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# Rite Words

*Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Valley of Tucson ~ Orient of Arizona*

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## Welcome To Our Newest Masters of The Royal Secret

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Williams / Grand Canyon  
Lodge #38

John D. Camillieri  
Central Arizona  
Lodge #14

Jose G. Chanez  
Anahuac Lodge #81

Brian Collup  
Flagstaff Lodge #7

Ralph F. Doudna  
Flagstaff Lodge #7

Everett F. Fitzgibbons  
Huachuca Lodge #53

Francisco A. Juarez  
Anahuac Lodge #81

Kuddusi Ramazanoglu  
Adobe Lodge #41

Elliot B. Rovinsky  
Scottsdale Lodge #43

Quaid E. Smith  
Yuma Lodge #17

Carlos A. Tolsa  
Anahuac Lodge #81

Steven W. Ziegler  
Huachuca Lodge #53



## Renovation of Ochoa Dining Room and the Ochoa Street Entrance

We are pleased to announce the completion of the remodeled Ochoa Dining Room. The remodeling consisted of the following projects:

- New ceiling
- 9 new fan lamps
- New floor (matching the floor in Atchley Hall)
- New baseboards
- Completely repainted
- Removal of old ramp
- New entryway from Ochoa Street
- Purchase of new Electric Handicap Lift



A very special **Thank You** to Bro.: Carlos Tolsa, 32°, Gladys Tolsa, and Bro.: Ricardo Ruiz, 32°, for their many hours of hard work, turning the Ochoa Street Entrance into a place of beauty. Next time you visit the Scottish Rite, we invite you to take a look at the amazing transformation their hard work accomplished.



### And The Winner Is . . . .

Bro.: Antero A. Trujillo, 32°

Brother Antero is the lucky winner of our Life Membership drawing. Antero affiliated with the Valley of Tucson on January 27, 2011 from the Valley of Houston and is a Charter Member in the Yuma Lodge of Perfection.

Currently, Brother Antero serves as Junior Steward in the Yuma Lodge of Perfection and will be installed as Senior Warden during their Installation of Officers Ceremony on January 18, 2012.

**Congratulations Brother Antero!**

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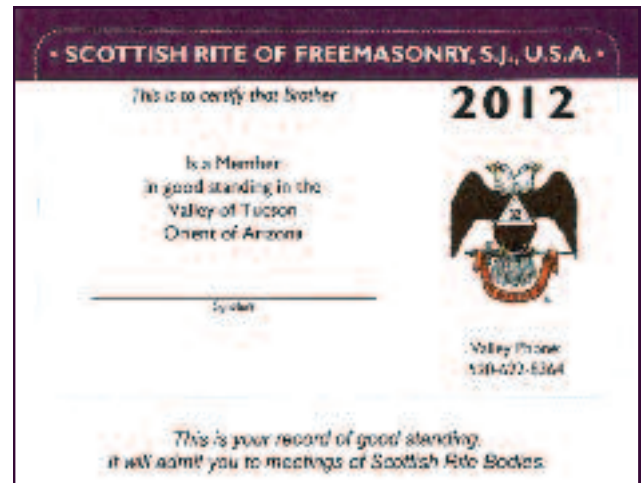
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## Congratulations



**Illustrious Brother Bennett T. Dingwall, III, 33°** for having successfully completed the Master Craftsman Correspondence Program, Part I.

## 2012 SCOTTISH RITE DUES CARD



## 2012 Dues cards have arrived and have a new design.

The dues remain at \$75.00 for the coming year. If you haven't mailed your check, please take a few minutes and drop it in the mail today!



## On-Line Dues Payments



Recently, Supreme Council announced a new program for members to pay their membership dues on-line directly to Supreme Council by using a MasterCard or Visa credit card. This new program may be a benefit to some Valleys within the Southern Jurisdiction, particularly those Valleys who are not setup to accept credit card payments - **but it is not a benefit to our Valley. If you pay your dues directly to Supreme Council, it takes five to six weeks before we receive the funds.**

The Valley of Tucson has always been able to accept payment of members' dues by using MasterCard, Visa, American Express Card, Discover Card or a bank Debit Card.

If you would like to pay your membership dues by using a credit or debit card, please call the Scottish Rite office—520-622-8364 and **make your payment directly to us.** We will mail your dues card immediately.

## 2012 Officers

### Lodge of Perfection

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Almoner	
Secretary	
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Secretary	
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Tiler	Willis E. Taylor, Sr., 32°, K.·S.·A.·

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Secretary	James E. Wolfe, 32° K.·C.·C.·H.·

### Yuma Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master	James R. Dennis, 32°
Senior Warden	Antero A. Trujillo, 32°
Junior Warden	Scott W. Hubbard, 32°

Note: As of the printing date of this newsletter, election of officers for K.·S.·A.· had not been held.



