



AUSTIN SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ORIENT OF TEXAS · VALLEY OF AUSTIN

The Messenger

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The General Secretary would like to remind everyone to please make sure that your dues are up-to-date
- Reminder that when you come to the Temple, please park in the spaces not marked for the news channel.
- Bro. Oscar Orum reminds all brethren that the cost of providing the meals has increased so please donate generously to the Garde Manger meal kitty...
- Please feel free to have your wives, girlfriends or significant others join us for dinner and open program.

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From the Personal Rep...

We are delighted to resurrect our quarterly newsletter because it provides us a method of keeping everyone informed of our current activities and accomplishments. As we continue to work to improve our fraternity by offering programs to our Blue Lodges, enhancing our educational and esoteric efforts, scheduling fraternal activities, creating meetings that we enjoy, and achieving excellence in the execution of our plans, we are taking a fresh look at all of our endeavors from top to bottom.

Sprinkled throughout this publication you will find introductions to these activities. In the meantime, you will find more detail and regular updates on our website Austinscottishrite.org.

As we look forward to fulfilling our promise with these initiatives, I am gratified by the efforts and successes of our brethren in the Scottish Rite and in our Valley. Congratulations are to be extended to Bro. Ralph Wayne, 33° IGH, as he was awarded the Grand Cross by the Southern Jurisdiction at the last biennium. Bro. Wayne's decades of tireless service to the community, the Craft, and the Hospital are familiar to us all. His work in turning around the Scottish Rite Dormitory is among the highest examples of servant leadership. Bro. Moton Crockett, 33° IGH, frequently offers his inestimable whispered counsel and support, for which I am grateful. Bro. Robert Northcutt, 33° IGH, has been a rock for me and the Valley during my three-and-a-half year transition as his successor.

I want to express my gratitude to the many brethren that give countless hours to the Valley in a labor of love of the Craft. Your dedication is the glue that hold the Valley together.

To each of our members I want you to know that I appreciate each of your. Our ability to communicate with you is critical. Please review your contact information and let us know of any updated that need to be may to your address, phone number and e-mail.

Finally, I ask you to consider participating in some of our activities, or initiate some of your own for the Valley. If we each make only a small commitment of time or other resources, all of our members, families, and communities will reap the benefits of the changes that we bring about—Brian



*Brian Vance 32° KCCH
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From General Secretary George Moxley...



while, the stars in the ceiling will be visible! There are also plans to reupholster the seats in the theater.

Don't forget to sign-in when you arrive. Also, we are taking nominations for the Double Eagle Award. There will be index cards at the sign-in desk so please take a moment and nominate a Brother you feeling is deserving of the recognition.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically to save the Valley the cost of postage or if you are not currently on our e-mail distribution list, please provide me with your current e-mail address and we will update our system so that you stay informed concerning events, meetings, and programs within the Valley.

Brethren...do not miss out on our July 6th Stated meeting!

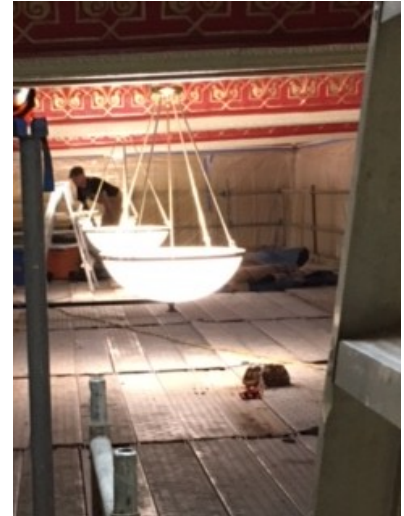
The renovations are coming along very well (see the brief article on Page 2). For the first time in a

The work inside the Theater



The long overdue work of refurbishing the ceiling inside the main Theater room is progressing ahead of schedule. As you can see from the pictures, extensive scaffolding had to be put in place so that workers refurbishing the ceiling could utilize a full floor. In addition to the replacement of the old exterior cloth covering, rewiring for both electrical and sound is also being completed.

A side benefit is that it was discovered that some of the holes cut into the ceiling for the air conditioner vents were inadvertently diverting conditioned air underneath the ceiling instead of down into the Theater. Needless to say with that particular issue fixed, hopefully our a/c won't have to work as hard during the coming summer months.



“Ambassadors create a two-way flow of information between people and organizations”

How much do you know about your Austin Scottish Rite Valley’s Ambassador program?

by Joe Schriever, 32° KCCH

The Ambassador’s program provides a vital link between the Austin Valley of the Scottish Rite and the other Masonic and affiliated organizations in the Central Texas area. Ambassadors create a two-way flow of information between people and organizations; publicize Masonic education opportunities throughout the Valley; and proactively support Masonic activities.

Specifically, Ambassadors establish and build the Austin Scottish Rite brand throughout the Valley by showing an active presence and supporting other Masonic and affiliated bodies through their regular attendance and participation in their activities. Ambassadors establish two-way communications between the Valley and other organizations; and are the eyes and ears of the Valley, provided a conduit for information

on activities, needs and opportunities. Ambassadors provide information on, and assist in arranging, education programs for members of other organizations and offer support to other bodies, such as programs and speakers, communications through the Valley’s website, newsletters and monthly “talking points”; degree team members; and potential instructors for educational programs.

