



# The Rite Review



May 2024

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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## Upcoming Events

**May 9, 2024 — May Stated Meeting...** Our May stated meeting will be run by the Consistory; however, there will be no regular business meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., which will include the Consistory Feast. The evening will be highlighted by our Bring A Friend event, which is open to the public. See details on page 2!

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](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).

**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. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Dean Gordon's granddaughter, Glenn Chamberlin, Thomas Sadler, Ronald Fortner, Jerry Brown's wife, Chad Graham, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Bobby Sparks, Thomas Patterson, Rick Smith, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Bobby Sparks, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, Richard Starnes, Lonnie Ring, Kenny Small's mother (Ruth), and William McKinney, Jr. in your thoughts and prayers.

**Brother Merideth "Murdoch" Davis Benge, 32°** aged 86, passed away on Friday April 12, 2024 at Atrium Health High Point Regional Hospital. He was born September 24, 1937 to the late Solomon Davis and Verna Jenkins Benge. Brother Murdoch was a 4-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and an 11-year member of West Bend Lodge #434 where he was Master in 2019. Murdoch had six million accident-free miles as a truck driver and was in the Truck Driver Hall of Fame. He served his country in the US Air Force. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565, or [mhc-oxford.org](http://mhc-oxford.org). Online condolences may be made to the family via Grandview Memorial Funeral Home ). Please keep the Benge family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.grandviewfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Murdoch-Benge/#!/Obituary>.

### General Secretary

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

## **Bring A Friend!**

Join us at our May stated meeting, May 9, 2024, as the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite hosts our second "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 our Consistory Feast toasts.



# **Bring a Friend Event**

**Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite**



**Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm – Open to the public**

**RSVP's required by May 4 to [Secretary@Winstonsalemscottishrite.org](mailto:Secretary@Winstonsalemscottishrite.org) or 336-723-1217**

**Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship, with exciting presentations on the Scottish Rite, Shriners, the York Rite, and the Order of the Eastern Star by:**

**Ill. William H. Carter, 33° - Past Potentate - Oasis Shriners**

**Ill. M. Kirby Matthews Jr., 33° - Past Grand Commander of the NC Commandery of Knights Templar**

**Mrs. Amy-Jo Fischer - Associate Grand Matron - NC Order of the Eastern Star**



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

## Save the Date!



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



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 :

edmisteninc@gmail.com



## 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 (bobbblair62@gmail.com or 336-407-7965) or any KSA member if interested!

## May Birthdays

**May 1st...** Stanley Forman

**May 2nd...** John Craft, Bobby Sparks, Russell Triplett, Charles Williams

**May 4th...** Joe Isaacs, Dennis Jefferson

**May 5th...** Kris Huffman

**May 6th...** Joel Pruett, Gerrald Todd, Benton Williams

**May 7th...** Christopher Kennedy

**May 8th...** Richard Cobb, Ronald Grant

**May 11th...** Carey Mock, George Wolf

**May 13th...** Rick Lewis, Jay White

**May 15th...** Austin Gray, Terry Jones, Vern McKinney, Keith Tickle

**May 17th...** Jeff Jackson, Gary Kearney

**May 18th...** George Troxler, Roy West

**May 20th...** Douglas Caudle, Benny Goins, James Richardson

**May 21st...** Roger Jackson, Jim Lambert

**May 22nd...** Chad Graham

**May 23rd...** Paul Holmes, Dale Myers, Gerald Potter, Ray Stike

**May 26th...** Gerald Wood

**May 27th...** Robert Wildey

**May 28th...** Mitchell Davis

**May 29th...** James Vines

**May 30th...** John Cosgrove, James Leonard, Danny Martin

**May 31st...** Ray Ashby, John Hulla, Donnie Lane, Hobert Miller

## 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!



- 33 Inspector General Honorary (Supreme Council)
- 32 Master of the Royal Secret
- 31 Inspector Inquisitor

Consistory



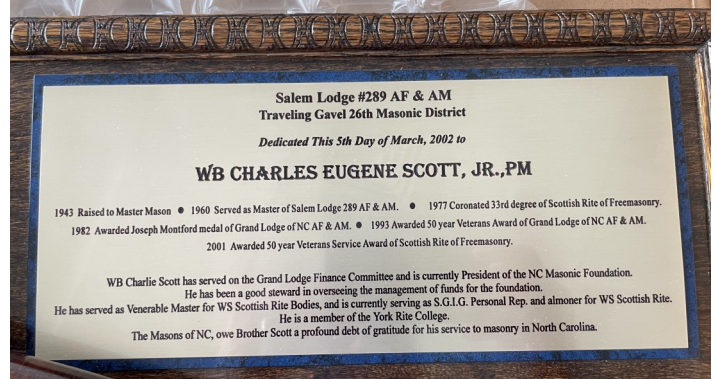
## Good Cheer!

