



# The Rite Review



January 2024

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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## Upcoming Events

**January 11, 2024 — January Stated Meeting...** Our January stated meeting will be opened by the Council of Kadosh at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will include the Feast of Kadosh. Masonic education will be provided by the Education Committee.

Please note the time change for our January stated meeting. Dinner time remains the same at 6:00 pm, but the meeting time has been moved up to 7:00 p.m. This is an initial test to see how this meeting time works for the Valley.

For those unable to attend, please join us on our Cloud HD Video Meeting:  
<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/5827061238?>



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## Miscellaneous News & Notes

**Dress Code...** All members attending Stated Meetings, Reunions, and other events are requested to wear slacks and a sport coat at a minimum. Ties are optional.

**Master Craftsman...** Please contact Bros. Chris Pearman (336-601-5444, [cpearman19@gmail.com](mailto:cpearman19@gmail.com)) or Rick Smith if you have any questions about the Master Craftsman program or need any assistance.

**Ride Sharing...** If you need a ride to and from our Scottish Rite stated meetings, please contact our General Secretary, Ill. Bro. Michael Fischer (336-723-1217).

**Masonic Center...** Please check their website calendar if you need to secure a room (<http://masoniccenterws.com>).

**Families are Welcome...** Please remember that families and friends are welcome to join us for the meal before each stated meeting.

## Sick & Distressed

Please keep Brothers Bobby Adams, Gerrald Todd, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Bob Blair, Rodney Bennett's wife, Dean Gordon's granddaughter, Glenn Chamberlin, Ronald Fortner, Jerry Brown's wife, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Bobby Sparks, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Lonnie Ring, Wayne O'Neal, Bobby Sparks, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

### General Secretary

Michael J. Fischer, 33<sup>o</sup>  
336-723-1217

[secretary@](mailto:secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org)

[winstonsalemscottishrite.org](http://winstonsalemscottishrite.org)

### Stated Meetings

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m.

### Joining the Scottish Rite

If interested, you can find the online petition at...

<https://sms.scottishrite.org/WinstonSalemPetition>

### Almoner

The Almoner's Fund is for any distressed, worthy brother in dire financial straits. There is a strict code of confidentiality to this procedure. Please contact the Almoner, Bro. David Crook, at...

[Crook\\_dl@yahoo.com](mailto:Crook_dl@yahoo.com)  
336-978-6493

### Newsletter Information

To be added or removed from our email list, please contact Bro. Chris Pearman at...  
[wssrnews@gmail.com](mailto:wssrnews@gmail.com)

Please send any proposed newsletter content to Bro. Chris Pearman at the email above or to Bro. Bob Blair at...  
[bobblair62@gmail.com](mailto:bobblair62@gmail.com)

### Masonic Education

#### Materials

Education Presenters... please submit your presentation materials that will need to be projected (PowerPoint slides, videos, etc.) to Brother Michael Fischer ([secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org)) at least one day before the Stated Meeting in order to assure that the presentation is ready for the meeting.

## Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries Event



Brethren, come join us at our March Stated meeting on Thursday, March 14, starting at 6:00 pm for our special event to honor our past and current Blue Lodge Secretaries. This event is open to the public, friends and family are welcome to join us. Enjoy a delicious and complimentary steak dinner prepared by the Award-Winning Big Boy Barbeque Team. Grand Master Don Kehler and Grand Secretary Jonathan Underwood will be making several presentations at this celebration.

### Good Cheer!



Congratulations to Brother Chad Delp on being elected as the Master of Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 for 2024. Well done brother!



### 2024 Knights of Saint Andrew

Congratulations to our Valley's Knights of Saint Andrew Officers for 2024:

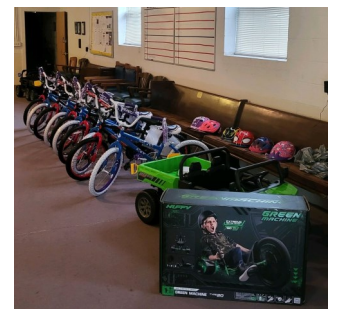


Knight Master – Rodney Bennett  
 Senior Warden – Kenny Allen  
 Junior Warden – Thomas Sadler  
 Senior Deacon – David Uhl  
 Junior Deacon – Paul Woodruff  
 Chaplain – Matt Peeler  
 Sentinel – Philip Cameron  
 Treasurer/Secretary – Bob Blair



### Blue Lodge News

In December, Kernersville Masonic Lodge 669 held a toy drive fundraiser event for the children at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Several brothers traveled to Oxford to deliver the toys.



