ANSON JONES RECIPIENT

The 2015 Anson Jones Recipient is the Honorable Preston “Pete” Geren. Mr. Geren received the award at the annual Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Banquet held on June 6, 2015 at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. Over 300 guests were treated to the exceptional remarks Mr. Geren addressed to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients.

Mr. Geren is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, a foundation that provides grants to educational, health, human service, and cultural nonprofit organizations in Texas. Prior to joining the Foundation, he served in the Department of Defense (2001-09) as: Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Under Secretary of the Army, and Secretary of the Army. Mr. Geren served four terms as a United States Congressman, 12th District of Texas (1989-97).

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation is honored by the acceptance of this award by Mr. Geren.

2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The 2015 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship Winners were recognized at the annual Banquet on June 6. The Foundation awarded sixty $1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in the Fort Worth Valley. The recipients were treated to a reception and dinner, and a visit with the Honorable Pete Geren. The Scholars represent sixty high schools and will be attending over thirty different colleges in the fall. The recipients are chosen based upon academic, extracurricular activities, employment history, community and church involvement, and letters of recommendation. Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation is honored by each of these recipients and wishes them the best of success in their college careers.
### THE EIGHTEENTH DEGREE

- **“A new Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another”**
- **“Truth is the light that emanates from God”**

This Degree, interpreted as we wish according to our own credal convictions, reflects the descent upon us of profound sorrow and darkness. The world is under the sway of tyranny and evil. Yet, at times of such despair, we can call upon two great motivating forces for relief - reason and faith. Reason deals with that which is demonstrable, the tangible. Faith comes from within, the intangible. We combine and express these in the cross and the rose. The cross has been a sacred symbol from earliest antiquity and among many nations. The rose signifies the dawn of the resurrection of life. Thus, we dispel the darkness of evil with its fearful demons and tempting fallen angels and are restored to the greatness and goodness of the Deity in the divine light of revelation. We know that as life emanated from God so also we may realize its continuance into eternity.

### THE NINETEENTH DEGREE

- **“Peace shall be the universal law for all children of a common father.”**

We here concern ourselves with the influence of the past upon the present and future. Consider how there live in our day the deeds of heroism, the thoughts and the laws, the monuments of art, architecture and literature of ages gone by. They uplift, govern and benefit us. Those responsible were not content with a role and dim ambition as characters that would fade away in one lifetime. Instead, they left a mark which would survive men's memories. This is an instinctive, God-given impulse, found deep in the roughest of human hearts, a sign of the soul's immortality, and it indicates the chasm between the most elemental man and the wisest brute. A true Mason seeks ways in which he may labor now so he will enlighten those of the future years. Posterity is uppermost in his mind as he daily performs acts that will produce and endure, advance and improve, for those yet unborn.

### THE TWENTIETH DEGREE

- **“Let the great Light of Truth shine in our Lodge”**

To teach, man first must learn. This truism is of special importance in Masonry for those who act as Masters of the Symbolic Lodges, leading an Initiate along the sublime paths that end in a confluence of the ultimate truth. The lessons uppermost in this Degree - Liberty, Fraternity and Equality - are examples of those that require sufficient research, study and thought so as to impart them properly. Similarly, the whole system of our moral, religious and philosophical degrees requires for our special audiences the most profound understanding in our own minds before we can hope to inculcate them into other minds. For this purpose we recite parables and allegories, not always for verity, but as vehicles of instruction and as useful illustrations. These include those that indicate the struggles of the human mind in seeking answers to insoluble problems, an infinite variety of efforts to comprehend the Deity, the forces of nature, the existence of good and evil in an expanding universe.

### FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE MASTER MASON DEGREE TEAM

The Valley's Master Mason Degree Team conferred the Master Mason Degree in June at Eureka Lodge #371 and Quanah Lodge #689. The team is led by Ill Charley Blair, 33³, and has a long standing tradition of excellence. The team is in need of additional members. If you are proficient in the Master Mason Degree and wish to participate please contact the Brother Blair or the Scottish Rite office for more information.
A few days ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children with a tour group composed of twenty-four Scottish Rite Masons and guests from the Valley of Fort Worth. The hospital is a facility with a capacity of up to one hundred in patients and currently treats 17,000 out-patients per year. The experience was very interesting and quite touching. The tour started with all of us being received at the door, as a group by members of the hospital staff. The first thing on the tour of the facility was a couple of short videos, introduced by tour guide, Miles Hutchinson, that gave us a general background of the hospital and how it came into being. After the video presentation we were divided into three groups and given a tour of all of the different areas of specialty that make up the treatment portions of the hospital. Then we were treated to a great lunch and video presentation of biographical information of a couple of past patients, which was very interesting. Then we all departed for home. Well, in a nutshell that is what the experience we all enjoyed that day, but for me it was much more. As I experienced the tour, I realized that many of the problems facing the patients at this great facility, I was facing myself as an adult. This made me even more attentive to what I saw and experienced that day, and with early diagnosis could have probably been prevented, in my case. Well enough about me, now I will take you on a short tour of the Scottish Rite Hospital For Children.

