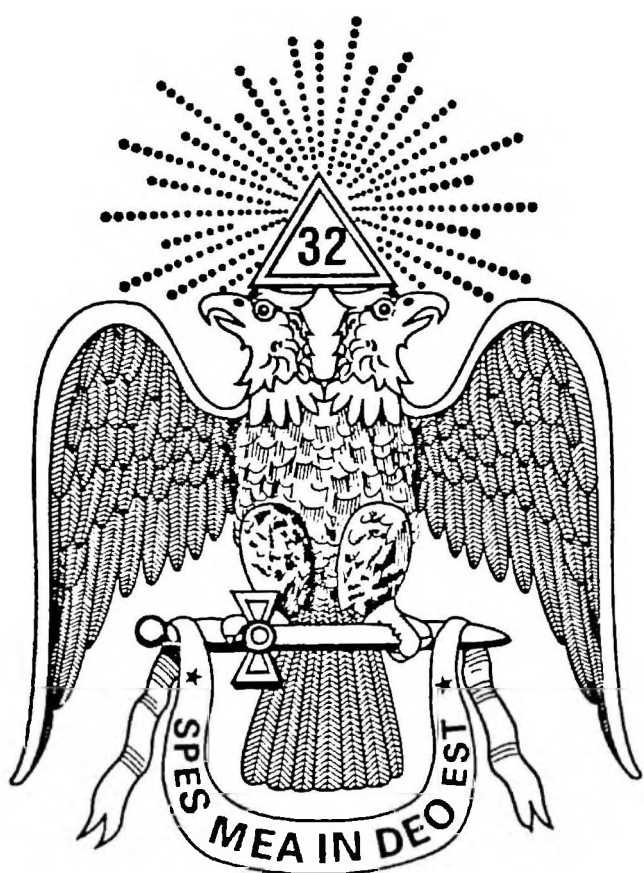


Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite
of Freemasonry

Southern Jurisdiction
Valley of Austin
Orient of Texas



Reunion Program

Scottish Rite Temple
207 West 18th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
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Welcome to the Austin Scottish Rite

Allegiance

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Austin, Orient of Texas, acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council to the World) of Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, District of Columbia.

III.: C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33° I.: G.: A.:
Sovereign Grand Commander

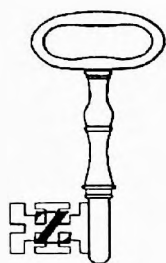
III.: Sam E. Hilburn, 33° I.: G.: A.:
Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas,
Grand Treasurer and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas

III.: David Kruger, 33° I.: G.: A.:
Grand Secretary-General,
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.,
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia

III.: Jack Hightower, 33° I.: G.: H.:
Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas,
Chairman and Personal Representative to the
Valley of Austin

III.: Gordon W. Kelso, 33° I.: G.: H.:
General-Secretary, Valley of Austin

Fourth Degree



Bill D. Bourland, 32°
Degree Master
(Austin Team)



Doyle "Chick"
Rollins, 32°
Degree Master
(Highland Lakes
Team)

Secret Master

We will recall that the third degree of the symbolic lodge treats of the death of the architect of King Solomon's Temple. As we begin to learn the lessons taught in the Scottish Rite, we find this allegory continued and the lessons taught by it enhanced. The first eleven degrees are of the Lodge of Perfection. These degrees are also called *ineffable*, since they are concerned with the inexpressible nature of Deity, symbolized by the name which was forbidden by the priests of ancient Israel to be spoken.

The Fourth Degree is titled *Secret Master*. By the receipt of its lessons, one is passed from the square to the compasses; that is, he begins to rise above earthly concerns and seeks spiritual knowledge. For there, and not upon earth, are truth and the lost word to be found. This Degree is bestowed so that we may at once begin the performance of more exalted duties.

The death of the Master Hiram is a continual reminder of our own mortality and that we must constantly labor lest death overtake us before our spiritual building is complete.

