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December 12, 2015—Centennial Celebration

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Installation of 2015 Officers and Annual Awards January 22, 2015 Dinner – 6:30pm Classic Caesar Salad Ground Beef Lasagna Or Vegetable Lasagna Italian Herb Sautéed Vegetable Medley Crusty Italian Breads and Butter Vanilla Pannacotta

CONGRATULATIONS

Installation — 7:30pm

Brothers Benjamin E. Headen, 32°, K. S. A. and

Thomas A. Leslie, Jr., 32°, K. S. A.

For completing the

Master Craftsman Program, Part III.



A Traveling Man ...

I received the following email from Brother Al Jarvis, 32°, who following his retirement, is spending time in China:

"Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the very best New Years yet! I will be again spending the holidays in Guilin, China and am thrilled to report that the stores are highly decorated, store clerks are free to say Merry Christmas without fear of being fired and Christmas trees (not holiday trees) are available for purchase! Churches are open for Christmas Eve services and Christmas carols sung in Chinese still sound great."

Peggy Atchley, Editor

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of the Tucson Scottish Rite.

The Spring Reunion is coming up faster than the holiday season came and went. We anticipate exemplifying the 29th Degree under the direction of Sir Knights Roderic L. Wagoner, Jr., 32° and Brian A. Pilz, 32°, PVM. KSA will be participating in several other degrees as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Members will also be assisting with the stage crew, the make-up department, the wardrobe department and the sound department.

Our Robert Burns Celebration is coming up on the 31^{st} of January. *Please see our flyer on page 7*. This Celebration is open to the public and all are welcome. See Sir Knight Barry Lane, 32° or any member of the Knights of St. Andrew for tickets.

Remember, if you are a 32° Mason, we invite you to join the ranks of the Knights of St. Andrew. See myself; Sir Knights Barry F. Lane, 32° , Senior Warden; Thomas A. Leslie, Jr., 32° , Junior Warden or Randal S. Jager, 32° , K. \cdot .C. \cdot .C. \cdot .H. \cdot ., Secretary/Treasurer; or any of the Knights. Look for a member wearing a Glengarry—they can guide you to one of us.



Sir Knight Willis E. Taylor, Sr., 32° Venerable Master, K.·.S.·.A.·

he year 2014 has come and gone. Time to look back and see what we did right and what we can improve on. On the right side of the ledger, our Spring and Fall Reunions involved the candidates in the actual degrees so much so that, the members of the Fall Reunion are adopting a degree as their own. We dropped the ball in not having larger classes for our reunions. The reunions were small but full of active Masons. We could exemplify more and different degrees if members would step up and take a degree as a project or even a Lodge project. We could increase our attendance at Stated Meetings and take a more active role. By concentrating on the above, we would make the Tucson Valley stronger and more visible in the Masonic family.

The Ochoa Dining Room and the Game Room were converted into the Arizona Ballroom, giving us an additional 4,600 sq. ft. of event space. Restrooms were also added. The lobby outside the Drachman Room was refurbished thanks to a member of Adobe Lodge and remodeling has begun in the Campbell Room, courtesy of the Tucson York Rite Bodies.

By now, just about every Mason in Arizona has heard about what is currently referred to as the "Egyptian Room". Illustrious Rex R. Hutchens, 33° , G. C. and members of Adobe Lodge are working hard to transform the Roskruge Room into a beautiful Masonic room with an Egyptian motif. In the next few months, the ladies will have a completely remodeled restroom. The restroom off the main entrance is being updated, thanks to an anonymous donor.

2015 is a new year for us and our Cathedral will be turning 100. How can we make this a memorable year for Scottish Rite? Think about it;

what can each of us do to make this an unbelievable year? We could all work on finding one new member to replace ourselves and one to grow on. Shouldn't be too hard as only one out of every four Master Masons are members of the Scottish Rite. Visit your Blue Lodge and introduce the Scottish Rite to your Brothers. Let them know of our continuing education program, the expanded brotherhood and the many new jobs which are available in the Scottish Maybe we can take a more Rite. active role ourselves. Join the Tuesday crew, work the parking lot, help with a special event. These are all projects which are paying dividends for the Scottish Rite. Just look around our Cathedral and see the major changes which have taken place in the last several years. Ask yourself, how can I help?