### Hearing Aid Donations Needed

We are collecting used outside-the-ear hearing aids to donate to the RiteCare clinics per their request. If you can donate, please contact Kenny Allen at 336-345-6266 or Alex Edmisten at 336-467-4478. A big thank-you for the donations already provided, please keep them coming!



**NC RITECARE**

## Volunteer Needed

We are currently looking for someone to help with Social Media and Advertising

**We need help with:**

- NC RiteCare Website
- NC RiteCare Facebook
- NC RiteCare LinkedIn
- Other Social Media Platforms

**Please Contact**  
Alex Edmisten  
336-467-4478

**More Information:**  
edmistena@gmail.com

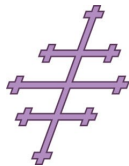
**RiteCare**  
Scottish Rite Masons  
Helping Children Communicate

### New Store!

We have a new Scottish Rite online store. Here is the web-link: <https://scottishrite2023.itemorder.com>. Website sales will run quarterly with a few days of no sales at the end of the quarter to tally totals and fulfill requests.

### Sovereign Grand Commander Special Message

Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole 33° recently made a special message to thank our Valley's leadership team, Brothers George Kalamaras and Michael Fischer, for doing such an outstanding job for our Valley. Thank-you Illustrious Brothers Kalamaras and Fischer! The video can be viewed here (Press ctrl and click on the link, or copy and paste into your browser): <https://vimeo.com/892288033/fea3f56368?share=copy>



### KSA — Shirts for Sale!

The Winston-Salem Valley Knights of Saint Andrew have shirts for sale, courtesy of Brother Todd Hildebran. The shirts are black, long-sleeved button up shirts. There are 3 styles: 32nd Degree, 32nd Degree KCCH, and 33rd Degree. All have the Winston-Salem Valley name and the Scottish Rite double-headed eagle. The 32nd KCCH and 33rd shirts also have the degree insignia on the cuff. Shirts cost \$50 each and come in sizes Medium to 3XL.



Please contact Bob Blair (bobblair62@gmail.com or 336-407-7965) or any member of the KSA if interested!

