



The Rite Review



August 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

August 14, 2025 — August Stated Meeting... Our August stated meeting will be opened by the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Junior Grand Warden and Ill. Brother Michael Register, 33° will be making an educational presentation on the history of the Bahnson Manual and Brother Charles Bahnson. Come join us for a compelling evening of education and fellowship.



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 August, 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 Jonathan Black, Ray Ashby, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, A.J. Medders III, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen and his wife, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother William Edward Alexander, 32°, age 90 of Clemmons passed-away on November 21, 2024. After completing college, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon returning, he began a 35-year career with Unisys Corporation as a computer engineer and team manager. Following his retirement from Unisys Corporation, Ed enjoyed owning and operating a full-service Texaco station. He was a member of East Gate 692 in Charlotte and a 39-year member of WSSR.

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.



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection



100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Program to follow

Open to the public – RSVP's requested to the Lodge
of Perfection Venerable Master James A. (Andy)
Thomas by email at xenju5015@gmail.com

Dinner and Program complimentary
Formal Dress: Black Tie for the gentlemen, Cocktail Attire for the ladies

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

Get to Know a Brother — Caleb Reeves

Name of Brother: Caleb Reeves

Age: 27

Birthday: July 22nd

Married: Yes

Kids: No

College: Liberty University, Ph.D.

Occupation: Conductor for Yad-
kin Valley Railroad; past
teacher

Hobbies: Genealogy

Pets: 8 cats, 1 dog, 1 lizard

Favorite season: Fall

Sports fan: Tennis

Favorite Food: Chicago hot dog

Favorite TV Show: Father Knows Best, Leave
It To Beaver

Last book you read: Paris 1919 & The Sleep-
walkers: How Everyone Went to War in
1914

Favorite Movie: Lincoln, 2012

Pet Peeve: Bullies

Other: Born in Ukraine



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!



Supreme Council Biennial

Save the Date!

The Supreme Council's Biennial will take place on:

August 17-20
Washington, DC

August Birthdays

August 1st... Royal Pruett

August 2nd... Wilmer Lewis, Hayden Lindquist

August 3rd... Guy Cline

August 4th... Christopher Gamble

August 5th... James Cooke, Joshua Teague

August 6th... Raymond Burnette

August 7th... George Wellborn

August 8th... Bruce Church

August 9th... David Grimes, Jerry Smith

August 10th... Jeffrey Campbell, Paul Cooke, Robert
Schoenthal, James Shouse

August 11th... Harold Barbee, James Byrd, Joseph Wil-
son

August 12th... James Howard, Glenn Key

August 13th... Charles Lewis

August 14th... Thomas Caton

August 15th... Robert Gale, Walter Hill

August 17th... Len Hagaman, William Long

August 18th... Gary Leonard

August 19th... Horace Holland, Milford Miller, Ken-
neth Steen

August 20th... Fred Grooms, Scott Hunt, Wade Leon-
ard, William Payne, Robert Wilson

August 22nd... Thomas Sadler

August 23rd... Jerry Brown

August 24th... Jeffery Main

August 25th... Samuel Stuart

August 26th... Allen Casstevens, Robert Wagoner

August 27th... Jeffrey Faircloth, Jeffrey Mash

August 28th... Charles Fox, Michael Gunter

August 29th... William Howell, James Perdue, James
Williamson

August 30th... Ernest Moretz

August 31st... Larry Elder

Good Cheer Report

Congratulations to our Valley's 2025 Honours recipients:

32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour:



Kenneth Allen



William Fulbright, Jr.

33° Inspector General Honorary:

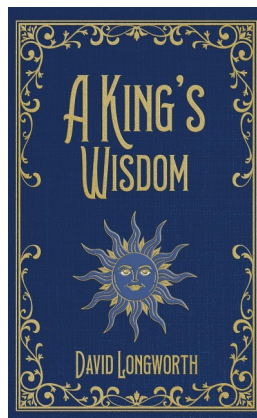


Robert Blair

Congratulations and well-done brothers. Thank-you for all that you've done for our Valley, the Scottish Rite, and all of Freemasonry!

