



The Rite Review



February 2024

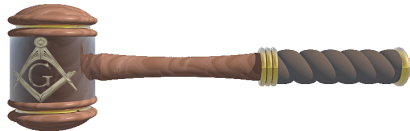
A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

February 8, 2024 — February Stated Meeting... Our February stated meeting will be opened by the Consistory at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. 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 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).

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

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^o
336-723-1217

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[winstonsalemscottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@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
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.

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Valentine's Day Dinner

Join us for our Valentine's Day event. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scottish-rite-valentine-dance-tickets-794736868367>.



Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

Valentine's Party



Order Tickets at Eventbrite.com (Search for Date)
Semi-Formal Attire

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FEB

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

5:45
P.M.

Contact Brother Kenny Allen with Questions:
336-345-6266 gym365advance@yahoo.com

Sick & Distressed (cont.)

Brother Billy Alex Baker, 32°, Sr., aged 90, passed away January 6, 2024, at Forsyth Medical Center Palliative Care. Brother Billy was a 31-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. He was Past Master of Piedmont Pioneer #685 in 1996 and 2003. Piedmont-Pioneer has since consolidated with Salem # 289. After graduating from Bunn High School in 1951 Billy joined the U.S. Air Force and served in the Korean Conflict as a Flying Medic based in Germany. After his honorable discharge he was accepted to the 23rd Basic Training School of the NC State Highway Patrol. Billy's first duty station was LaGrange followed by service in Winston-Salem, Whiteville, Raleigh and Salisbury. In 1988, after 33 years of service, he retired having earned the rank of Captain. After his retirement Billy and his wife, Nell, made their home in Winston-Salem. Together they enjoyed organizing group tours of the US and Europe. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing golf and following ACC basketball and football and the Atlanta Braves. He was a Wake Forest fan and he and Nell served for several years as Tour Directors for the Wake Forest Deacon Club. Billy was a member of College Park Baptist Church and the Shepherd Sunday School Class which he dearly enjoyed as long as his health would permit. He was a Mason and an endowed member of Piedmont Pioneer Lodge, now consolidated with Salem Lodge #289. Billy remained active with the Patrol as a member of the NC State Patrol Retiree's Association, serving as its President in 1994, and the NC Retired Peace Officers Association. He will be remembered for his love of the Lord, his family and his willingness to serve. Please keep the Baker family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/billy-baker>

February Birthdays

February 1st... Sean Tolbert
February 2nd... Robert Absher, Henry Allen, Matthew Smith
February 3rd... Todd Hildebran, Matthew Martin, George Wilcox
February 4th... Ernest Golding
February 5th... Robert McKinney, Charles Smith
February 6th... Stephen Carter, Rayford Myers
February 7th... Jerry Hooker
February 9th... Ed Vogler
February 10th... Dale Rose
February 12th... Michael Neaves, Vilas Payne, Ray White
February 13th... Freddy Gibson, Kevin Weyer
February 17th... Jim Earnhardt, Rick Smith, Mark Stewart
February 18th... James Fonshill
February 20th... Bryan Lee
February 21st... Isaiah Reed
February 22nd... Wayne Arrowood, Daniel Miller, Mark Williams
February 23rd... Ronald Combs, Charles Fry
February 25th... James Oliver
February 26th... Thornton Beroth, Von McKnight
February 27th... William Adams, Joe Gibson
February 28th... Brent Higgins

Good Cheer!

Congratulations to Brother Mark Stewart on being awarded the Scottish Rite Service Award for 2023. Thank-you for all you do.



Congratulations to Brothers George Kalamaras, Kirby Matthews, Jon Canupp, Tom Jolly, and Chris Pearson for receiving service awards for serving as the head over all four Scottish Rite Bodies.



Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries



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. RSVP to secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org or 336-723-1217.

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries Event

Join us for a special evening to honor our Blue Lodge Secretaries, past and present. Enjoy a complimentary steak dinner, with special guest speakers, Grand Master of Masons in NC for 2024, Don Kehler 33°, and NC Grand Secretary Jonathan Underwood 32° K.C.C.H



**MASONIC
CENTER**
OF WINSTON SALEM

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



Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm – Open to the public

RSVP to secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org or 336-723-1217
<https://www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org>

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!



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:
edmisteninc@gmail.com




Save the Date!

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

More info to come!

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!

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!

Scottish Rite Journal Insert

The North Carolina Scottish Rite Insert, The RiteNews of North Carolina, can be found online at the following website address:

<https://www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org/valley-news.html>

You can also view the Scottish Rite Journal at the following website address:

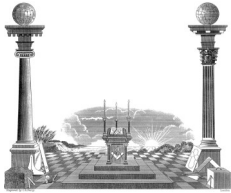
<https://scottishrite.org/media-publications/scottish-rite-journal/the-scottish-rite-journal/>



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brother Charles Williams for receiving his 50-year Scottish Rite Service Award. Illustrious Brother Michael Fischer traveled to his home to present his award.





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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

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/](https://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>