

'SPES MEA IN DEO EST'--MY HOPE IS IN GOD

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Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn and Scholarship Recipients



Jim Rogerson & Sheriffs Roger Deeds and Bill Waybourn

2022 Grand Annual Banquet

The 68th Grand Annual Banquet of the Scottish Rite Foundation, was held Saturday, June 11, 2022 with over 200 members and guests present. The Banquet honors the Fifty 2022 Scholarship Recipients. Tarrant County Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn, the keynote speaker, received the Anson Jones Award which is annually presented to a major civic figure who exemplifies the highest social and moral values. A donation was presented to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in recognition of its over one hundred years of service to children. TCU Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences' Camp Leaps program was recognized and a special scholarship in honor of the Camp was awarded to TCU student Haily Junca. Join us for the 2023 Banquet on June 10, 2023 in the Temple Ballroom. Contact the office for details.



*Representatives of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital led by
Hospital CEO Ill. Robert L. Walker, 33° (center)*

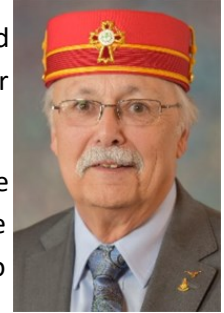


*TCU Scholarship Recipient Haily Junca with
Ill. George Coon, 33°, Ill. John Allen, 33°, and
Ill. Mike Motley, 33° (l to r)*

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER—JIM ROGERSON, 32° KCCH

Our world today seems to be polarized with everyone insisting on their own rights and opinions. Very few people seem to be willing to concede their position or look at another point of view. I feel that masonry has a lot to teach people today, in the area of tolerance.

Tolerance is an important concept that helps people to live together peacefully. To be tolerant means that you accept other people's opinions and preferences, even when they live in a way that you don't agree with. It means accepting that something different has a right to exist, whether or not you agree with it.



Masons from all walks of life are able to meet together and coexist under the same roof. While we do not always agree with others' opinions, we agree that they have a right to those opinions. One of the most basic qualities that we are taught to cultivate in Masonry is tolerance. The dictionary defines it as: "the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with."

Moral & Dogma says that every person is born with the right to do and say what they would like. However, Pike also says, that man being social animals, wants to be part of society. To be accepted in society a person must be willing give up some of those rights. He must be willing to see another person's view point or their right to think it. Being able to accept one another's differences can have a positive effect on one's well-being. Being tolerant removes a person's self-imposed barriers and allows them to think more broadly and enjoy greater inner peace. Tolerance leads to less stress and greater happiness in the overall community.

Tolerance is listening carefully and treating the person with dignity and respect—while disagreeing. It implies that you accept differences in people. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerant people are generally free of prejudice and discrimination.

Let's all try to be tolerant and set the example for those who have not learned that valuable lesson yet!

VALLEY GENERAL SECRETARY

In 2022 Hon. Ernest "Ernie" Runyon, 32° KCCH, was appointed General Secretary of the Fort Worth Valley. Brother Ernie is the ninth General Secretary having received his appointment by the S.G.I.G. in Texas, Ill. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°.



Brother Runyon was raised in Smithfield Lodge No. 455 on September 29, 2005 where he is an endowed member. He is also an endowed member of Richland Hills No. 1348 and Ridglea No. 1341. He has served as Worshipful Master of Smithfield and Richland Hills lodges. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 64A under the R.W. and Illustrious Michael L. Wiggins. He also served on the Petitions and Returns of Lodges Under Dispensation Grand Lodge Committee. He received the Golden Trowel Award from Smithfield Lodge in 2015, served as President of Masonic Service Bureau and President of Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of District 64.

Brother Runyon and his wife, Jeanne Marie Cox, are the parents of Nicholas Andrew Runyon who is likewise a Past Master of Smithfield and Richland Hills lodges and Keith Daniel Runyon.



Fall 2022 Class with Jim Rogerson, 32 KCCH, Valley Chairman

2022 Fall Reunion

The Valley of Fort Worth is pleased to welcome fifteen new members. These newly made 32 Degree Masons represented 10 Blue Lodges in the Valley. This reunion featured the Twentynine Scottish Rite Degrees presented by over one hundred Scottish Rite Members representing over 50 Blue Lodges. The initiates were treated to lunch each day and breakfast from Fort Worth Assembly #15 Order of Rainbow for Girls.

The Scottish Rite Degrees are presented in a theatrical format on the Grand Ballroom stage in the Fort Worth Masonic Temple. Computer driven widescreen sets highlight the degrees along with stage props and costumes.



