



# The Scottish Rite MESSENGER

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## Llano Masons, Austin Scottish Rite Bodies establish learning center in public school



Above photo: Judge **Jack Hightower, 33°** addresses Highland Lakes-area Masons, their families and local business leaders in ceremonies opening the new elementary school in Llano. Right photo: **Henry Parker, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:**, presents Principal **John Hauser** the teacher's manual for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital's Dyslexia Program which will be used in the school's learning center.

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ANNOUNCED**  
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# Scottish Rite Temple Calendar

## December, 2000

- 1 - 2 **Grand Annual Communication, M.W. Grand Lodge of Texas - Waco**
- 5 Hill City Lodge No. 456 Stated Meeting
- 6 **Scottish Rite Stated Meeting - Election of Officers**
- 7 University Lodge No. 1190 Stated Meeting
- 14 Travis O.E.S. Stated Meeting
- 19 Daughters of the Nile Luncheon
- 20 Daughters of the Nile Stated Meeting
- 22 - 31 **Christmas Holidays - Business Office Closed through Jan. 1**  
Hill City Work Nights: 13, 20, 27  
(Freedom Church meets each Sunday morning in Dining Room.)

## January, 2001

- 2 Hill City Lodge No. 456 Stated Meeting
- 3 **Scottish Rite Stated Meeting - Installation of Officers**
- 4 University Lodge No. 1190 Stated Meeting
- 13 Travis O.E.S. Stated Meeting
- 15 M.L.K. Holiday - Business Office Closed
- 16 Daughters of the Nile Luncheon
- 17 Daughters of the Nile Stated Meeting  
Hill City Work Nights: 9, 16, 23, 30

## February, 2001

- 1 University Lodge No. 1190 Stated Meeting
- 2 Hill City Lodge No. 456 Stated Meeting
- 6 **Scottish Rite Stated Meeting**
- 10 Travis O.E.S. Stated Meeting
- 19 **Presidents' Day - Business Office Closed**
- 20 Daughters of the Nile Luncheon
- 21 Daughters of the Nile Stated Meeting
- 22 George Washington's 269th Birthday  
Hill City Work Nights: 13, 20, 27

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IN YEAR-END GIVING

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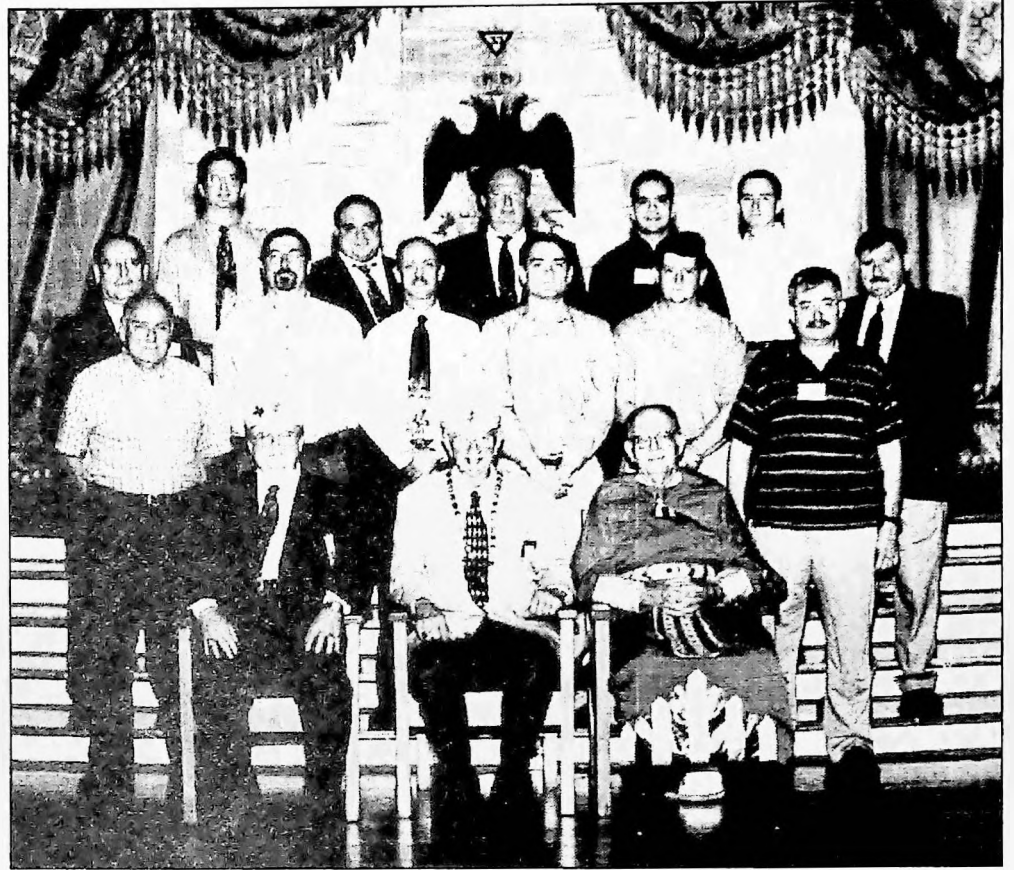
THE TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

ALL ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE TO THE FULL EXTENT OF LAW.

