



The Rite Review



April 2024

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

April 11, 2024 — April Stated Meeting... Our April stated meeting will be opened by the Chapter Rose Croix at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., which will include the Mystic Banquet & Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal at 6:30 p.m. Masonic education will be provided by Brother Mick Gunter, 32° and Phil Cameron, 32° on the SGIG/Grand Master trip to Washington, DC.

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 Bros. Chris Pearman (336-601-5444, 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).

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 Gerrald Todd, Tommy Allen Jr.'s mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Dean Gordon's granddaughter, Glenn Chamberlin, Thomas Sadler, Ronald Fortner, Jerry Brown's wife, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Thomas Patterson, Rick Smith, Sam Stroud, Lonnie Ring, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Bobby Sparks, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your prayers.

Brother Teddy Alston Bledsoe, 32°, aged 87, passed away at his home surrounded by family on February 26, 2024. Brother Teddy was a 58-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. He was a 59-year member of the fraternity having started in 1964 at Fraternity Lodge #1111 in El Paso Texas and then affiliating with Forsyth Lodge 707, now consolidated with Winston Lodge 167 in 1970. Please keep the Bledsoe family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/winstonsalem/name/teddy-bledsoe-obituary?id=54497251>

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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
336-978-6493

Newsletter Information

To be added or removed from our email list, please contact Bro. Chris Pearman at...

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

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) at least one day before the Stated Meeting in order to assure that the presentation is ready for the meeting.

Sick & Distressed

Brother Forest Bennett Mayhew, 32°, age 85 of Gretna VA, passed away on October 14, 2023. Brother Forest was a 49-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and a 50-year member of Anderson Lodge #258 in Gretna VA. He was a truck driver who enjoyed NASCAR, bird hunting, and squirrel hunting.

Brother Roger B. Gough, 32°, aged 81, passed away on March 1, 2024. Brother Gough was a 49-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. He was a 55-year member of West Bend Lodge #434 where he was Master in 2001 and 2005. He was also an active Shriner. Please keep the Gough family in your thoughts and prayers.

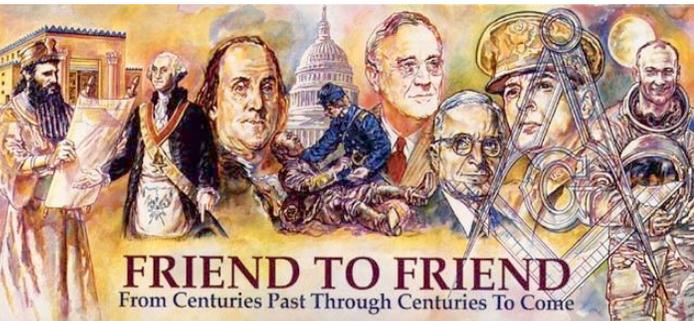
<https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/roger-gough>

Brother Hugh Richard McMordie, 32°, aged 82, passed away March 2, 2024. Brother McMordie was raised in Pioneer Lodge #685 in 1988. He moved his masonic membership to Troy Lodge #718 in 1997. Brother Richard is the son of Worshipful Brother Frances McMordie of West Bend Lodge #434, long time member and Secretary. Brother McMordie was a 35-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. Please keep the McMordie family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/h-richard-mcmordie>

Jason “Jake” Carless Sturtz, 32°, age 53 of Newport News VA, passed away on March 3, 2024. Brother Jake was a 16-year member of Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and Salem #289 where he was Master in 2011. Brother Jake was a veteran of the United States Army and served for 12 years specializing in Explosive Ordinance Disposal. Jake served three tours in Iraq and was awarded a Bronze Star. While in the Army, Jake earned a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering. For most of his career he was a telecommunications engineer. During the pandemic he became a manager and caregiver for an adult home in Newport News, VA.

Bring a Friend!

On the evening of our May stated meeting, May 9, 2024, the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite will host a “Bring a Friend Event”. The event will be open to the public and include presentations about the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, Shriners, and the Order of the Eastern Star as well as the Consistory Feast toasts.



By-Laws Update

We have updated our Valley’s By-Laws for all four Bodies. We will be voting on adopting these revised By-Laws at our April Stated Meeting on April 11, 2024. If you would like to review the updated By-Laws, please contact our General Secretary.

Save the Date!



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
Masonic Charity Golf
Tournament
Friday, June 14, 2024.



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 KSA member if interested!

