



The Rite Review



June 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

June 12, 2025 — June Stated Meeting... Our June stated meeting will be opened by the Council of Kadosh 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 welcome to dress "business casual" during this summer, no jackets required.

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 Gerrald Todd, George Beroth, Ray Ashby, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Rick Lewis, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Mick Gunter, A.J. Medders III, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen and his wife, Lonnie Ring, Thomas Patterson, William Lennox's wife, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, Ronald Fortner, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Joe Edmonds, 32°, age 72, passed away May 11, 2025. Brother Joe was the current Junior Warden at Clemmons #755 and a 3-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. Joe had an illustrious 43-year career as a Mechanical Engineer for Bahnson Mechanical Systems. Joe served as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 736 in Clemmons and also served the Old Hickory Scout Council in Adult Leadership Training and Wood Badge. Joe was a devout Christian, and resolute member of River Oaks Community Church where he served as a Deacon and on the Usher Team. A Celebration of Life Service for Joe will be held at River Oaks Community Church, 1855 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd, Clemmons on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1:00pm. Please keep the Edmonds family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.twincitycremations.com/obituaries/joseph-edmonds>

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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 (cont.)

Brother Rex Walker Reid 14° passed-away on April 2, 2025, he was 91 years old. Rex worked for R.J. Reynolds for 36 years where he retired as a mechanic supervisor. He was proud of his Army service in the 82nd Airborne where he served from 1952-1955. He was an active member of Konnoak Hills United Methodist Church as long as his health permitted, and enjoyed the fellowship with his buddies in the Methodist Men. He was also an active member of the Konnoak Hills Lion's Club for many years. Brother Reid was a member of Salem Masonic Lodge No. 289, and received the Lodge of Perfection Degrees on October 29, 1966. Please keep the Reid family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. <https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/rex-reid>

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

Blue Lodge News

Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 will be having lunch with the children at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford on Saturday, June 28th. This event is open to non-Masons as well. Please contact Brother Michael Queen, PM at 336-529-1407 with questions or if you would like to attend.

Brother Joey Transou recently visited Ashe Masonic Lodge No. 594.



Pictured Left to Right: Brothers Grayson Holaday, Joey Transou, Joe Slade, and Alex Edmisten.



Good Cheer Report

Bros. Alex Edmisten and Joe Slade recently attended a Scholarship presentation at Appalachian State University. **Left to right:** Joe Slade, Marie Huff, Ph.D. (Dean, Beaver College of Health Sciences), Dr. Melba Spooner (Dean, Reich College of Education), and Alex Edmisten.



Ill. Dr. Martin Fischer, 33°, father of Ill. Bro. Michael Fischer, 33°, recently took part in the Triad Flight of Honor. Illustrious Brother Fischer honorably served our great Country in the US Air National Guard and US Army Reserves. He retired as a Colonel, and was the highest-ranking Medical Officer in North Carolina.



Message from our Personal Rep

Brethren... I am honored and humbled to be selected to represent the Valley of Winston-Salem as Personal Rep. I want to thank Brother George Kalamaras for his many years of dedication and service to our Valley. He is a tough act to follow.



I want to see our Valley continue to grow in the coming years. If you have an idea for something you would like to see in our Valley, please reach out to me. New ideas keep the Valley fresh and lively. Please don't hesitate to share any that you may have.

Also, if you have a concern, I want to hear that also. I am here for any concerns you may have. I can be reached at kirbymatthews33@gmail.com or 336-803-1544. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of assistance to you. I look forward to serving you faithfully.