# Thirteen new Masters of the Royal Secret created during Fall Scottish Rite Reunion

Neither lack of rain, Austin's torn up streets, nor a Longhorn football game could keep the "messengers" of Scottish Rite Masonry from conducting an outstanding Fall Reunion on an equally stellar class of 13 candidates. A 14th candidate arrived for the Friday evening startup, but was sent home to recuperate from the flu bug.

Members of the class pictured at right with General Secretary Kelso, Chairman Hightower and Reunion Director Long are: Johnny Lynn Simpson Jr., Bill Ray Gilkey, Smiley Amado Garcia, George Winfield Schalles IV, Andrew Joseph Williamson, Henry Clay Duggan Jr., John Ernest Wallace, John Charles "Scrappy" King, Randall Bervin Shell, Ismyael Herrera Soto, Douglas Dwight Gullickson, Michael Lawrence Reuland, Judson Bryan McClung.



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## *Membership: What is it worth to you?*

Following the recent decision by the Imperial Shrine leadership to drop York or Scottish Rite prerequisites, Master Masons have been presented with serious issues relating to their various memberships.

As 2001 dues statements arrived from the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shrine, some members questioned the need to keep paying dues to *The Rites* since the Shrine now only requires a man to be a Master Mason. On the other side of the coin, some Masons have threatened to turn their backs on the Shrine in retaliation for its action and the very real possibility of non-Masonic "social memberships" in the future.

Why should a Master Mason consider becoming a Scottish or York Rite Mason? One only has to remember being told as a Master Mason: "... you are now in possession of *all* the light *this* Lodge can bestow."

The 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite provide a

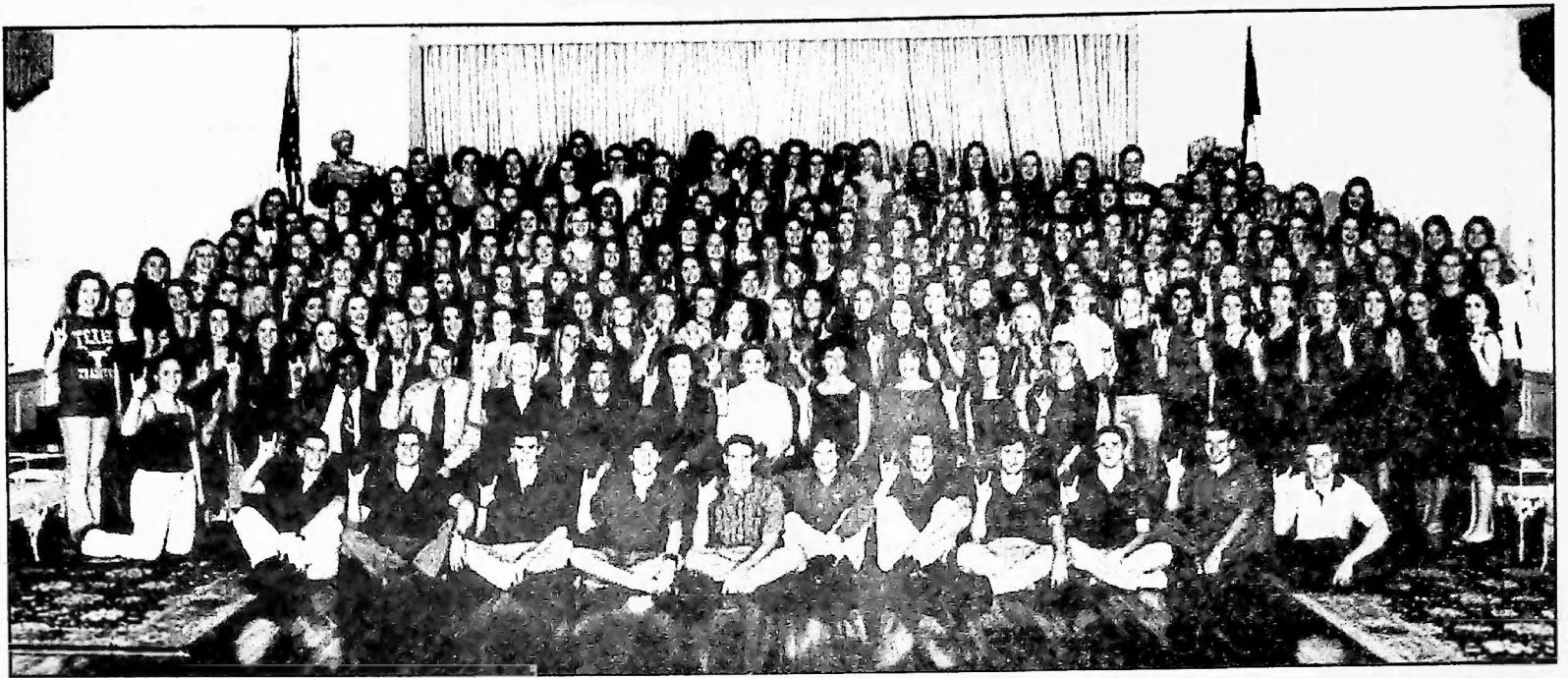
Mason with a lifetime of material for study, self-examination, and an opportunity to support community literacy programs for children and adults, our own Scottish Rite Learning Center (a school for dyslexic children), the Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas, The Scottish Rite Dormitory at UT-Austin, and numerous other philanthropies.

