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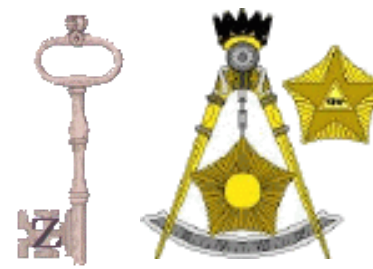
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# The Outlook

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## CARL CANON'S MORNING NOTE

This month, has been one for the books. By-laws changes, a minor wind event, and losing some very influential and engaged Brothers and Sisters. To say this month was not what was expected would be an understatement. However, Chris Webster—another influential Brother sent me the following article. While it is from September, it's interesting to go back in time and see what some of our founding fathers faced. So with that, I'll let our guest columnist take it from here...

Good morning, it's Wednesday, September 18, 2013, and 225 years ago today, George Washington helped lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. Although Congress is held in exceedingly low esteem these days, September 18 is a fitting day to contemplate the admittedly imperfect marvel of representative democracy, as symbolized by our nation's glorious capitol.

The plan to construct a capitol building, and a new capital city to house it, was cooked up in 1790 between President Washington and his secretary of state, a polymath by the name of Thomas Jefferson. These two Virginians, who disagreed on so much else, shared a vision for the building. "It ought," Washington wrote in a 1792 letter to Jefferson, "to be upon a scale far superior to anything in this country."

The capital city then consisted mainly of a Potomac River waterfront where present-day Georgetown sits. The rest, including modern day Capitol Hill, was mostly uninhabited forests and fields and, closer to the river, swampland. Pierre Charles L'Enfant, tapped by the president to design the new city, opted to house Congress on high ground. His plans called for "Congress House" to be built on a place he (but no one else) called "Jenkins Hill," after a man who owned the land but had never lived on it.

Reviewing L'Enfant's work pre-publication, Jefferson crossed out the words "Congress House," replacing them with the word "Capitol" throughout the document. This simple edit, notes author Guy Gugliotta, had the effect of "endowing the building with the primacy it would never relinquish."

Meanwhile, George Washington launched a contest, with \$500 going to the winner, for a design. Seeing nothing he liked, Washington extended the deadline into 1793, eventually choosing the plans drawn up by an amateur architect named William Thornton. One of the also-rans, Stephen Hallet, the only formally trained architect of the bunch, was given a \$500 consolation prize and asked to critique Thornton's work. Naturally, he found it wanting.

This led to bickering, recriminations, special pleadings, backroom dealings and, well, politics. If it never quite resulted in gridlock, that bane of late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century governance, that was due to the personal interest shown by Washington, who essentially operated as the general contractor. "Anyone who ran afoul of the boss could expect to be quickly sacked," Gugliotta wrote. "L'Enfant needed only five months to fall out of favor. Hallet, never Washington's first choice, lasted nine months."

Somehow it got built, just as somehow it has survived. On September 18, 1793, when Washington personally laid the cornerstone, bands played marching music and a crowd followed behind, some flying flags and cheering. After the ceremonial laying of the stone,

the event devolved into a barbecue and picnic -- think tailgating outside a football stadium -- as newly minted Americans reveled in the idea of a building for representatives elected by the people, not chosen by a king or a far-off power.

In succession would come architects George Hadfield (1795-1798) and then James Hoban (1798-1802), the designer of the White House. Benjamin Henry Latrobe would sign on in 1803. His work was interrupted when the British torched the Capitol in 1814, but a fierce rainstorm helped quell the blaze, and in 1818 Latrobe handed the reins to Boston architect Charles Bulfinch to carry the project home.

By 1850, it was clear that a growing country needed a larger Capitol, and an appropriation was duly shepherded through Congress by a Southern senator named Jefferson Davis. After his subsequent plans to halve the size of the nation were thwarted, the United States kept growing -- the capitol complex along with it.

Numerous additions have followed. Numerous depredations, too. In 1856, segregationist Congressman Preston Brooks of South Carolina viciously attacked abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner in the Senate chamber with a metal-tipped cane, nearly killing him.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists unfurled a flag and began firing - blazing away from the gallery at members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress who were on the House floor debating legislation. Five lawmakers were wounded, none killed. In 1998, a paranoid schizophrenic entered the Capitol and began firing away, killing two U.S. Capitol Police officers.