Austin Area Degree Team

King Solomon	G. Bradley Bourland, 32°
Adoniram	G: Greg Watkins, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	Fernando Albornoz, 32°
Expert	Ronald Wayne Arnett, 32°
Assistant Expert	R. Glenn Welch, 32°
Captain of the Guard	George R. Smith, 32°
.....	Bill D. Bourland, 32°
Voices	Jeffrey William Bonham, 32°
.....	Gilbert Houston Cantwell, 32°
.....	Charles Michael Allen, 32°
Alternates	William Lee Evans, 32°
.....	Gilbert Iwanski, 32°
.....	James Kevin Cooper, 32°
Orator	Clarence Lynn Cossey, 32°

This Degree team is composed of brethren from the Highland Lakes area and Llano Scottish Rite Club

Doyle "Chick" Rollins, 32°
Degree Master

Danny Cockroft,
32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Assistant Degree Master

King Solomon Danny Cockroft, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
..... Stanley Cox, 32°
Adoniram Robert Root, 32°
..... Jack Phillips, 32°
Master of Ceremonies Doyle "Chick" Rollins, 32°
Expert Bill Schooley, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
..... Carter Barcus, 32°
Assistant Expert Russell Miliken, 32°
Captain of the Guard Lewis Wasenick, 32°
..... Mike Woods, 32°

Fourteenth Degree



Perfect Elu



Joe Kelton Wells, 33°
Degree Master
Eminentus

We now close the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection with that of Perfect Elu. Here will be given profound instruction on the ancient name of Deity as understood by the Hebrews. This name was so revered that it was uttered but once a year, and then, only by the High Priest. The principle symbol of the Perfect Elu is the compasses. The two arms are united to remind us of the unity of faith and reason, the most important lesson of this Degree.

The word "Perfect" in this Degree more precisely means *complete*; but it does not complete all of your Masonic instruction in the Scottish Rite.

The Perfect Elus maintained their integrity even in the face of their king's lost faith, as we should in the face of earthly temptations.

Gordon W. Kelso, 33°
Assistant Degree Master

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| Venerable Master | Joe K. Wells, 33° |
| | Gordon W. Kelso, 33° |
| Senior Warden | Donald O. Cox, 32° |
| ..... | James B. Adams, 32° |
| Junior Warden | W.R. "Bill" Faust, 32° |
| ..... | Nolan House, 32° |
| Master of Ceremonies | Jerry Comegys, 32° |
| ..... | C.L. "Buck" Smith, 32° |
| Assistant Expert | John H. Schlueter II, 32° |
| ..... | Tom M. Alvis, 32° |
| Lecture | Gordon W. Kelso, 33° |

Conferred by the brethren of Austin Lodge No 12

Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit

Eighteenth Degree



*Knight
Rose Croix*



Robert A. Northcutt, 33°
Degree Master

Knight Rose Croix is the apex of the Chapter degrees. The Christian Knight will see in this portrayal many allusions and symbols that are significant in his faith, those of his Redeemer who is to come. Our Jewish brethren will see the portent of their Messiah, yet to come, and others will see portrayed the general belief of many creeds of a coming savior, who will deliver mankind from the bondage of evil.

This degree opens amid scattered columns and broken working tools which symbolize that the secret word is again lost. The virtues of faith, hope and charity capture our attention. Hope may be crushed by despair, and love shattered by hate, but faith, justified by reason, will ultimately give man victory over evil.

Steve Smith
Associate Degree Master

Leonard A. Smith, 33°
Degree Master Emeritus

Wise Master	Robert A. Northcutt, 33°
.....	Jerry Comegys, 33°
Senior Warden	Bradley Bourland, 32°
Junior Warden	O. Tripp Garza, 32°
Almoner	Stephen L. Smith, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Master of Ceremonies .....	.....
.....	Stephen L. Smith, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
.....	Robert A. Northcutt, 33°
Orator	Gilbert Iwanski, 32°
Expert	David H. Rainey, 33°
Guardian of the Temple	Walter C. Otto, 33°

Thirtieth Degree



Knight Kadosh



David H. Rainey, 33°
Degree Master

The instruction of the Council closes with the Degree of Knight Kadosh. Here we learn the great Masonic political truth that the individual is supreme over institutions.

We learn this truth through philosophical pronouncements and historical examples.

