



# The Rite Review



December 2024

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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## Upcoming Events

**December 12, 2024 — December Stated Meeting...** Our December stated meeting will be opened by the Consistory at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Officers for 2025 will be installed. Masonic education will be provided by the education committee.

For those unable to attend, please join us on our Cloud HD Video Meeting: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/5827061238?wd=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFhOYUJ4Zz09>.

## 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 Illustrious Brother Chris Pearman (336-601-5444, [cpearman19@gmail.com](mailto:cpearman19@gmail.com)) 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).

**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 Gerrald Todd, George Beroth, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, David Crook, David Crook's son, Rick Lewis, Michael Fischer's mother, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother and wife, Alan Williard's father, Lonnie Ring, Thomas Patterson, William Lennox's wife, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Brian "Shea" Goins wife, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, Ronald Fortner, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

**Brother Robert "Bob" Kenneth Swab, 32°**, aged 85, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach SC. Brother Bob was a 58-year member of the Scottish Rite, having transferred from Pennsylvania to Winston-Salem in 1989. Bob also was a 58-year Mason, raised in Euclid Lodge #698 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and joining Kernersville Lodge #669 in 1996. He was also in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserve, and a volunteer Firefighter for many years, serving as Chief from 1964-1967. He was Treasurer of Paxtang Burrough from 1968-1982. His main career was with AMP Inc., retiring with more than 30 years of service. Please keep the Swab family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/robert-bob-swab>

If you know of anyone who is sick or distressed, please feel free to contact General Secretary Michael Fischer.

### General Secretary

Michael J. Fischer, 33°  
336-723-1217

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[winstonsalemccottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@winstonsalemccottishrite.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@winstonsalemccottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@winstonsalemccottishrite.org)) at least one day before the Stated Meeting in order to assure that the presentation is ready for the meeting.

### Knights of Saint Andrew

Congratulations to Brother Kenny Allen on being elected as Knight Master of the Winston-Salem Knights of Saint Andrew for 2025.



Congratulations to Brother Randall Todd Kepley on being elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Winston-Salem Knights of Saint Andrew for 2025.

Thank-you to outgoing 2024 KSA Knight Master Rodney Bennett for a great year. Well done brother!



A big thank-you to outgoing KSA Secretary/Treasurer Robert Blair for over 8 years of outstanding service for our Chapter and Valley. Well done brother!

		33 Inspector General Honorary (Supreme Council)	} C O N S I S T O R Y
		32 Master of the Royal Secret	
		31 Inspector Inquisitor	

### Good Cheer Report

Congratulations to Brother Bruce Hayes on receiving his 60-Year Scottish Rite Service Award. Thank-you for all you have done for our Valley.



Congratulations to Brother Ronald Vogler on receiving his 50-Year Scottish Rite Service Award. Thank-you for all that you have done for our Valley.



### Blue Lodge News

Congratulations to Brother Kenny Allen on being elected Worshipful Master of Mocksville Masonic Lodge No. 134.



Congratulations to Brother William "Billy" Merriman on being elected as Worshipful Master of Salem Masonic Lodge No. 289 for 2025.

Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 Toy Drive for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

# Christmas



## Make a Wish Come True!

Collecting New, Unwrapped Toys & Games for the Masonic Home For Children at Oxford

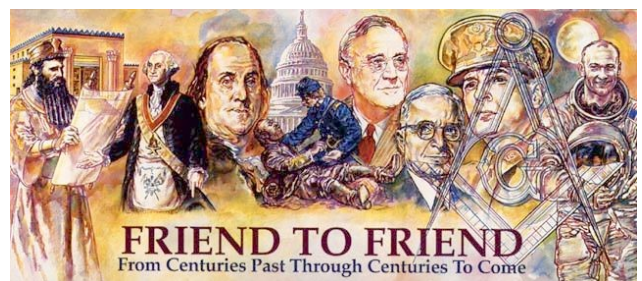
**Saturday, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14, 2024**

**Noon to 4:00 pm each date**

### Kernersville Masonic Lodge

701 South Main Street  
Kernersville, NC 27284

Call Mike at 336-529-1407 for more info



## Temple Board Directors

Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Derek Frosh on being appointed as the newest member of the Temple Board Directors!

George Kalamaras (2025)  
Chris Elder (2026)  
Derek Frosh (2027)

## Scottish Rite Service Awards

Brethren... if you are a recipient of any Scottish Rite Service Award, the Valley is requesting that you wear your medals to our Stated Meetings, Reunions, and other Scottish Rite events. As a Valley, we would like the opportunity to honor our hard-working brothers!



## Hurricane Helene Relief

Donations to help those in Western, NC affected by Hurricane Helene can be made to the NC Masonic Foundation at: <https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/invitation-to-give/>

## 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 Todd Kepley ([rtkepley@gmail.com](mailto:rtkepley@gmail.com)) or 336-309-3842) or any KSA member if interested!

