were late being mailed out due to unforeseen circumstances at Supreme Council. So this puts us about 2 months behind in our collection efforts. If you have already sent your 2012 dues please be aware that though we are behind in the processing of these dues you will be receiving your cards very soon. We do a bulk mailing to save postage which requires that we have at least 200 pieces of mail, but it saves significantly. If you are currently one of our members that have not yet paid your 2011 dues we ask that you do so as soon as you can. If you are not able to pay your dues for any reason please contact the office (494-0801). We have several methods available to help you in this situation. Your membership in the Scottish Rite is important to us. Remember the Supreme Council web site is set up to let you pay your dues on line with a major credit card, the URL is www.srmason-sj.org, then go to Member Programs and down to Pay Your Dues on Line which will allow you enter your dues information. Upon doing this, we are sent notification and at the end of each month, Supreme Council sends a check to us here at the valley.

We are looking forward to a busy and prosperous year in 2012. You can, as you have in the past, make it all happen for the Valley of Pensacola.

Please check the calendar of events for the next three months in this issue and plan to attend the events we have scheduled. Don't forget our Scottish Rite Club Meetings on the 3rd Thursday at Fran's on Hwy 29 in Molino and on the 4th Thursday in Crestview at Ryan's. Please call the office if you have any questions or feedback about anything. We need your input, call the Scottish Rite office at 494-0801 or pcolascotrite@psr.gccoxmail.com.

In Memoriam

Deceased

- Bro. Homer A. Sandifer.....9/17/2011
- Bro. Johnnie F. Long 9/22/2011
- Bro. John F. Hartman10/13/2011
- Bro. Paul E. Beck10/22/2011
- Ill. Alister Boyd10/24/2011
- Bro. Charles L. Elliott10/31/2011
- Bro. Eugene J. Gestrung11/03/2011
- Bro. Lloyd C. Richardson11/22/2011

Sickness and Distressed

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| Ill. F. E. Booker | Ill. Louis Maygarden |
| Hon. Oscar Brooks | Ill. Meek Kiker |
| Hon. Charles Cobb | Mrs. Zelda Kuchenbrod |
| Mrs. Ingrid Croke | Hon. Charles Perez |
| Ill. Richard Gilman | Bro. Stanley Sewell |
| Bro. Robert Hooper | Hon. Edwin Shelly |
| Bro. Bobby May | Bro. Jerry Struble.06 |
| Mrs. Jean Maygarden | |

Please remember our Brothers during their sickness and distress. Privacy issues prevent us from printing addresses and telephone numbers here. Please contact the General Secretary's office for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Jan 3</u>	Executive/Directors Committee Meeting	5:00 PM
<u>Jan 4</u>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<u>Jan 5</u>	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:45 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:30 PM
	Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program - Ring & Patent Ceremony	
	Stated Communication	
	M.C. - Master of Kadosh, Consistory	
<u>Jan 17</u>	Monthly Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM
<u>Jan 19</u>	NECSRC Meeting, Fran's Diner, Molino	6:00 PM
<u>Jan 21</u>	All Officers Training Session	8:00 AM
<u>Jan 26</u>	CSRC Meeting, Ryan's, Crestview	6:00 PM
<u>Jan 31</u>	Executive/Directors Committee Meeting	5:00 PM
<u>Feb 1</u>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<u>Feb 2</u>	KCCH Meeting –Conference Room	5:45 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:30 PM
	Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Knights of the Double Eagle Awards	
	No Stated Communication	
	M.C. – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection	
<u>Feb 16</u>	NECSRC Meeting, Fran's Diner, Molino	6:00 PM
<u>Feb 21</u>	Red Beans & Rice	12:00 PM
<u>Feb 23</u>	CSRC Meeting, Ryan's, Crestview	6:00 PM
<u>Feb 28</u>	Executive/Directors Committee Meeting	5:00 PM
<u>Mar 1</u>	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:45 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:30 PM
	Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Law Enforcement Recognition	
	Stated Communication	
	M.C. – Commander, Council of Kadosh	
<u>Mar 7</u>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<u>Mar 10 & 24</u>	208 th - Spring Reunion	
<u>Mar 15</u>	NECSRC Meeting, Fran's Diner, Molino	6:00 PM
<u>Mar 20</u>	Welcome to Spring Luncheon	12:00 PM
<u>Mar 22</u>	CSRC Meeting, Ryan's, Crestview	6:00 PM
<u>Mar 29</u>	KSA Knighting Ceremony	6:00 PM
<u>Mar 30</u>	Auction - KCCH/KSA	6:00 PM

KCCH / KSA Dinner & Auction

What -- KCCH / KSA Dinner & Auction – OPEN TO EVERYONE.