There is no greater threat to human liberty than the merger of political and religious institutions; and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is dedicated to the prevention of even a tendency to this peculiar form of despotism.

Political liberty is achieved by intellectual liberty, which is education. Therefore, the seven liberal arts and sciences of the Fellowcraft Degree are given a renewed emphasis and an expanded explanation.

Finally, we are reminded that personal vengeance has no part in Masonry. We war, not against individuals or institutions, but against the vices which may corrupt both.

First Apartment

Norman G. Montgomery, 32°
Alternate Degree Master

John T. Carr Jr., 32°
Assistant Degree Master

Preceptor John T. Carr Jr., 32°
Spirit of the Departed . . . Robert M. Blair, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:
Lieutenant of the Guard Gilbert Iwanski, 32°

Second Apartment

G. Bradley Bourland, 32°
Assistant Degree Master

The Hierophant G. Bradley Bourland, 32°
..... David H. Rainey, 33°
The Sacrificer Raymond Jacob Powell Jr., 33°
Lieutenant of the Guard Gilbert Iwanski, 32°

Third Apartment

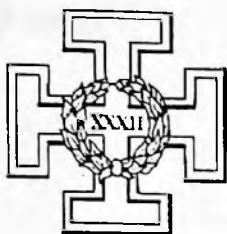
J.H. Moore, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Assistant Degree Master

Supreme Judge ... James H. Moore, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
..... David H. Rainey, 33°
The Frank Judges Howard Russell Rowland, 32°
..... Robert M. Blair, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
..... Kenneth Lunsford, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
..... John T. Carr Jr., 32°
..... Norman Montgomery, 32°
Provost of Justice Gilbert Iwanski, 32°

Fourth Apartment

Preceptor David H. Rainey, 33°
First Sub-Preceptor Howard Russell Rowland, 32°
..... Robert M. Blair, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Almoner Norman G. Montgomery, 32°
..... Kenneth Lunsford, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Turcopilier John T. Carr Jr., 32°
..... C.O. Jones, 32°
Marshal of Ceremonies Gilbert Iwanski, 32°
Lecture John Henry Kavanaugh Jr., 33°

Thirty-second Degree



*Master of the
Royal Secret*

G. William Grabo, 33°
Degree Master

When one receives the title of Master of the Royal Secret, he is in possession of the essential lessons of the Scottish Rite. These lessons are a guide by which we may venture upon life's journey of learning and growing. Today is the end of nothing, but the beginning of everything. Properly received, the instructions given here better fit one as a father, a husband, a brother, and a citizen. They should have strengthened your faith and renewed your commitment to learning; if it is not so, the labor bestowed upon you has been in vain.

The Royal Secret is equilibrium; not a sector in the ordinary sense of the word, but a mystery ... a mystery acknowledged by the world's greatest philosophers and teachers. These teachings are presented as they were expressed thousands of years ago by the ancient Aryans. Interpreted by the Persians and Hindus alike, this primitive religion passed eastward and westward and fertilized the cultural traditions of most of the world. We learn here that the universe exists by an opposition of forces and that these forces have their analogies in the human condition. Nature is, therefore a textbook, not only of science, but of morality as well.

John Henry Kavanaugh Jr, 33°
Degree Master Emeritus

Venerable Master	J.H. "Buck" Smith, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
	..... John Henry Kavanaugh Jr., 33°
Prior	..... David Schneider, 32°
	..... David H. Rainey, 33°
Preceptor	..... F. Newton Millen, 32°
	..... Ramone Aranda, 32°
	..... David H. Rainey, 33°
Marshal of Ceremonies	..... Jimmy Tidwell, 32°
	..... Robert A. Coonrod, 32°
Minister of State	..... David H. Rainey, 33°

