



The Rite Review



March 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

March 13, 2025 — March Stated Meeting... Our March stated meeting will be opened by the Lodge of Perfection 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=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFh0YUJ4Zz09>.

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

Brother Sanford Woodruff Frye, 32°, aged 83, of Mocksville, died Sunday, January 12, 2025. Brother Frye was a 41-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and a member of Mocksville Lodge #134. He retired from Duke Power with over 30 years of service. Sworn with Davie County Sheriff's Office for 51 years. He was also a volunteer firefighter for 27 years.

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

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

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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.

Blue Lodge News

Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 is hosting the Middle Chamber program for 2025.



The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education presents
THE MIDDLE CHAMBER PROGRAM

Crafted for brothers searching for a deeper, more esoteric interpretation of our symbols and allegories. Each session – facilitated by “well-informed” brethren – utilizes a mixture of open discussion, self-study, and contemplative exercises to investigate the Mysteries of our Order.

The Middle Chamber Program provides North Carolina Masons an opportunity to explore the rituals and symbols of the Craft and improve themselves as men and Masons. Instructors are experienced Masons specially trained to assist each brother as he examines the Masonic rituals, himself, and his relationship with Deity.

Four sessions are offered and are progressive in nature – that is, you must have completed each of the previous sessions in order to continue to the next session:

Introductory Class Introduction to Masonic Allegories and Symbols (*Open to any Master Mason*)

Entered Apprentice Session
Introduction to the First Degree:
The Physical Nature of Man

Fellow Craft Session
Introduction to the Second Degree:
The Psychical Nature of Man

Master Mason Session
Introduction to the Third Degree:
The Spiritual Nature of Man

For additional information visit
www.grandlodge-nc.org/education-resources
or contact the Middle Chamber Student Coordinator at
NCMiddleChamber@gmail.com.

Cost: Introductory Class is free to attend and the degree sessions require a one-time purchase of a \$150 Program Kit, which includes a personal journal and a variety of study materials.

2025 Schedule

Introductory Class (Free)	
February 15, 2025	
10:00am	Long Creek Lodge No. 205 Huntersville, NC
10:00am	Relief Lodge No. 431 Benson, NC
February 22, 2025	
10:00am	Greensboro Masonic Temple Greensboro, NC
Entered Apprentice Degree Session	
April 5, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669
Fellow Craft Degree Session	
June 7, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669
Master Mason Degree Session	
August 2, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669

Note:
Each Degree Session is scheduled to go until 5:00pm (lunch on your own).

Good Cheer Report

The Winston-Salem recently hosted OWLS (Orient Wide Leadership Summit). Scottish Rite Brethren from across the Orient enjoyed an informative day of education and fellowship.



Congratulations to Brothers Martin Holder – 2nd Vice President, Tom Jolly, Jr. - Secretary, and Will Fulbright, Jr. – Treasurer, on their positions in the Lexington Shrine Club for 2025.



Lexington Shrine Club Officers

- William Fulbright, Jr. - Treasurer
- Thomas Jolly, Jr. - Secretary
- PP Douglas Garland - installing officer
- Martin Holder - 2nd V. P.
- Tim Cambell - President
- John McCutcheon - Chaplain
- Scott O'Neill - 1st. V. P. (not shown)

Esoteric Research Group

Welcome to **Practical K - A Dive into the Beating Heart of the Six Constants!**

Join us for an enlightening evening led by Rabbi Kenneth Woody, where we'll dive into the esoteric wisdom of the 6 Constant Mitzvot — the beating heart of practical Kabbalah. Discover how these timeless principles can be distilled into key, actionable concepts to enrich your everyday life. This event will blend deep discussion with practical insights, offering tools anyone can apply to live with greater intention and connection.

When: March 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. — 3:00p.m. at the Center. URL: <https://shorturl.at/ycmxW>

Cost: \$28.52

ASU Check Presentation

A Scottish Rite Appalachian State University check presentation visit will take place on March 24th, 2025, in Boone, NC at 4:00 p.m.

If the weather is nice, the check presentation will take at the Founders Bell. If the weather is poor, the check presentation will take place at the Student Union. The parking location is: Watson-Brumit Hall, 150 University Drive, Boone, NC. This will be in between the Founders Bell and the Student Union, which is a fairly short walks to both locations.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Brother Kenny Allen (336-345-6266) or our General Secretary, Michael Fischer.

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/>

Camp LEAD Article

Here is the text from an article in the Western Carolina University newsletter, the Communicat...

We are celebrating another successful Camp Lead thanks to the generous and continued support of the Scottish Rite Masons and NC RiteCare!

The WCU Speech and Hearing Clinic conducted Camp Lead (Language and Literacy Engagement and Development) for the 4th summer! During the month of June, 11 children with or at risk for language/literacy disorders came to Camp LEAD each morning from 9am to noon. They worked hard on their speech, language, and/or literacy goals; couldn't wait to hear what happened next in our read-aloud chapter book, Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain; enjoyed breaks and snacks outside; and celebrated the end of Camp with cupcakes and Awesomeness Awards.

