The Valley of Fort Worth Scottish Rite concluded its Spring 2018 Reunion on March 17 with the ceremonial capping of eleven newly conferred Scottish Rite Masons:

Tony Beazley, William Budnick, Joshua DeMoss, Mark Fuller, Pete Garcia, Robert Matthews, Mike McCary, Aaron Moore, Ted Peterson, Damon Scheer and Brandon Sharpe.

Spring 2018 Class Photo

We welcome these brothers as they continue on their Masonic journeys.

We are fortunate to have many new Scottish Rite Masons who have stepped up and done amazing things for the Fort Worth Scottish Rite. These men are excited about learning, sharing, and serving in Masonry. Their enthusiasm is becoming infectious. Two of especial mention are:

Gabriel Jagush, 32°, who joined the fraternity this past fall, helped with [only] 17 different degrees during this Spring Reunion. That sets a record likely to stand for some time!

Another of our newest Scottish Rite Masons in fall 2017, Jordan Roland, 32° assembled a team and took on the task of conferring the 26th Degree. Even after some last-minute team changes, they did an outstanding job.

In addition, Colby Spicer, 32° took the reins of the 13th Degree. As a first time Degree Master, he led his team in a motivational performance.

Zachary Haston, 32° assembled a completely new 30th Degree team whose performance was first-rate and inspired.

At the conclusion of the degrees Robert Goode, 32° KCCH, performed the capping ceremony in this his first reunion serving in the capacity of General Secretary of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite.

The success of every reunion is a result of the efforts of so many.

Much appreciation to all the Degree teams, stage and sound crews, Rainbow girls for the breakfasts served, and to all involved behind the scenes for much work we never see.

Special thanks to John Karnes, 33°, and Frank Dale, 32° KCCH for their extra assistance during both practice sessions and performances of many Degree teams.
Marks DeMolay

The Order of DeMolay is the Premier Youth Leadership Organization in the World today. Its membership is limited to young men between the ages of 12 and 21. DeMolay teaches our young men to be better citizens and better men with the help of adult mentors and older members. DeMolay accomplishes this by teaching our young men to live their lives by the following ideals:

- Love and Respect of Parents
- Love of God and His Creations
- Courtesy toward all people
- Comradeship
- Fidelity
- Cleanness
- Patriotism

Marks DeMolay traveled to Austin, Texas on February 16-18 for the 41st Annual Government Day. At this event they learned the parliamentary proceedings, making of and debating bills in the DeMolay Legislature, and how the House and Senate operate. In July they will travel to the Texas State Conclave in Waco.

These hard working young men are available for any community and social events, lodge clean ups, repairs, etc.

Marks DeMolay stated meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at The Fort Worth Masonic Temple at 1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, TX at 7:30 pm. We meet on the 3rd Floor in the South Lodge Room. Our Sponsoring Bodies are Moslah Shrine Center and Fort Worth Scottish Rite.

For more information, contact Chapter Dad, Jim Godsey 817-733-0271; tsca2014@yahoo.com or Chairman Dad Curt Waldrop 817-228-2840, or curtis.waldrop@sbcglobal.net

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**Grand Annual Banquet**

**Saturday June 9, 2018**

**Fort Worth Masonic Temple**

**Reception at 6:00pm**

**Dinner at 7:00pm**

**Tickets: $35 per person**

**Reservations Required**

*Call or Come By the Office before June 2nd to make your reservation.*

You may pay at the time you make your reservation or pay on the 9th.

**Credit Cards Accepted.**

In Recognition Of

David Finfrock, 2018 Anson Jones Award Recipient and the 2018 Fort Worth Scottish Rite Scholarship Recipients

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Our regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Feel free to call and leave a message at any time.

817-335-6004  1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth
Robert Burns Supper and Silent Auction Raises over $7,000 for the FWSR Foundation

The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Valley, Order of the Thistle – Knights of St. Andrew, held their primary fundraiser, the annual Robert Burns Supper and Silent Auction, on February 3rd. Ninety guests were in attendance including a delegation from the Dallas Knights of St. Andrews.

Most recent past Venerable Knight, Dan Oringderff, 32° welcomed all during a wine and cheese social. There were a number of silent auction items displayed for all to view and bidding promptly began. Our own Michael Cote, 32° KCCH and Grand Musician of the Grand Lodge of Texas, played music throughout the reception.

The supper portion of the evening began with the presentation of the flags assisted by the Fort Worth Pipe and Drum Corps.

Sir Knight John Gause was presented with the Golden Trowel equivalent, known as the Claymore Award, for his outstanding service to the KoSA, and most especially with his personal contributions toward the preparation of the 2017 Robert Burns Supper.

Sir Knight Corey Harris gave the Toast to the Haggis with the Selkirk Grace. The crowd was also entertained with Celtic folk songs and storytelling by John Burleson, with Mimi Rogers’ accompaniment on the Fiddle.