With Brotherly Love,

Kirby Matthews



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



June Birthdays

June 1st... David Grubbs, Jim McGrew

June 2nd... Ray Anderson

June 3rd... Bob Blair

June 5th... Preston Askew

June 6th... Alan Williard

June 8th... Sam Caudill, Ernest Cowan, Jeff Jones, Randall Kepley

June 9th... Harold Morefield, Martin Trexler

June 10th... Zack Blackmon, Jerry Hughes

June 11th... Darrell Keller, David Potter

June 12th... Jerry Anderson, Bill Medlin, Dallas Robbins

June 13th... Scott Miller, Douglas O'Kelley, Perry Peterson

June 14th... Kirby Matthews

June 15th... Bill Carter, Gaither Keener

June 16th... Thomas Redmond

June 17th... William Brown

June 19th... Michael Goode

June 21st... Rodney Bennett

June 22nd... Mark Edwards, Keith Rash

June 23rd... Jimmie Goodnight

June 25th... Bob Clendenin, William McComb

June 26th... Elbert Johnson, Clyde Ramsey

June 28th... James Davis

June 29th... Kenneth Pruitt

June 30th... Gerald Pardue



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!



Good Cheer Report (cont.)

Thank-you to Brother Joe Slade for recently assembling our new cap case at the Masonic Center.



Welcome to our newest member of the Kitchen Crew, Brother John Vasquez.

Welcome!

The Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite welcomes our new Masters of the Royal Secret, Brothers Joshua Greene, David Longworth, Albert Medders III, Scott Miller, Caleb Reeves, and Jonathon Shuping.



Get to Know a Brother — Josh Greene

Name of Brother: Josh Greene

Age: 49

Birthday: October 2nd

Married: Yes

Kids: Yes

College: University of Hawaii

Occupation: Industrial Water Treatment

Hobbies: Fishing

Pets: No

Favorite season: Fall/Spring

Sports fan: Lacrosse & Football

Favorite food: Meat

Favorite TV show: Madmen

Last book you read: Dissolving Illusions

Pet peeve: Open mouth chewing



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Lewis Ledford, 33°. During the Spring Reunion held in his honor, he was awarded and recognized for serving as the head of all four of the Scottish Rite Bodies in our Valley. Well done Brother!



Our newest Masters of the Royal Secret Joshua Greene, David Longworth, Scott Miller, and Caleb Reeves were presented with their Scottish Rite caps at our May Stated Meeting. These Brothers were capped by Illustrious and Past Grand Master Lewis Ledford.



Reunion Booklet Request

Past Reunion Booklets Needed! We are asking for copies of past Scottish Rite Reunion Booklets from our Valley to scan for our historical records. If you have any of these booklets, please send an email to wssrnews@gmail.com. We will be glad to return these to you after scanning. Thank-you for helping preserve our Valley's history!

JROTC Award Presentations

Brother Derek Frosh recently presented the Scottish Rite JROTC Award to Ms. Larissa Mejia at Central Wilkes High School.



Brother Dean Gordon recently presented the Scottish Rite JROTC Awards to Ms. Abbiegail Marion - North Surry High School.



Brother Dean Gordon recently presented the Scottish Rite JROTC Awards to Mr. Dallas Barker - South Stokes High School.



Brother Dean Gordon recently presented the Scottish Rite JROTC Awards to Ms. Katey Wadell - Surry Central High School.



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite will be holding it's fourteenth annual charity golf tournament on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. This event will be held at an exciting new location, the Bermuda Run Country Club West Course. We have plenty of room for golfers, sponsors, and volunteers. Join us for this special event to raise funds for the clinics at Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, and Western Carolina University. Please help us continue to support the great work being done at these clinics.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 TITLE SPONSOR!

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Winston-Salem, NC

Still Available Sponsorship Opportunities:

- ☐ **Platinum Sponsor**
(\$4,425) Limited to five Platinum Sponsors
2 Trophies (Entrance fee & mulligans)
2 color signs on course
Website link
- ☐ **Gold Sponsor**
(\$2,000) 1 Team (Entrance fee & mulligans)
2 color signs on course
Website link
- ☐ **Silver Sponsor**
(\$825) 1 Team (Entrance fee & mulligans)
1 color sign on course

Promotional Signage
Color - \$125 Black & White - \$75

Registration
Foursome - \$500 / Single Player - \$125 / Lunch Only - \$20 / Donation Only - \$

