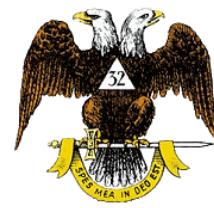




The Rite Review



January 2026

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

January 8, 2026 — January Stated Meeting... Our January stated meeting will be opened by the Council of Kadosh at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Feast of Kadosh will be observed. Masonic education will be a 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=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFhOYUJ4Zz09>.

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 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, David Crook & his wife, Rodney Bennett's wife, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen's wife, Tommy Allen Jr.'s mother, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Jones, Lon Weber, Bobby Sparks, Ray Anderson, and Louie Cox's wife in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Orient Wide Leadership Summit

Save the Date!

The Orient Wide Leadership Summit (OWLS) will take place on January 30 & 31, 2026 at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. More information to come!

General Secretary

Michael J. Fischer, 33^o
336-723-1217

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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...
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.

Valentine's Dinner & Dance



Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

Valentine's Party

Semi-Formal Attire - Order Tickets at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
[Eventbrite.com Web Link](https://www.eventbrite.com)
 Access Eventbrite by pressing "Ctrl" and clicking on the link above.

Contact Brother Matthew Peeler with Questions:
 704-797-6949 peelerm@windstream.net

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

5:45 pm – 9:00 pm **13** February



Temple Board Directors

Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Joey Transou on being appointed as the newest member of the Temple Board Directors!

Chris Elder, 32° (2026)
 Derek Frosh, 32° (2027)
 Joey Transou, 33° (2028)



Scottish Rite Charity Committee

Joey Transou, 33° (2026)
 Bobby Adams, 33° (2027)
 Rex Card, 32° (2028)
 Observer: Jerry Wood, 32°

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!

LOP Challenge Coin

In honor of the Lodge of Perfection's 100-year anniversary, the Winston-Salem Valley is 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.



Good Cheer Report

Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Michael Fischer, 33°, our Valley's Secretary, who recently received the Certificate of Commendation for all his contributions for the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. Thank-you for all you do. Well-done Brother!



Temperance

Fortitude

Prudence

Justice

Get to Know — Neal Holladay

Name: Neal Holladay

Age: 52

Birthday: April 19th

Married: Yes

Kids: 2 boys, 20 & 22

College: Appalachian State & Kansas State

Occupation: Decision Review Officer, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Hobbies: Music

Pets: None

Favorite season: Summer

Sports Fan: College Basketball

Favorite Food: Steak & Potatoes

Favorite TV Show: My Name is Earl

Last book you read: The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

Favorite Movie: Oh Brother Where Art Thou

Pet Peeve: Intolerance & willful ignorance



January Birthdays

January 1st... Jackie Henderson

January 4th... James Hollifield

January 5th... Carl Strong, John Wyatt

January 6th... Samuel Gregory

January 8th... James Brinkley

January 9th... Robert Alexander, Richard Brewer, William Broughton, Donald Miller, George Powers

January 10th... Robert Snyder

January 11th... Robert Gunn, William Merriman, Robert Peeler, James Stockton

January 12th... William Hair, Luke Jones

January 13th... Andrew Dinkins, James Flowe

January 14th... Timothy Baker, Walter Beroth, Christopher Elder, Glenn Oakes

January 16th... William Bell

January 17th... James Greene

January 19th... Daniel Cook

January 21st... Jeffrey Krug

January 23rd... Larry Cook, Richard Swaim

January 25th... Phillip Cameron, Thomas Crowell, Samuel Dotson

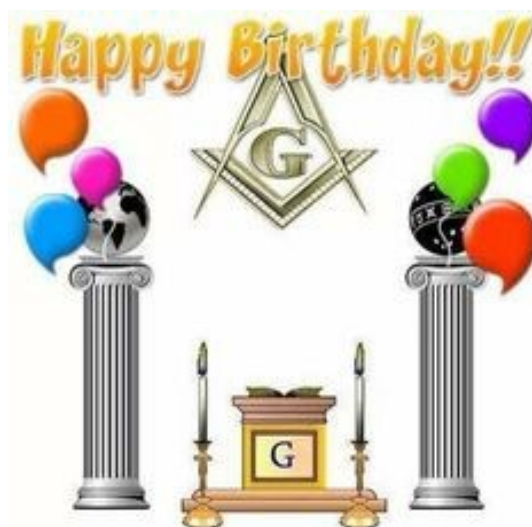
January 26th... Wayne Freeman, John Willardson