Camp Guard

Russel Hain, 32°
Director

Lee Casey, 32°
Director Emeritus

Captain of the Guard Paul Jacobs, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
..... Melvin Warren, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Tent 1 Jack McCowan, 32°
Tent 2 Bill Lane, 32°
..... Steve Rye Sr., 32°
Tent 3 Wally Armstrong, 32°
..... Frank Schultz, 32°
Tent 4 Don Hood, 32°
Tent 5 Eugene Baker, 32°
Tent 6 Doug Weitzel, 32°
Tent 7 Harold Taylor, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Tent 8 Bubba Williamson, 32°
Tent 9 John Turner, 32°
..... Ron Harrison, 32°
Standard #1 Raymond J. Powell, 33°
Standard #2 Antonio Moreno, 32°
Standard #3 Gordon Grimsley, 32°
..... G. William Grabo, 33°
Standard #4 Russel Hain, 32°
Standard #5 Bill Murray, 32°
..... Ken Newell, 32°

Thirty-third Degree Inspector General Honorary



The Thirty-third Degree is conferred by the Supreme Council upon Thirty-second Degree Knights Commander of the Court of Honor in recognition of exemplary service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in Freemasonry. These *Inspectors General Honorary* are honorary members of the Supreme Council. Their cap is white with a slanting Patriarchal Cross without crosslets in the center of the front.

James F. Baker
James D. Berry
Thomas D. Blackwell
Robert D. Bullock
Vernon K. Callaway
Alonzo E. Cocke
Milton P. Connally
Richard A. Dennis
W.L. Ditto
Harley D. Ford Sr.
J. Lawson Gibbs
G. William Grabo
Joe R. Greenhill
Theodore Guyton Jr.
Jack E. Hightower
John L. Hill Jr.
Carl A. Hobbs
Earnest Stone Jones
John H. Kavanaugh Jr.
Gordon W. Kelso
T.F. Lewis

Don R. Long
Philip E. Morgette
Roye A. Mulholland
Robert A. Northcutt
Walter C. Otto
Raymond J. Powell Jr.
David H. Rainey
Thomas M. Reavley
Benton E. Ryon
Sam R. Saxon
John Holly Sheffield
Bertie Rex Shields
Byron E. Short
Ernest Lee Smith
Leonard A. Smith
E.E. Stuessy
Mace B. Thurman Jr.
W. Floyd Tippit
Joe Kelton Wells
Jay B. Wilkins
Hubert A. Willis Jr.

Caps and Their Significance

As the White Lambskin is the Badge of a Mason, so too is the regulation cap for a Scottish Rite Mason.

A purple cap indicates that the wearer is a Thirty-third Degree Inspector General and Active Member of the Supreme Council.

A white cap indicates a Thirty-third Degree Inspector General Honorary.

A red cap indicates a Thirty-second Degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honour ... the "K.:C.:C.:H.:."

The black cap is that of a Master of the Royal Secret ... the Thirty-second Degree.

The light blue cap is that of a fifty-year member of the Rite.

When wearing the cap, it should be considered a part of one's apparel and not be removed. At the presentation of the flag, it is to remain in place, as members stand at attention with the hand over the heart. Likewise, during prayer the cap shall remain in place and arms shall be crossed as in the Eighteenth Degree. Wearing the cap is proper at Reunions and other Scottish Rite meetings. It is improper to wear the Scottish Rite cap in other public places.



Knight Commander of the Court of Honour

The Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour is conferred by the Supreme Council upon Thirty-second Degree Masons who have rendered commendable service to the Rite.

This is not a degree, nor is it a "stepping stone" to the Thirty-third Degree. However, a member must be a K.:C.:C.:H.: for at least 46 months before being eligible to be nominated for the Thirty-third Degree.

Neither the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, nor the Thirty-third Degree, may be applied for by a member for doing so disqualifies him from consideration.

Thirty-second Degree Knights Commander of the Court of Honour wear a red cap with gold Passion Cross in the center of the front.