Foursome Team

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Not Proceeds Benefit the North Carolina RiteCare Programs

Appalachian STATE UNIVERSITY

ECU Western CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

RiteCare

Supporting Speech, Reading & Language Disorder Programs

Wednesday June 18, 2025

PROGRAMS AT

Appalachian STATE UNIVERSITY

ECU Western CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

RiteCare

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament
Wednesday June 18, 2025

Schedule

8:00 am Short Game & Putting Area Open

8:45 am Tournament Final Instructions

9:00 am Shotgun Start

1:00 pm Award-winning Lunch

Registration Includes

Green Fees

Cart Rental

Golfer's Goody Bag

Warm-Up Balls

Lunch

Water/Soda During Play

Tournament Contests

Top Team Score

2nd Place Team Score

3rd Place Team Score

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

Straightest Drive

Fundraiser

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

Attire & Fees

Bermuda Run Country Club requires proper golf attire, which includes collared shirts and long pants or Bermuda shorts (no tank tops or jeans). For ladies 18 holes of golf, two mulligans, cart, lunch, and great prizes.

Scoring

This is a shaggy 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. Golfers will be accepted on a first-paid-and-received basis.

Submit entries by June 11, 2025
Tournament will take place rain or shine.

Visit our website at:
<http://www.winston-salem-scottishrite.org/>

BERMUDA RUN
COUNTRY CLUB
(West Course) 129 Richard Park Dr, Advance, NC 27006

Contact Information

Name

Company

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

Payment Information

Credit Card

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Name on Card

Acct. Number

Security Code Exp. Date

Signature

Mail or Email Completed Form (Back Side) To:
Benton Williams, Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
4537 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Email: wsgolftourney@yahoo.com

2025 Spring Reunion Biographies

Illustrious Lewis Ray Ledford, 33°

(Born 7-16-1954)

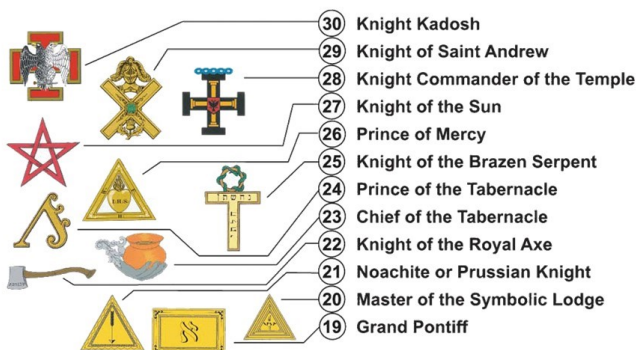
Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Lewis Ray Ledford is a member and Past Master of Statesville Masonic Lodge No. 27, his home Lodge. He served as Worshipful Master of Statesville Lodge in 1992, and received his 25-Year Masonic Service Award in 2011.

Most Worshipful Brother Ledford was Grand Master of Masons of NC in 2010, and has served as the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of NC since 2012. Additionally, he has served on a multitude of Grand Lodge Committees, including Finance, General Purposes, Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary Trust, Board of Directors at WhiteStone, North Carolina Historic Masonic Properties, LLC, Board of Directors of the NC Masonic Foundation, Inc., Transition Planning Committee, Disaster Relief, and etc. Brother Ledford received the highest award in NC Masonry, the Joseph Montfort Medal, in 2015 from Past Grand Master Ill. Douglas Caudle, 33° for his many charitable efforts and contributions to Masonry.



Ill. Brother Ledford received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Winston-Salem on October 4 and October 18, 1986. He was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 9, 1995, and coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 30, 1999. Illustrious Brother Ledford has been invaluable to the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley, serving in a number of capacities. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2003, and Venerable Master of the Kadosh in of the Consistory in 2005. Brother Ledford has also had active roles in several of the Scottish Rite Degrees, including the 13th, 14th, 18th, 21st, 26th, 31st, and others. Additionally, Brother Ledford has served as the head over all four Scottish Rite Bodies for the Valley of Winston-Salem.