## December Birthdays

**December 1st...** Andrew Williard

**December 2nd...** Sam Watford

**December 3rd...** Bill Hennessey

**December 4th...** Thomas Hartman

**December 5th...** Neal Grimes

**December 6th...** Thomas Jolly, Joel Moody, Phillip Starnes

**December 9th...** Robert Hall, Lowell Huffman, Sam Stroud

**December 10th...** Ernest Hodges

**December 11th...** Harold Wylie

**December 12th...** Ryan Gragg, Daniel Parsons, Kenneth Small, James White

**December 13th...** Tommy Chapman, Lee VanHoy

**December 14th...** Kenny Allen, Victor Flow, Stephen Fowler

**December 16th...** Ronald Hunt

**December 17th...** John Alexander, Jeffery Carrigan, Charlie Whaley

**December 19th...** Thomas Allen, Billy Vance

**December 20th...** Eric Robbins, Jacob Roten

**December 23rd...** William Jones

**December 24th...** Chris Pearman

**December 25th...** Louie Cox, Richard Groner, Mark Kolada, Archer Livengood, James Misenheimer

**December 26th...** Damon Wear

**December 27th...** Terry Watson

**December 28th...** John Bond, Billy Brown, Kevin Wallace

**December 31st...** Tom Cagle, Eric Greene

**Happy Birthday, Brothers!**



**Officers of the Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite Bodies for 2025**

**Lodge of Perfection**

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

**Chapter Rose Croix**

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

**Trustees**

Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; 2025  
 Will Fulbright, 32°; 2026  
 Kenny Allen, 32°; 2027  
 George Kalamaras, 33°; 2028  
 Homer Dearmin, 32°; 2029  
*Secretary & Treasurer are ex-officio voting members*

**Council of Kadosh**

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

**Consistory**

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



**2025 Winston – Salem Valley Calendar of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body in Charge</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
January 9	Council of Kadosh	Feast of Kadosh	7:00PM
January 31		OWLS (Orient Leaders in Winston-Salem)	
February 13	Consistory	Education	7:00PM
February 14		Valentine’s Dinner	5:45PM
March 13	Lodge of Perfection	Education	7:00PM
April 10	Chapter of Rose Croix	Mystic Banquet (after dinner)	7:00PM
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025			
April 25	Spring Reunion Day 1		5:00PM
April 26	Spring Reunion Day 2		8:00AM
May 8	Consistory	Feast	7:00PM
June 12	Council of Kadosh	Education	7:00PM
June 13 (TBD)		Golf Tournament	8:00AM
July 10	Chapter of Rose Croix	Education (Americanism Program)	7:00PM
August 14	Lodge of Perfection	Education	7:00PM
August 17-20	Supreme Council	Biennial, Washington DC Hilton	
Sept. 11	Council of Kadosh	Education (Boone, Clinic Presentation)	7:00PM
Oct. 9	Lodge of Perfection	Feast of Tishri / 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary LOP	7:00PM
October 25	Fall Reunion Day 1		5:00PM
October 26	Fall Reunion Day 2		8:00AM
Nov. 13	Chapter of Rose Croix	Election / Education	7:00PM
Nov 23 / Dec. 7 (Sunday TBD)		Officer Training	2:00PM
Dec. 11	Consistory	Installation / Education	7:00PM



**Valentine's Dinner & Dance**



Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

*Valentine's Party*



Order Tickets at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) (Search for Date)  
Semi-Formal Attire

*14*  
FEB

The Masonic Center of Winston-Salem  
4537 Country Club Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

*5:45*  
P.M.

Contact Brother Paul Woodruff with Questions  
336-793-7757 [pwoodruff42@gmail.com](mailto:pwoodruff42@gmail.com)

**Washington, D.C. Train Trip**

**Masonic Historical Sites in Washington, DC**

North Carolina Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Invitation to the Annual Train Trip to Washington DC

The Grand Master of North Carolina, MW Robert Rideout, 32° KCCH, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33°, invite you to join them on an unforgettable Masonic journey to Washington D.C. from March 10-12, 2025. Discover the roots of our brotherhood at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, explore the architectural marvel of the House of the Temple, and participate in exclusive ceremonies. This trip offers not just a tour, but an immersive experience into Masonic history and tradition. Secure your place for this unique fellowship opportunity today.

*The George Washington National Masonic Memorial*

On February 22, 1910, Virginia's Grand Master, Joseph W. Eggleston, convened Grand Masters from across the U.S. at Alexandria-Washington Lodge to establish The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, aimed at creating a tribute to George Washington, the Mason. The Memorial, conceived as a symbolic lighthouse, was approved a decade later, situated on a hill in Alexandria familiar to Washington himself.

*The House of the Temple*

The House of the Temple, constructed as a grand and enduring home for the Scottish Rite, was commissioned not for immediate use but as a lasting symbol for future generations. It stands as a testament to the ambition and pride of Scottish Rite Masons worldwide, located in the capital of the United States, designed to be a magnificent structure worthy of its surroundings and its purpose.

**How to Begin Your Journey**  
Master Masons and Masters of the Royal Secret and family are welcome!

**Scan and Complete Form.**

Trip is self-funded.



**Day 1 - March 10**

4:00 p.m. Scheduled Arrival in Alexandria  
 5:00 p.m. Check in to Hilton  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner to be determined\*

Evening Free time\*.  
 Dress Code: Comfortable for travel.  
 Lunch: Dining Car or bring your own.\*  
 Dinner: Local restaurant.

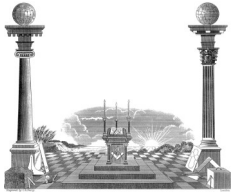
**Day 2 - March 11**

8:30 a.m. Begin walk to GWNMM.  
 9:00 a.m. GWNMM\* \$20.00  
 Noon Metro into D.C. and Lunch\*  
 Metro Rate \*  
 2:00 p.m. House of the Temple  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Valley of Washington, Orient District of Columbia\*  
 7:00 p.m. Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal  
 Evening Return to Alexandria\*

Dress Code: Coat and tie and comfortable walking shoes. Scottish Rite Caps for the evening ceremony. Aprons are not required.

**Day 3 - March 12**

Breakfast: On your own but be ready to go at 8:30 a.m.\*  
 10:00 a.m. Walk to Train Station  
 10:48 a.m. Scheduled Departure return to North Carolina



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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)

**Western Carolina University Speech and Hearing Clinic**  
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>