



The Rite Review



November 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

November 13, 2025 — November Stated Meeting... Our November Stated meeting will be opened by the Chapter Rose Croix at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Our meeting will include the election of 2026 officers. For those unable to attend, please join us on our Cloud HD Video Meeting: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/5827061238?wd=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFhOYUJ4Zz09>.

November 16, 2025 — Officer Training... The Valley's officer training will take place on November 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Center in the Blue Lodge room.

Miscellaneous News & Notes

Dress Code... All members attending Stated Meetings, Reunions, and other events are requested to wear slacks and a sport coat. Ties are optional

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).

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.

Sick & Distressed

Please keep Gerrald Todd, George Beroth, Jon Canupp's mother, Ray Ashby, David Crook, Rodney Bennett's wife, Rick Lewis, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen's wife, Thomas Patterson, William Lenex's wife, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, Richard Starnes, and Michael Fischer's father in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Valentine's Day Dinner

Save the Date!

Our annual Valentine's Day event is scheduled for February 13, 2025. Hope to see you there!

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...

Winston-Salem Petition. If you are a top-line signer on three petitions, your membership dues will be waived for the year.

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. Will Fulbright at...

willfulbright@gmail.com

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...
bobbblair62@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.

Lodge of Perfection 100—Year Celebration

On Thursday, October 9, 2025, the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection celebrated 100 years of service, brotherhood, and fraternity. Venerable Master J. Andy Thomas, 32° K.C.C.H. gave some opening remarks, and welcomed everyone to this very special evening. Most Worshipful and Illustrious Past Grand Master A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33° S.G.I.G. blessed the meal, and offered several compelling remarks on the Centennial anniversary. Afterward, Ill. Terry Jones, 33°, our Valley's oldest living Venerable Master, spoke on some of his favorite memories of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite on Miller Street.

Personal Representative Ill. M. Kirby Matthews, 33° and Valley Secretary Michael Fischer, 33° presented Ill. Brother Thomas Hartman, 33° and Ill. Brother Terry Jones, 33° commemorative awards for serving as the head over all four of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

After a presentation on the history of the Lodge of Perfection, the Feast of Tishri was observed. Venerable Master J. Andy Thomas 32° K.C.C.H. led the Toasts of Obligation, and a Benediction was offered by Brother William Fulbright, 32° K.C.C.H. - Elect. This very special evening could not have been possible without all of the Brothers who shaped and led our Lodge of Perfection for over 100 years.



2025 Fall Reunion

The Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite welcomes our new Masters of the Royal Secret. New members from left to right: Jay Tilley, Adam Saylor, Taylor Harter, Bobby Ball, and Neal Holladay. Congratulations!



Our Reunion was a successful event and included our Valley's first chance to see the 6th Degree performed by the Fayetteville Valley team and a moving oration from Illustrious Brother Ray Ashby, 33°.



November Birthdays

November 1st... Laurence Cane

November 4th... Ted Huettel, Donald Marsh, Ronald Marsh

November 5th... David Longworth

November 6th... Thomas Erickson

November 7th... James Frye, Ellis Lineberry, Larry Trivette

November 8th... Larry Campbell, Samuel Lipe

November 10th... Bob Helms, Pierson Holcombe, Robert Williard

November 13th... Bruce Pugh

November 16th... Jack Edwards, Martin Holder

November 21st... Newell Hauser, Richard Miller, Tommy Yarbrough

November 26th... William Greene

November 28th... Ray Parker, Phillip Smitherman

November 29th... Gordon Flanagan, Gordon Rogers



25-Year Members

Please join us in honoring our newest living 25-year Scottish Rite Brethren!

William Robert "Bobby" Adams, 33°

Clyde O. George, 32°

Russell W. Triplett, 32°

Charlie A. Whaley, 32°

Pierson J. Holcombe, 32°

Eric L. Purvis, 32°

Jerry L. Smith, 32°

Ricky L. Williams, 32°

50-Year Members

Please join us in honoring our newest living 50-year Scottish Rite Brethren!

Robert S. Alexander, 32°

William A. Long, 32°

Donald L. Miller, 32°

Dale T. Myers, 32°

Gerald G. Pardue, 32°

Joseph S. Parries, 32°

Swanson C. Snow, 32°

60-Year Members

Please join us in honoring our newest living 60-year Scottish Rite Brethren!

James D. Misenheimer, 32°

Billy J. Vance, 32°

Bennie L. Robinson, 32°

Frank W. Godbee III, 32°

**Honours Weekend**

The Valley of Wilmington will be hosting the Orient of North Carolina Honours celebration. The 33° coronation and the 32° KCCH investiture will be on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at E. Earl Wells, 33° Scottish Rite Center 1415 D. 17th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. The 32° KCCH Investiture is a ceremony open to the public. A great time for family and friends to witness a portion of our phenomenal ritual work.

If you are planning to spend the weekend in Wilmington below are two ways to make a reservation at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington Riverfront, 9 Estell Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401

- To Book Online, use this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ILMCCES&groupCode=CES91U&arrivaldate=2025-11-21&departuredate=2025-11-23&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>.
- To Book by phone, call 1-910-765-1131, press 1 for reservations and use group code: 91U

Honours Congratulations

Congratulations to our Valley's 2025 Honours recipients. Thank you for all that you've done for our Valley, the Scottish Rite, and all of Freemasonry!



Kenneth Allen
32° KCCH Elect



William Fulbright, Jr.
32° KCCH Elect



Robert Blair
33° Elect

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Thank you to all who have served and are currently serving out great Country in the Armed Forces.



Good Cheer!

Congratulations to Brother William Fulbright, Jr. who has been appointed as the Almoner for our Valley. Well-done Brother!



Blue Lodge News

Congratulations to Brother Stephen Dempsey who was recently appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 26th Masonic District. Well-done Brother!



Congratulations to Most Worshipful and Illustrious Past Grand Master Lewis Ledford, 33o, for being elected as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for another term in 2026. Congratulations and thank you for all that you do for Masonry! Well-done, Brother!

LOP Challenge Coin

As part of our Lodge of Perfection's 100-year anniversary celebration, the Winston-Salem Valley will be selling a 100th anniversary coin as seen below. The price will be 2 for \$20... purchase the 100th anniversary coin and get the 75th anniversary coin while they last.



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!

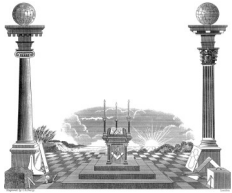


Hurricane Helene Relief

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>