Donald G. Adams Sr.
Thomas Eugene Barber
Joseph B. Berrong
J.C. Bevers
Robert Morrison Blair
Edward G. Bloomquist
Louis E. Braeutigam
Danny Eugene Cockroft
Byron F. Cook
Robert M. Craig Jr.
Moton H. Crockett Jr.
W.C. Davis
Vincent R. DiNino
Willard B. Dyer
Robert L. Edgecomb
Tommy J. Flanders
David A. Hardison
William "Andy" Hibbert Jr.
William B. Hilgers
John H. Hughes
Paul G. Jacobs
Bartlett J. Jones
S.P. "Sonny" Jones
Richard "Skip" Lafevre
Kenneth W. Lunsford
Marvin Clifford Malone
W.T. "Dub" Mayfield
James F. McConnell
William Robert Miller

Chester L. Moffett
James H. Moore
James Douglas Morris
M. Lawrence Naumann
Chester C. Nelle
Oscar Orum
Henry I. Parker
Floyd V. Prichett
Terry Russell
J.C. Sales
William C. Sanders
Roy O. Schanhals
Bruno Carl Schmidt
William L. Schooley
Joe F. Schriever
Del M. Sheftall
J.H. "Buck" Smith
Stephen L. Smith
R. Leon Stone
Henry C. "Hank" Strange
Andrew J. Swenson Jr.
Harold B. Taylor
Gilbert Theiler
Richard L. "Dick" Vaughn
Melvin C. Warren
Ralph E. Wayne
Mark W. White
Thomas E. Wiener
David Darelle White Jr.

History of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

The Scottish Rite had its beginnings not in Scotland, but in France, when in 1754 the Chevalier de Bonneville established a chapter of twenty-five so called *High Degrees*, which including the three Symbolic Degrees, as called the *Rite of Perfection*.

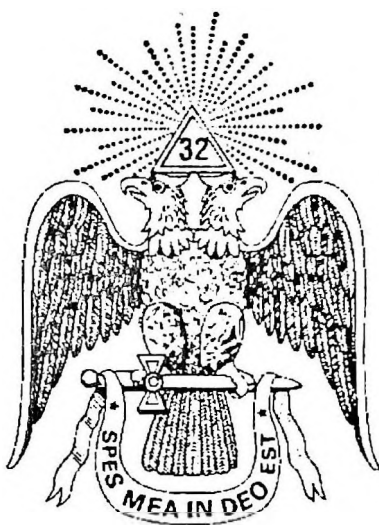
In 1758, these degrees were taken from Paris to Berlin and placed under a body called the Council of the Emperors of the East and West. It was here in 1762 that Frederick the Great of Prussia became head of the Rite and promulgated what is known as the Constitution of 1762.

In 1761, the year before Frederick the Great was said to have taken under his patronage all Freemasonry in Germany, Stephen Morin, a Frenchman, was commissioned Inspector General of the New World by the Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in Paris to introduce the Rite in America. He established Bodies in Santo Domingo and Jamaica and, in turn, commissioned Henry Andrew Francken, who established a Lodge of Perfection in Albany, New York, in 1767. Other Lodges of Perfection were organized in various locations, including Charleston, South Carolina. In 1801 they were consolidated under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council. From their beginning, these Lodges of Perfection were in full harmony with the Symbolic Lodges, assuming no authority over them and invariably beginning their work with the Fourth Degree.

The Revised Constitutions of 1786 provided for two Supreme Councils for the United States of America. Both were to have equal powers in their respective jurisdictions. Accordingly, in 1813, the Supreme Council ceded all of the area north of the Mason-Dixon Line and east of the Mississippi River in order to establish the second Supreme Council. This territory comprises the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Termed the *Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America*, its See is in Boston, Massachusetts. The remaining thirty-five states, together with all territories and dependences, China, Japan, and the Army and Navy were retained by the *Mother Supreme Council* now termed the *Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of*

America.

During the Supreme Council's years of continuous existence, it has surmounted all difficulties and has become the dominant influence in the world of Freemasonry. The Supreme Council 33°, whose See is at Charleston, South Carolina, now sits in Washington D.C. The magnificent *House of the Temple*, headquarters for the Supreme Council, S.J., welcomes Scottish Rite, as well as all Regular Masons and their families, when visiting Washington.



The Symbol of the Double-Headed Eagle

The double-headed eagle was probably first accepted as a symbol by Freemasonry in 1758. In that year the body calling itself the Council of Emperors of the East and West, was established in Paris. The double-headed eagle was in all probability adopted by this body, which claimed a double jurisdiction. The eagle, one head inclined to the East and the other to the West, to guard any and all who might approach from either direction.