Scottish Rite Brothers Mick Gunter, 32° and Phil Cameron, 32° joined Sovereign Grand Inspector General A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33° and Grand Master Don Kehler, 33° on a recent train excursion to Washington, D.C. to visit the Scottish Rite House of the Temple and other sites.



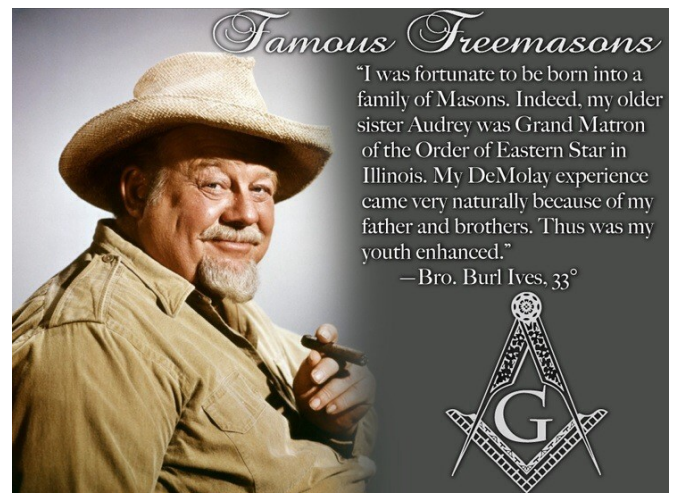
## Blue Lodge News

The 26th Masonic District's Travelling Gavel is back! It was recently picked up by Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 699 from King Masonic Lodge #722. The Travelling Gavel is dedicated in honor of Illustrious Brother Charles E. Scott, a member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and Salem Lodge #289.



## 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!





# Winston — Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 TITLE SPONSOR!**

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**Still Available Sponsor Commitments**

☐ **Platinum Sponsor**  
(\$1,000; limited to five Platinum Sponsors)  
2 Teams (Entrance fee & mulligans)  
3 color signs on course  
Website link

☐ **Gold Sponsor**  
(\$750) 1 Team (Entrance fee & mulligans)  
2 color signs on course  
Website link

☐ **Silver Sponsor**  
(\$500) 1 Team (entrance fee & mulligans)  
1 color sign on course

**Promotional Signage**  
Color - \$100      Black & White - \$50

**Registration**  
Foursome - \$400 / Single Player - \$100 / Lunch Only - \$10 / Donation Only - \$

Foursome Team ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

P1 \_\_\_\_\_  
P2 \_\_\_\_\_  
P3 \_\_\_\_\_  
P4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Net Proceeds Benefit the North Carolina RiteCare Clinics**

**Appalachian STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ECU Western Carolina UNIVERSITY**

**RINGERS FOR RITECARE**

**RiteCare**

**Supporting Speech, Reading & Language Disorder Clinics**  
**Friday June 14, 2024**

**CLINICS AT:**  
**Appalachian STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ECU Western Carolina UNIVERSITY**

## Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament

Friday June 14, 2024

### Schedule

7:30 am ..... Driving Range Open  
8:00 am ..... Tournament Final Instructions  
8:30 am ..... Shotgun Start  
12:00 pm ..... Award-winning Lunch

### Registration Includes      Tournament Contests

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Green Fees             | Top Team Score       |
| 2. Cart Rental            | 2nd Place Team Score |
| 3. Gopher's Goody Bag     | 3rd Place Team Score |
| 4. Range balls            | Longest Drive        |
| 5. Lunch                  | Closest to the Pin   |
| 6. Water/Soda During Play | Straightest Drive    |



### Fundraiser

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry supports speech, reading, and language disorder clinics at Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University, and East Carolina University. The tournament proceeds go to these clinics so children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

### Attire & Fees

Oak Valley Golf Club requires proper golf attire, which includes collared shirts and long pants or Bermuda shorts (No tank tops or jeans). Fee includes 18 holes of golf, two mulligans, cart, lunch, and great prizes.

### Scoring

This is a shotgun tournament. Each foursome will compete in a Captain's Choice format where each team selects the best shot from the tee through the last putt.

### Foursomes

If you are unable to bring a foursome, we will assign you to one. Space is limited to 24 teams. Golfers will be accepted on a first paid and received basis.

**Submit entries by June 7, 2024**  
**Tournament will take place rain or shine.**

Visit our website at:  
<http://www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org/>



261 Oak Valley Blvd. Advance, NC 27006

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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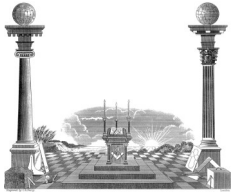
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Email Completed Form (Both Sides) To:  
Benton Williams, Winston-Salem Scottish Rite  
4537 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104  
Email: [wssrgolftourney@yahoo.com](mailto:wssrgolftourney@yahoo.com)



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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/](https://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>