

## Secretary, Tucson Scottish Rite



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bro. Virgil D. Larsen, 32° to the position of Secretary of the Tucson Scottish Rite.

Virgil moved to Tucson as a youngster in 1955—graduated from Amphitheater High School; attended Pima Community College and Tucson Business College, earning a degree in Business Administration.

After serving 6 years in the U.S. Army (we won't hold that against him), he enlisted in the National Guard where he served 19 years.

When Virgil completed his 25 years of service to our Country, he worked in the retail grocery business and held a route sales position for Nabisco.

Virgil was raised a Master Mason in 2002 at Tucson Lodge No. 4 and became a Scottish Rite Mason, May 19th of this year.

Virgil and his wife Laura, have been married 30 years, raised six children and are the proud grandparents of 14 grandchildren.

Virgil has taken on a huge task, but we are confident he is to the challenge.

Please join us in saying **WELCOME!** We are proud to have you as a member of our Team.



Virgil D. Larsen, 32°

By:

Ill. Bro. J. Michael Atchley, 33°

Personal Representative  
Of the S. G. I. G.



## Personal Rep's Message

By Ill. Bro. J. Michael Atchley, 33°



Now that we are moving into the Fall, why is it still so hot? This Fall is full of events which should make it very interesting and exciting for the remainder of the year, starting with Past Venerable Masters' Night in September.

On October 11th, we will be hosting the Honors Brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. **Your cost will be \$15.00 per person and reservations are a must.** Please call Virgil at the office, 520-622-8364, and place your name on the reservation list. You may pay for your reservations when you arrive at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch; however, **all "no shows" will be mailed a bill to cover the full cost of each reservation made.**

At our October Stated Meeting, we will have the "Feast of Tishri" as well as hosting the Grand Presiding Officers of the York Rite Bodies in Arizona. Three days later, we have our annual Masonic Family Picnic and Fair. What a great way to start our return from summer vacation.

Please be aware that by becoming a member of the Scottish Rite, you have become a part of our Valley. We are always in need of help in all that we do, from the Tuesday Crew to the Degree Teams, to the different departments within the Cathedral, and our fundraising. To accomplish everything we need to do to keep our Valley shining requires "YOU". Without "YOU" our Valley will barely survive. Please find a place within our Valley and help. Masonry needs you and your support.

If you have any suggestions, comments or new ideas, please contact me at the office 520-622-8364 Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 9:00am to 1:00pm. ■

### • IMPORTANT NOTICE •

Effective September 1, 2009,  
you will be asked to show your  
current Dues Card when attending  
Scottish Rite meetings and events.

## SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING

September 24, 2009

Dinner served at 6:30pm



## Rite Words

### Valley of Tucson - Orient of Arizona

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## Tucson Knights of St. Andrew (TKSA)

By Bro. ° Randal S. Jager, 32°, TKSA

Greetings Brethren!

I sincerely hope this article finds all of you healthy and enjoying another sizzling Tucson summer.

During the summer, the TKSA has certainly not been idle. There is always much to be done. One of the largest tasks being undertaken during this time is the designation of the official uniform for the TKSA members during processions and ceremonies. While this really should not be a difficult task, it has proven to be a challenge. As authentic Scottish Highlands wear is of course made in Scotland, the cost of such clothing can be considerable. For this reason, a very basic uniform has been selected. However, once the TKSA is performing processions and ceremonies in matching uniforms, it is intended and hoped we will make a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of all guests who are present.

Since the majority of the uniform wear will be shipped here from Scotland, it will take several weeks to receive. Considering this long lead time, it is of course a possibility all items may not be available to the Knights for use during the Fall 2009 Reunion. However, with or without uniforms, rest assured the TKSA will be performing the opening and closing processions for the Reunion and providing service to the Tucson Scottish Rite as fully as possible. Additionally, the TKSA is working on the presentation of the 29th Degree for the Fall Reunion. If this effort is successful, it should prove to be a wonderful addition to our Reunion schedule.