When -- March 30, 2012

Time -- Eat @ 6:30 PM and the Auction immediately following.

What to eat -- Jimmie Lindt's Famous Corn Beef & Cabbage, with salad, bread & dessert.

Where -- Pensacola Masonic Center

Cost -- \$6.00

Please remind all the KCCH & KSA brothers and really anyone who wishes to participate that we are accepting donations of new & like new items such as pictures, plants, tools, appliances, services.... We are also asking all members to contact any business that they use and secure donations of oil changes, haircuts, beauty shops, photo shoots, rounds of golf, fishing charters, restaurants, gift cards from (Wal-Mart, Target, Sears Home Depot, Lowes, Garden/Flower Centers, etc.) and any other vendors they might think of for the auction. If you think of anything else to add to this list, please do so

TAX PLANNING

Ill Fred Hurd, Treasurer

Did you know that Pensacola Scottish Rite Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation for tax purposes? The Association, or PSRA, was established to raise funds for maintenance of the Scottish Rite building. Donations made to PSRA are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

In addition to PSRA, donations to the Almoner's fund are deductible as charitable contributions. See IRS Publication 526.

Contributions can be made directly by cash or check made payable to PSRA or the Almoner's fund. In addition, if you are 70 ½ years or older, you might be able to transfer part of your IRA to PSRA or the Almoner's fund even if you do not itemize tax deductions. Check with your tax return preparer or your IRA administrator.

Next time you update your will please consider naming PSRA or the Almoner's fund as a beneficiary. Bequests to qualified organizations (PSRA and the Almoner's fund) are deductible for estate tax purposes as well as for income taxes. Your bequest would be restricted to whatever purpose you name. If you do not specify a purpose your bequest would be added to an endowment for preservation and maintenance of the Scottish Rite building. Please see an attorney before modifying your will.

Knights Commander Court of Honor

Hon. James E. Gillis, Commander,

Scottish Rite Masons -- All,

We have just celebrated the 100th Year of our order in the Valley of Pensacola.

It's a wonderful occasion for us, and we're not so quietly sitting around about the progress we've made.

Yet we're fully aware that our accomplishments are not simply attributable to "genius" leadership or a few hard-working Brothers. We grew and prospered only because we have a Great Cause and Brothers like YOU who gave loyal support along the way.

So this is a thank-you for promoting our cause, for putting up with occasional "growing pains," and as we continue to support the Scottish Rite.

Again we will ask for your help in financially supporting the Scottish Rite. This next year provides some exciting opportunities for all of the Scottish Rite Men. Next year we will have Political Elections; local, state, and national, and we can work as Poll Workers in our own counties, contributing our financial rewards to our cause or matching what another Brother might do.

If you find the requirement too demanding, please consider asking someone to be a Poll Worker and represent you and the Pensacola Scottish Rite. This would be a wonderful time to let the Voters know who we are.

Please find the Phone numbers for the Supervisor of Elections in Your County:

Escambia: David Stafford 850 / 595-3900

Santa Rosa: Ann Bodenstein 850 / 983-1900

Okaloosa: Paul Lux 850 / 689-5600

** Or you may ask the Scottish Rite Office for a form for your County.

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WELCOME TO SPRING

Spring! The days are longer and warmer, the grass is greener, the trees are producing buds, and those with "green thumbs" are planting flowers and vegetables. It's the time of year when the thoughts of Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies, turn from the dreariness of Winter to our annual Welcome to Spring Luncheon.

Mark your calendar and plan to be with us at Noon on **Wednesday, March 20, 2012** in the dining room of the Pensacola Masonic Center. We will have a great program and Bro. Keith Hoffert and the kitchen crew will prepare a hearty lunch.

Please call the valley office and make your reservations today so we will know how many lunches to prepare. The phone number is 850-494-0801. Diane is waiting for your call.

