



The Rite Review



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A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

August 10, 2023 — August Stated Meeting... Our August stated meeting will be opened by the Lodge of Perfection at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The after dinner program will be a video of **A Lecture held by A. de Hoyos 33° in Athens, Greece on, May 19, 2023.** There will be an S.G.I.G. meeting at 7:00 p.m. Masonic education will consist of the history of the Montfort Medal.

For those unable to attend, please join us on our Cloud HD Video Meeting: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/5827061238?pwd=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFhOUYUJ4Zz09>.

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 Gerrald Todd, Rodney Bennett's wife, Dean Gordon's granddaughter, Glenn Chamberlin, Ronald Fortner, Alex Edmisten's wife, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Bobby Sparks, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Lonnie Ring, Wayne O'Neal, Robert Fox, Daniel Tulbert, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert Dean Woods, Sr., 32°, 83, of Rural Hall, N.C. passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at Forsyth Medical Center. Brother Robert was a 55-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and a Master Mason for 56 years where he was a member of King Lodge #722 when he passed away. He was also a Shriner. He was a retired Trooper from the North Carolina Highway Patrol; following retirement he became a licensed Real Estate Agent and Private Investigator. Robert enjoyed meeting the gang every morning at PB Clark's for breakfast, and he loved to go hunting with his Highway Patrol friends each year. He was an avid train collector and loved everything about North Carolina. Please keep the Woods family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/winstonsalem/name/robert-woods-obituary?id=52248222>

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Stated Meetings

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 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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Sick & Distressed (cont.)

George Gray Cunningham, 32°, 71, of Davidson, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2023, at his home. Brother George was a 38-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and a member of North Wilkesboro Lodge #407. George was a seasoned attorney, with 47 years of experience, certified in Family Law, but practiced in many fields. He was retired from Lowe’s Companies Inc. as Vice President and Associate General Counsel. After retirement, he was of Counsel with the McIntosh Law Firm in Davidson, NC. During his career, George was the Chairman of the Board of Elections for Wilkes County, the Attorney for Wilkes County, Chair of the NC Property Tax Commission, Chair of the NC Gaming Commission, permanent member of the US Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church. George never met a stranger! He was an amazing conversationalist and had a keen sense of humor. Please keep the Cunningham family in your thoughts and prayers. <https://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com/obituaries/George-Cunningham-11/#!/Obituary>

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

2023 Honorees

Congratulations to our Valley’s 2023 Honours recipients:

32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour:



Alex Shuford Edmisten



Joseph Parker Slade, Jr.

33° Inspector General Honorary:



Todd Alan Hildebran

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

2023 Orient Reunion

The 2023 Orient reunion was an unparalleled success. Thirty-three new Scottish Rite Brothers were initiated into the Scottish Rite for several different Valleys.

A big congratulations and thank-you to Brother Rodney Bennett and the 4th Degree team from Winston-Salem. They kicked off the day with a flawless exemplification of the 4th Degree. As Deputy A. Gene Cobb, 33° said, “they knocked it out of the park”!.

Lastly, congratulations to Brother Phillip Cameron, who became the newest member of the Winston-Salem Valley.



Rodney Bennett



Phillip Cameron



4th Degree Team

Hearing Aid Donations

We have had three sets of outside-the-ear hearing aids donated to the RiteCare clinics so far, with the latest being donated at our July stated meeting. A big thank-you for the donations; keep them coming! If you can donate, please contact Kenny Allen at 336-345-6266 or Alex Edmisten at 336-467-4478. Thank you!

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!



Blue Lodge News

Request to Blue Lodge Secretaries... please notify Brother Michael Fischer at secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org if possible when one of your members passes away so that he can check if they are members of the Scottish Rite and then inform the Valley. Any help will be appreciated!

On Saturday morning, June 17th, 14 members of the Salem Lodge #289 family met at Help Our People Eat in Winston-Salem. They made and packaged 886 sandwich bags and 347 bags of produce. These are delivered to the hungry children and families in this community. Well done brothers!

Good Cheer Report

This year our Valley set a new record for golf teams, with a total of 22 golf teams playing this year at the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament. Several thousands of dollars were raised for RiteCare.



 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

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336-467-4478

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New Store!

We have a new Scottish Rite online store. Here is the weblink: <https://scottishrite2023.itemorder.com>. Website sales will run quarterly with a few days of no sales at the end of the quarter to tally totals and fulfill requests.

August Birthdays

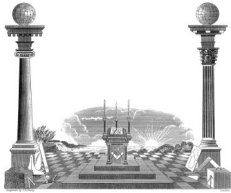
- August 1st...** Royal Pruett, David Uhl
- August 2nd...** Bill Lewis, Hayden Lindquist
- August 3rd...** Guy Cline, Forest Mayhew
- August 4th...** Scott Gamble, Kenneth Harper
- August 5th...** Mike Cooke, Joshua Teague
- August 6th...** Raymond Burnette
- August 7th...** George Wellborn
- August 8th...** Bruce Church, Michael Johnson
- August 9th...** David Grimes, Jerry Smith
- August 10th...** Jeff Campbell, Paul Cooke, Rob Schoenthal, James Shouse
- August 11th...** Ted Barbee, James Byrd, Joseph Wilson
- August 12th...** James Howard, Glenn Key, Paul Pearman, Jamie Sanchez
- August 13th...** Charles Lewis
- August 14th...** Tom Caton
- August 15th...** Robert Gale, Andy Hill
- August 17th...** Len Hagaman, William Long
- August 18th...** Gary Leonard
- August 19th...** Horace Holland, Milford Miller, Kenneth Steen
- August 20th...** Fred Grooms, Scott Hunt, Wade Leonard, Michael Payne, Robert Wilson
- August 22nd...** Thomas Sadler
- August 23rd...** Jerry Brown
- August 24th...** Jeff Main
- August 25th...** Pat Stuart
- August 26th...** Allen Casstevens, Robert Wagoner
- August 27th...** William Alexander, Jeffrey Faircloth, Jeff Mash
- August 28th...** Charles Fox, Michael Gunter
- August 29th...** William Howell, James Perdue, James Williamson
- August 30th...** Ernest Moretz
- August 31st...** Larry Elder



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!





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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

The NC Scottish Rite Clinic For Childhood Language Disorders

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>

Univ. of North Carolina UNC Hospitals Rehabilitation Speech Therapy

Center for Rehabilitation Care
1807 N. Fordham Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

<https://unomedicalcenter.org/uncmc/care-treatment/rehabilitation-therapies/speech-therapy>

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/

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
<http://scottishrite.org>

Freemason Network
www.freemasonnetwork.org/home

North Carolina RiteCare
<http://www.ncritecare.org>