Winston-Salem Valley member David Longworth's newest book, *A King's Wisdom*, was recently published. The link to his newest book is below:

https://www.amazon.com/Kings-Wisdom-David-Longworth-ebook/dp/B0FCD1BTK3?ref_ast_author_mpb



Blue Lodge News

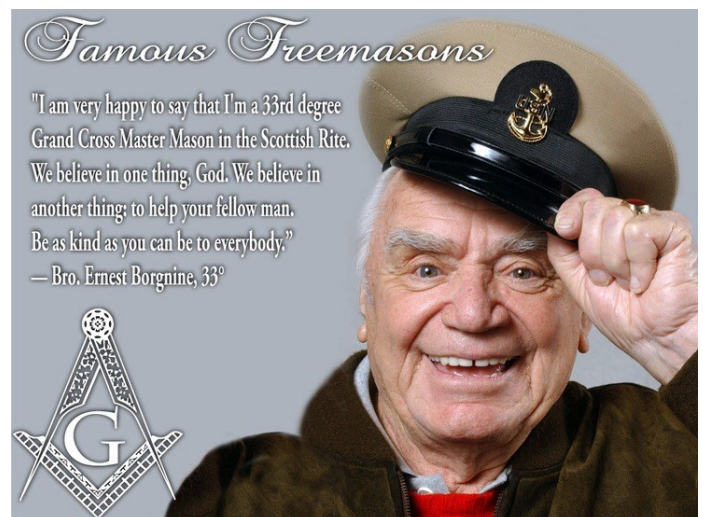
Several Brothers from Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 recently had lunch with the children at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.



On Monday, August 11, 2025, several members of our Valley will be visiting Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 299, and will be providing an educational presentation about the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. There will be a meal at 6:30 pm, with the Stated Communication and educational presentation following at 7:30 pm.

Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 299
144 E. Memorial Hwy
Harmony, NC 28634

Come join us for a great evening of fellowship and help us spread the word about the Scottish Rite.





**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**



CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS

Platinum Sponsor \$5,000	<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• 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	Title Sponsor \$10,000
<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• All Golfer's Lunch included (8 golfers)• Recognition and link to company website and social media on NCGolfTournament.com's website	Gold Sponsor \$2,500	<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

Event Sponsorships

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

Food & Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1,000	Media, Website and Marketing Sponsor \$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor Recognition on Beverage Cart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banner Recognition at Registration

Closest to the Pin Sponsor \$500 + Prize	Hole in one Sponsor \$500 + prize	Longest Drive Sponsor \$500 + prize
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor Recognition on Closest to the Pin Hole (3 par 3's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor Recognition on Hole in one Hole	<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

NCGolfTournament.com

KSA News

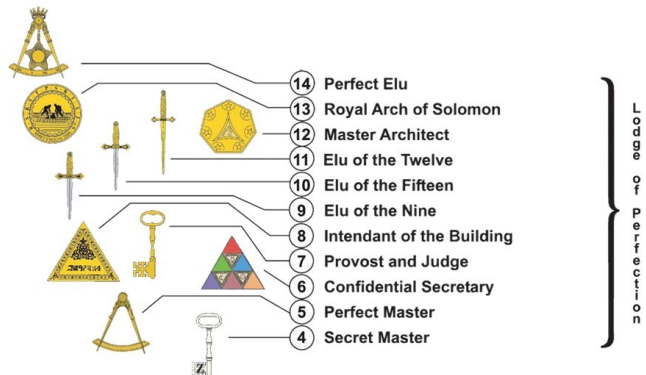
On the evening of our July Stated Meeting, the Knight of Saint Andrew met to initiate three of our Scottish Rite Brothers. Please help us welcome:

Raymond Burnette

James Hamby

Scott Miller

Kenneth Small



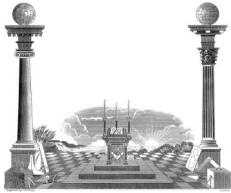
Hurricane Helene Relief

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/>



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!



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RiteCare Programs 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>