



# AUSTIN SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

ORIENT OF TEXAS · VALLEY OF AUSTIN

## The e-Messenger

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The annual reunion will be the first weekend in June. The initiation fees have been lowered to \$275.
- Reminder that when you come to the Temple, please park in the spaces not marked for the news channel.
- The Orient convocation will be held on September 7th and 8th in Waco.
- Bro. Oscar Orum, 33° IGH, reminds all brethren that the cost of providing the meals has increased so please donate at least \$7 to the Garde Manger meal kitty.
- A new educational program will be available during stated meeting nights
- Please feel free to have your wives, girlfriends or significant others join us for dinner and the open program.

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## From the Personal Rep...

Enclosed are articles from the heads of the various activities in which the Austin Valley is involved. They have all devoted many hours of their time and treasure for the good of the fraternity. To each of them I wish to convey my sincere gratitude for their efforts. Please take the time to read their articles to see what is going on in your Valley. I encourage you to consider involving yourself in some aspect of the improvement of the Valley and utilizing the Valley to the benefit of your Blue Lodge and it's communities.

As we continue to work on our Strategic Planning for our future, our five initiatives remain central to our effort. They are as follows:

- Fraternal and Social – Keye E. Perry, Sr., 32° KCCH;
- Education – John Brengle, 33° ICH, and John Wallace, 32° KCCH;
- Spiritual – John Tolbert, 33° IGH;
- Operations- George Moxley, 32° KCCH;
- Fundraising – Fernando Albornoz, 32° KCCH.

Please contact these brethren if you would like to help with some of these Strategic Initiatives.

We will continue to communicate what is going on in the Valley with different resources. Budgetary constraints make it virtually impossible to generate a quarterly mail out. Instead, we are doing one physical newsletter a year and subsequent electronic updates via email and our website. Approximately half of our members have not provided us with email addresses. Please consider printing out the newsletter and distributing this to your Lodges and Masonic clubs so that those members will be kept informed. Notable events this quarter include our Maundy Thursday ceremony and showing of the Masonic movie "33 and Beyond." It will be shown in two parts, the first at 5:30 p.m. at the April 4th meeting and the second at 5:30 p.m. at the May 2nd meeting.

Brother Albornoz's article will inform you of our special program on May 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be a both fun and an important event. Please consider participating in sponsorship and attendance. It will be fun to have the fellowship with your families . The funds raised will go to Valley programs including newsletters, leadership training, reunion and costume servicing. Finally, our only reunion of the year will be the first weekend in June. Send in petitions early so that we may plan. Get together with a brother Scottish Rite Mason. Bring him to the Reunion and join in the fellowship and renewal of your vows—Brian



**Brian Vance 33° IGH**  
*Personal Representative*  
*Valley of Austin*

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## From General Secretary George Moxley...

Brethren,

We will not be having our regular stated meeting in April. We will be having our Maundy Thursday celebration and our Feast of Remembrance and Renewal in place of the stated meeting on April 4th. Come and join us for this special celebration at 6:30pm.

There are lots of events scheduled over the next few months.

Due to Dr. Casebolt's, 33° IGH, retirement we will begin a new education program at the 5:30pm time slot. In July Brother John Wallace, 32°KCCH, and others will begin teaching the Master Craftsman I program for anyone interested. For our April and May education program Brother Wallace will be showing a movie about Masonry entitled 33 and Beyond. Brother Wallace says this is a very good movie about Masonry and recommends it to everyone.

On the topic of education I would like to thank Brother Casebolt for all his years of work on the programs he has presented. They are always interesting and I know he has put a lot of time and energy in the preparation of the programs. When you get a chance be sure to thank Brother Casebolt for his contributions to our Valley.

Our Personal Representative is trying to get together a group to travel to Guthrie to see their degrees which are always very good. We will be renting a van to take to Guthrie Oklahoma for their Spring Reunion. The trip will leave Austin on Thursday, April 5th with a stop at the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas where they will give a tour of the Hospital and they will feed everyone lunch. They will return on Sunday, April 8th. For more information, please see the article in this newsletter....



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SAT. MAY 26 2018

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MAY 26, 2018  
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TWO-STEP  
SHORT LESSON  
AT 5:00 P.M.

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VALLEY OF AUSTIN

## Time to put your boots on!!!!

The Austin Scottish Rite is hosting a fun-filled event for Masons, their families and the public to celebrate our Fraternity promote fellowship and raise funds for our Valley. We're calling it a Country Western Concert and Dance and will be held at the Scottish Rite Theater on Saturday, May 26, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. This is a fundraising event benefiting the Austin Scottish Rite Valley, which has set a challenge to all Scottish Rite Masons to help raise \$10,000.00, through sponsorships and ticket sales. Sponsorship levels are \$300, \$250 and \$150, while individual tickets are \$25 per person.