Till then, think **SPRING!**

Scottish Rite Women's Association

Ingrid Crooke, President

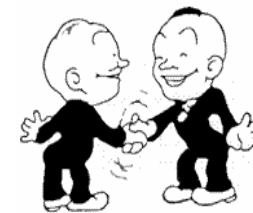
It is with humble appreciation that I have accepted to be the President in 2012. With the help of all members and the other elected officers, Milda Castleberry - Vice-President, Ann Weekley – Recording Secretary, Louise Davies – Corresponding Secretary and Bing Villanueva – Treasurer, I am confident that we can make this a memorable and successful year. Our By-Laws say that "the object of this Association shall be to promote social relations among the wives, widows, mothers, daughters or sisters of Scottish Rite Masons, that they may support the brethren of the Scottish Rite in every aspect of their programs, educational, charitable and social." In order to fulfill these objectives, we need every Scottish Rite Lady to be a voting member which means paying annual dues of \$5.00 in January of the respective year.

In the past, members and visitors alike have helped the Women's Association. We are grateful for their tremendous support. I will inform you of some committee appointments in the next Outlook. Our major fundraiser is still the monthly "goodies" table. Please remember to bring an item. We have been most successful with baked goods auctions. Please keep this copy of your Outlook to know the special-theme-months for our table: **February** - be my Valentine, **April** - Easter Baskets, **May** - baked goods silent auction, **July** - picnic theme, **October** - baked goods silent auction, **December** - Christmas baskets.

An Easter basket and baked goods table is planned at Baptist Hospital (downtown) for the end of March. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting.

At our December dinner and the official visit of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Florida, I had the pleasure to present him with a thousand dollar check from the Women's Association treasury to the Scottish Rite Foundation. This money was donated to help in their efforts to support the childhood language disorder program. In support of the same program, we now have a Scottish Rite cookbook, *Cooking from the Heart*, that is available for a donation of \$20.00. Everybody is encouraged to get a copy to see "what is cooking" in the State.

And to Sandy, our Junior Past Present, thank you for your tireless efforts leading the Women's Association last year.



Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc. 10 Stars Program/Millionaires/Billionaires

Ill. J.D. Epperson

"Happy New Year" my Brothers and Sisters. The season of thanksgiving and giving has passed, but our obligations to the **Foundation of Florida** in support of their **Learning Disorders Clinics** are still with us. A hearty "**Thank You**" to those who have supported our fund raising efforts for the past year for the children we help at **Baptist Hospital**. Enough cannot be said as to the improvements that have been made for these children.

We have added some new names to our new "**Millionaires/ Billionaires**" display board and if you haven't looked lately, please do so and give thanks to these new donors. It seem as time keeps passing by that there is an ever slightly smaller amount donated over time. I'm well aware that many of us are in "Hurt City" financially, but please make every effort you can to continue supporting this program. Below is a list of donors since our last OUTLOOK.

Listed below are donors to the Millionaires Program. Along with the many Brothers who made a \$5.00 donation to the Foundation with their dues, the total is \$4500.00.

Bingo Paradise	James A. Durham, IGH
Bro. Jesse C. Bush, Jr. 32°	Winfred H. Hansen, 32°
Bro. Alex Carambas, 32°	Brunen H. Manning, 32°
Charles H. Cobb, KCCH	Harold H. Moore, IGH
Edward S. Wright, KCCH	James E. Peterson, 32°
William L. Stimmell, KCCH	Nathan Rickoff, 32°
L. Edward Castleberry, 32°	Richard Robb, 32°
Louis Leitenberger, IGH	SRWA
Jack A. Crooke, KCCH	Isaac Wallace, KCCH

Knights of Saint Andrew

Bro. John Mick, Venerable Master

Hello!! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have knighted our new members to our group and welcome them with open arms. Any 32nd Degree, Black Hat, Scottish Rite Mason can join our elite group. We are a service group created to assist the Valley of Pensacola in our part of welcoming our Brothers, their Ladies, and visitors at the front door and to assist in the fund raisers for the Valley. Our members are noted in the crowd wearing their Glengarry hats with their distinctive hackles.

We welcome all new comers to our group.

Director of Membership

Ill. Eddie Stewart Jr.

We have been busy since my last article in The Outlook. We now have 18 new Masters of the Royal Secret. The Centennial Celebration was a huge success, and another holiday season has come and gone. It's now time to start working on new members for the 2012 Spring Class.

We must recruit new members to join us in Scottish Rite Masonry. Do you know a Master Mason who you feel should be a member of the Valley of Pensacola? Have you talked to him about Scottish Rite? Have you given him a petition? Every member of our Valley is an Ex-Officio member of the membership committee and, as such, should be out there looking for new members all the time. It is important in recruiting to set an example for others. The example we set in our everyday life speaks volumes about the Fraternity to which we belong. The rest will take care of itself. However, let's not forget our Blue Lodge obligations. As the Blue Lodge goes, so goes the Scottish Rite.

