2015 Installation of Officers

At the January 15, 2015 stated meeting of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies, the officers for the year 2015 were installed. The installation was presided over by the Hon. Ken Curry, 32° KCCH, Chairman of the Fort Worth Valley. The officers of each body, both elected and appointed, were installed with the usual ceremonies.

The 2015 presiding officers of the four body are Hon. James Kirkpatrick, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Ill. John Merk, 33° Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Hon. Howard Hubbard, 32° KCCH, Commander of the Council of Kadosh, and Hon. Gary Alexander, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh of the Consistory. Also installed were the officers, both elected and appointed, of the Knights of St. Andrew Order of the Thistle. Hon. Paul Solomon, 32° was installed as Venerable Master of the Order.

We were honored at this meeting by the presence of six of the 2015 District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of Texas.
THE DEGREES

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<td>&quot;The bonds and pledges of the Brotherhood of the Faithful are in no way weakened by the collisions of States and Empires.&quot;</td>
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THE FIFTEENTH DEGREE - We learn fidelity to obligation and perseverance of purpose under difficulties and discouragement. He who endeavors to serve, to benefit and to improve the world is like a swimmer battling against a rapid river which the winds lash into angry waves. Often they roar over his head; often they beat him down and back. Most men yield to the stress of the raging stream and are swept to the shore or over the rapids. Only here and there do we find the stout heart and the strong arms that will struggle on toward ultimate success. Masonry carries on a crusade against ignorance, intolerance and error. Sometimes, on the way to success, we stumble over the indifference of our members and of the world. But we believe that God has a personal interest in each of us; that He gave us an immortal soul imprisoned for a time within our mortal bodies, and that the natural and instinctive yearning for good will be rewarded. While we now cannot fully understand the divine plan, we must have and express the faith that hereafter the light shall shine and disclose all details.

THE SIXTEENTH DEGREE - Jerusalem's efforts to rebuild the Temple is a saga of fortitude that is of special interest to us as Masons. While we no longer are so engaged, the inspiring story does impress upon us that the world and all that inhabit the globe as it speeds through space are part of God's Temple, and that we may build and rebuild within ourselves a spiritual temple with lasting love and peace and fill it with priceless treasures. In so doing, we use the emblem of this Degree the trowel to remind us of the ennobling effects of honest labor. As we work to earn our daily bread, so we can work on our spiritual temple and develop the virtues of patience and gentleness, the beauty of love, the heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice, the exercise of compassionate judgment and the dispensing of helpful charity, all as part of the grandeur and power and glory of humanity.

THE SEVENTEENTH DEGREE - In this Degree we pass from the individual to the general, and draw the name from the combined thought of the Orient and the Occident. The Sect of Essenes, which parallels Christianity, believed that truth was scattered among different sects throughout the world. They taught that man's duty was to gather and mold into a harmonious whole these fragments of divine revelation. At the time of John the Baptist, all the ancient philosophical and religious doctrines became intermingled through the invading conquests of nation upon nation. Ever since recorded history, baffled man has tried to penetrate the fact of creation in the related creeds and faiths that arose during his progress. Thus we have the teachings of Philo, a Jewish Greek, the Zend-Avesta stemming from provinces of Persia and India, and the Holy Kabalah with a mysterious system of Judaic beliefs. Each sought to explain creation, how man arose and how he acquired a divinity called a soul. We know the reasoning process is augmented with a superior instinctive intelligence, and that emanating from inferior sources there are inclinations and passions that produce disorder but from which captivity man is ultimately able to free himself.

The Fall 2015 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Reunion is October 31, November 7 and November 14. This will be a three day Reunion. Candidates may attend all three days or just the last day. The Reunion will honor Hon. R.J. Brock, 32o KCCH, Hon. Bobby L. Samuels, 32o KCCH, and Ill. J.B. Shepelwich, 33o. The opening ceremony is at 8 am on October 31, 2015. All 29 Scottish Rite Degrees will be presented. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend this Reunion. Fort Worth Scottish Rite 32o Masons who have witnessed all 29 degrees are entitled to receive the 32o Jewel.