Make it a point to be part of this year and enjoy our 100 year-old Cathedral, Temple, our Home.

Ill.: J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G.:C.: Personal Representative



s we start a New Year I want to congratulate all the incoming officers for the Scottish Rite Bodies. I also want to thank everyone for having the trust and confidence by electing me as the Venerable Master for 2015.

I became a Mason in 1975 under the American Canadian Grand Lodge while serving in Germany with the US Army. In January 1977, while still in Germany, I became a Scottish Rite Mason and started working with the Council of Kadosh, moving property during reunions and whatever else needed to be moved. This being my first taste of the Scottish Rite, I decided then that this is where I wanted to continue my support. Moving back to the states in 1980 and assigned to Ft. Huachuca, I immediately joined the Tucson Valley and have been active ever since.

As we start the new year there are many activities planned which will involve everyone, either physically or monetarily and I hope you will do whatever you can to get involved. With the Tucson Scottish **Rite Cathedral turning 100,** many events are planned need and we you to volunteer — GET **INVOLVED** and support vour Scottish **Rite.** Other programs include selling personalized bricks, the 50/50 raffle, parking lot attendees, helping on the Tuesday Crew, special events, making donations and supporting the Spring and Fall Reunions by being a signer on a petition and becoming a Start participating in the mentor. Master Craftsman Study. This is a self-paced course and there is plenty of help to assist you primarily with the established study group which meets on the first and third Monday of each month in the Library at 7pm.

Mark your calendar now for the Spring Reunion—May 8th and 9th and let's get those candidates—they need us!

Ill.:. Andrew M. Anderson, Jr., 33°, Venerable Master Elect

Integrity has no need of rules.

Albert Camus (1913-1960)

The Fall Reunion was a great success. We welcomed a couple new Degree Directors with new and fresh ideas. The Candidates showed great enthusiasm and plan to take on the 23^{rd} Degree in future Reunions. The various departments seemed to run smoothly. A great time was had by all. If you haven't attended one of our Reunions recently, I encourage you to join us for the Spring Reunion scheduled for May 8 and 9, 2015.

As we enter into 2015, we have several events to look forward to. The year will be highlighted by our Cathedral's 100 year birthday in December. If a person thinks he can contribute to the event by joining a committee or would like to volunteer at one of the events, please contact the office soon.

Here's hoping you had a great holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral.

Bro.: James E. Wolfe, 32° , K.:C.:C.:H.: Director of the Work



2015—a new year we're starting!

Year's resolutions, but there is one thing you might do well to pay attention. That is a resolution to pay more attention to relationships...your relationships with your fellow Masons. I recently had a conversation with younger Masons in my own Lodge. I wanted to find out what young men in their 20's and 30's were looking for and perhaps more importantly, what they were not looking for. The questions go to the heart of the discussions we frequently hear about why we do not seem to attract younger candidates and even when we do, how it is that we sometimes do not retain them.

They told me they want "stability" in their lives. They want the Freemasonry which they experience in Lodge to contain a real sense of camaraderie with an equality which treats them as equals with the older and long term Masons; where they are welcomed with open arms. They want us to talk, behave and act with the principles of Freemasonry they read about.

I recently heard the Grand Chaplain of Connecticut ask: "If it suddenly became illegal to be a Freemason and you were accused of being a Brother, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Let us all make a resolution in this new year to make a special effort to live our principles of Masonry and to put a special emphasis on new Masons; to guide and mentor them and give them the attention which we also give to our long-term Brothers. I believe if we do, we will reap new successes in 2015, not only in Blue Lodge but in our beloved Scottish Rite as well.



Bro... Gilbert A. Schlierer, 32° Membership Director

A t our November 7, 2014 meeting, there were 21 KCCH Brothers in attendance. It was great to have Illustrious Brothers J. Michael Atchley, 33° , G.·.C.·.; D. Brook Cunningham, 33° and Bobbie R. Creech, 33° in attendance. Thank you Illustrious Brothers for participating in the meeting.

