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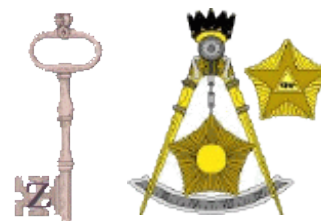


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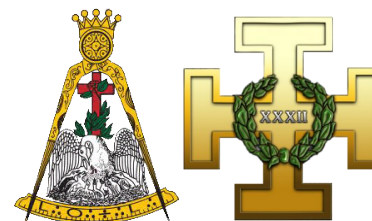
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**Notes from the General Secretary
 Hon. James A. Salisbury, Jr.**

The Valley just completed our 2021 BBQ Sandwich Fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Foundation Speech and Language Clinic at Baptist Hospital. Over 1,000 BBQ meals were sold. I want to Tip My Hat to all who assisted in this worthy endeavor. Many were a part of this effort. Shawn Johnson who went out to beat the bushes and brought back many orders and delivered as well. Ben and Rose Quinto who were everywhere it seems. Jerry Garner and his kitchen crew. The drivers who got the meals to their locations on time; Roger White, James Draeving, Ron Parks, Gene Bodkin and William Jacobs on short notice. The Brothers from Okaloosa who came over and helped on Prep Day and prepared and delivered in Okaloosa County. This could not have happened without everyone who helped put pickles and buns into sandwich bags, to those who heated up the BBQ, to those who cleaned pots and pans. All of you are very important, do give yourselves a pat on the back. THANK YOU! Before you know it, we will be doing this once again. I will be placing the food orders in February.

The next month will be a slow one?? We will have an Executive Board Meeting and cook out on July 1, 2021. Planning on burgers and dogs. Do call to let us know that you are coming so we can have food for you.

August will be recognizing our ladies. They are very important to this Valley. Also, Ill. Chuck Morgan will be here from Baton Rouge to give a presentation on “Pike’s Sword.” Do come out and here this, it promises to be very informative.

It is not too early for the incoming Body Heads for 2022 to look ahead to what you want to accomplish. The Consistory fundraiser should not be the only one. Each Body should be having one. We need to get back to that way of doing things. These are all hands effort, it was really nice to see a lot of work and fellowship all happening at the same time. As always, please remember to call and let us know that you will be attending these events. Try to call on the Monday before if possible. For those who are traveling for summer vacation, please be safe. We look forward to seeing you when you return.

BBQ 2021 Credits:

Every production lists the credits at the end of the show. We are going to list the credits of the 2021 BBQ Sandwich Sale. Say thanks to these Brothers and Sisters when you can. We could not make this happen without them. If we have missed someone please let us know.

- Shawn Johnson, Roger White, Fred Guarino, Otto Thiergart, William Jacobs, Ben and Rose Quinto, J.D. Gaither, Charles Murphy, Jerry Garner, Eric Wayne Arrant, Kurt Larson, Alex and Evelyn Carambas, Floyd and Dot Horton, Don and Glenda Smith, Alan

Cox, Ruth Jones, Jerry Covington, Don Spears, Gene Bodkin, Dwight Wilson, Ron Parks, Oscar Ferrell, David York, Tim Kennedy, Robert and Jocelyne Anderson, Ken Eichorn, John Davis III, Henry Dittman, Robert Estep, Peter Straub, Mike Wood and Wesley Adamson.



**Words Have Power (Part 2)
 Ill. Kurt P. Larson, Personal Representative**

“Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair.

“Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.” Yehuda Berg

But, words have power in other respects. For instance, we did a survey a year ago and I wanted to give you the results...then COVID took the train in another direction. So here are the words that the survey conveyed to me. So bear with me as I explain just how grateful I am for our members and why. The survey began with demographics. You know age, lodge, etc. One-hundred-three surveys were returned. Not a bad number for a Valley of 600+. The first hard hitting question showed how many attended lodge regularly – and incredibly 30% responded in the favorable. If we just took that number, that means approximately 180 men in our area support their lodges. Considering there are 33 lodges represented by us, that is incredible. I didn’t take the survey as the author, but we can add one more as I do attend my lodge on an annual basis. Remember, it’s 1500 miles to knock on my home lodge door.

The next important point was “On average, how often do you volunteer time to your Community?” This item had a tie. Twenty-four percent at least an hour per month and balanced against 24% more than 20 hours per month. That just goes to show me that, you, our members are the fabric that keeps NW Florida on track to being the place where we want to live, raise families, and enjoy the quality of life. The next few questions related to being an officer in the lodge, Scottish Rite etcetera. I won’t relate those here as they will help us plan for Scottish Rite’s future. Two of the next questions really helped me understand what we are facing when getting new members. I think many of us have forgotten how important others were to our decisions to join. For instance, 70% indicated the main factor that influenced your decision to join the Freemasons was they were referred by a family member or friend. And for the Scottish Rite, 77% said the same thing. Since this was an unscientific poll and you could answer in multiple ways, I also saw that 21% were invited by a friend and another 49% wanted more from Freemasonry. Have we forgotten? Have we let our guard down of accommodating and receiving Brothers? I think not, but a great reminder of how important our lessons are AND how important our membership is to our success.