The accepted symbol of our Rite is the *Double-Headed Eagle of Lagash*. It is the oldest crest in the world, according to fraternal scholars and was a symbol of power more than two thousand years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.

This impressive double-headed eagle, in black and white; the white-ribboned motto, pendant from the hilt to the point of the sword, containing the words: *SPES MEA IN DEO EST*, which translates: *My Hope is in God*, comprise the modern emblem of our Rite.

The Sanhedrin

Members of the Sanhedrin work behind the scenes during the Reunion to provide smooth stage transitions, dramatic lighting, sound and assist in the dressing of the hundreds of characters who make up in the twenty-nine degrees.

Elbert Franks, 32° *Governor*

Roye A. Mulholland, 33° *Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus*

Stage Managers

Edward G. Bloomquist,

32° K.C.C.H.

Chairman

Robert M. Blair,

32° K.C.C.H.

David H. Rainey, 33°

Elbert I. Franks, 32°

G. William Grabo, 33°

John C. Skinner, 32°

Past Governor

Gordon W. Kelso, 33°

Emeritus Members

Kenneth W. Lunsford,

32° K.C.C.H.

James D. Berry, 33°

Philip E. Morgette, 33°

Props

Carl Shaw, 32°

Chairman

Byron F. Cook, 32°

"Scottie" Rankin, 32°

Craig Reiswig, 32°

James Stanton, 32°

Emeritus Member

Bill Wheless, 32°

Electrical

John C. Skinner, 32°

Chairman

James Barber, 32°

Houston Cantwell, 32°

Mike Hall, 32°

Frank Leggio, 32°

Mike Carter, 32° *

Gordon N. Decker 32° *

Emeritus Members

Rodney G. Montfort, 32°

Melvin C. Warren,

32° K.C.C.H.

Past Governor

Joseph B. Berrong,

32° K.C.C.H.

Flymen (Scenery)

Edward Franks, 32°

Chairman

Howard Horton, 32° *

Robert W. Jones, 32°

Emeritus Members

Roy E. Walker, 32°

Edward T. Kirk, 32°

Sound

Raymond F. Moxley, 32°

Chairman

G. William Grabo, 33°

James Countryman, 32°

Emeritus Members

James F. Baker, 33°

Walter Otto, 33°

Stage Carpenters

H.C. "Hank" Strange,

32° K.C.C.H.

Chairman

Elbert Franks, 32°

Vice Chairman

Joseph J. Chesson, 32°

O. Tripp Garza, 32°

Mark Steinhagen, 32° *

Robert Kuhn, 32°

John Turner, 32°

C.O. Jones, 32°

George Burnett, 32°

Past Governor/Emeritus

Harley D. Ford Sr., 33°

Time Callers

Louis E. Braeutigam,
32° K. C. C. H.:
Chairman

J.T. Patterson Jr., 32°

Dick Paxton, 32°

Barry Barth, 32°

Harold B. Taylor,

32° K. C. C. H.

Past Governor

Emeritus Member

Ernest L. Smith, 33°

Apprentices *

Wardrobe

Joe C. Matcek, 32°

Chairman

Emmitt Lee Johnson, 32°

Dennis C. Kestner, 32°

Richard L. Vaughn,

32° K. C. C. H.

John L. Allen, 32°

Robert James, 32°

Prompters

Joseph B. Berrong,

32° K. C. C. H.

Chairman-Emeritus

George M. Rudenberg,

Scottish Rite Servers

The Scottish Rite Servers are in charge of activities in the kitchen and dining room at Scottish Rite meetings and Reunions. This dedicated corps plans and executes meals, provides hospitality and keeps our recently re-modeled dining room spick and span.

W. Oscar Orum, 32° K. C. C. H.

Chief Chef

Bobby Tiner, 32°

Assistant Cook

W.T. Mayfield, 32° K. C. C. H.

Quartermaster

Hubert A. Willis Jr., 33°

Entertainment Chairman

Bartlett J. Jones, 32° K. C. C. H.

Head Waiter

Floyd Prichett, 32° K. C. C. H.

Secretary-Treasurer

Charles Oltman, 32°

Howard Crain, 32°

Carl W. Goericke, 32°

James D. Morris, 32°

Foy L. Knipp, 32°

Thomas Barber, 32° K. C. C. H.