So dust off your Tony Lama boots, put on your Wrangler jeans, don your Stetsons, bring your Lady and family and get ready to do some serious two-stepping to the sound of one country music's rising stars, 2017 Honky Tonk Male Artist of the Year, Jake Penrod & His Million Dollar Cowboys. Plan to arrive a little early because promptly at 5:00 P.M., there will be a mini-lesson on how to do the Two-Step, as a refresher for the experienced dancers or an introduction to the uninitiated.

For more info, visit [WWW.AustinScottishRite.com](http://WWW.AustinScottishRite.com), or purchase your tickets directly online at Brown Paper Tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3381459>.

## SR Chirp

From [Scottishrite.org](http://Scottishrite.org)....

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Southern Jurisdiction is making a new tool available exclusively to Scottish Rite Masons, known as SR Chirp. This is a personal communication and messaging utility which operates as a mobile phone application and is unique to the Scottish Rite.

The name “Chirp” was selected by the application’s developer, which has other business-to-consumer projects apart from the Scottish Rite. SR Chirp messages are known as “Chirps.”

Using the application, Scottish Rite members may to “Chirp” to each other and share their experiences, day-to-day interactions and thoughts, updates from their local Valleys and Orients, or simply stay connected throughout the jurisdiction.

The application enables Scottish Rite Masons to quickly and conveniently communicate and interact. Although SR Chirp is similar to text messaging in some ways, because SR Chirp is usable only by Scottish Rite members, it becomes simple to separate communications with brothers from the sometimes overwhelming number of messaging that are part of our personal and business lives.

Installation is simple and registration requires only that you confirm your membership and create a user ID through the [my.scottishrite.org](http://my.scottishrite.org) portal if you have not already done so. Activation instructions are included with the application installation.

## Valley Field trip—Guthrie Reunion, April 6th thru 8th, 2018

This year, the Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma will be holding its Spring Reunion beginning on Friday, April 6th and ending on Sunday, April 8th. This year, PR Brian Vance has worked up reservations for a van and blocked a room at one of the area hotels in Guthrie to accommodate approximately 15 brethren who might like to enjoy a weekend trip full of Scottish Rite fellowship!

The van would depart on Thursday morning (time still to be determined) and would make a stop at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas for a tour and

lunch before heading on to Guthrie.

If you have never been to the Guthrie Reunion, it is a full three days of events, degrees and other activities. Friday morning the Opening Ceremonies kick the weekend off at 8 a.m. followed thereafter with the 4° Secret Master and conclude on Sunday afternoon with the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret.

So if you would like to enjoy a full weekend of Scottish Rite activities, please contact PR Brian Vance and join your brethren on a inspirational and fun-filled weekend.



### A documentary that you might not have heard of....



In 2010, Writer and Director Johnny Royal, embarked on a 7 year journey to document and tell the story of American Freemasonry. Inspired by his own progression through the degrees of Master Mason, Knight Templar and 32nd Degree of the Scottish Rite, Royal gathered over 140 hours of footage consisting of interviews with prominent Masons, and never before seen footage from the insider's perspective. On Friday, October 13, 2017, Royal premiered his debut feature length film to a sold out audience in San Francisco., CA. The film is now beginning a national theatrical tour around the United States. For more information and to order your copy, please follow this link: <https://www.theroyalartmovie.com/>

Psst! Pass it along...the Scottish Rite Valley of Austin is here for you and your Blue Lodge! Has your Lodge been looking for a way to participate in the community? Contact the General Secretary about how you can get a Texas and U.S. Flag to present to a school in your local area. Looking for a little more Light at your Blue Lodge meetings? The Valley of Austin is putting together a Speakers Bureau so you can invite a speaker to present an education moment at your Lodge! Need help with putting on a degree? There are a lot of knowledgeable brethren willing to lend a hand. There is also the Scottish Rite Republic of Texas Degree Team that is waiting to put on an unforgettable degree for your next Master Mason!

Brethren I have another secret to pass along...each and every one of us is an Ambassador of the Valley of Austin and with your help we can strengthen the bond between the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite. I hope you will spread the reason why you enjoy Scottish Rite Freemasonry with your Blue Lodge. Let them know and invite them out to the two part viewing of the movie "33 and Beyond: The Royal Art of Freemasonry" that we will be enjoying during the months of April and May before they enjoy an outstanding meal put on by the Garde Manger! We are also looking at starting up a Scottish Rite 101 class to introduce Scottish Rite Freemasonry to interested Brethren and we will also be starting a Master Craftsman course in the near future. These are things you can invite your Blue Lodge to attend and learn more about why you enjoy Scottish Rite Freemasonry.





## Scottish Rite JROTC Program for High Schools

Commencing in 1998 and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, initiated a program of recognition for outstanding Junior ROTC students. This initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) unit for their scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and a certificate suitable for framing.

Check with the General Secretary for more details.

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*The Cause of Human Progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of human rights to all people everywhere, the end of our contention.*

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