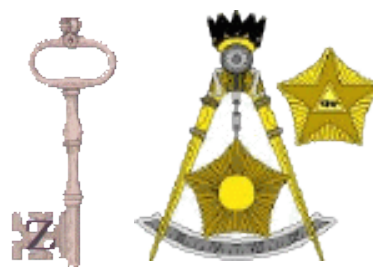


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## Mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry In the Orient of Florida

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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“Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother”

- Bro. William Ernest Bowman Sr. 02-Mar-15
- Bro. Billy Edward McDonald 08-Aug-15
- Hon. Harold Lloyd Comalander 16-Dec-15
- Bro. Joe Richard Kirrharr 21-Dec-15
- Bro. Carmon Ersel Grace 31-Dec-15
- Bro. Jack Elbert Robinson 22-Jan-16
- Hon. Leonard Reyes Bautista 03-Feb-16



**Attention wives, family and care-givers:**  
Should the person to whom this newsletter is addressed be ill or in some difficulty, please call 850-494-0801

It happens nearly every day. In the major newspapers, the medium sized ones and most especially those of smaller communities, a prominent citizen's obituary appears with a substantial headline. The writer begins with the most recent details age, cause of death, current residence. There follow several paragraphs recounting the man's life. He was president of his country club, he headed this or that charity drive, he was an executive of these corporations, he attended such and such a college and high school, he was on the board of trustees of his religious congregation, and so on, often for a substantial number of column inches. Finally, towards the end of the obituary, just before the funeral arrangements are specified and the survivors listed, we find the brief sentence, "He was a Mason."

Interesting. Although the details of his career were copiously tallied, his Masonic activities are summarized in one sentence. Perhaps he was Master of his Lodge, serving "in line" for as long as eight years to reach that station. It could be that he gave his time instead as presiding officer in one of the Scottish Rite bodies. Maybe he took a number of parts in the many degrees of the Rite. Or perhaps he was one of those who had less skill in memorization but took other responsibilities: properties or food services, even receiving an honorary distinction from the Scottish Rite for many years of such faithful "behind-the-scenes" service. Possibly he was active with one or more youth groups under Masonic sponsorship, giving up his football game-watching on weekends (not in the SEC) with the other guys to raise funds at car washes or driving cars full of teenagers to annual meetings in distant parts of the state. He might have been an outstanding fund-raiser for the Shriners' hospitals, or even represented the Lodge in local civic activities, such as parades for patriotic holidays, or civic duties in Rotary, Kiwanis, or Sertoma. Yet none of these is mentioned by the newspaper writer, who was given as much space as seemed necessary to outline other aspects of the career of a distinguished man.

Of course, we might suppose that it is the editor's decision that Masonic activities are not of interest to the general public, being that they are of a secretive and discriminating body. It is more likely that lack of knowledge about the role that Masonry plays in our society contributes to the brief treatment Masonic activities received in the obituary. We should not be surprised that a man's Masonic career is little noted in the memorial of his passing. This is nothing new in Masonic history, after all. According to our traditions, it was at the very founding of our order that a great Masonic architect was rudely interred without proper recognition of his contributions to the Fraternity.

Yet how much better off might our world be if the contributions of Masons and Masonry were more widely recognized and encouraged? How many more young men might be set on the course of self-improvement through Masonic membership if the examples of great men as Masons were better known? For the past two hundred and forty one years of American history, nearly one-third of the leaders of our country, beginning with the signers of the Declaration of Independence and including all three branches of the government, have been Masons. This is a far higher proportion than in the population as a whole. Did Masonry provide these men with the inspiration and training to achieve leadership roles in the country? Did Masonic principles guide their thinking when tough decisions had to be made?

However, there is one sense in which we may take pride in the way such an obituary is written. Look at it from an accountant's per-

spective. Fred Hurd taught me a lot about accounting when he served as our Treasurer. Not all of it made sense, this some of it did. When "He was a Mason" appears at the end of the article, it serves as what the accountants call "the bottom line." A phrase that refers to the number indicating whether an enterprise has showed a profit or a loss. To those who measure things by numbers, everything above the bottom line is simply a detail. One element of many that go to make up the big picture as represented by the final total. Seen like Fred would have, the many contributions the deceased made to society are parts of a totality. They do not stand alone, independent and unrelated to one another. Each gift he made to his family, his fellows, and his country were components of that whole summarized in the final words, "He was a Mason."

Masonic honors and titles are of limited value anyway. They mean much among brothers and companions, something less among family and friends, and little to the non-Masonic world. But if each of us resolves to live according to the principles we embraced when we became members of this ancient and honorable institution, we should be pleased to reflect that there is no higher honor to come to us when our lives are complete than that they should be summed up by that simple but profound phrase, "He was a Mason." ✘

### THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NOW

Even with a scheduled appointment, your visit to the doctor's office typically entails a waiting period: A time out in the waiting (reception) area where your choice of activities range from staring off into space, reading a magazine or perhaps using your smart phone. You are not in charge of the waiting period, the doctor is. The waiting period between good things at the Scottish Rite can be short, or it can drag on and on with nothing happening.