## 2011 Citizen of the Year

The town of Willcox, Arizona recently announced its 2011 Citizen of the Year - **Brother Marlin (Mick) S. Easthouse, 32°**. In announcing their 2011 Citizen of the Year, the following comments about Brother Mick were made by Presenter, Bill Nolan:

*This year's Citizen of the Year was born in Watertown, South Dakota, and came to Willcox as a young boy.*

*His favorite story of how his family ended up in Willcox is—we all got in the car and my Dad drove till the car quit and Dad said, "well, this is as good a place as any..." so they became residents of Willcox.*

*His heart and soul has been dedicated to the ongoing growth and development of this community as witnessed by the positions he has held in many organizations—he served on the Willcox City Council for 20 years including 10 years as Mayor of Willcox—he has been involved with the Masonic Lodge for 30 years and is currently District Deputy Grand Master—Mick has served 10 times as Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge, and is also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Sabbar Shrine—for the past 20 years, Mick has been a member of the Willcox Rotary Club and is its past president and is currently a member of the Willcox Elks Lodge.*

When it came Mick's turn to speak he joked that he has stayed in Willcox all these years because he never made enough money to leave. He went on to say "when you go to Phoenix or Tucson and have to fight all that traffic, then you're coming home and once you get past Benson and the traffic thins out—Willcox on the horizon looks pretty good."

## Congratulations Brother Mick !



**The clock of life is wound but once and no man has the power, to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour.**

**Now is the only time you own,  
Live, Love, toil with a will.  
Put no faith in tomorrow  
for the clock may then be still.**

## Personal Rep's Message

*Illustrious J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G.:C.:*

Here we are starting a new year with a positive look at our future. This past year was a very good year as far as membership is concerned. We ended up in the black for the first time in a long time. Even though the number is small, we are on the positive side of the ledger. To stay this way, we need to recruit new members, retaining the ones we have and make our Scottish Rite more viable. With all the new activities going on at the Cathedral, there is a place for everyone.

Peggy has been very active in promoting our Cathedral to the community for functions such as weddings, receptions, concerts, business functions, luncheons and movie production. The money raised from these special events will be going into a fund to endow our building. But, she needs help and lots of it. This has turned into a much larger job than we thought in the beginning. She has seen what this can do for OUR future. Please give her a call and see where you could lend a helping hand. Couples would be greatly appreciated.

With Peggy's new job as Event Coordinator, we are in need of a Secretary - must have prior office experience and be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please call the office - 622-8364 if you are interested and we will set up an appointment for an interview.

This year we will be celebrating 211 years of Scottish Rite Masonry and 129 years of Scottish Rite Masonry in Arizona. The Celebration will take place on May 24, 2012 at dinner and during the Stated Meeting. Please mark your calendars now for this Celebration.

If you haven't been to the Cathedral in a long time, please come and see all the changes and improvements. I know you will be amazed.

Finally, all Masons should look to the future and see Masonry not as it is, but as it can be and work to make it happen. ***The road to success starts with you!***



## Update on the Travels of Brother Al Jarvis, 32°

I am still in Southeast Asia having a most enjoyable and informative time. The people are fantastic and there are so many new and exciting things to see.

I should have retired years ago!

**Tucson Scottish Rite  
Installation of Officers**

**January 26, 2012**



**Installing Officer**

**Illustrious Robert F. Hannon, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Orient of Arizona**

**Installing Marshal**

**Illustrious James W. Sebastian, 33°  
Assistant Personal Representative  
Valley of Tucson**

**Installing Prelate**

**Illustrious J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G. . . C. . .  
Personal Representative  
Valley of Tucson**

**Dinner Served at 6:30pm**

**Reservations Required  
Please call the Office—622-8364**

**Installation at 7:30pm**

**Please join us to support and  
welcome the incoming officers of  
the Tucson Scottish Rite**

**All Scottish Rite Masons, family members  
and guests are welcome.**

**Tucson Scottish Rite  
2012 Calendar of Events**

**January 26, 2012**  
Installation of Officers

**January 28, 2012**  
Robert Burns Night

**February 23, 2012**  
Rodeo Night (Cowboy / Cowgirl Dress)

**March 22, 2012**  
Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

**April 26, 2012**  
19th Degree Dissertation by  
Brother David W. Kucera, 32°

**May 4-5, 2012**  
Tucson Spring Reunion

**May 24, 2012**  
Scottish Rite 211th Birthday Celebration

**June 28, 2012**  
Pot Luck Dinner / Game Night

**July 26, 2012**  
Pot Luck Dinner / Ice Cream Social

**August 23, 2012**  
Pot Luck Dinner / Game Night

**September 27, 2012**  
Past Venerable Masters' Night

**October 25, 2012**  
Feast of Tishri

**November 2-3, 2012**  
Tucson Fall Reunion

**November 8, 2012**  
Election of Officers

**December 13, 2012**  
Holiday Celebration



## Director of the Work

*Bro.: James E. Wolfe, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:*

### Well Done!

I realize that sounds like how you might order a steak but, I am actually referring to our recent Fall Reunion at the Tucson Scottish Rite. The effort put forth by so many Brothers is most impressive. From the initial preparation to the many departments, cast members and their directors, Brethren traveling from distances afar, ladies preparing lunches and all others who played a part in a most successful Reunion; I say **“Well Done”**.