Elected officers for 2015 are:

Commander Robert E. Meisenheimer, 32°, KCCH

> Lt. Commander Randal S. Jager, 32°, KCCH

Secretary / Treasurer Ronald D. Wayne, 32°, KCCH

We have initiated an awareness program whereby KCCH officers will have a bar attached to their name badge indicating the office being held. These will be transferred to the incoming officers each year following elections. The outgoing Commander will receive a Past Commander bar with the year he served as a permanent addition to his name badge. Past Commanders—are you interested? If so, you can contact me at <u>bobmeise@earthlink.net</u> or 520-403-0535.

Brother James E. Wolfe, 32°, KCCH and I have modified our name badge from the pocket style to a magnetic clip -on. When worn on the right lapel, your name will be "front and center" for the person with whom you are speaking with. I need all the help I can get matching a name to a face. I think this will help promote brother-tobrother discussions.

We have created a KCCH e-mail roster, which we will begin using as a way of communication to share ideas and suggestions on how KCCH can play an increased roll in the Valley of Tucson.

Bro.:. Robert E. Meisenheimer, 32°, KCCH Commander

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Ann and Lynn are having way too much fun!



Art & Nancy Montgomery, of Sierra Vista, attended our annual Holiday Celebration.

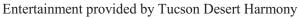


Special guests: Glenn & Susan Miesch Innkeepers at Royal Elizabeth Bed & Breakfast



2014 Holiday Celebration







Two of Tucson's finest!







Not sure we want to know what this conversation is about!



No Stated Meeting tonight, guys!



Ill. .. Gary E. Plumb and wife Marlissa





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An Esoteric View of the Rose Croix Degree

I would like to thank the brethren for choosing me to be the Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. This is a great honor, and I am humbled that the craft feels I am worthy of the position. I am looking forward to this year and presenting some studies to the brethren on the Chapter degrees. This will be a series of articles on the Chapter degrees, exploring the Allegorical meanings, the Christian relationships within the degrees, the Cross and the Rose, Albert Pike's comments on these degrees, as well as the inner transformation which should occur in these degrees. You won't want to miss these articles. So, let's get started!

The principal task of the Freemason, which is to improve his own character, eliminating those negative traits which might exist in his personality and developing his moral and spiritual resources (what is known as "polishing the raw stone") is in great measure the result of the interaction among brethren within and without the Lodge. However, the most important means to advance in this work is necessarily introspection and meditation; that is, reflection and self-awareness.

"Know thyself" is a symbolic aspect of Freemasonry which in the Scottish Rite Initiation Ceremony (the First Degree) is announced already in the candidate's first contact with our Order, in the Chamber of Reflection, where he finds inscriptions such as *Know Thyself* and, most importantly, V.I.T.R.I.O.L. (which in Latin means: "Visit the interior of the earth and rectifying will find the hidden stone"). The stone which the neophyte is invited to find is, without doubt, his own pure soul. (Some Blue Lodges utilize this Chamber in their processes of preparing a candidate to receive his initiation. This is a topic for another article.).

Purifying his spirit (*rectifying*, as in rectified alcohol, or correcting by removing errors), the Mason will find the symbolic stone; that is, the moral perfection he seeks.

Although these and other intimations are introduced in the first three degrees of Freemasonry, they are tangential to the introspective nature of Masonic work, especially evident in the Hiramic legend, but without exploring more deeply the esoteric aspects of inner development. It is only when the Mason reaches the 18th Degree of the Scottish Rite, the mystical degree par excellence, which he faces inescapably the mystic experience and is induced to apply this experience to his own spiritual development.

Preparatory stages-the preceding degrees, until the

14th inclusive, deal with various aspects of the Hiramic legend, examining aspects such as duty, faithfulness, the knowledge and virtues which characterize a Mason. A leitmotiv throughout these degrees is the lost word, which is finally recovered at some point during the 18th Degree.