How long we wait is one issue; the other is what we do in the 'waiting room.' If you spend your time doing nothing to improve your organization, either formally or informally, improvements will be hard to come by.

I recently had a talk with a well-versed Mason. He indicated one of the reasons he doesn't come around is there is nothing going on. Nothing going on? At first that question hit me like a ton of bricks. This Valley is very involved. Award winning even. But, then I looked at it again. And he was right. We learn in our degrees to seek balance. That equilibrium is what we should be striving for.

But we don't actually practice it. When we find new blood, we work them to death and then wonder why they have left. And on the opposite side of the coin, we have those we don't call anymore. For anything! Not even to sit down for a cup of coffee and ask "how's your day?"

There is a lesson to be learned from that waiting room. While we don't control how much time it will take for the doctor to finally see us, we do control how we face that waiting period. Do we get anxious and out of sorts? Or are we calm, encouraged to get a moment of his time? The same is true for our waiting room.

We have within our control the ability to communicate our thoughts, wills and desires. This is our organization, and we don't have to wait for the doctor to see us. And we usually know what is wrong with us. Are we actively practicing Masonry? Do we exhibit the things we talk about like faith, hope and charity? If not, it's time to find a new doctor. With your help the wait won't be long. ✘

**BBQ SANDWICH SALE FUNDRAISER**  
Hon. Cris Villanueva, Prior—Pensacola Consistory

It is getting close to the time for our Valley to put on our largest fundraiser. This event supports the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida which provides funds to 17 clinics in Florida. We have one of these important facilities here in Pensacola – the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at Baptist Hospital.

Our fundraiser is the BBQ Sandwich sale, which this year is on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Funds raised will enable the dedicated staff to provide therapy to children who may not receive any other services in the hope of making them complete and independent members of society.

On Friday, June 9, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Masonic Center, 189 W. Airport Blvd., we will come together and make it all happen. There is a lot to do...advertise, prepare and deliver the meals, etc. We need your help! We can't emphasize enough how much we depend on your generosity of time and talents to make this happen. If you cannot join in the fun this year, please help by sending a check for the flyer or tickets you will receive. Or better yet, call for a "sandwich delivery." The office number is 850-494-0801 or fax orders to 850-476-0120.

Need a flyer? Call Kurt. He'll get you one right away. ✖

**HEADS UP:**

As we enter the summer months (June, July and August, September) when the dress code for Stated meetings is more relaxed. Proper attire for men is collared shirt (short or long sleeved), shoes, slacks as appropriate, hat and Double Eagle award if appropriate. Please, no blue jeans, shorts, cut-offs, t-shirts, tennis shoes, or flip flops. While we understand that we are close to the beach, we ask you to display a little decorum as we may have visitors from time to time. ✖



**SPEECH & HEARING @ BAPTIST HOSPITAL**

K.C. Gartmann, Executive Director, Baptist Hospital Foundation

For nearly 20 years, the Scottish Rite of Pensacola through the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida has been providing support to the Baptist Health Care Foundation for Speech and Hearing Services for children. The Childhood Language Disorders Program at Baptist Hospital is named in honor of the Scottish Rite, and a large plaque hangs at the entrance to the clinic on the Baptist Hospital campus to recognize the Scottish Rite for its continued support.

Through the work of Baptist Health Care's dedicated speech pathologists, clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite of Pensacola has helped achieve incredible successes for children in our community that can now talk, read and lead productive lives. Thanks to the support of the Scottish Rite of Pensacola, Baptist Health Care is able to deliver state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment options to its patients.

As the area's only locally owned, not-for-profit health care system, Baptist Health Care is proud to serve the children of our community through the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic and is grateful for the longtime partnership with the Scottish Rite of Pensacola. ✖

**SCOTTISH RITE FAMILY VALUES AWARD  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS 2017**  
Bennie Bernal Jr. 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH, Director

The Pensacola Scottish Rite of Freemasonry will sponsor its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Award and Celebration ceremony for the Scottish Rite "Family Values Award". During the first week of May 2017 it is expected that Escambia County Commissioner and Pensacola City Council will be proclaiming this week as Family Values Week, a week of continuing, the art of Love, Kindness, Respect, towards our family and humanity. Family oriented activities will be heavily emphasized during this particular week as in the previous years.

The keystone of this year's program will be an awards supper at which the "Family Values Award" will be presented to an individual and a group who distinguished themselves in improving the quality of life of families. Also an award for the **Outstanding Scottish Rite Family** of the year will be presented.

The award supper will be held at the Pensacola Masonic Center at 189 W. Airport Blvd. Pensacola Fl. 32505 **on Thursday May 4, 2017 @6:15 PM.** The celebration and supper is available to all, as a means of recognizing the importance of family values. Any donation will defray the expenses of the dinner as well as make donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation, which funds the **Scottish Rite Children's Language Clinic at Baptist Hospital.** ✖

**VALLEY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

March 18th the Valley welcomed three new Brothers. They were as pictured: Daniel A. Dorman, W. Clark Yates, Jr., and Stephen H. Smith. In addition, we received word that Fred Guarino from Canton, OH and Francis McCabe have been approved for Affiliation. Welcome Brothers. We hope you enjoy your membership with the great Brothers and Sisters of our Valley.