Brother Ledford joined the NC State Parks system in 1976 at WB Umstead State Park in North Carolina as a ranger, and he rose through the ranks to become Director of the division in 2003, the first Director to do so. He was the key player in the purchase of Chimney Rock, the most significant purchase in the parks system's history, expanding the park to more than 6,800 acres. One of the most recognized landmarks in eastern America, this conservation effort received international coverage. Additionally, he spearheaded the State's efforts beginning in 2007 to purchase Grandfather Mountain. Brother Lewis retired from North Carolina State Parks in 2014, and was quickly recruited to serve as the Executive Director of the National Association of State Park Directors. His experience in managing state parks and his remarkable ability to advocate for the conservation of outdoor recreation made him an ideal candidate. He has since provided several Congressional testimonies in support of the Land and Water Conservation Fund for local and state parks.



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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/>

2025 Spring Reunion Biographies

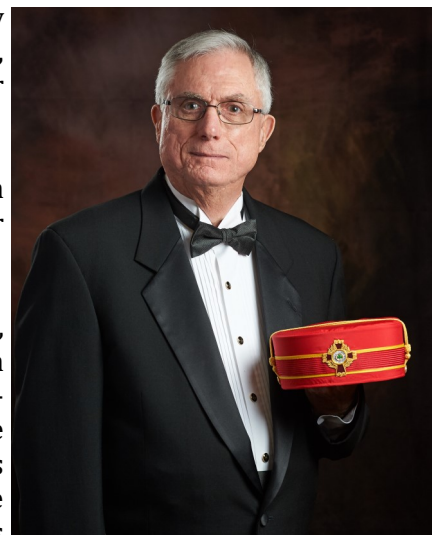
William “Bill” Clark Wallin, Jr., 32° K.C.C.H.

(September 17, 1944 – May 24, 2022)

Brother William “Bill” Clark Wallin, Jr., 32° K.C.C.H. was a member of Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge No. 576, and Scotch Ireland Masonic Lodge No. 154, where he held several Officer positions in both Lodges. He was also a member of the Oasis Shriners.

Brother Bill received the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Fall of 2013, and was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2017.

Brother Wallin has been very active in the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Bodies, serving in a multitude of different capacities. Bill served as Assistant Chairman of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament for several years, helping the Tournament raise many thousands of dollars for the RiteCare® Clinics. Brother Wallin was also in several Degree Teams, and was the Director of Education for the Valley for several years. Additionally, he served the Winston-Salem Valley on multiple committees. At the time of his passing, Brother Wallin was serving as the presiding Officer over the Consistory.



Brother Bill was a member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, and served in previous congregations as a Lay Eucharistic minister. He graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in engineering.

Brother Wallin served our Country in the U.S. Air Force, and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. Brother Bill was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the AmVets, and the NC Society of Engineers. Before retirement, Bill also worked as a sales representative for the Texas Refinery Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother Wallin is fondly honored and remembered by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley.

Silent Auction

100 YR LOP Celebration

Donations Requested

Your Assistance is Requested

Themed Gift bags

Themed Gift Baskets

Old Art or Hangings

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Contact

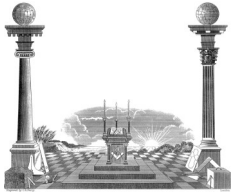
Todd Hildebran
704 239-4883

Appendix Cancer Awareness Walk

Brother Bob Blair will be hosting North Carolina’s first Appendix Cancer Awareness Walk on the morning of June 7, 2025. Appendix cancer and PMP (Pseudomyxoma peritonei) are rare diseases, affecting approximately 2-9 people per million per year (0.0009% of the population). Please feel free to check out the two links below and either register to walk or donate to research for this very rare form of cancer.

His personal page... <https://secure.acpmp.org/fundraiser/6266853>

The official walk page... <https://secure.acpmp.org/team/653403>



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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>