Fourth and Fifth Degree Team, Rhit Moore, Master



Twenty-Ninth Degree Team, Kevin Caraway, Master

SPOTLIGHT - 50 YEAR SCOTTISH RITE MASON

ILL. MIKE MOTLEY, 33°

The Fifty Year Focus this month is on Ill. Herman Michael "Mike" Motley, 33°.

Ill. Mike Motley describes himself as "fat, ugly and cranky." His Scottish Rite Mason Brothers know him as a man who is never without a smile or a good word for a Brother. Ill. Finn Watkins, 33°, describes Mike "as an all-around good person who would not hesitate to give the shirt off of his back to one in need." Brother Mike represents all that is good in Freemasonry.

Ill. Mike Motley was born on April 7, 1944, in Ranger, Texas. He is married to Donna and is the father of Dr. Travis A. Motley, DPM. He has two granddaughters. His deceased father, Ill. Herman Grant Motley, 33°, was a charter member of the Fort Worth Valley.

Mike received his Scottish Rite Degrees in February and March of 1972. He was invested a 32° KCCH in 2003 and coroneted a 33° IGH in 2007. He has served the Fort Worth Valley as an Officer, Committee Chairman, Degree Master, Lodge Ambassador, Foundation Officer, Thistle Member, and many other roles and responsibilities. Mike serves on the Board of Trustees for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Mike began active duty in the U.S. Army in 1965 and after active duty served in the Reserve for 12 years. His first active duty assignment was door gunner for an air ambulance. He proceeded through crew chief and depot manager assignments.



Hon. Jim Rogerson, 32°
KCCH , Chairman and
Ill. Mike Motley, 33°.

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.

2023 Valley Officers

Hon. Jim Rogerson, 32° KCCH , Chairman
Hon. Ernest Runyon, 32° KCCH, General Secretary

Hon. Daniel E. Queen, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Hon. Gary P. Whitfield, 32°
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Hon. Michael E. White, 32°
Commander, Council Of Kadosh

Hon. Michael W. Elliott, 32° KCCH,
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

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VALLEY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR By Steve Maxwell

Fort Worth Scottish Rite hosted a Leadership Seminar on January 7, 2023. The event conceived, formulated and presented by Brother Tim Middleton, 32°, kicked off with donuts, coffee, and fellowship. Over thirty Fort Worth Scottish Rite Masons participated in this long awaited and much needed focus upon leadership skills.



Hon. Tim Middleton 32°

Brother Middleton began the program with an introductory discussion of what characteristics constitute a good leader. These attributes include a clear agenda, a well developed set of ground rules, a clear vision of what and why answers, a knowledge as to what the leader's duties and responsibilities are, what it means to be a leader, and how to apply these skills to what we do as Fort Worth Scottish Masons. Brother Middleton included three video clips showing different leadership skills, the results of the different situational decisions made, and the consequences of those decisions. These vignettes showed how to eliminate Spotlight Leadership and poor leadership attributes as grandstanding, self-centeredness, and title seeking.

Brother Middleton then presented an overview of the function and responsibilities of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and the Consistory. The incoming heads of the bodies explained their respective responsibilities. This exercise was a test to see how each of these leaders would react to being put on the spot to account for their expected performance.

The principals of good leadership were explained and related to Fort Worth Scottish Rite. A leader must have knowledge of the Masonic Work, apply high standards, reflect enjoyment and enthusiasm for Masonic Studies, be able to earn the respect of others, willing to acknowledge mistakes, open to feedback, be able to evaluate problems and solutions and act accordingly, be able to forecast failure and react well with the solution associated with the problem, and be able to plan and prepare for all situations. Brother Middleton applied these principals to organizing examples of Scottish Rite Events and experienced successful outcomes by providing value for those participating.

Regarding membership, Brother Middleton asserted that leadership must provide Candidates with a purpose. Leaders must improve the candidate's experience by making them feel welcome, accepted, and wanted; through paying them attention, attending the Reunions, and playing an active role in their total experience. Additionally, leaders must strive to provide all members a sense of value for maintaining their dues and live up to our responsibilities we owe them all.

Brother Middleton became a dual member of the Fort Worth Valley after retiring from the United States Army retiring after thirty years of service with a the rank of Major. Brother Middleton is also a member of the Valley of Columbus, Orient of Georgia.