The cost to become a 32o Scottish Rite Mason is $250 for those under the age of thirty-one years. For those older, the fee is $500. These fees may be paid at the time of initiation or prepaid in installments. If these fees impose an undue burden upon a potential candidate, they should contact Brother Sonny Tull at 817-335-6004. At his discretion are scholarship funds which may be used to fund a portion of a candidate’s fees. If a candidate lives over 60 miles from the Fort Worth Masonic Temple and needs a room for the night before a Reunion we will provide suitable hotel housing for him.
2015 GRAND ANNUAL BANQUET

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Grand Annual Banquet is June 6, 2015. The 2015 Scholarship recipients and the Anson Jones Awardee will be recognized and honored. This year the Foundation will award sixty One Thousand Dollar scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

The recipient of the Anson Jones Award is the Honorable Pete Geren former Congressman and Secretary of the Army. Mr. Geren is a life long resident of Fort Worth and is the current President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sid W. Richardson Foundation and Sid Richardson Museum.

The event begins with a reception at 6:00 pm followed by dinner. All Fort Worth Scottish Rite Masons are invited. The Banquet cost is $25.00 per person. Reservations are required may be obtained by contacting the Fort Worth Scottish Rite office at 817/335-6004.

MOTORCYCLE FUN RIDES

Jim Mendenhall, Chairman of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Motorcycle Group, has announced the 2015 fun dates for motorcycle rides. Those dates are April 18, May 16, June 13 and July 18, 2015. All rides depart the Fort Worth Masonic Temple at 8:30 am and return around 3:00 pm. There is no cost to participate in this group. These are scenic rides with stops for lunch and breaks. For information contact Jim Mendenhall through the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office, 817/335-6004.

2015 ORIENT OF TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE CONVOCATION

The 2015 Orient of Texas Convocation will be in Fort Worth on April 10 and 11. Friday night features the Grand Banquet. On Saturday numerous speakers and breakout sessions will be offered. The Convocation concludes with Western Entertainment on Saturday night. For Details contact the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office.

TARLETON TEXAN GENTLEMEN

Tarleton State’s The Texas Gentlemen will appear at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple on Friday, April 23, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Fort Worth Scottish Rite. Tickets are $10.00. Reservations are not required and tickets may be obtained by contacting the Fort Worth Scottish Rite office at 817/335-6004 or at the door. There will be no reserved seating. Tarleton’s men’s choir, founded by students, grants Tarleton’s Texan men the opportunity to lift their voices in harmony. Barbershop, doo wop, Bach, and pop all find their way into the ensemble’s concert repertoire.
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  - 2015 HARLEY-DAVIDSON ULTRA LIMITED
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- Drawing to be held July 18, 2015 at the 4th Annual Fun Run (Do not have to be Present to Win)
- Winners must be 18 years of age or older and must pay all taxes, title, license and dealer fees

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2015 KOSA Burns Supper and Auction

The Third Annual Robert Burns Supper and Auction, hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew Order of the Thistle was held on February 7, 2015. The 70 attendees enjoyed an evening of comradeship and toasts. The event was kicked off by a silent auction. Items for bids included a gun, assorted knives, and beverages. Our Brother and Musician Michael Cote, 32º KCCH, provided entertainment. The silent auction raised $2,500 for the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation. The dinner program featured the Highland Dancers of Dallas. Many thanks to Brothers Paul Solomon, 32º and Robert Goode 32º for their extraordinary efforts in bringing about this event.

The Spring 2015 Reunion featured 23 Degrees including two degree teams from Dallas and the DeMolay Degree presented by the Marks Chapter,. The Spring Reunion was in honor of Ill. John M. Forbes, 33° and Ill. James R.Hewlett, 33° and the many hours they devoted to Fort Worth Scottish Rite.

A Scottish Rite Reunion is presented for two groups: a renewal of the Scottish Rite Tenants for the current Brothers of the values and purpose of each degree, and an education for each of the Brothers to be, now called Candidates. Each Reunion is a series of plays called degrees to progressively ‘enlighten’ the Brother into a better understanding of Masonry. To achieve this ‘enlightenment’, The Valley of Fort Worth coordinates a massive body of Brothers in several roles and teams to deliver this Scottish Rite message. Each team has its own purpose and position for a total degree offering. Those teams are: stage crew, sound and lighting crew, multimedia crew, wardrobe crew, special parts crew, photographic crew, Reunion director, class director, degree directors and production director. Planning a Reunion requires hundreds of man-hours with each crew performing their duties, starting months ahead of each Reunion. There are activities of coordination of the dress rehearsals with the correct lighting while wearing the correct wardrobe while having the correct state props – all for a 15 minute to 35 minute degree. Some degree teams are lodges or clubs who have preformed ‘their’ degree for a number of years!
Eternal Knights of the Rosy Cross