One comment I would like to make is the improvement on the sound in the Red Room. The reverberation was much improved with a new speaker installed. The problem in the past of not understanding the operation of the speakers has been drastically improved.

Congratulations to our newest members and we hope you return soon and participate in our meetings and events.

If any member would like to participate in one of our degrees, please feel free to contact me at (520) 974-2349 and I will direct you to a spot where you feel comfortable.

Thanks for listening and we will see you soon at the Scottish Rite.

## Membership Ambassadors

*Bro.: Gilbert A. Schlierer, 32°*

Now that the holidays are past and the New Year has begun, we can all look forward to new interests, new accomplishments and new challenges in the year ahead. We have however, carried one problem with us into this New Year—a problem which seems to plague all of Masonry.

The first and most important job of all Masonic Lodges everywhere, is to **MAKE NEW MASONS**. This is a job important to the Scottish Rite as well. In order to tackle one aspect of the problem, it was decided to have at least one Scottish Rite Mason in each Blue Lodge—a person who could forward the name and address of any new Master Mason to the Tucson Cathedral so congratulations could be sent him and so he could be informed about the



## MEGA Rummage Room Sale



**Bring your Trucks - Vans - Trailers**

**Bring your friends and neighbors**

**Saturday, January 14th**

**8:00am - 2:00pm**

**We must clear-out the existing inventory so we can “spruce” up the room and create space for recently donated items.**

**Volunteers are needed to assist with sales and loading items onto the trucks, vans and trailers.**

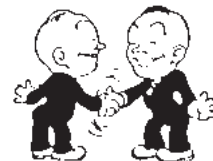
**If you can help,  
please call the office (520) 622-8364.**

possibility of the Rite playing a part in his Masonic future.

To this end I have contacted Brethren in most of the Blue Lodges in the Valley of Tucson and have members in place who will send me the names of any new Master Masons they raise. I am still looking for Membership Ambassadors for Nogales #11, Casa Grande/Pinal #30, Yuma #17 and Bisbee/Perfect Ashlar #12 Lodges.

We need to build our candidate base as the Spring Reunion approaches. Anyone willing to act as an Ambassador can contact me via email at [bmonkey@iconn.net](mailto:bmonkey@iconn.net). The same address will work for anyone with the name and address of a recently raised Master Mason.

Let's build a great May class for Reunion time this spring.



## *If Your Scottish Rite Ring Could Speak ...*

**SUPPOSE BY SOME MAGIC YOUR SCOTTISH RITE RING COULD SPEAK.  
WHAT WOULD IT SAY? WOULD IT NOT SAY TO YOU:**



*“I SYMBOLIZE the Scottish Rite and, as such, like Aladdin’s lamp, I am possessed of miraculous powers, for . . .*

*“I BRING YOU riches far greater than all the wealth of fabled Golconda: I can summon to you the help and the strength of your Scottish Rite Brethren throughout the nations of our world-wide Masonry . . .*

*“I BRING YOU the grandeur and the splendor of a Scottish Rite Ritual: That portrayal from antiquity through the golden pen in poetry and the sacred fire in drama that inculcates lofty patriotic sentiments, clean moral values, and noble spiritual aspirations . . .*

*“I BRING YOU the magnetism of a Scottish Rite Mission: That never-ending fight for human rights and resources—freedom of the body, freedom of the mind, freedom of the soul . . .*

*“I BRING YOU the beauty of a Scottish Rite Vision: That revelation of truth and of greatness dimly seen in the mystic light that follows purification, initiation and perfection . . .*

*“I BRING YOU the insight of a Scottish Rite Philosophy: That progress in human development which transforms natural ignorance into divine wisdom, self-discovery, self-awareness and self-enrichment . . .*

*“I BRING YOU the confidence of Scottish Rite Courage: That self-reliance in daily living born of an abiding faith in the guidance of Him who holds the whole wide world in His hands . . .*

*“THESE ARE some of the things I bring to you, a Freemason of the Scottish Rite.”*

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## **Masonic Legend of the Forget-Me-Not Pin**

In 1934, after Hitler went into power, it became apparent that Freemasonry was in danger. The German "Grand Lodge of the Sun" elected to wear a little blue flower in lieu of the traditional Square and Compass. It was felt that this symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis. Masonry went underground. Throughout the entire Nazi era, this flower marked a Brother.

In 1947, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" was reopened, with the little Forget-Me-Not pin adopted as the emblem of that convention.

In 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem in honor of the thousands of valiant Brethren who carried on Masonic work under adverse conditions. This little pin has been known since then as the official emblem of Masonry and the pride it represents for their Fraternity.

Forget-Me-Not pins are now available in our Jewelry Counter. Stop by and purchase one in honor of the "Grand Lodge of the Sun".



Forget-Me-Not Pin