



The Rite Review



February 2026

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

February 12, 2026 — February Stated Meeting... Our February stated meeting will be opened by the Consistory at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Masonic education will be 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 Ray Ashby, Jon Canupp's mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Tommy Allen, Jr.'s mother, Jerry Brown's wife, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen's wife, Thomas Patterson, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Jones, Louie Cox's wife, Lon Weber, Terry Watson's wife, Jeff Jackson, and Bobby Sparks in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Save the Date!

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Spring Reunion will take place on April 24 & 25, 2026 at the Winston-Salem Masonic Center. More information to come!

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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.

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
 4557 Country Club Road
 Winston-Salem, NC 27104

5:45 pm – 9:00 pm **13** February

Rite Works: 2026 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference

Innovation, Tradition, and Brotherhood. How can we embrace these three elements to create the future for our great fraternity?

The 2026 Rite Works Membership Conferences will explore these ideas and allow Scottish Rite leaders and Brothers from across the Southern Jurisdiction to learn hands-on about new ways to build and strengthen the Rite. From using AI tools to reduce administrative burdens to learning how to make authentic connections across several generations, to finding ways to engage brothers who don't live close to a Valley, these conferences will be energetic, interactive, and informative. Most of all, they will be FUN!



Good Cheer Report

Congratulations to Brother Alex Edmisten, 32° KCCH, who recently received the Certificate of Commendation for all his contributions and hard work for the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite, RiteCare SRCLP of NC, as well as helping those affected by Hurricane Helene in Western, NC. Thank-you for all you do. Well-done Brother.



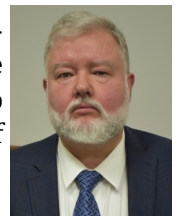
Congratulations to Brother Kenneth Allen, 32° KCCH, who recently received the Certificate of Commendation for all his contributions and hard work for the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite and RiteCare SRCLP of NC. Thank-you for all you do. Well-done

Brother.

Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Todd Hildebran, 33°, who completed serving as head over all four of the Scottish Rite Bodies in our Valley. He was awarded a special display case with jewels representing his service over the Bodies. Congratulations and well-done Brother.



Congratulations to Brother Rodney Bennett, 32°, recipient of the Scottish Rite Service Award. Thank-you for all you do for the Scottish Rite, as well as all of Freemasonry. Well-done brother.



Blue Lodge News



Congratulations to Brother Donald Small as being elected Master of Denton Masonic Lodge # 404. Well-done Brother!

Congratulations to Brother Jeff Knabb on being elected Master of Salem Masonic Lodge # 289. Well-done Brother!



Get to Know — Adam Saylor

Name: Adam Saylor

Age: 34

Birthday: January 27th

Married: Yes

Kids: One son, Emmanuel, and one daughter, Scarlett

College: A little bit

Occupation: Own a radon mitigation company

Hobbies: I play with my consciousness

Pets: Two dogs

Favorite season: Autumn

Sports Fan: Nope

Favorite Food: Southern

Last book you read: Crata Rapoa

Favorite Movie: Easy Rider

Pet Peeve: Wasting my time or attention



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.



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!



February Birthdays

February 1st... Sean Tolbert

February 2nd... Robert Absher, Henry Allen, Matthew Smith

February 3rd... Todd Hildebran, George Wilcox

February 4th... Ernest Golding

February 5th... Robert McKinney, Albert Medders, Charles Smith

February 6th... Stephen Carter, Rayford Myers

February 7th... Jerry Hooker

February 9th... Ed Vogler

February 10th... Carl Lambert, Dale Rose

February 12th... Michael Neaves, Vilas Payne

February 13th... Freddy Gibson

February 17th... Jim Earnhardt, Mark Stewart

February 18th... James Fonshill

February 20th... Bryan Lee

February 21st... Isaiah Reed

February 22nd... Wayne Arrowood, Daniel Miller, Mark Williams

February 23rd... Charles Fry

February 25th... James Oliver

February 26th... Thornton Beroth, Von McKnight

February 27th... William Adams, Joe Gibson

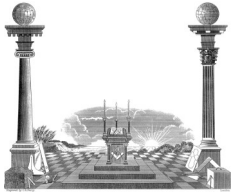
February 28th... Brent Higgins

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!

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/>



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RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Programs of 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

WS Scottish Rite Facebook Page
[www.facebook.com/
groups/298141290271888/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/298141290271888/)

The Scottish Rite in North Carolina
<https://www.ncscottishrite.org>

Winston-Salem Masonic Center
<http://masoniccenterws.com>

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

Scottish Rite, SJ Facebook Page
[https://www.facebook.com/
ScottishRiteFreemasonry](https://www.facebook.com/ScottishRiteFreemasonry)