The event was a huge success, raising more than $7,000 for the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation to benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, our College Scholarships, and the TCU Summer Camp for Children with Communication Impairment (article on page 6).
When Does a Man Really Become A Mason?

Communicated May 1988
MWB John J. Murchison; PGM Oregon 1965-66

Many diverse opinions have been expressed on this question down through the years. There are even some who advance the proposition that a man can actually become a Mason in his heart without petitioning Masonry, but simply by leading a life consistent with all Masonic principles. While we recognize that there are many good men outside Masonry, merely living an exemplary life does not make a man a Mason. Something else is required.

Some Masons suggest that a man becomes a Mason when he assumes the obligation of the E.A. Degree. Others would require that he complete the degree, while others adhere to the E.A. Degree requirements by passing his proficiency in that degree. It is clear that by this point, he is a Mason of some description.

This, however, is not a satisfactory answer to some of our scholars. The same arguments are presented relating to the M.M. Degree. Some favor the obligation stage. Some the completion of the degree by raising, and still others requiring completion of all details by passing his proficiency exam. Some reasonable argument may be made in support of each and all of these positions, when considered from legal and technical viewpoints.

Philosophically, however, it seems likely that none of the above considerations fully answer the question. We must remember that Masonry is a philosophical moral science, and all Masonic questions should be approached from that viewpoint. Probably a deeper significance was intended when the question was first propounded. A man may become a Mason at any stage in his particular Masonic career. It occurs when the teachings of Masonry make a lasting impression upon his mind and soul. It causes him to see himself in a new light. It brings a profound change in priorities in life and he learns that the things of true value are spiritual rather than material.

At this stage the Mason puts the good of the lodge ahead of his own honors and advancement. He becomes impressed with value of such virtues as justice, right, and truth. He learns that no man can enjoy peace of mind or serenity of soul unless he can be convinced in his own mind and conscience that he is doing that which is right, rather than that which is convenient.

He is in fact a Mason when the Masonic teachings have caused him to have a comfortable relationship with his God, and sees himself as a spiritual being able to look at his present life from an eternal point of view. He can live with confidence when he has considered his ultimate destiny.

When a man has become a Mason, he will live a life outside the lodge which exemplifies the lessons he learned within, and he will give to the world a true and favorable impression of our beloved Order. By his life you will know that, that man has become a Mason.
Lodge Ambassadors Needed

Yes, it’s true—out of the 114 Blue Lodges in our Valley with Scottish Rite Masons, only 41 currently have a Lodge Ambassador. If your Lodge is among those without an Ambassador, you should consider representing the Scottish Rite in your Lodge. As Ambassador you are the face of Scottish Rite Masonry, you will be able to inform your members on the activities in the Valley as well as the services Fort Worth Scottish Rite can offer to your Blue Lodge. Fort Worth Scottish Rite wants to support your Lodge and help develop a plan to make it stronger. Anyone interested in becoming an ambassador should contact Joe Spencer at 817-980-1235 or kk5na@kk5na.com.

FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE

Fifth Annual Festive Board

Thursday, May 24, 2018
Fort Worth Masonic Temple, 1100 Henderson Street
6:30pm Reception followed by Dinner
$25.00 with your reservation by May 17, or
$30.00 without a reservation.
All Masons Are Welcome

KOSA International Gathering
July 20 - 21 in Waco

The KOSA International Gathering will be held in Waco, TX July 20-21, 2018. It is hosted by the Waco Chapter Knights of St. Andrew, the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, and other KOSA Chapters in the Orient of Texas. For complete information on registration and hotel rooms, visit http://kosa.wacoscottishrite.org.

The Scottish Rite Creed
Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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Please notify the office with any change of mailing address, phone number or e-mail address.
The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation presented a $10,000 gift to Texas Christian University on Wednesday, February 21 to support its development of a new summertime Speech & Language Clinic for children with communication impairments.

The gift from Fort Worth Scottish Rite will allow up to 20 children to receive free services during a three week clinic in June, 2018. Volunteers from Fort Worth Scottish Rite will also be present to provide support. Preschool children ages 4 to 5 and children in first through third grade will be eligible.

To learn about this summer clinic and other programs available at TCU for children with communication impairments, contact the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic at 817-257-7620.

The Foundation plans to grow its annual support so that substantially more children with communication impairments can benefit from programs offered at TCU. To make a donation that will help Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation further this new initiative send or deliver a check payable to Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. with memo ”Speech/Hearing Programs” or come by / call the office to make a donation by credit card. Your contribution to the Foundation will be acknowledged as a gift to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

UPCOMING EDUCATION EVENTS

Masonic Education Program
July 26, Thursday 6:30pm Fort Worth Masonic Temple

Presenter is Hon. Terry Vernon 32°. Topic To Be Announced - watch your e-mails, consult the website www.fortworthscottishrite.org, or call the Office at 817-335-6004. All Masons Welcome. Business Casual Dress. Snacks provided.