Pensacola Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
2012 Officers

Pensacola Lodge of Perfection

J. Bobby Kickliter, KSA Venerable Master
 Cris L. Villanueva, KCCH Senior Warden
 James E. Peterson, KSA Junior Warden
 Anthony E. Stepleton, KCCH Orator
 Louis M. Goldstein, 32° Prelate
 Roderic D. Mouer, 32° Master of Ceremonies
 Juanito T. Agustin, 32° Expert
 Manuel F. Alvarez, 32° Assistant Expert
 Eric D. Stevenson, 32° Captain of the Host
 TBA Tyler

Pensacola Chapter of Rose Croix

Herman M. Davies, KCCH Wise Master
 Kurt P. Larson, IGH Senior Warden
 Carl G. Kirtley, KCCH Junior Warden
 Freddie C. Briggs, KCCH Orator
 Jerry Garner, KSA Master of Ceremonies
 Alex Carambas, 32° Expert
 Wesley C. Adamson, 32° Assistant Expert
 James L. Moody, 32° Standard Bearer
 Bruce J. Fortner, 32° Captain of the Host
 Daniel R. Parks, 32° Tyler

Pensacola Council of Kadosh

William J. Bonifay, KCCH Commander
 Charles H. Cobb, KCCH 1st Lt. Commander
 Oscar R. Ferrell, 32° 2nd Lt. Commander
 L. Edward Castleberry, KSA Chancellor
 D. Keith Hoffert, KSA Minister of State
 Johnnie S. Mick, KSA Master of Ceremonies
 James A. Salisbury, KSA Turcopilier
 Stephen Kodak, Jr., 32° 1st Deacon
 David A. Hinote, 32° 2nd Deacon
 TBA Tyler

Pensacola Consistory

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 Edwin A. Stewart, Sr., IGH Prior
 Thornton L. Rogers, KCCH Preceptor
 Edwin A. Stewart, Jr., IGH Chancellor
 Roger D. White, IGH Minister of State
 Carl G. Kirtley, KCCH Prelate
 Kurt P. Larson, IGH Master of Ceremonies
 Phillip L. Davies, KCCH Expert
 J. Bobby Kickliter, KSA Assistant Expert
 Freddie C. Briggs, Jr., KCCH Captain of the Guard
 Cris L. Villanueva, KCCH Tyler
 Jimmie L. Lindt, KCCH Executive Committee, Member at Large
 James E. Gillis, Jr., KCCH Executive Committee, Member at Large

Knights Commander of the Court of Honour

James E. Gillis, Jr., KCCH Commander
 William J. Bonifay, KCCH Lt. Commander
 George W. Wilson, KCCH Secretary
 Kenneth K. Eichorn, KCCH Capt. of the Guard

Knights of Saint Andrew

Johnnie S. Mick, KSA Venerable Master
 D. Keith Hoffert, KSA Senior Warden
 L. Edward Castleberry, KSA Junior Warden
 Freddie C. Briggs, KCCH Secretary
 J. Bobby Kickliter, KSA Senior Deacon
 Tom Fagot, KSA Junior Deacon
 James A. Salisbury, KSA Marshal
 Juanito T. Agustin, KSA Chaplain
 Thomas J. Smith, KSA Sentinel

Scottish Rite Women's Association

Ingrid Crooke President
 Milda Castleberry 1st Vice-President
 Estrella Villanueva Treasurer
 Ann Weekley Recording Secretary
 Louise Davis Corresponding Secretary

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012
SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

7:00 A.M. Candidates report to Class Director/Coffee & Donuts
 7:45 A.M. Opening of the Consistory
8:00 A.M. 4° Secret Master
 8:30 A.M. 5° Perfect Master
8:45 P.M. 6° Intimate Secretary (SPECIAL)
9:00 P.M. 7° Provost and Judge
9:30 A.M. 8° Intendent of the Building
10:00 A.M. 9/10° Elu of the Nine and Fifteen
 10:35 A.M. BREAK
10:50 A.M. 11° Elu of the Twelve
11:10 A.M. 12° Master Architect
11:45 A.M. 13° The Royal Arch of Solomon (SPECIAL)
 12:00 A.M. Lunch
 12:45 P.M. CLASS PICTURES (*Coat and tie requested for photo*)
1:00 P.M. 14° Perfect Elu
2:10 P.M. 15° Knight of the East
3:10 P.M. 16° Prince of Jerusalem (SPECIAL)
 3:30 P.M. 17° Knight of the East and West