On 9/11, one of the two hijacked planes aimed for the Washington area was believed to be intended for the Capitol. It was in the aftermath of that foiled attack that House members and senators, Democrat and Republican, joined hands to sing "God Bless America" on the Capitol steps. George Washington would have approved. ✘

## GRAB HOLD OF YOUR DREAMS

Do you have dreams? No, we're not talking about the ones that happen while you're asleep. We're talking about the dreams that inspire your life! How are these dreams doing? The ones you had as a kid or as a young adult, the ones you have now - dreams that inspire you and give a sense of passion and purpose to your life.

The late humorist and columnist Erma Bombeck once said, "There are people who put their dreams in a little box and say 'Yes, I've got dreams - of course I do!' Then they put the box away, bring it out once in a while to look inside and, yep, they're still in there. These are great dreams, but they never get out of the box." Open the lid and grab a hold of those dreams.

Dreams have an important place in our every-day lives, for they spark the mind and lift the soul. Jenny Craig, founder of the highly successful national weight-loss clinics said, "It's not what you do once in a while - it's what you do day in and day out that makes the difference." And it's the passion for the dream that prods you toward it, day by day.

Take that dream out of the box, put it into the middle of your heart and the center of your mind, and build your daily life around it. Don't let a day go by without making some progress toward realizing

that dream. You affirm it, visualize it, set goals toward it, research it, and share it with those who can help you. In short, you live and breathe that dream.

And one day - probably sooner than you think - you'll be able to retire it and get a new one, because you will have made this dream come true. Have a party - celebrate! It is good news when a dream comes true, because it leaves more room for future dreams, waiting to be realized. ✘



**THE DARKER THE ROOM,  
THE BRIGHTER THE CANDLE**

Todd E. Creason, 33° (NMJ)

My house has a very open floor plan - everything is open except the bedrooms and bathrooms. I turned out the light to go to sleep the other night, and through my door I saw a light shining from the other side of the house. I thought I'd left the kitchen light on, so I got up and walked across the house to turn it off. But I hadn't left the light on at all. My wife had lit a candle, and had forgotten to blow it out before retiring for the night.

It was so dark in the house at that time of night, that tiny candle seemed to light up that whole room. People can be like that, too. I often get frustrated because I'm surrounded by people that don't seem to have any scruples - they seem to have no sense of right and wrong. They lack honesty and integrity, so I can't believe what they tell me sometimes. They don't seem to care when their actions hurt other people - in fact, sometimes that seems to be the intention of their actions. And when they lie to you, or do something that causes you hurt or harm, they don't seem to feel the need to apologize or rectify the situation in any way.

They seem to charge through life with no moral compass whatsoever, and their own needs and wants seemingly the only thing that's important to them. Sometimes I wonder why I cling to my ideals so fiercely. It would certainly make my life a lot easier if I gave them up. But then I'm reminded of some of my mentors growing up. Those men and women that lived among the same kind of people we have today, and decided to live their life to a much higher standard.

As a result, they provided an example and an inspiration to those that knew them. Young men like me, looked to them for guidance, and I still carry a small piece of those remarkable people with me today. Sometimes I can hear them whispering to me when I'm getting ready to say or do something I shouldn't. I can frequently hear my Grandma Creason in those situations saying to me, "two wrongs don't make it right."

As Jesus said in Matthew 7, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." It's a difficult endeavor to live a moral life, and nobody does it perfectly. But it's worth the continued effort, because that's the way we SHOULD live our lives, and by making the effort to live our lives to a higher set of standards, we do make an impact on those that are around us. In a world not lacking in darkness, it's the light that is most valued.

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**KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE  
COURT OF HONOUR**

Hon. Otto Thiergart, Commander 2018

It has been a pleasure and honor to have served as the Commander during this past year. Our ever faithful group of "Red Hats" has been of service to the Valley of Pensacola whenever called upon.

We would like to inform everyone that all of the tickets for the November 1<sup>st</sup> drawing have been sold. So once again, our KCCH has had a successful fund raiser. To all brothers and sisters thanks for your help and support.

To the new Officers of the Valley of Pensacola, let's all promise to offer to help them and our Valley to grow and prosper in the New Year. ✘



Brother Fred Garino gives a presentation on the Star Spangled Banner at the October Stated Meeting.