Star of the Republic Scottish Rite Club

by Matthew J. Caldwell, 32°

The Star of the Republic has had two very exciting quarterly meetings that have been both well attended and engaging. The January meeting was held at Warren Lodge #56 in Caldwell. We had our installation of officers and an in depth conversation on supporting our lodges and making Masonry a worthwhile investment of men’s time. We also had remarks from R.W. Richard Acebo, 32°, DDGM for Masonic

District No. 44 and recognized Bro. Donnie Baron, 32° on his investiture as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

Our April meeting was held at Lee Scott Lodge #793 in Somerville. Ill. Brian Vance was in attendance and our meeting focused on the D-Day invasion. Bro. Clarence Junek, 33° IGH, gave a firsthand account of his participation in the invasion of

Europe and was wounded in Germany.

Bro. Vance presented us with a Texas flag flown over the Texas Capital. The club presented it to Warren Lodge #56, who in turn presented it to Caldwell Middle School. The club’s next meeting is at Graham Lodge #20 in Brenham.



San Saba Scottish Rite Club



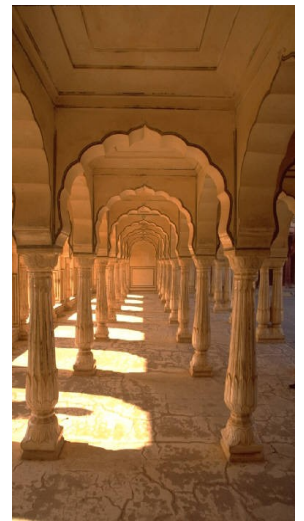
by Ross J. Cox, Sr. 33° IGH

This year the quarterly meetings have been well attended with excellent programs. In March, Justin Glosson, 32° of

the Austin Scottish Rite presented a program titled "The Sixth Noble Science of the Craft." The meeting was also attended by Illustrious Brian Vance, 32° KCCH who provided the club with a report on activities going on within the Austin Valley.

The meeting in May featured Bro. John Tolbert, 33° IGH who came to speak to us about Hermetic Philosophy. Also during the month of May the San Saba club helped the Order of the

Eastern Star and San Saba Lodge with the annual high school seniors banquet. Each year, the club awards the Albert Pike Medallion along with a cash scholarship to a graduating senior of San Saba High School. This year the amount awarded under the scholarship was increased to \$1,000 and was presented at the commencement exercises by Bro. Douglas Merritt.



The Arm In Arm program: the Recreational Shooting Club

by Jose Velez, 32°



The Arm In Arm program is an umbrella for programs that brothers with like interests can pursue as a group of

brethren. One of those programs is the Recreational Shooting Club.

The purpose of this club is to promote participation in all forms of recreational shooting for Austin Scottish Rite members and their families. Membership requirements for the Club are as follows: 1) The member must be in good standing with the Austin Scottish Rite and current on dues; 2) The member must pass a short safety exam (both written and hands-on). Those that do not pass the exam

are required to attend, and successfully complete, a safety class run by a Range Safety Officer or an equivalent; and 3) family members that also wish to participate must be at least 21 years of age or older.

If you have questions concerning the club or would like to join, please contact Jose Velez at 512-289-0954 or via e-mail at jose.velez@polo.org.

How to let your Scottish Rite brethren know who is in sickness or distress

In order that the brethren of the Valley are aware of those brethren who are ill or are in distress, there is a specific section of the Austin Scottish Rite Valley's website devoted to reporting/sharing that type of information.

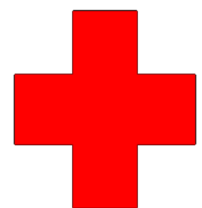
All that someone needs to do is access the website at Austinscottrite.org and find the following tab:

Sickness & Distress

Once this tab has been opened, the user is at the Home location for the Sickness and Distress Committee and will see the most recent reports on brethren that have been submitted.

In order to submit a request to the committee, simply select the "Submit" option; complete the section that requests your information and then the section that details the information concerning the brother that you would like to send/share

with the committee. Once this information is complete, please do not forget to enter the code in the box at the bottom of the page (as this will identify that the report submitted is not something mechanically created like "spam") and then push the "Submit this report" button. The committee reviews all requests/information that is submitted as quickly as possible so that it is shared with everyone in the Valley.





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As you know, for many, many years the Austin Scottish Rite meetings have operated under the following format:

5:30—6:30 p.m.: Educational programming

6:30—7:30 p.m.: Fellowship dinner

7:30—8:00 p.m.: Open program

8:00—9:00 (ish) p.m.: Stated meeting

Effective in May, the meeting format was changed so that those traveling from greater distances can take part in the educational programming that was being offered. So the new schedule is:

6:00—7:00 p.m. Fellowship dinner

7:00—8:00 p.m.: Educational program

8:00—9:00 (ish) p.m.: Stated meeting

Please come on out and see how the new format is working; as always, please let us know if you like the new format or if there some updates you would like to see.

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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