Names and Dates of Departed Brothers

Hon. Lester D. Barnes, 32º  January 1, 2015
Hon. Arlet I. Boyer, 32º  December 5, 2014
Hon. Joseph L. Coggan, 32º  February 20, 2015
Hon. Orbin D. Cole, Jr., 32º  January 11, 2015
Hon. Marshall G. Cooper, 32º  Year 2010
Hon. Roy B. Davis, 32º  February 14, 2014
Hon. Arthur T. Erickson, 32º  January 30, 2014
Hon. Ervin E. Farmer, 32º  January 1, 2015
Hon. Robert N. Hoffman, 32º  Date Unknown
Hon. J. Boyd House, 32º  January 14, 2015
Hon. John T. Hudson, 32º  February 24, 2015
Hon. Dennis R. Hunt, 32º  December 12, 2014
Hon. Ronnie M. Jones, 32º  July 12, 2014
Hon. F. R. Keen, 32º  June 11, 2014
Ill. J. F. Litchfield, 33º  August 29, 2011
Hon. Leo L. Loiacano, 32º  January 14, 2015
Hon. Gerald H. Long, 32º KCCH  February 1, 2015
Hon. L. H. Manning, 32º  March 11, 2015
Hon. Dennis R. Hunt, 32º  January 3, 2015
Hon. F. R. Keen, 32º  December 17, 2014
Hon. Erwin O. Kleen, 32º  January 30, 2015
Hon. John T. Hudson, 32º  October 9, 2014
Hon. Dennis R. Hunt, 32º  December 16, 2014
Hon. Robert N. Hoffman, 32º  Year 2014
Hon. F. R. Keen, 32º  Year 2004
Hon. L. V. Newton, 32º  February 8, 2015
Hon. Francis A. Plaunty, 32º  February 7, 2015
Hon. Jay D. Powers, Jr., 32º  January 5, 2015
Hon. George A. Schook, 32º  January 9, 2015
Hon. D. Doug Thompson, 32º  February 22, 2015
Hon. William J. Trice, 32º  January 5, 2015
Hon. William C. Morey, 32º  August 2014
Hon. L. V. Newton, 32º  January 16, 2015
Hon. L. E. Tucker, 32º  March 10, 2015
Hon. Hestel Walker, 32º  March 6, 2015
Ill. Jack E. Williams, 33º  February 9, 2015
Hon. Raymond R. Wiegand, Jr., 32º KCCH  February 3, 2015

Our most sincere sympathies and condolences to the families of our Brothers who have been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to the Celestial Lodge above. The following Sublime Princes (as of this writing) have departed this earthly tabernacle since our last Feast of the Paschal Lamb. They ascend to the Kingdom of Heaven and we will cherish their memory here and commend their souls to GOD who gave it.

“I saw a New Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: ‘This is God’s dwelling among His people. He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people and He shall be their God Who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away.’

The One who sat on the throne said to me, ‘See, I make all things new.’”

REV. 21:2-5
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Calendar of Events

April 8 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bar-B-Que; Sammy’s on Belknap in Fort Worth - 12:15 pm
April 10 - 11 - Texas Scottish Rite Orient Convocation
April 16 - Stated Meeting - Meeting at 6 pm; Dinner at 7 pm
April 18 - Education Program - Stephenville at 10 am
April 24 - Tarleton Texan Gentlemen - Fort Worth Masonic Temple 7 pm - Cost $10
May 13 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bar-B-Que; location to be determined. - 12:15 pm
May 16 - Scottish Rite Supreme Council Web Telecast - celebrated in Fort Worth with a cookout - location to be determined
May 21 - Stated Meeting - Meeting at 6 pm; Dinner at 7 pm - Focus on Youth Appreciation
May 28 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Second Annual European Festive Board - Fort Worth Masonic Temple - 6:30 pm
June 6 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Banquet and Anson Jones Award - Fort Worth Masonic Temple - 6 pm - Reservations through FW Scottish Rite office

January 24 - Degree Master Meeting at Temple

Sunshine Committee - Jim Mason, Chairman

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 817-335-6004, to report sickness or distress of any Scottish Rite Mason or family member.