That *Further Light* in Masonry found through the Scottish Rite comes with a price. Is it worth it? Only the individual Mason can decide.

Look at the above photo of our Fall Reunion Class. Many in the class are 40, or younger. Regardless of age, all are Master Masons interested in a deeper understanding of the ancient wisdom expressed in the so-called "higher degrees."

As the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J. approaches its bicentennial year, there's no question that being a Master of the Royal Secret is priceless.

- Editor



The 2000-2001 residents, staff and leadership of the Scottish Rite Dormitory

# Scottish Rite Dormitory serves UT co-eds through thick and thin for 78 years

By **Mrs. Susie Holt**, Director  
Scottish Rite Dormitory

I would like for you to imagine this scene: A mother carrying in boxes with a tear rolling down her cheek. A father with tools and a stereo to hook up. A young woman whose face reveals a mixture of emotions ranging from excitement to anxiety. They are greeted with brightly decorated halls with their name on their door, and the names, birthdays, and cities and towns of the other girls on their hall posted in their lounge area. The Resident Assistants are there to greet them as they move-in. You begin to see more smiles and some of the nervousness gone from their expression replaced by a look of excitement from both the parents and their daughters.

This is the picture we often see at SRD on move-in day, multiplied by almost 300! It is one of the most fun days we have at SRD. Our employees have on T-shirts and tennis shoes and are there to give a hand if needed or just a smile and acknowledgment to the parents and daughters. The above mentioned scene has transpired for almost 80 years at SRD.

In 1920, Samuel P. Cochran, the

Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masonry in Texas, recognized the need for suitable housing for young ladies attending the University of Texas. He asked the Scottish Rite Bodies in Texas to donate the necessary funds to build the Dormitory and that request was generously responded to. The Dormitory began housing girls in rented facilities in 1920 and opened the doors to our present building in 1922. It is one of the finest examples of Neo-Georgian architecture in the U.S. and is the only dormitory of its kind in the world.

The dormitory is situated on seven acres, one block north of UT. SRD has maintained the elegant traditions of the past and blends them with modern amenities, such as our Fitness Center and Computer Center. Of course, I am prejudiced, but SRD is a very special place to live and work.

The Dormitory provides much more for our residents other than a roof over their heads. I must say the one thing that SRD offers that you cannot find in most dormitory situations is a home-like atmosphere.

Another benefit of living at SRD (of which there are many) is our location. The residents can catch the campus bus

at the front of our building. There is virtually no parking available on the UT campus, so this is very convenient for the residents.

Residency is for unmarried women who are attending the University of Texas who have proper Masonic affiliation or a Masonic sponsorship. The Masonic affiliation can be any family relation of a Master Mason, living or deceased. If a young woman does not have anyone in her family who is or was a Mason, can be accepted with the recommendation of two Master Masons and a sponsorship (without financial responsibility) from a regular subordinate Masonic Lodge. The sponsorships have been very helpful in the past few years. We have many girls who are coming to the dormitory through sponsorships and are having the chance to see what the Masonic principles are all about.

**Editor's note: Your tax deductible contributions to the SRD should be made to The Scottish Rite Educational Foundation, Inc., and either mailed with your Scottish Rite dues payment, or directly to The Scottish Rite Dormitory, 210 W. 27th St. Austin, TX 78705.**

*At Bicentennial Session*

# Supreme Council Announces Honors for conferral in Charleston

**Ill.:** **Jack Hightower, 33°** exercised his privilege of personally informing 13 members of the Valley of Austin of their unanimous election by the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to well deserved recognition of their service. **Ill.:** **Sam E. Hilburn, 33°** notified Chairman Hightower of the Supreme Council's action on Sept. 25.