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011

7:00 A.M. Coffee & Donuts
7:30 A.M. 18° Knight Rose Croix
8:45 A.M. 19° Grand Pontiff
 9:00 A.M. 20° Master of the Symbolic Lodge
 9:15 A.M. 21° Noachite or Prussian Knight
 9:30 A.M. 22° Prince of Libanus
 9:45 A.M. 23° Chief of the Tabernacle
 10:00 A.M. BREAK
 10:15 A.M. 24° Prince of the Tabernacle
 10:30 A.M. 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent
 10:45 A.M. 26° Prince of Mercy
 11:00 A.M. 27° Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept
 11:15 P.M. 28° Knight Commander of the Temple
 11:30 A.M. LUNCH
12:15 P.M. 29° Knight of Saint Andrew
1:15 P.M. 30° Knight Kadosh
2:10 P.M. 31° Inspector Inquisitor (SPECIAL)
 2:30 P.M. BREAK
2:45 P.M. 32° Master of the Royal Secret



Hello and Happy Holidays to all! I would like to take a minute to update everyone and introduce the employees here at the Baptist Speech Center. There have been a couple of changes to our Speech Center staff this year. Our former co-worker and fellow Speech-Language Pathologist, Shannon O'Donnell, has relocated. I, Jennifer Medina, SLP, began working at Baptist Speech Center over this past summer. Paige Overstreet, SLP has many years experience helping patients of all ages. Paige also works with the Speech and Hearing Board in order to assist patients in need of financial assistance to be able to receive needed speech and language services. The Speech and Hearing Board meets to identify those in need and award scholarships to those eligible. Paige Overstreet, SLP and Jennifer Medina, SLP are the primary outpatient therapist, however, they may also be seen working with in the hospital when on-call or as needed. Libby Meador, SLP works primarily with our inpatient population but also provides specialized outpatient services. All of our Speech-Language Pathologist have the opportunity to provide services to a wide variety of ages and impairments. Lane Rankin, our office manager, works hard every day in many ways. Lane accomplishes many things which include making calls to schedule patients for evaluations, therapy, and other services. She is likely the first friendly face you will see when walking into the clinic and a great asset to our group. Martha McDowell-Fleming has retired but still keeps in touch with us by working an occasional week-end or covers other therapist time off. Rhonda Heflin is the manager of Baptist Speech Center as well as the manager of the Physical Medicine Department for Baptist Hospital. Rhonda is an Occupational Therapist with over 27 years in rehabilitation services, with 11 of those years here at Baptist Hospital.

We are happy to supply you with an update of the current speech therapy activities that are supported by Scottish Rites. I (Jennifer Medina, SLP) currently provide early intervention Speech Therapy at four area daycare centers. I provide services in 30-40 minute group sessions to small groups of 2-4 children. Groups are tailored to fit the needs of the children by providing both Language and Articulation groups.

Examples of some of the main goals addressed in each group include:

Language Groups:

1. The child will use age-appropriate language to express wants and needs.
2. The child will demonstrate understanding of basic concepts.
 - a.) simple descriptive concepts (i.e., big, little, tall, short)
 - b.) spatial concepts (i.e., in, on, and under, above, beside)
 - c.) quantity concepts (i.e. most, many, few, counting)
3. The child will follow two-step commands (i.e. raise your hand and smile)
4. The child will correctly answer a variety of "wh" questions during interactive therapy activities.
5. The child will increase his/her vocabulary to an age-appropriate level.

Articulation Groups

1. The child will learn to produce age appropriate sounds in all positions of words, phrases and sentences correctly.
2. The child will learn to suppress phonological processes (i.e., fronting, backing, substitutions and deletions of sounds) in order to increase intelligibility to an age-appropriate level.

During the groups I use books, games, and toys to help the children understand the skills and concepts being taught. I also supply the daycare centers with informational handouts and worksheets for parents and teachers. This way everyone can be aware of what is age-appropriate in order to identify needs and support speech and language development. Scottish Rites have provided flash cards, books, and coloring books to pass out to parents and children at the daycare centers and those who come to the speech center. These services have been made possible from your generous donations. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of children and their families. Thank you so much for your support of Baptist Speech Center!