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March Birthdays

- March 1st ...** Teddy Ashley, John McPherson
- March 3rd...** Christopher Beauchamp, Reginald Hall
- March 5th...** Herb Thomas
- March 6th...** Steve Shuping
- March 7th...** Joel Black, Eric Purvis
- March 8th...** Sandy Erwin
- March 10th...** Robert Burroughs, Lance Cable, William Marklin
- March 11th...** Jimmy Myers
- March 12th...** David Johnson
- March 13th...** Derek Frosh, Robert Poe
- March 15th...** Jason Dove, Jackie Marble
- March 16th...** Bruce Hayes
- March 17th...** Clyde George, Frank Guy, Dale Liner, James Muscatello
- March 18th...** Fred Hauser, Jason Parker
- March 19th...** John Davis
- March 20th...** Michael Clark, Jeff Knabb, Michael Powell, Donald Stewart
- March 21st...** Shea Goins
- March 22nd...** Danny Caudill, Paul Woodruff, Phillip Wynne
- March 24th...** Steve Nixon
- March 25th...** Mark Breeden, Joseph Parries, John Richardson, Swanson Snow
- March 26th...** Charlie Hart
- March 27th...** Gregory Key
- March 30th...** Mark Leathers, Douglas Porter
- March 31st...** Lucas Breeden, Stephen Dempsey, Lindell Stoker

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!



A Valentines Day to Remember

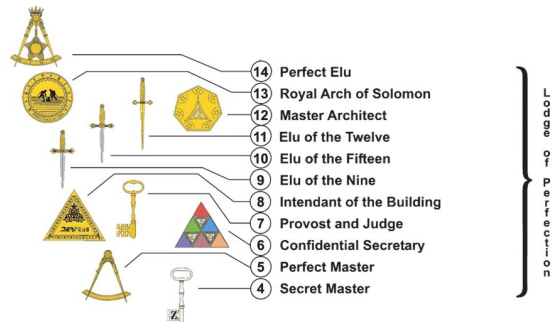
We had a good turnout for our Valentine's Day event and everyone had a great time! Don't miss it next year!



Camp LEAD Article (cont.)

Highlights included a surprise visit from WCU mascot Paws, a volcano demonstration, antics of (stuffed animal) Literacy Monkey and his pal Sidekick, and our theme of Super Heroes. Camp LEAD also provided training for four fantastic graduate students and two amazing undergraduate volunteers, supervised by Drs. Johanna Price and Amy Rose.

Due to NC RiteCare's support, we offered 11 children a total of 660 hours of speech/language/literacy intervention. This is the largest group of children we have served yet!



CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS

<p>Platinum Sponsor \$5,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Teams of Four can play golf included Banner Recognition at Registration Sponsor Recognition with Feather Flags at 2 Holes 	<p>Title Sponsor \$10,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking Opportunity at Lunch All Golfer's Lunch included (8 golfers plus an additional 10 lunches) Recognition and link to company website and social media on NCGolfTournament.com's website 	<p>Gold Sponsor \$2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Teams of Four can play golf included Banner Recognition at Registration Sponsor Recognition at a Hole All Golfer's Lunch included (8 golfers) Recognition and link to company website and social media on NCGolfTournament.com's website
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Come out and Join the Fun at the NC Charity Golf Tournament

October 4 2025 New Bern, NC

Enjoy a round of Golf and meeting people from all over the State.

Fun for the whole family.



NCGolfTournament.com

18 holes of Golf
\$100/golfer

Event Sponsorships

All Event Sponsors will receive recognition and link to company website and social media on NCGolfTournament.com's website

<p>Food & Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition on Beverage Cart 	<p>Media, Website and Marketing Sponsor \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banner Recognition at Registration 	
<p>Closest to the Pin Sponsor \$500 + Prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition on Closest to the Pin Hole (3 par 3's) 	<p>Hole in one Sponsor \$500 + prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition on Hole in one Hole 	<p>Longest Drive Sponsor \$500 + prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor Recognition on Closest to the Pin Hole (on the longest hole)

Hole Sponsorships	
Business Sponsor \$200	Individual Sponsor \$100
Scottish Rite Valley Sponsor \$200	Blue Lodge Sponsor \$100

Spring Reunion

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Spring Reunion of 2025



Join the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite for more light in Masonry!

Honoring Ill. and Past Grand Master Brother Lewis Ledford, 33°
and Brother William "Bill" Wallin, 32° K.C.C.H.

Degrees 4-32 on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, 2025

Initiation Fee is \$375.00

While there is no Masonic Degree more important than that of Master Mason, there is a long tradition—almost as old as Freemasonry—of “High Degrees” that expand upon and elaborate the teachings and lessons of the first Three Degrees. The Scottish Rite Degrees teach a series of moral lessons culminating in the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret. The Scottish Rite continues a Master Mason’s education in many ways:

- 4°- 32° Degree work
- Speakers at meetings
- Masonic Book Club
- Leadership conferences
- Scottish Rite Journal
- Publishing Masonic books
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- Master Craftsman Program

Access the online petition by pressing “Ctrl” and clicking on the link below, or copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://scottishrite.jotform.com/212153454667962/>

You can also access the online petition by scanning this QR code:



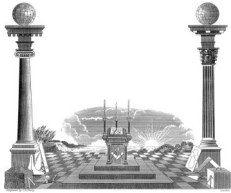
For more information or questions, please contact Secretary Michael J. Fischer 33° at 336-723-1217, or by email at secretary@winstonsalemsscottishrite.org



“Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people our ultimate goal.”

- The Scottish Rite Creed

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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/](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>