Mike Elliott, 32° KCCH, Daniel Queen, 32° and Steve Baker 32°, attendees

2022 FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE

PICNIC, MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN, RAFFLE DRAWING

Fort Worth Scottish Rite members, families and friends held its “AT LEAST 40TH ANNUAL PICNIC” in the Fort Worth Masonic Temple Ballroom on July 16, 2022. Festivities began at 7 am with check-in of motorcycle fun run participants and ended with the 2 pm Raffle Drawing. Over 300 participants celebrated the day with fun, door prizes, hot dogs, hamburgers, and fellowship.



Under the guidance of Ill. Finn Watkins, 33°, a charity raffle took place benefiting the charities of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite. Members of the Valley sell tickets individually and at local civic events. The annual raffle has raised over a half million dollars since its inception in 2011. Beneficiaries include the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital ,scholarship recipients, TCU Camp Leaps, and many other great charities. Hon. Ervin Richards, 32° KCCH, and Hon. Otis Burkett, 32°, Stewards,, directed the team of cooks who prepared over 600 hot dogs and hamburgers served with all of the fixings, chips, and ice cream.

Ill. Finn Watkins, 33°



Attendees at the 2022 Indoor Picnic



Chefs Ervin Richards, 32° KCCH, and Otis Burkett, 32°

Fifty plus riders took part in the 135 Mile Fun Run with stops at Phoenix Lodge No. 275 in Weatherford Texas, Mineral Wells Lodge No. 611, and Santo Lodge No. 836. The Brothers of each lodge treated the riders to refreshments and fellowship. Riders drew cards at the start and finish of the lodge and at each lodge on the circuit competing for the best poker hand.



Early Fun Ride Registrants



Hon. Dan Clark, 32°

Eternal Knights of the Rose Croix



Brothers We
Cherished.

Brothers We
Will Dearly
Miss.

Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit

Hon. Joseph L. Ballem, Jr., 32^o KCCH, October 30, 2022

Hon. Roy N. Chitty, II, 32^o, December 2, 2022

Hon. Jimmy L. Montgomery, 32^o, December 23, 2022

Hon. Kenneth D. Morrow, 32^o, November 11, 2022

Hon. John H. Payne, 32^o, December 28, 2022

Hon. Daniel W. Preston, 32^o, December 2, 2022

Hon. John C. Romines, 32^o, November 21, 2022

Hon. Jolly Bill Whitten, 32^o KCCH, December 3, 2022

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Valley is an volunteer organization and depends upon you. Fort Worth Valley immediate needs are:

Media – Rick Montey has retired after many faithful years so we are searching for someone that knows how to work with imaging (JPEG, MPEG) for our Reunions and events. Call Office (817) 335-6004.

SR Reference Library – We are starting a Reference Library here in the Temple and need someone that can catalog and inventory all our books and media and help run it. Call Office (817) 335-6004.

Stewards – We always need help for working our Stated Meetings and other events. Call Office (817) 335-6004.

Office help – After eliminating 2 positions and there only being two of us in the Office now, we could sure use volunteers to help with office duties. Call Office (817) 335-6004.

Degree Teams – Kevin Caraway does a fantastic job of pairing the right people to the right degree. If you desire to learn a part in a degree for a reunion, please contact him. Call Kevin (254) 734-5057.

Americanism – A very important part of who we are, this program could use help presenting certificates and medals to ROTC/JROTC cadets. Call Marc Daniel (817) 253-5244.

Feed the Responders – We are starting this program up again to honor our local heroes. Call Marc Daniel (817) 253-5244.

Merchandising – Bro. Jerry Kewley is looking for someone to help with jewelry sales and inventory at our reunions. Call Jerry (817) 703-6983.

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Calendar of Events

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| Feb. 16 | Stated Meeting 6pm - 4th floor / Dinner & Program - Ballroom* 7pm |
| Mar. 16 | Stated Meeting 6pm - 4th floor / Dinner & Program - Ballroom* 7pm |
| Apr. 20 | Stated Meeting 6pm - 4th floor / Dinner & Program - Ballroom* 7pm |
| Apr. 22 | Scottish Rite Spring Reunion - Day 1 |
| Apr. 27 | Festive Board - 7pm |
| Apr. 29 | Scottish Rite Spring Reunion - Day 2 |
| May 6 | Scottish Rite Spring Reunion - Day 3 (Final) |
| May 10 | Duck Dinner * |
| May 20 | Feed the First Responders * |
| Jun. 10 | Stated Meeting 6pm - 4th floor / Dinner & Program - Ballroom* 7pm |
| Jun. 15 | Grand Annual Banquet * |
| Jul. 22 | Scottish Rite Annual Picnic and Motorcycle Fun Run * |