The tour started with a look at the reception area and lecture hall. This was a friendly area of the building, on the first floor, all brightly colored and cheery. We then progressed through the Historical section of the building where we learned about the founding and background of the hospital and the development of many of the treatments and equipment used in the treatment of the many orthopedic conditions treated there. We were also introduced to the personal stories of many of the patients and the treatments they inspired in the Walk of Fame. We then progressed to the first of the Clinical areas. The first Treatment area we visited was the Rite Care area where learning disabilities are treated, mainly Dyslexia, Learning and Language Disability, and others. We then went on to the Orthopedic areas where there were displays of many of the braces and other apparatuses developed for the treatment of Polio, Scoliosis, and other maladies of the bones regarding the limbs, hands, and feet. This was very interesting. The next area that was visited was the Family Area where there were parts of the building with wide open vistas where you can see all over the city of Dallas and parts of the surrounding area. These areas, as all of the others previously mentioned, were very tranquil brightly colored places where music is usually played and activities are available to help the patients and their families cope with the anxious moments of their lives.

For my group the final, and most interesting area, was the Prosthetics Lab. This is the area where artificial limbs are made, as well as braces and protective boots and other developmental aids are constructed. It was pointed out to us that the patients are refitted and measured for their respective prosthetics as they mature. This was a particularly case oriented process conducted to give the patient the best possible outcome for their individual needs.

Sonny Tull, 33° and Mike Motely, 33° presenting gifts for the children to Mike Stimpson, 32° of the Hospital.
ANNUAL PICNIC - RAFFLE - FUN RUN

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite will host its annual picnic in the Fort Worth Masonic Temple on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and ice cream will be provided free of charge. As always there will be an open microphone for anyone wishing to entertain the crowd. Sonny Tull will entertain with his impression of Elvis. There will be auction items. The 2015 Annual Raffle Drawing will cap off the picnic. The picnic is open to all Masons and their families and guests. The event starts at 11:00 am. If you wish to help the Stewards, please arrive before 9 am.

Carter Blood Care will have a mobile collection van at the picnic and all Scottish Rite Masons and guests are urged to donate.

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Raffle is coming to a close. The Raffle will be held at the Annual Picnic. The prizes are a 2015 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited, a $2,500.00 cruise credit through Funtyme Travel, LLC., and a Browning Cynergy 12 Gauge Over/Under Shotgun. No more than 2500 chances will be sold. The proceeds of the Raffle benefit the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation’s charity programs including scholarships to graduating seniors and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Chances are $50.00 each and may be obtained by contacting the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office at 817/335-6004. Winners must be 18 years of age or older and are responsible for all applicable taxes, title, license and dealer fees.

In conjunction with the annual picnic there will be a motorcycle fun run sponsored by Fort Worth Scottish Rite. Registration opens at 7 am on the day of the picnic. The route begins and ends at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple and features four Masonic lodges as it winds through Weatherford, Lipan and Granbury. All motorcyclists are invited to participate. Registration fee is $15 per bike and $5 per passenger.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Education Committee will present the Honorable Tom Spencer on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. His topic will be Symbolism of the Blue Lodge Degrees. Dinner will be furnished for a donation. Dress is casual. The meeting is open to all Masons. The program consists of a lecture followed by questions and answers.

This presentation is part of the ongoing efforts of the Education Committee. The presentation will be presented in Gainesville on August 15, 2015 and in Stephenville on September 19, 2015. At each of these locations lunch will be furnished for a donation.
KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Other than being a service oriented group composed of 32nd Degree Masons, Black Hats, within the Fort Worth Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Knights of Saint Andrew are a resource from which its members are placed into several roles to assist the leadership of our Valley. Whether it be in the capacity of serving on assorted committees, degree teams, Reunions, or any other capacity where they maybe needed, the Knights of Saint Andrew are always there to be utilized. We have many opportunities available where you can serve your Valley.

We are a group based on the teachings and principles of the 29th Degree where the Knights Templar stationed in Scotland were utilized as part of King Robert the Bruce's forces during the Battle of Banockburn. As a result of their help, they were allowed to stay in Scotland, and their name was changed to the Knights of Saint Andrew to give them safety from their enemies, namely, the French and English kings and the Ecclesiastical authorities that held sway in Europe at that time.

As a member of the Knights of Saint Andrew, if you choose to take an active role as an officer, you receive valuable experiences which help in your Masonic development in all aspects of your endeavors. So if you are interested in obtaining information about the Knights of Saint Andrew, also known as the Order of the Thistle, or want to become a member, please contact Steve Maxwell, Secretary or Paul Solomon, Venerable Master through the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Office.

