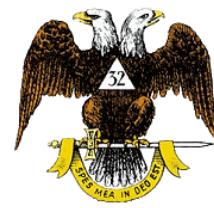




The Rite Review



March 2024

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

March 14, 2024 — Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries Event... Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with a program to follow. This event is open to the public. Grand Secretary Jonathan Underwood will be making presentation at this event. Please RSVP to Secretary Michael Fischer for this event. Grand Master Don Kehler will also be in attendance.



Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries

Come join us on Thursday, March 14, starting at 6:00 pm for our special event to honor our past and current Blue Lodge Secretaries. Our Grand Secretary, Brother Jonathan Underwood will be giving a presentation entitled "The *Heart of a Lodge: The Role of Lodge Secretaries*". This event is open to the public, friends and family are welcome to join us. Enjoy a delicious and complimentary steak dinner prepared by the Award-Winning Big Boy Barbeque Team.

RSVP to secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org or 336-723-1217.

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Honoring Blue Lodge Secretaries Event

Join us for a special evening to honor our Blue Lodge Secretaries, past and present. Enjoy a complimentary steak dinner, with special guest speaker, NC Grand Secretary Jonathan Underwood 32° K.C.C.H., with a presentation on "The Heart of a Lodge: The Role of Lodge Secretaries." Grand Master of Masons in NC for 2024, Don Kehler 33°, will also be at this special event.



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

Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm – Open to the public

336-723-1217 or secretary@winstonsalemscottishrite.org
<https://www.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.

Sick & Distressed

Please keep Brothers Gerrald Todd, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett and his wife, Dean Gordon's granddaughter, Glenn Chamberlin, Cliff Pranke, Thomas Sadler, David Crook, Ronald Fortner, Jerry Brown's wife, Paul Pearman, Hobert Miller, Bobby Sparks, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Lonnie Ring, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Gerald Dodson Mathias, 93, of The Pines in Davidson passed away on November 27, 2023. Brother Dodson was a 45-year member of the Winston-Salem SR and a 70-year member of Currituck Lodge #463. He was a US Coast Guard Vet. He worked for Wachovia Bank where he worked on a test force to develop operating rules and procedures for the NC Automated Clearing House Association with the first electronic transaction to the Charlotte Federal Reserve Bank on 7/6/1976. Brother Dodson was active in the Bank Administration Institute, having held many positions and finally becoming the chairman of the District Director's council of the Bank Administration Institute as well as serving on the national board of directors. He was also very active in the Boy Scouts over the years and received the Silver Beaver recognition from the South Florida Council and the Silver Antelope award from the BSA Southern Region. [Gerald "Dodson" Mathias - View Obituary & Service Information](#)

Brother Wayne Curley "Baby Huey" O'Neal, 32°, aged 76, of Dobson, NC passed away on December 24, 2023. Brother Wayne was a 41-year member of the Scottish Rite and a 42-year member of Copeland Masonic Lodge # 390. He was also a Shriner. He worked as a truck driver for H & W Trucking for many years and was a member of Level Cross United Methodist Church.

Brother Ray Henry White, 32°, aged 94, passed away peacefully at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem, NC on January 19, 2024. Brother Bill was a 55-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and 62-year member of Piedmont Pioneer #685, now consolidated with Salem #289. Bill proudly served as a Corporal in the United States Army while stationed in North Korea during the Korean War (February 19, 1951 to November 18, 1952). He retired from AT&T on December 16, 1985 after 36 years of dedicated service. He was a member of Hebron United Church of Christ, Shriners International, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

A Valentine's Thank You!

Please join us in thanking Brother Kenny Allen for doing another fantastic job of organizing and putting on the Valentine's Event on February 10. Thank you and well done brother!



Hearing Aid Donations Needed

We are collecting used outside-the-ear hearing aids to donate to the RiteCare clinics per their request. If you can donate, please contact Kenny Allen at 336-345-6266 or Alex Edmisten at 336-467-4478. A big thank-you for the donations already provided, please keep them coming!

App State Donation

Brothers Alex Edmisten, Kenny Allen, and Joe Slade made the trip to Appalachian State University to present a donation from the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation in the amount of \$36,000 to the The Charles E. & Geneva S. Scott Scottish Rite Communications Disorders Clinic and the Pat A. Anderson Reading Clinic.

Appalachian
STATE UNIVERSITY



By-Laws Update

We have updated our Valley's By-Laws for all four Bodies. We will be voting on adopting these revised By-Laws at our April Stated Meeting on April 11, 2024. If you would like to review the updated By-Laws, please contact our General Secretary.

Save the Date!



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
Masonic Charity Golf
Tournament
Friday, June 14, 2024.



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!

KSA — Shirts for Sale!