### January Birthdays

**January 1st ...** Jackie Preston

**January 4th ...** James Hollifield

**January 5th ...** Carl Strong, John Wyatt

**January 6th ...** Samuel Gregory

**January 8th ...** James Brinkley

**January 9th ...** Robert Alexander, Richard Brewer, William Broughton, Donald Miller, George Powers

**January 10th ...** Robert Snyder

**January 11th ...** Robert Gunn, Robert Peeler, James Stockton

**January 12th ...** William Hair, Luke Jones,

**January 13th ...** Andrew Dinkins, James Flowe

**January 14th ...** Walter Beroth, Chris Elder, Glenn Oakes

**January 16th ...** William Bell

**January 17th ...** James Greene

**January 19th ...** Daniel Cook

**January 21st ...** Jeffrey Krug, Timothy Thomas

**January 23rd ...** Larry Cook, Richard Swaim

**January 25th ...** Phillip Cameron, Thomas Crowell, Samuel Dotson

**January 26th ...** Richard Barreau, Wayne Freeman, John Stanley

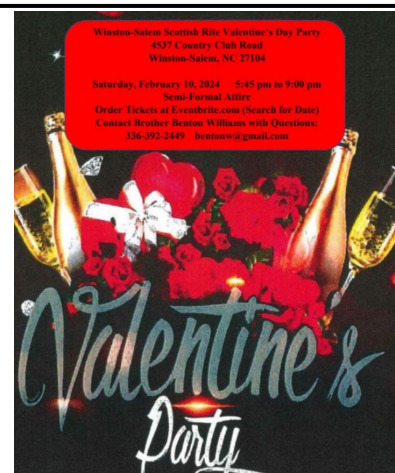
**January 27th ...** Joseph Slade

**January 28th ...** George Beroth, Hugh McMordie, Jason Strucinski

**January 29th ...** Luther Potts, Steven Safrit

**January 31st ...** Eric Wall

### Valentine's Dinner Event





## Officers of the Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite Bodies for 2024

### Lodge of Perfection

Todd Hildebran, 33°; Venerable Master  
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Senior Warden  
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Junior Warden  
 Chris Elder, 32°; Orator  
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner  
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary  
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer  
 Will Fulbright, 32°; Prelate  
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Master of Ceremonies  
 Benton Williams, 32°; Expert  
 Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Assistant Expert  
 Donald Small, 32°; Captain of the Host  
 Joseph Slade, Jr., 32° KCCH; Tiler

### Chapter Rose Croix

David Crook, 32° KCCH; Wise Master  
 Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Senior Warden  
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Junior Warden  
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Orator  
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner  
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary  
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer  
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; Prelate  
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Master of Ceremonies  
 Bob Blair, 32° KCCH; Expert  
 Richard Smith, 33°; Assistant Expert  
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Standard Bearer  
 Dean Gordon, 32°; Guardian of the Temple  
 Matthew Peeler, 32°; Tiler

### Trustees

George Kalamaras, 33°; President  
 Todd Hildebran, 33°  
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH  
 Will Fulbright, 32°  
 Kenny Allen, 32°

*Secretary & Treasurer are ex-officio voting members*

### Council of Kadosh

Bob Blair, 32° KCCH; Commander  
 Todd Hildebran, 33°; 1st. Lt. Commander  
 Will Fulbright, 32°; 2nd Lt. Commander  
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; Chancellor  
 Tommy Allen Jr, 32° KCCH; Orator  
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner  
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Recorder  
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer  
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Prelate  
 Alex Edmisten 32° KCCH; Master of Ceremonies  
 Chris Elder, 32°; Turcopilier  
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Draper  
 Kenny Allen 32°; First Deacon  
 Thomas Sadler 32°; Second Deacon  
 Chad Graham 32°; Bearer of the Beauseant  
 Tom Cook 32°; Bearer of White Standard  
 Geoffrey Donn 32°; Bearer of the Black Standard  
 Paul Woodruff 32°; Lt. of the Guard  
 Mick Gunter 32°; Sentinel

### Consistory

Bill Carter, 33°; Master of the Kadosh  
 Bob Blair, 32° KCCH; Prior  
 Joe Slade 32° KCCH; Preceptor  
 Thomas Sadler, 32°; Chancellor  
 Benton Williams, 32°; Minister of State  
 David Crook 32° KCCH; Almoner  
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Registrar  
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer  
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Prelate  
 Chris Elder, 32°; Marshal of Ceremonies  
 David Uhl, 32°; Expert  
 Dan Cook, 32°; Assistant Expert  
 Tom Cook, 32°; Captain of the Guards  
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Tiler



<b>2024 Winston — Salem Valley Calendar of Events</b>
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Body in Charge</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 11	Council of Kadosh	Feast of Kadosh Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
January 19		OWLS	
February 8	Consistory	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
February 10		Valentine's Dinner	6:00 p.m.
March 14	Lodge of Perfection	Secretary Event Meal & Program	6:00 p.m.
April 11	Chapter of Rose Croix	Mystic Banquet (after dinner) After dinner program Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 26		Spring Reunion Day 1	5:00 p.m.
April 27		Spring Reunion Day 2	8:00 a.m.
May 9	Consistory	Feast & Bring a Friend Event	5:00 p.m.
June 13	Council of Kadosh	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
June 14		Golf Tournament	8:00 a.m.
July 11	Chapter of Rose Croix	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting & Americanism	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
August 8	Lodge of Perfection	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
August 16/17	Orient of North Carolina	Summer Workshop	TBD
September 12	Council of Kadosh	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
October 10	Lodge of Perfection	Dinner Feast of Tishri Stated Meeting & Masonic Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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October 25		Fall Reunion Day 1	5:00 p.m.
October 26		Fall Reunion Day 2	8:00 a.m.
November 14	Chapter of Rose Croix	Dinner Stated Meeting (Elections) & Education	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
December 8		Officer Training	2:00 p.m.
December 12	Consistory	Dinner After dinner program Stated Meeting (Installation) & Education	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