**HIGH SCHOOL JROTC/ROTC PROGRAM 2017**

Bro. Alan Cox, Director of Americanism

Graduation is just around the corner and we begin to present JROTC/ROTC awards to some great kids. I use the term "kids" loosely as they will soon be serving us as protectors of this great country!

We are well into the presentation of JROTC/ROTC certificates and medals from Supreme Council to deserving cadets in the local school systems. By the time you read this article, many of the awards will have already been presented. So many deserve this honor, I wish I could present one to each and every one. Well done! ✖



**FLAG DAY—JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Ill. J.D. Gaither, USN (ret.)



This special day, commemorating the symbol of our freedom, began a long time ago. So long ago, that not a single member of our Valley will remember it first hand. In 1916, President Wilson proclaimed June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day even though the Stars and Stripes had flown over this land since 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the design. This day is not an official holiday in the United States, although the President proclaims a public Flag Day observance each year.

Legend has it that Flag Day was officially observed in 1877 in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the selection of the design of the Stars and Stripes. There have been times since, that I would have loved to do a "man on the street" quiz show like Jay Leno did in his day. The questions I would ask are: What do the colors mean on the Flag of the United States? What do the stars mean? Do you know why there are thirteen stripes? If thirteen was such an unlucky number, why are there thirteen stripes? Or the best one, what does that red, white, and blue Flag represent? Another holiday? The Pensacola Valley of the Scottish Rite will celebrate Flag Day on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

We will assemble in the Lodge Room at 5:30 p.m. for introduction of groups parading of the colors. Precisely at 6 p.m. we will observe the pledge of allegiance with all the Scottish Rite Valleys across the U.S. participating. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This is open to the public. If you know of a color guard you feel should be included, give them the information and tell them to call us. The colors of the Flag of the United States of America are a big deal. Especially if you think of the men and women who have given their lives so it can fly freely around the world. ✖

**SCOTTISH RITE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Lois Thiergart, President

**Attention Scottish Rite Ladies**

It is with great praise that I thank all of the ladies who made food and served at the men's Reunion on Saturday March 18th. I will not name all the ladies names for fear that I might leave someone out.

I have been unable to get someone to commit to the office of Vice President, but our Secretary, Norma Scheye, Treasurer, Bing Villanueva, and Corresponding Secretary, Louise Davis, stay busy serving all of us.

A gentle reminder to you that we had NO raffle on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. So there will be one on April 6th. Bring your items please and know that baked goods are always welcome. The next raffle will not be until June. Thank you for making my job as President, easy. Bless you one and all.

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**2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

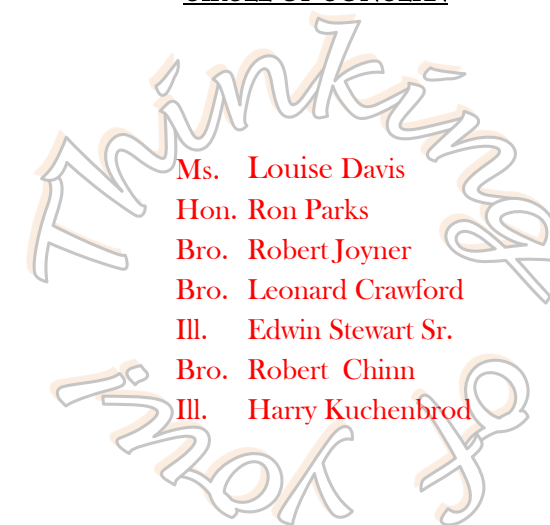
<b>May 3</b>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<b>May 4</b>	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:30 PM
	Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program –Family Values Awards Program	
	KSA Honor Guard	
	Host – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection	
<b>May 16</b>	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM
<b>May 29</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Jun 1</b>	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:30 PM
	Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Feast of the Consistory, Fiesta	
	BBQ Kick-Off, Sitting Masters	
	KCCH Honor Guard	
	Host – Master of Kadosh, Consistory	
<b>Jun 7</b>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<b>Jun 9</b>	BBQ Sandwich Sale	11-1:30 PM
<b>Jun 14</b>	Flag Day Program	5:30 P.M
<b>Jun 20</b>	Newsletter Production	9:00 AM
<b>Jun 20</b>	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM
<b>Jun 29</b>	Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting	6:00 PM



**CELEBRATING THE CRAFT**

You can be a part of the program by skyping, tweeting, or viewing online. If you would like to host an event at the Valley, contact the General Secretary at 850-494-0801. Perhaps you may even see him lurking in the background on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 11 PM CT.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**



- Ms. Louise Davis
- Hon. Ron Parks
- Bro. Robert Joyner
- Bro. Leonard Crawford
- Ill. Edwin Stewart Sr.
- Bro. Robert Chinn
- Ill. Harry Kuchenbrod

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.