The Winston-Salem Valley Knights of Saint Andrew have shirts for sale, courtesy of Brother Todd Hildebran. The shirts are black, long-sleeved button up shirts. There are 3 styles: 32nd Degree, 32nd Degree KCCH, and 33rd Degree. All have the Winston-Salem Valley name and the Scottish Rite double-headed eagle. The 32nd KCCH and 33rd shirts also have the degree insignia on the cuff. Shirts cost \$50 each and come in sizes Medium to 3XL.



Please contact Bob Blair (bobblair62@gmail.com or 336-407-7965) or any member of the KSA if interested!



March Birthdays

March 1st... Teddy Ashley, John McPherson

March 3rd... Christopher Beauchamp, Sanford Frye, Reginald Hall

March 5th... Furman Mason, 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 Meyers

March 12th... David Johnson

March 13th... Robert Poe

March 15th... Jackie Marble

March 16th... Bruce Hayes

March 17th... Clyde George, Frank Guy, Dale Liner, Robert McKinney, James Muscatello

March 18th... Fred Hauser, Jason Parker

March 19th... John Davis

March 20th... Michael Clark, Jeff Knabb, Jonathan Leonard, 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, Rufus Richey

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!



Good Cheer!

Congratulations to Ill. Brother Todd Hildebran on being elected and installed as the Secretary of the Oasis Shiner's Ritualistic Cast Club. Well done brother!



Congratulations to Brother Gordy Peeler on being elected and installed as the Secretary of the Oasis Shiner's Past Master's Unit. Well done brother!

Congratulations to the following brothers on being elected and installed to their respective positions in the Lexington Shrine Club. Well done brothers!



Martin Holder – 2nd Vice President
Tom Jolly - Secretary
Will Fulbright - Treasurer

Blue Lodge News

Ill. Brother Michael Daniels will be giving a Masonic education presentation at Kernersville #669 on Monday, March 4, 2024. This will be Kernersville Lodge's Stated Meeting, with a meal at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. This is open to all Master Masons. Brother Daniels always gives exciting and compelling education presentations. Come join Kernersville #669 on March 4 for a great evening of fellowship and Masonic education.



Ill. Brother Joey Transou and Worship Brother Wes Caudill, Master of West Bend #434, recently presented Brother Bob Thomas with his Diamond Jubilee Veteran's Emblem for his 60 years of service in Freemasonry. Congratulations Brother Thomas!



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

Alex Edmisten
336-467-4478

More Information :

edmisteninc@gmail.com



www.famousmasons.com



"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal"

Brother
Albert Pike



House of the Temple Pipe Organ Capital Campaign

Since 1916 the Temple Room at the House of the Temple has had an Organ to make our events even more special with music. The Shantz organ console located behind Lieutenant Grand Commander's Chair controls the sound from the 1,417 pipes located high above floor level. The acoustics perfectly allow the room to be flooded with sound. Typically, the organ is played by the Grand Organist for various Masonic events and ceremonies. On occasion, guest organists hold concerts in the Temple Room. The public also visits the Temple Room every week during tours at the House of the Temple (HOT).



The current Shantz Organ needs rebuilding and improvement. Currently, only about 50% of the keys will produce correct sounds. This is why the Scottish Rite has opened the HOT Pipe Organ Capital Campaign to save our treasured Pipe Organ. We formed a committee of members with vast knowledge and experience in Pipe Organs to plan this work. We need to keep music as an important part of the ceremonies and rituals of our fraternity.

Our goal is to raise \$400,000 to pay for restoration, improvements to the instrument, and provide an endowment to pay for its maintenance and repairs in the future. Members all around the Southern Jurisdiction are giving, and we are making progress, but we are counting on every member's help – and your help – to reach the goal.

Gifts to this Capital Campaign are tax deductible as allowed by law. Your gift made payable to the HOT Historic Preservation Foundation can be mailed to:

Supreme Council - Development Office
Attn: Caitlyn Kent
1733 16th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20009-3103

Or you can simply call Caitlyn Kent at (202) 777-3111, tell her your gift is for the "Pipe Organ Campaign" and give her your card payment information to complete your gift. All information will be kept confidential.

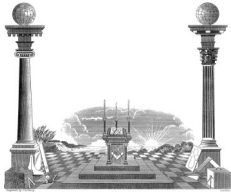
You can also make your gift directly online by going to: www.ScottishRite.org. Hover over "How to Give", then "Giving Types" and left click on "Cash Gifts". You will gain access to a secure jotform with blanks in which to type your information.

- Select House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.,
- Select "House of the Temple Pipe Organ Capital Campaign"
- And continue completing the questionnaire/form.



If you would like more information about this work or the campaign, please reach out to Donor Officer Phil Shortt at (240) 608-7425 or PShortt@ScottishRite.org. Help keep our rich music culture alive in the Scottish Rite by helping with this earnest effort.

The January/February edition of the Scottish Rite Journal has greater detail about saving the House of the Temple's Musical Treasure. Go to <https://scottishrite.org/media-publications/scottish-rite-journal/the-scottish-rite-journal/> for even more.



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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/](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>