The early notification was prompted by the Supreme Council's desire that Thirty-third Degree designates have the opportunity to make plans to receive their honor during the bicentennial biennial session in Oct., 2001 at Charleston, South Carolina. The K.:C.:C.:H.: investiture for Austin Valley designates will be held later in conjunction with the traditional honors dinner. With this class of K.:C.:C.:H.: designate's wives will be invited to witness the Austin investiture with **Ill.:** **Robert Northcutt, 33°** presiding in the role of Sovereign Grand Commander.



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# Austin delegation views Guthrie ritual

Austin Scottish Rite Ritualistic Director **Andrew J. McVeigh III, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:** and Venerable Master **Jim Dougherty, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:** traveled to Guthrie, OK, on Nov. 4, to attend the Guthrie Valley Fall Reunion.

The Valley of Guthrie has been presenting a Supreme Council-authorized revision of the Scottish Rite Ritual produced a number of years ago by their ritual director **Ill.: Jim Tresner, 33° Grand Cross.** While the Valley of Austin has the newly revised ritual for all 29 degrees as edited by **Ill.: Rex Hutchens, 33°**, implementation of their use will be gradual, according to Col. McVeigh.

The Guthrie Valley is famous for its degree presentation under the directorship of **Jim Tresner, 33°**. "Guthrie lived up to that tradition with superb acting and stagecraft before a sizeable class of candidates," said Col. McVeigh.

Plans are being made for a statewide Scottish Rite Reunion in September 2001 in compliment to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas. The Valley of Austin is expected to confer the 4th Degree. That degree team, made up of members of Parsons Lodge No. 222 will confer the revised degree for the first time at the Spring 2001 Reunion, scheduled for March 23-24. Details on both reunions will appear in the next edition of the *Messenger*.

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## Biblical dramatizations on stage of A.S.R.

A pair of critically acclaimed dramatizations, *An Evening with Paul The Apostle* and *The Gospel According to St. John*, begin a four week run in the Scottish Rite Theatre in January. Presented by **Alexander Cavalli**, the hour-long, one-man presentations are drawn from the King James translation of the Bible.

Tickets are available prior to the performance. Regular admission is \$8, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$20 for families.

## Gary Brinkley, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: - elect

**Gary Brinkley**, 32° and two of his grandchildren were killed when their RV was hit by another vehicle in Caldwell County on Oct. 29. At press time his wife, **Rosalind Wade Brinkley**, was hospitalized in San Antonio with severe burns and head injury. A third grandchild was rescued from the burning RV by an off-duty Houston police officer and suffered minor injuries. The family was on their way from their home in Cameron to San Antonio and Elgin.

Brinkley, 58, was a valued member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Scottish Rite Educational Foundation (The Scottish Rite Dormitory.) He was informed in September of his election to the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

In professional life, he was an internal accountant for the Texas Railroad Commission. Descended from Bro. **Edward Burleson** and the Rev. **R.C. Brinkley**, his family has a long history of achievement and service to Texas. Mrs. Brinkley is a teacher in the Cameron public schools.

He was a member of Austin Lodge No. 12 and became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Austin on Sept. 8, 1979.

## Henry Crawford "Hank" Strange, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:

**Hank Strange** loved the fall. It was the season to get outdoors and gather pecans. Even with the ravages of age and unsteady legs, he still managed to collect pecans during their season and plant when winter retreated in favor of the warmer months. Hank missed pecan season as the Great Architect of the Universe called him to refreshment on Sept. 11. He was 93.



H. C. "Hank" Strange,  
32° K.:C.:C.:H.:

Henry Crawford Strange was born in Box Church, TX, but called Austin *home* for the past 52 years. He is preceded in death by his wife, **Ruth Strange**.

He was a member of Hyde Park Methodist Church and the Austin Men's Garden Club. In 1991-92, Hank recruited the most new members for the garden club, earning him the Spade Club Award from the Gardeners of America for those years.

Hank served in the United States Navy Seabees in the Pacific in World War II, and in the Naval Shipyard in Orange, TX during the Korean Conflict.

The Masonic fraternity was more than a hobby for Hank. He labored long in Masonry and was a Past Master of T. Neil Porter Lodge and also a member of Austin Lodge No. 12. He was a member of the Austin York Rite Bodies and Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

For many years it was Bro. Hank who greeted members and their guests in the Scottish Rite lobby on stated meeting night. He kept tabs on cap and case cards for new members and presented these membership rewards after intoning his trademark line, "front and center!" He was recognized for his service to the Scottish Rite with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1983.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and will be missed by his friends and brothers of the Masonic fraternity.

## Deaths

(As reported to Oct. 31, 2000)

**Dale Rothrock, 32°**

**J. B. Lauderdale, 32°**

**Gerald Ray Shewmaker, 32°**

**Maurice Edward Ruby, 32°**

**H. C. "Hank" Strange,**

**32° K.:C.:C.:H.:**

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