**THANK YOU MORE THAN EVER!**

This last year has been a trying time in our nation's history and that of the Scottish Rite. Change is happening all around us. Change is happening here as well. The Valley of Pensacola has survived a tropical storm, the upcoming change of leadership in the Valley, and so much more. We've been able to fund a new sound system for the dining room, repair the lights in the Lodge room, stop the leaks in the roof, paint some worn areas of the building and curb the tide of membership losses. Thank you my Brothers. Thanks in no small part to you and your actions. Only because of you have we been able to provide quality programs for our members. Because of you, we have been able to share in fellowship. Because of you, we have been able to grow as a community. Thank you to the officers and directors who've given their time and talents to give us a roadmap for improvement. Lastly, thank you to our Personal Representative who has undergone a very trying year—our staff—our volunteers—and those who make a difference in so many people's lives everyday. It is a pleasure to serve you, and we are looking forward to handling the future challenges together. ✘



Happy Holidays

**RINGING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY**

Bro. Ed Scheye

It's that time of the year for us to support the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive. On Saturday, November 3, we will be at the main entrance of Cordova Mall, 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Bayou Blvd., from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

As in previous years, we expect a successful and cheerful day. A sign-up sheet is posted in our administrative office, with two hour time slots (two people each) available. As this community support program is part of our Valley Membership Project (VMAP), we are authorized to wear our Scottish Rite hats and shirts. ✘

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2018  
SCOTTISH RITE LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE**

Hon. Joel Fairbanks, VMAP Chairman

I would like to thank all of the members of our Valley, and spouses, who stepped up to support our Valley's "4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Rite Library Book Drive" held in September. Thirteen-books were donated to our Valley's library along with \$84 in cash donations to help us purchase new Masonic books. In particular, I would like to thank the Knights of Saint Andrew for their support in working at the collection table. Such dedication and support! As always, you can drop off donations for our library throughout the year at the Scottish Rite Center's office.

Additionally, again during this Fall Reunion, the Library Committee will present each of our new candidates with a personal copy of Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma* with the name of the Brother who previously owned and donated the book—engraved with his information inside the front cover. It is our way of passing on the knowledge to the new member and preserving the memory of our older members.. Thank you all for your support of our Valley's library. ✘

**PERSPECTIVE**

Ill. Kurt Larson, General Secretary

As you've read articles I have written over the past several years, there has been an attempt to provide education, information and something you can use. Today, however, I am writing as my mind is in a million different places. Last week (Oct 8-12) was a bad week. It really got me thinking.

Many of you know that when I am not here in the office, I am either teaching, spending time with family or being a small part of the emergency response infrastructure here in NW Florida. Last week really challenged me. The Scottish Rite lost three Brothers that were really the heart and soul of the Valley. That doesn't mean you aren't. And that was part of my realization. This place exists only because of you.

Hurricane Michael has forced us to examine our perspectives just a little closer. Losing three Brothers hits close to home. Helping people in Panama City, Lynn Haven and others warms the heart. Seeing the destruction and the impact on life—hurts. As we are in the midst of the most joyous time of the year, look at your own perspective. What is important to you? After the events of last week, what will be my focus more than ever will be the Brothers and Sisters of this Valley as long as I am your Secretary? Not whether you pay your dues but, whether you are treated as a Brother or Sister. What we do here transcends politics, what kind of car you drive and what part of town you live in. It is about the lessons more men need to learn. It is about dignity, brotherhood and service. Thank you for allowing me to serve you these last few years. You have made my time on earth—priceless. ✘

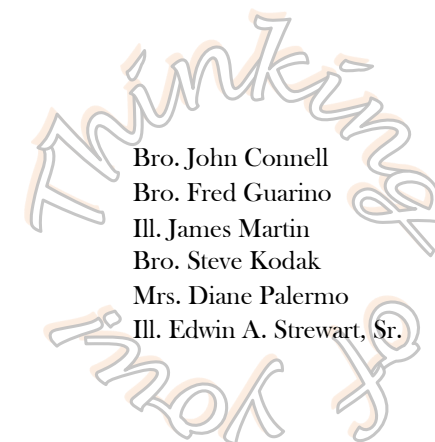
**2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Nov 1</b>	Executive Comm.—Conference Room	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Veterans Day Program / Election of Officers	
	KSA Honor Guard	
	Host – Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix	
<b>Nov 7</b>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<b>Nov 20</b>	Thanksgiving Luncheon	12:00 PM
<b>Nov 22</b>	Office Closed	
<b>Nov 29</b>	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
<b>Dec 5</b>	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
<b>Dec 6</b>	Exec. Comm.—Conference Room	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:00 PM
	Pearl Harbor Observance	
	Mason of the Year Presentation, Installation of Officers	
	Combined Honor Guard	
	Host – Master of Kadosh, Consistory	
<b>Dec 11</b>	Newsletter Production	9:00 AM
<b>Dec 11</b>	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM

Office Closed December 17 thru January 2



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- Bro. John Connell
- Bro. Fred Guarino
- Ill. James Martin
- Bro. Steve Kodak
- Mrs. Diane Palermo
- Ill. Edwin A. Stewart, Sr.

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