SCAN IN REGISTRATION

Beginning with the September meeting, registration at the monthly stated meetings and Reunions will be done by a computer scan. Instead of signing the registration book, members will present their dues card so that the bar code on the dues card is scanned. This automatically registers the attendance of each member.

MEAL TICKETS

Beginning with the September dinner meeting, meal tickets will be sold. When a member presents his dues card for scanning he will be given the opportunity to purchase meal tickets for the dinner meeting for himself and his guests. The cost of each ticket will be $11. All fifty year Scottish Rite Masons will receive one free ticket for the dinner. Tickets may be purchased for cash, check or by credit or debit card and will be collected as members pass through the serving line.

The reason for this change is that meal donations have been averaging fifty percent of the total cost of the meal for several years. The Valley is paying approximately $1,000 per month in addition to the donations received to provide the dinner meal. The current cost of the dinner meal varies between $12 and $14 and sufficient quantities must be ordered to ensure availability for all. If the cost of a meal ticket imposes an undue hardship on a member please contact Sonny Tull and he will arrange for free or reduced price meal tickets.

Beginning December 1, 2015, books of meal tickets for 2016 will be available for purchase. The booklets will contain 10 tickets and cost $100 until June 1, when the price will be reduced to $50.00. The price of individual meal tickets beginning with the January 2016 Dinner Meeting will be $13.

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2015 FALL Reunion

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. As an incentive for attendance the Valley will purchase 32o jewels for all Fort Worth Scottish Rite Masons who have witnessed all 29 degrees.

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.

HONOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSES

At the monthly dinner meeting on June 18, 2015, Fort Worth Scottish Rite honored the surviving spouses of Fort Worth Scottish Rite Masons. The ladies were entertained by the Moslah Shrine Community Band. As a token of appreciation, the Valley presented to each lady a wrist corsage and a Scottish Rite pendant. This is the third annual recognition of these ladies. While Valley records are sparse, the invitee list is constantly growing. If you are a Scottish Rite Surviving Spouse or know of someone who was omitted from the guest list, please call the office so we can rectify our error and insure future participation.
Eternal Knights of the Rosy Cross

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.

Names and Dates of Departed Brothers

Hon. C. Wayne Chambers, 32º, January 8, 2015
Hon. William E. Clemons, 32º, Date Unknown
Hon. Ronald F. Formby, 32º, Date Unknown
Hon. Hubert W. Foust, 32º, Date Unknown
Hon. Pete Gutierrez, 32º, May 15, 2015
Hon. Horace L. Hamilton, 32º, Date Unknown
Hon. John T. Hudson, 32º, February 24, 2015
Hon. L. Jack Knight, 32º, May 19, 2015
Hon. John W. Marbach, 32º, April 29, 2015
Hon. Morris D. Mitchell, 32º KCCH, April 2, 2015
Hon. Charles O. Peters, 32º, March 26, 2015
Hon. James L. Rainwater, 32º, November 16, 2014
Hon. Bobby D. Ramsey, 32º, June 1, 2007
Hon. Ray F. Ramsey, 32º, March 31, 2015
Hon. Robert D. Robbins, 32º, May 6, 2015
Hon. B. R. Scribner, 32º, April 10, 2015
Hon. Garland C. Shelton, 32º, June 19, 2015
Hon. James E. Swink, 32º, December 3, 2014
Hon. Charles W. Veal, Sr., 32º, May 4, 2015
Hon. Travis E. Waters, Sr., 32º, March 18, 2015
Hon. Frank W. White, 32º, November 12, 2014
Hon. Paul V. Williams, 32º, March 20, 2015
Ill. James C. Wright Jr., 33º, May 6, 2015

“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

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

July 8 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bar B Que Club meets at Spring Creek Arlington - 12:15 pm

July 16 - No stated Meeting

July 18 - Annual Fort Worth Scottish Rite Picnic - 11 am

July 18 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Raffle Drawing - 1 pm

July 18 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Fun Run - 7 am

July 23 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Education Program - 6:30 pm

July 29 - Daylight Scottish Rite Club Trip to Chocktaw Casino - 9 am - Contact Clair Billington 817-431-1736 for reservations

August 8 - Degree Master Meeting - 10 am

August 12 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bar B Que Club - 12:15 pm

August 15 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Education Program - Gainesville Masonic Lodge - 10 am

August 20 - Stated Meeting - Meeting at 6 pm; Dinner at 7 pm

August 22 - 25 Supreme Council Centennial Jubilee and Biennial Session - Washington DC

September 9 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bar B Que Club - 12:15 pm

September 17 - Stated Meeting - Meeting at 6 pm; Dinner at 7 pm - Annual Playrite Awards

September 19 - Orient Wide Honors Conferral - Waco - 7 am

September 19 - Fort Worth Scottish Rite Education Program - Stephenville - 10 am

September 25 - 26 - Feed the First Responders - Fort Worth Masonic Temple

October 2 - Fort Worth Honors Banquet