Winston—Salem 2024 Spring Reunion

Friday, April 26, 2024

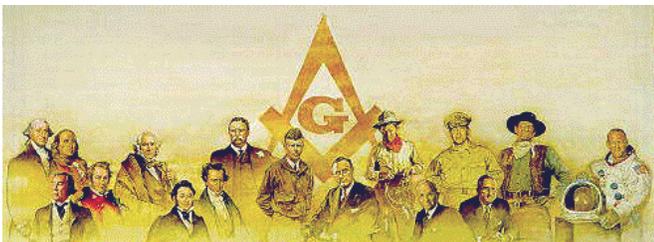
5:00 p.m. — Registration and dinner
 6:00 p.m. — 4th Degree conferral
 6:50 p.m. — Break
 7:00 p.m. — Communicate 5th — 9th Degrees
 7:50 p.m. — Break
 8:00 p.m. — Communicate 10th — 13th Degrees
 8:40 p.m. — Breakdown of meanings and symbols

Saturday, April 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. — Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. — 14th Degree conferral
 9:30 a.m. — Communicate 15th — 17th Degrees
 10:00 a.m. — 18th Degree conferral
 11:00 a.m. — Break
 11:10 a.m. — Communicate 19th — 20th Degrees
 11:30 a.m. — Lunch and class photo
 12:40 p.m. — Communicate 21st — 25th Degrees
 1:40 p.m. — Break
 2:00 p.m. — Communicate 26th — 29th Degrees
 2:40 p.m. — Class leadership discussion
 2:50 p.m. — 30th Degree conferral
 4:00 p.m. — Communicate 31st Degree
 4:10 p.m. — 32nd Degree conferral
 5:30 p.m. — Signs, symbols, wrap-up, and dismissal

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!



April Birthdays

April 1st... Horace Bondurant, Rixie Gordon, Donald Norman
April 4th... Vance Carson, Alex Edmisten, Russell Killen, James Patton
April 5th... Craig Steelman
April 6th... John Brim, William Fulbright
April 7th... Phillip Lentz
April 8th... Ben Griffiths
April 9th... Rick Lee, Bobby Perdue
April 11th... Chad Chadwick
April 12th... Francis Hunter
April 13th... Geoffrey Donn, William Keller
April 14th... Donnie Small
April 15th... Dean Gordon, Andy Thomas
April 17th... Billy McIntosh, Joey Transou
April 18th... Charles Childress, William Parrish, Jr.
April 19th... William Brown
April 20th... Steven Groner
April 23rd... William Biles
April 26th... Todd Hurm
April 27th... Thomas Angel, Joseph Edmonds, Ralph McHone, Joseph Reid
April 28th... Michael Fischer, Larry Stanley, Steve Tucker
April 30th... Rickey Matthews

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!



Festive Board

The Festive Board has been resumed! After all stated meetings the Festive Board meets at Don Zapata's restaurant. Their address there is 137 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. All are welcome!

Good Cheer!

Congratulations to Ill. Brother Michael Fischer on being awarded the Secretary of Distinction Award by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. Well done brother! Thank-you for all that you do for our Valley and the Scottish Rite!



Blue Lodge News

Congratulations to Brother M. Kirby Matthews on being awarded the Secretary of Distinction Award during our Honoring Secretaries Event on March 14th.



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

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336-467-4478

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Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Secretary Event!

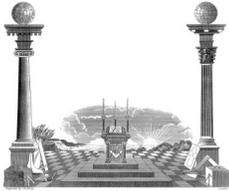
The Winston-Salem Valley's event to honor Blue Lodge Secretaries was a smashing success. We had a large turn out of Brothers, wives and guests. An excellent meal was provided and everyone in attendance had an enjoyable time!

Overall, 94 people attended the event and 20 Blue Lodges were "officially" represented. The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite thanks and greatly appreciates the Blue Lodge Secretaries and other Blue Lodge members who came for the evening and made this a wonderfully successful event!

Additionally, 59 Scottish Rite Brothers attended the event. Of the Scottish Rite Brothers in attendance, 43 were members of the Winston-Salem Valley and 16 were visitors from other Scottish Rite Valleys. The 27th Masonic District was impressively represented by 6 of the 7 District Secretaries.

Lastly, the event was graced by the presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master Don Kehler, Grand Secretary Jonathan Underwood, Sovereign Grand Inspector General A. Gene Cobb, Jr. and several North Carolina Grand Line Officers. Grand Secretary Underwood gave an inspiring and well-received program during the event.





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Scottish Rite Communications
Disorders Clinic**
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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

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

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

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