### Washington, D.C. Trip

Brethren... On March 11-13, 2024, the Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in North Carolina will be traveling by train with recently raised Master Masons and 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masters of the Royal Secret to our nation's capital for a tour of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial and the Scottish Rite House of the Temple. They plan to attend a Scottish Rite Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal hosted by the Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia. The trip on the train will allow Brethren to meet one another and explore answers to our questions about freemasonry with a focus on the acceptance of our newest members of the Craft. For those already scheduled to attend, please bring money for food, Metro, and any other things you wish to purchase.

Anyone else interested in joining them for this trip at your own expense is welcome to do so. You may travel by train if there are seats to Alexandria on the Carolinian 80 on March 11th. They will be returning to North Carolina on March 13th on the Carolinian 79. If you'd like to travel by train and join the group, you are encouraged to book early; they have twenty people booked in business class already! The dress code on both days is casual. On Tuesday morning, March 12th, they plan to walk to the George Washington National Masonic Monument in the morning, have lunch in either Alexandria or D.C. (a train conversation), catch the Metro to visit the House of the Temple in the afternoon, attend the Valley of Washington's Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal with dinner, and return by Metro to Alexandria. The dress code on Tuesday is "coat and tie, wearing comfortable shoes."

There may be still time to book a room at the Hampton in Alexandria, where we are staying. The rate is \$229 per night plus tax, including breakfast. Breakfast is served daily from 6 am-10 am. If needed, parking is an additional fee of \$20 per night. <https://group.hamptoninn.com/w6yzow>

If you have any questions or want to know more, don't hesitate to contact Gene Cobb, PGM, SGIG, at 919-671-4960.

## 50 – Year Scottish Rite Service Award

Congratulations to Brother Victor Flow Jr., who was presented with his 50-Year Scottish Rite Service Award at our December stated meeting. Brother Flow also celebrated his 95th birthday on the same day. Thank-you for all that you have done for our Valley.



## Cap, 14th Degree Ring, and Patent Presentation

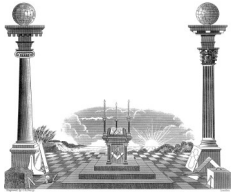
Congratulations to Brother Jeff Knabb on receiving his Scottish Rite cap, 14th Degree ring, and patent at our December Stated Meeting. Welcome brother!



## Get Well Soon Brother Bob Blair!

Prayers and wishes for a full and speedy recovery from all of your friends and brothers in the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley! Get well soon Brother Bob!





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## Supporting RiteCare Clinics in North Carolina



### The Charles E. & Geneva S. Scott Scottish Rite Communications Disorders Clinic

Appalachian State University  
400 University Hall Drive  
Boone, NC 28608  
Phone: (828)-262-2185

### Pat A. Anderson Reading Clinic

Appalachian State University  
305G Reich College of Education  
151 College Street  
Boone, NC 28608  
Phone: (828)-262-2182

<https://rese.appstate.edu/reading-clinic>

### East Carolina University Speech- Language and Hearing Clinic

East Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353  
Phone: (252)-328-6131  
[www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/clinic.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/clinic.cfm)

### The NC Scottish Rite Clinic For Childhood Language Disorders

Western Carolina Univ.; College of Health & Human Sciences;  
Speech & Hearing Clinic  
3971 Little Savannah Road  
Cullowhee, NC 28723  
Phone: 828-227-7251

<https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/csd/speech-and-hearing-clinic.aspx>

## Websites of Interest

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite  
[www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org](http://www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org)

Winston-Salem Masonic Center  
<http://masoniccenterws.com>

WS Scottish Rite Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/groups/298141290271888/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/298141290271888/)

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction  
<http://scottishrite.org>

Freemason Network  
[www.freemasonnetwork.org/home](http://www.freemasonnetwork.org/home)

North Carolina RiteCare  
<http://www.ncritecare.org>