The next question posed which service improvements / changes would you like the organization to implement? Twenty-eight percent indicated—provide more fraternal time together at meetings, 21% more social events outside monthly meetings, 23% more caring and support of Brothers and their families, 21% more open-minded/accessible leadership, 28% more communication from leadership, 24% more leaders who lead versus being told what they can and cannot do and finally 20% more public charity efforts. That’s a mouthful. I can tell you this input is very important – but not something I can do by myself. So, I’ll task the Executive Committee with finding ways we can meet these needs. So don’t give up on us just yet.

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Finally, for the survey I asked how satisfied are you with your Blue Lodge and your Scottish Rite experiences. If we only look at the Very Satisfied 68% BL, 78% SR most would say we're doing a good job. It balances with the "somewhat dissatisfied and very dissatisfied" of 2% BL, 12% of SR. So I ask the question, what are we doing wrong and how do we improve it? If you were one of those members, please feel free to communicate with me privately and I'll see what we can do to change that opinion. Yet, if you were one of the 83% BL and 86% SR who were "very satisfied or somewhat satisfied" we will be calling on you to make our Valley even better in the future.

Words cannot change reality, but they can change how people perceive reality. Words create filters through which people view the world around them. A single word can make the difference between liking a person and disliking that person. If a friend describes the person you are about to meet for the first time as untrustworthy, you will be predisposed to view that person as untrustworthy, regardless of the person's actual level of trustworthiness. The single word "untrustworthy" creates a filter, or primacy effect, that predisposes you to view the person you are about to meet as untrustworthy. Thereafter, you will tend to view everything that person says or does as untrustworthy. And that is what this survey brings out. Not that we are untrustworthy – just that people's reality means we have work to do to keep the great thing we have.

In today's busy world, people typically do not consult multiple news sources to get a balanced view of events; therefore, people tend to perceive the world through the filter created by a single newspaper, television newscast, or radio report. And that affects us as well. Media has the power to influence the way in which we view events. And how people see us. Freemasonry has a lot of respect in NW Florida. York Rite, Scottish Rite, and our Blue Lodges have a lot to do with that. The Appendant organizations such as Shrine, Grotto, DeMolay, Rainbow and so many more do as well. Yet, it is the individual member who becomes the bright shining star to one man, that makes it possible for our Fraternity to flourish and make our community the best it can be. Don't believe me? What would Pensacola have been if we hadn't had such great men such as Gene Rosenbaum, Ashton Brosenham, Ruben Askew step up and fill the needs when they saw them. I am grateful of the men I stand on their shoulders to touch the stars. I am grateful of every Brother that has given me the chance to make the Valley better. I am grateful to the Deputy for naming me to this post so I try to make this great group of people, better than they even thought they could be.

I choose to be responsible for my words. I am trying to really think about the fact that our words hold incredible power both positively and negatively. Everything that is expressed verbally has the power to influence and change the lives of all you share your world with. It is your choice to use words that inspire or destroy. Once said, your words cannot be retracted. So, for now, I'll be silent. ✘

**Scottish Rite Women's Assoc.
Lois Thiergart, President**

Ladies, just a note to remind you that we will have a raffle at the August 2021 meeting. I also want to again thank all of you for your support of the Valley. I know your help at the BBQ fundraiser was greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer!

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**III. James A. Gazaway
Master of Kadosh**

Part two of a three-part article on the future of Masonry. The first part introduced the need for any organization or business to have a current vision or purpose that is valid for its time and culture. The last major revision of Scottish Rite Masonry was conducted by Albert Pike nearly 150 years ago. Unfortunately, our times, our culture, and our society have changed. Pike's methods and efforts are no longer "cutting edge" for today's new generations to accept and embrace. I believe that this is one of the reasons for our declining membership and the declining membership of many older organizations in our nation today.

Part II "Where there is no vision the people perish."
-- Proverbs 28:19

Today we face the same challenge as Albert Pike did 150 years ago. To face that challenge successfully we need to do as he did. We need to look at society and see what its needs are and how we can address them. We need to discover or create a way to attract attention and provide society with what it is looking for in life. Humanity will always be asking the "Why?" question of what life is all about and looking for ways to make their lives happy, successful, and fulfilling. So how do we show them what we have to offer in a way that they will want to seek and pursue Masonry?

As we do this it is most important that we do not change the core values or teachings of our fraternity. When I talk about change, I am not talking about a change in our pursuit of light, of truth, or the basic moral values that we stand for in the world. But we have to realize that as the world changes around us, we must change the "packaging" that contains those beliefs and values. We must find a way to communicate and "inculcate" the heart of Masonry into a twenty-first-century organization that fits in with society. The term "inculcate" is used here to illustrate what I am talking about. In the 1880s it was a great word. It was a common word that the man in the street knew, used, and understood. Do you know, use, and understand what it means today? Is it a word you use regularly in conversation? Simply, it means to teach. Sadly, the word has gone out of common usage and out of fashion. It has become archaic and the majority of society has no idea what the term means, nor do they care.