Masonic Education Program
August 18, Saturday 9:00am Wichita Falls (Lodge to be Announced)

Presenter is Hon. Terry Vernon 32°. Topic To Be Announced - watch your e-mails, consult the website www.fortworthscottishrite.org, or call the Office at 817-335-6004. All Masons Welcome. Business Casual Dress. Coffee & Donuts at 9:00, Program begin at 10:00am.

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Annual Motorcycle Fun Run ($15 per Bike, $5 per Rider)
Registration begins 7:00am, Last Bike out 8:30am. Donuts, Coffee and Juice.

Indoor Picnic and Raffle Drawing (FREE)
Preparations begin about 10:30am. Burgers & Dogs, Ice Cream and Soda.
Eternal Knights of the Rose Croix

Brothers we cherished,
Brothers we will dearly miss.

Buddie G. Barnick, 32°, March 30, 2018
Terry R. Bates, 32°, July 13, 2016
H. Elmo Brewer, 32°, February 17, 2018
Malcom L. Clych, 32°, March 7, 2018
Tommy D. Cole, Sr., 32°, March 12, 2018
Lewis M. Croom, 32°, February 12, 2018
Rufus H. Earl, 32°, February 23, 2018
Jesse D. Eberhart, 32°, March 9, 2018
O. Ray Farmer, 32°, December 16, 2017
Hector F. Garcia, 32°, February 2, 2018
Hubert L. Green, 32°, December 21, 2017
W. Thomas Harris, 32°, February 7, 2018
James C. Harvey, Jr., 32°, December 20, 2017
C. Robert Jernigan, 32° KCCH, December 8, 2017
George W. Johnson, 32°, February 16, 2018
John A. Jones, 32°, December 16, 2017
Joe F. Kendall, 32°, March 20, 2018
Joseph R. Kingery, 32°, January 13, 2018
Raymond L. Landy, 32°, February 10, 2018
Jerral K. Lane, 32°, November 1, 2017
Clois A. Logsdon, 32°, April 12, 2018
Dennis L. Meek, 32°, February 5, 2017
Richard L. Miller, Jr., 32°, January 23, 2018
Alexander L. Mills, 32°, December 4, 2017
B. Don Mobley, 33° March 15, 2018
G. Robert Morton, 32°, October 29, 2017
Marvin W. Porter, 32°, December 21, 2017
Jimmy Reynolds, 32°, February 17, 2018
Billy J. Roberts, 32°, April 13, 2018
Robert C. Sims, 32°, December 26, 2017
Joe V. Smith, 32°, February 4, 2018
Franklin M. Stapp, 32°, April 1, 2016
Joe B. Woolsey, 32°, March 5, 2018

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office to report a death, sickness, or distress of any Scottish Rite Mason or family member. 817-335-6004 or fwsroffice@fortworthscottishrite.org
May 17  Stated Meeting, 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm, Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

May 19  Grand Master’s Conference, Breakfast 8:00am, Registration 9:00am, Conference 10:00am, Fort Worth Temple

May 19  64th District MSA Annual Luncheon (following Conference)

May 24  Festive Board, Fort Worth Temple, 6:30pm, All Masons Welcome

Jun 9  Grand Annual Banquet; Anson Jones Award, and 2018 Scholarship Awards, Reception 6:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm. Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

Jun 12  BBQ Lunch Club, 11:30am, location to be announced, everyone welcome

Jun 21  Stated Meeting, Honoring Widows, 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm, Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

Jul 10  BBQ Lunch Club, 11:30am, location to be announced, everyone welcome

Jul 21  Annual Indoor Picnic, Motorcycle Fun Run and Raffle drawing, Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

Jul 26  Education Program, 6:30pm, Fort Worth Temple

Aug 14  BBQ Lunch Club, 11:30am, location to be announced everyone welcome

Aug 16  Stated Meeting 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm, Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

Aug 18  Education Program, 9:00am, Wichita Falls

Aug 23  Study Group, 6:30pm, Fort Worth Temple

Sep 7 & 8  Orient Convocation, Waco

Sep 11  BBQ Lunch Club, 11:30am, location to be announced, everyone welcome

Sep 15  Education Program, 6:30pm, Fort Worth Temple

Sep 20  Stated Meeting, 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm, Fort Worth Temple, everyone welcome

Sep 21  Prospective Members Dinner

Sep 22  Breakfast for First Responders

Sep 27  Study Group, 6:30pm, Fort Worth Temple

Oct 9  BBQ Lunch Club, 11:30am, location to be announced, everyone welcome