The first two of the "Chapter" degrees, which serve as a transition between the Lodge of Perfection and the Rose-Croix Chapter, deal with the Second Temple of Jerusalem, built by the Jews returning from Babylonian captivity, and who brought with them a rich cultural baggage (including the names of the months in Hebrew) and also certain features of oriental mysticism, such as a belief in the after-life, which did not exist earlier in Hebrew traditions.

The third Capitular degree, that of Knights of the East and the West, marks a turning point in its content, no longer referring to the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, ravaged by the Roman legions, but to the celestial Jerusalem, linking heaven and earth. Paul Naudon remarks in his commentary on the higher degrees, there can be little doubt that this degree was designed to create a preamble to the Rose-Croix degree and was introduced after it.

The 17th Degree has some interesting characteristics, such as the use of black gloves, as in the "*elu*" or "vengeance" degrees. Black, as we know, represents the nigredo, the first stage of the alchemical work. In alchemy, nigredo, or blackness, means putrefaction or decomposition. The alchemists believed that as a first step in the pathway to the philosopher's stone, all alchemical ingredients had to be cleansed and cooked extensively to a uniform black matter. In analytical psychology, the term became a metaphor 'for the dark night of the soul, when an individual confronts the shadow within'.

In the next issue we will begin exploring the 18th Degree itself. Stay tuned for more on these Degrees.

Bro. ·. Ronald W. Richards, 32°, K. ·.C. ·.C. ·.H. ·. Wise Master Elect, Chapter of Rose Croix



The Degrees taught in the Council of Knights Kadosh $(19^{th} \text{ through } 30^{th})$ enjoin us to apply to our everyday life; the principles of Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality.

Is it coincidental that the country of my birth has these three words for its motto? Maybe, since the inception of the degrees took place in France at about the same time the French Republic started to use the motto.

When I took the Scottish Rite Degrees, about a quarter of a century ago, I was confounded by two opposite reactions. One was of elation because I found the degrees very beautiful, profound and very meaningful to me probably because of my background. My other reaction was of annoyance; I was so quickly exposed to so much that I felt submerged and overwhelmed by this profusion and frustrated by my inability to grasp it all. We cannot eat in a short time the candy collected on Halloween!

This situation led me to decide to learn as much as I could at my own pace by reading books about the Scottish Rite Degrees (I believe that the entire science and wisdom of mankind is contained in books), and also attend/ participate in all the reunions I could. I did just that in about forty plus reunions.

During the upcoming term, my officers and I will try to provide you as much light as possible on the Council of Knights Kadosh degrees. This is an especially tall order without our elected First Lieutenant Commander, Brother Bruce Wood, 32° , K.·.C.·.H.·., whose passing saddens us profoundly.

There are 12 degrees in the Council, and we cannot possibly go into detail on these degrees as I wish we could, but we will make a serious dent. We cannot provide everything on our own and we will request your participation for a portion of the studies which we will undertake.

The subject matters whether philosophical or chivalric are vast and varied with choices ranging from the building of Masonic character or the importance of Truth and Honor, to the virtues of Humility, Tolerance, Labor, and the fighting of ignorance or the protection against wrongs and injustice.

Should you have an interest or a question, please get in touch with me at: <u>mstrmsn@comcast.net</u> or (520) 334-5113.

We have a tentative date of Saturday, February 7, 2015 in the morning for a couple of hours possibly followed by a lunch to start the year (we will confirm later). Be assured that we will endeavor to be worthy of your trust. With Brotherly Love and Affection.



Bro.·. Jean-Claude Malterre, 32°, K.·.C.·.C.·.H.·. Commander Elect, Council of Knights Kadosh



Brethren, thank you for electing me to be the Master of Kadosh for the Tucson Consistory for 2015. I am humbled by your allowing me to serve this great Masonic organization. I will do my best to live up to the trust you have placed in me.

Members of the Consistory are making plans for the Scottish Rite Birthday Celebration during the May Stated Meeting. We hope you will join us.

> Bro.:. Robert L. Hicks, 32°, K.:.C.:.C.:.H.:. Master of Kadosh Elect, Consistory

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