Of course, there will always be a segment of society that likes the "old ways" and the "old words." Today we do attract that small segment of modern society that is looking for the esoteric and mystic teaching of the past. However, our esoteric and mystical teachings were designed to appeal to the common and mainstream segments of society, not the fringe. Change and keeping up with the current culture are required to keep Masonry relevant in today's world and a part of mainstream culture.

Change is a scary term for most folks. Anything that shifts or rewrites a part of their existing fabric of reality and society makes people uncomfortable. As a whole, humanity likes consistency, but the world around us is not consistent. Do you think that Albert Pike ever thought about using a computer or PowerPoint for lodge and degree work? While the acting out of the degrees and the participation of the candidates are important, either floor work or interactive PowerPoint can both convey the message a degree wishes to impart.

Now before someone misunderstands or takes issue with this last statement, let me add quickly here that the performance of a degree is one of the best ways to teach. It involves different senses and the more active the mind has to be during the event of the degree, the more it will be impressed in the memory. To make the most of this, we need to spend more time in preparation and in the staging of the degrees to make them a full, sensual experience involving taste, touch, hearing, smelling, seeing, thinking, analyzing, and more. If we do not make it as encompassing as possible for the candidate, then a PowerPoint can communicate a degree with a lot less cost and effort on everyone's part with much the same results. A candidate

sitting on the sideline while an exemplar receives the degree is still watching and not doing.

In Pike's day, there were not many social or fraternal opportunities for men to enjoy. Work was usually six days a week from sunup to sundown. There were no computers, CDs, DVDs, videos, TVs, radios, nightclubs, and more to vie for the time and attention of the common man. Masonry had a vision of complementing a man's religion, offering him a respectable social outlet, allowing him to converse with his peers and neighbors, and providing his family with a financial safety net in the event of disaster at a time when the government did not offer such support. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Masonry grew and prospered because it met the common man's need for support in his faith, family, fun, and fellowship. All of the things that were most important to the American society at that time.

What needs of the common man is Masonry caring for today? Better yet, what are the needs of the common man today, and what are we doing to address them in our lodges and valleys? This is what the final installment of this missive will examine. In the meantime, think about and discuss with others the possible answers to these questions in today's society and for our fraternity. Any insight you have to offer will be gladly accepted and considered. ✘

**Shawn D. Johnson
Wise Master, Rose Croix**

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." In our last newsletter, I went over all the different programs we have at the Pensacola Scottish Rite. Then explained the Gold Bar Program we are starting this year. Actually, we started it last month, and I'm happy to say it is going well. But, to refresh your memory about this program, let me give you a run down again.

We are calling it the GOLD BAR PROGRAM and the one thing that makes this program different from all the other programs we have at the Scottish Rite 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-in your gold bar lapel pins and receive a special 500 Gold Bar Club lapel pin. Then you will continue receiving a gold bar lapel pin for every \$100 donated until you reach \$1,000 in donations, where you will trade-in your Gold Bar pins and your 500 Gold Bar Club pin 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 Pensacola Scottish Rite Mason will support this program. I know when I donate to something I like to see where my money is going. Participating in this program I see where my money goes every time I walk into our Scottish Rite Building. I know many of our members are unable to attend our monthly stated meetings

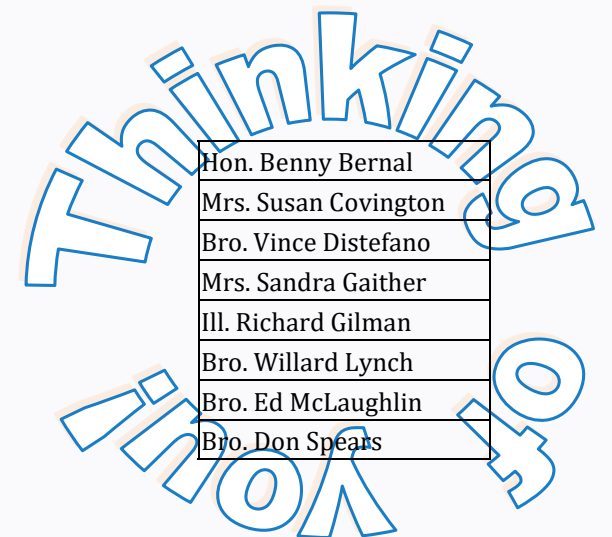
and those that do often don't carry the boss ladies check book ☺. We have put an insert in this addition of our newsletter to make it easy and available for everyone to participate. Please, fill out the insert and mail it along with a check to the address on the insert. So, let's start earning those Gold Bars and Gold Bar Club Member pins to show everyone that you support this program and the Valley of Pensacola Scottish Rite. ✘



2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 1	Executive Meeting Cook Out – Independence Day	4:30 PM 5:30 PM
Jul 29	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
Aug 4	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Aug 5	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 28	Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting	6:00 PM
Sep 1	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Sep 2	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	4:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:15 PM
Sep 6	Office Closed	
Sep 14	Newsletter Production	9:00AM
Sep 14	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM

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