Gilbert Theiler, 32° K. C. C. H.

Emeritus Member

Jack Swenson, 32° K. C. C. H.

Your Scottish Rite Philanthropies ... we can all be proud!

Scottish Rite Learning Center, Inc.

The dream of a free-standing school for children suffering from the learning disability of dyslexia has been realized in Central Texas. Children from throughout the Valley of Austin have gone from "learning-impaired" to productive students, thanks to the Scottish Rite-developed learning program. Classes are available, free of charge, to any dyslexic child, regardless of race or financial circumstance. Our Learning Center is located at 508 W. 14th St. and the phone (512) 472-1231.

Austin Masonic Library and Museum, Inc.

The newest and most ambitious project of the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies is to bring our historic building at 18th and Lavaca Streets into the twenty-first century as a monument to Freemasonry in Texas' capitol city. Built in 1871-72, our building pre-dates the Capitol building and is the oldest legitimate theatre in Austin. Since 1912, the building has served as home to, first, the Nobles of Ben Hur Shrine Temple, and then the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies. Hill City Lodge No. 456, University Lodge No. 1190, Ruh Neb Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Travis Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and Stephen F. Austin Chapter, Order of DeMolay also meet in the Scottish Rite Temple. Long range plans call for essential structural repairs to the building, historical restoration, and expansion of meeting facilities. In addition, the collection and display of historic artifacts will compliment the central Masonic theme: "Let There Be Light!"

Scottish Rite Educational Foundation (The Scottish Rite Dormitory)

Since 1922, the Scottish Rite Dormitory, adjacent to the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, has served as the home-away-from-home for thousands of daughters of Masons, as well as young women sponsored, without financial obligation, by Texas Blue Lodge Masons. The modern, yet gracious, facilities speak well of Texas Scottish Rite's dedication to higher education.

The Almoner's Fund

Charity is the great virtue of mankind. The Scottish Rite practices this virtue through our Almoner's Fund. At each meeting of the Bodies, in the annual dues statement, and through bequests and other gifts, the Almoner's Fund is remembered. Monies collected go directly to those who are in real distress. Not one cent of the fund goes for administrative cost, and recipients are screened for need.

Scottish Rite Children's Hospital

The "crown jewel" of Texas Scottish Rite philanthropies is our hospital for children in Dallas. Originally a "crippled children's" hospital, the facility continues its role in orthopedic treatment and research, while meeting the challenge of other childhood and adult disabilities. Dyslexia and learning disability programs designed by the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, are in use throughout the nation.

The Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

When in Waco, Scottish Rite Masons should visit the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. Named in honor of Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Masons in Texas, the late, Ill. Robert Lee Lockwood, the magnificent facility houses an extensive library and museum of Texas and Masonic memorabilia. In addition, the Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. provides numerous scholarships to graduate students in various academic fields.

Most of the above Scottish Rite charitable entities are covered under Internal Revenue Service Sect. 501-C3, whereby donations are deductible to the full extent of the law. They may also be included as self-directed contributions for participants in the United Way program. Should you have questions about the tax implications of your gift, please call the Business Office at (512) 472-7247 or toll-free at (800) 754-3079.

Stated Meeting

The Austin Scottish Rite Stated Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by an informative and entertaining program. The meeting is a family affair, with wives and children always welcome. Members are invited to provide a salad or dessert.

Identification Card

In accordance with the Statutes of the Supreme Council and our by-laws, a brother not in possession of an identification card for the current year cannot be admitted to any meeting of the Rite. Identification cards must be presented to the Tiler at the door. The identification card must also be signed by the member in order to be valid.

Visiting Brethren

Visitors are required to have properly authenticated patents or letters, together with their current identification cards from Bodies recognized and in relation of amity with the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the A.A.S.R. of the U.S.A.

Blue Lodge Membership

Any member suspended in his Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, or other cause, automatically loses membership in the Rite.

The *English* Patent

New members of the Rite will receive a patent of membership, issued by the Supreme Council. This beautiful patent is suitable for framing and should be mailed within ninety days of the Reunion.