January 27th... Adam Saylor, Joseph Slade

January 28th... George Beroth

January 29th... Luther Potts, Steven Safrit

January 31st... Eric Wall



Officers of the Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite Bodies for 2026

Lodge of Perfection

Michael Fischer, 33°; Venerable Master
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Senior Warden
 Kenny Allen, 32° KCCH; Junior Warden
 Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Orator
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Chris Elder, 32°; Prelate
 Benton Williams, 32°; Master of Ceremonies
 Donald Small, 32°; Expert
 Joseph Slade, Jr., 32° KCCH; Assistant Expert
 Homer Dearmin 32°; Captain of the Host
 Grayson Holaday 32°; Tiler

Chapter Rose Croix

Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Wise Master
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Senior Warden
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; Junior Warden
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Orator
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Bob Blair, 33°; Prelate
 Kenny Allen, 32° KCCH; Master of Ceremonies
 Dean Gordon, 32°; Expert
 Matthew Peeler, 32°; Assistant Expert
 Bill Carter, 33°; Standard Bearer
 Derek Frosh, 32°; Guardian of the Temple
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Tiler

Trustees

Kirby Matthews, 33°; PR & President
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; 2026
 Kenny Allen, 32° KCCH; 2027
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; 2028
 Homer Dearmin, 32°; 2029
 Kirby Matthews, 33°; 2030

Secretary & Treasurer are ex-officio voting members

Council of Kadosh

Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Commander
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; 1st. Lt. Commander
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; 2nd Lt. Commander
 Tommy Allen Jr, 32° KCCH; Chancellor
 Alex Edmisten 32° KCCH; Orator
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Recorder
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Chris Elder, 32°; Prelate
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Master of Ceremonies
 Kenny Allen 32° KCCH; Turcopilier
 Thomas Sadler 32°; Draper
 Chad Graham 32°; First Deacon
 Tom Cook 32°; Second Deacon
 Geoffrey Donn 32°; Bearer of the Beauseant
 Homer Dearmin 32°; Bearer of White Standard
 Matt Peeler 32°; Bearer of the Black Standard
 David Longworth 32°; Lt. of the Guard
 Billy Merriman 32°; Sentinel

Consistory

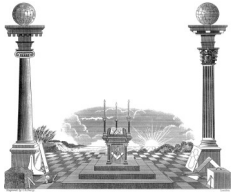
Joe Slade 32° KCCH; Master of the Kadosh
 Thomas Sadler, 32°; Prior
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Preceptor
 Benton Williams, 32°; Chancellor
 Chris Elder, 32°; Minister of State
 Will Fulbright, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Registrar
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Dan Cook, 32°; Prelate
 Tom Cook, 32°; Marshal of Ceremonies
 Kenny Allen, 32° KCCH; Expert
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Assistant Expert
 Randal Todd Kepley, 32°; Captain of the Guards
 Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Tiler



2026 Winston — Salem Valley Calendar of Events

Date	Body in Charge	Event	Time
January 8	Council of Kadosh	Feast of Kadosh	7:00 PM
January 30 & 31		OWLS (Orient Leaders in Greensboro)	
February 12	Consistory	Education	7:00 PM
February 13		Valentine's Dinner	5:45 PM
March 12	Lodge of Perfection	Education	7:00 PM
April 5		Easter Sunday	
April 9	Chapter of Rose Croix	Mystic Banquet (after dinner)	7:00 PM
April 9-12		Supreme Council Workshop (Charlotte, NC)	
April 24		Spring Reunion Day 1	5:00 PM
April 25		Spring Reunion Day 2	8:00 AM
May 14	Consistory	Feast	7:00 PM
June 8		Golf Tournament (Dinner TBD)	12:00 PM
June 11	Council of Kadosh	Education	7:00 PM
July 9	Chapter of Rose Croix	Education	7:00 PM
August 13	Lodge of Perfection	Education (Possible Membership Event)	7:00 PM
Sept. 10	Council of Kadosh	Education (Meeting in Boone)	7:00 PM
Oct. 8	Lodge of Perfection	Feast of Tishri (Possible Membership Event)	7:00 PM
October 23		Fall Reunion Day 1	5:00 PM
October 24		Fall Reunion Day 2	8:00 AM
Nov. 12	Chapter of Rose Croix	Election / Education	7:00 PM
Nov. 15		Officer Training	2:00 PM
Dec. 10	Consistory	Installation / Education	7:00 PM





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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>