



The Rite Review



March 2026

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

March 12, 2026 — March Stated Meeting... Our March stated meeting will be opened by the Lodge of Perfection at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. 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 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, Tom Jolly's wife, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Jones, Louie Cox's wife, Bobby Sparks, Chad Graham, and Will Fulbright's uncle in your thoughts and prayers.

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite remembers and honors Illustrious Brother Lon Warneke Weber, 33°, who laid down his working tools on February 5, 2026. He was 93 years old.

Illustrious Brother Weber was a member of Olive Branch Masonic Lodge No. 6 in Wisconsin. He was initiated on June 4, 1954, passed on April 3, 1956, and raised on May 15, 1956. During his Degrees, Ill. Brother Lon served our Great Nation in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in the Philippines. During his service in the Philippines, he received a special dispensation to complete his Degrees at Kyushu Masonic Lodge No. 127.



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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...
bobbclair62@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.

Sick & Distressed (cont.)

Brother Weber held a Ph. D., and served as Director of the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay from 1963 to 1964. He was appointed Dean of the University of Wisconsin Center - Marinette County from 1964 to 1967. Brother Lon had a long and productive career in education, from Wisconsin to Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Washington DC, and later retiring in Virginia.

Ill. Brother Weber received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Hastings, Nebraska Scottish Rite Bodies in October of 1985. He was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 16, 1989, and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 19, 1993. Brother Weber was extremely active in the Scottish Rite, serving in a multitude of different capacities, including having parts in several Degree Teams, serving on Membership Committees, and many others. Ill. Brother Lon was a dual member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Newport News, Virginia, and the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley.

Illustrious Brother Weber is fondly remembered and honored.

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



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 Illustrious Brother William Adams, 33°, who was recently presented with his 25-Year Scottish Rite Service Award. Well-done, and thank-you for all you do for the Scottish Rite, as well as all of Freemasonry.



Congratulations to Brother Bobby Ball, 32°, who was recently presented with his Scottish Rite Patent. Welcome to the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley.



Blue Lodge News

WB Joey Transou was recently at Lebanon Lodge No. 207 presenting a program on WhiteStone and the Fraternal Friendship Program. On behalf of the Fraternal Friendship and MESH, LLC, he was pleased to receive their check for \$1,650 for support of our elderly fraternally related brothers and sisters at WhiteStone and across the state who needs assistance.



Get to Know – John “Jay” Tilley

Name: John “Jay” Tilley III
Age: 50
Birthday: September 11th
Married: Yes, to Rebecca for 22 years
Kids: Twin 18 year-old boys, John & Will
Occupation: Lieutenant, Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office
Hobbies: Collecting comic books, fishing, Renaissance Faires
Pets: 2 pugs, Tanner & Yoshi
Favorite season: Spring
Sports Fan: Red Sox Baseball
Favorite Food: BBQ
 Favorite TV show: Ghost Adventures
Last book you read: Lord of the Rings
Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction
Pet Peeve: People who can’t drive



March Birthdays

- March 1st...** Teddy Ashley, John McPherson
- March 3rd...** Christopher Beauchamp, Reginald Hall
- 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 Myers
- March 12th...** David Johnson
- March 13th...** Derek Frosh, Robert Poe
- March 15th...** Jason Dove, Jackie Marble
- March 16th...** Bruce Hayes
- March 17th...** Clyde George, Frank Guy, Dale Liner, James Muscatello
- March 18th...** Jason Parker
- March 19th...** John Davis
- March 20th...** Michael Clark, Jeff Knabb, 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
- March 31st...** Lucas Breeden, Stephen Dempsey, Lindell Stoker

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.



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/>



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valentine's Day Celebration

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite held their annual Valentine's Day dinner and dance on February 13th. It was a wonderful success and everyone in attendance had a marvelous time.



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!

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!



Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

SPRING REUNION

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 24 AND 25, 2026

Honoring Ill. Brother Richard J. Smith, Sr., 33°
and Brother David L. Crook 32° K.C.C.H.

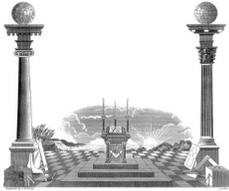
Access the online petition by pressing "Ctrl"
and clicking on the link below, or copy and
paste this address into your browser:

[Winston-Salem Petition for Membership \(With payment\)](#)

or scan this QR code:

For more information or questions,
please contact the General Secretary,
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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
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