Work has continued on the TKSA Knighting ceremony script to ensure the ceremony will consistently provide incoming Knights with a clear vision of the importance of their service to the Tucson Scottish Rite and the seriousness of our commitment to the same.

A brigade of TKSA volunteers cooked breakfast for the Cochise County Scottish Rite Club at their July meeting. A short presentation was given on the TKSA and its purpose. A good time was had by all, and everyone in attendance departed with a full stomach. ■

### Four Things You Can't Recover

The stone . . . . after the throw  
The occasion . . . . after it's missed  
The word . . . . after it's said  
The time . . . . after it's gone



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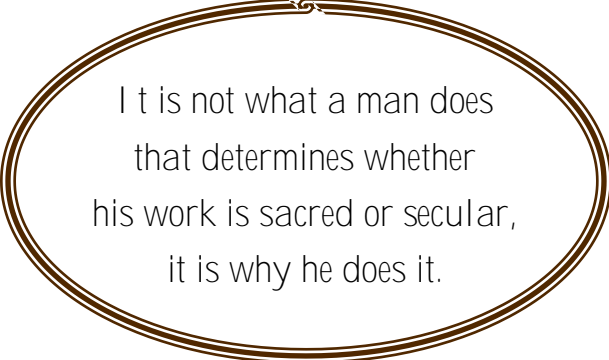
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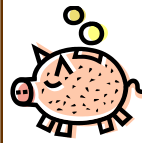
Bro.° Calvin B. Crisman, 32° ,  
K.°C.°C.°H.°

And

Bro.° Herman E. Ziemer, 32° ,  
K.°C.°C.°H.°

Please accept our sincere thanks for  
your generous donations to the  
Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.

**Thank You**



## Pennies From Heaven

A very special **Thank You** to the following for their participation in our Pennies From Heaven program:

**Bro. ° Hector G. Monroy, 32°**  
**Bro. ° Jon B. Ruse, 32°**  
**Ill. ° Bro. ° Kenneth W. Smith, 33°**  
**and**  
**Sahuaro High Twelve Club #523**

You too can participate in our Pennies From Heaven program. Your donations help preserve our beautiful Cathedral and help support the Child Language Center.

Donation jars are available at the Scottish Rite Office.



## Fall Reunion

November 6 — 7, 2009

In Honor Of:

**Ill. ° Bro. ° Verne D. Hegge, 33°**

## Tucson Scottish Rite 2009 Schedule of Events

Please cut on the dotted lines and place this  
Schedule of Events on your calendar.

## Tucson Scottish Rite 2009 Schedule of Events

- 9/3 Scottish Rite Discussion Group  
9/24 Past Venerable Masters' Night  
10/4-6 Biennial Session, Supreme Council,  
*Washington, D.C.*  
10/7 Scottish Rite Discussion Group  
10/11 Honors Brunch,  
*Tanque Verde Guest Ranch*  
10/22 Feast of Tishri  
*(Presiding Officers of GYR Bodies)*  
10/25 Masonic Family Picnic and Fair  
11/1 CHIP Concert  
*Catalinas Community Choir*  
11/4 Scottish Rite Discussion Group  
11/6-7 Fall Reunion  
11/12 Thanksgiving Celebration  
11/14 Honors Investiture  
11/26 Office Closed  
12/3 Scottish Rite Discussion Group  
12/10 Christmas Celebration and Elections  
12/24 Office Closed  
12/25 Office Closed  
12/31 First Night Celebration

## Congratulations To:

*Bro. . Jeffrey R. Horton, 32°, K. .C. .C. .H. .*

*Bro. . Russell W. Karr, 32°*

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*Bro. . Stanley L. Meister, 32°*

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*Ill. . Bro. . Robert C. Conrad, 33°*

*Bro. . Jason A. Lewis, III, 32°*

*Bro. . Robert L. Hicks, 32°, K. .C. .C. .H. .*

For Completing

The Master Craftsman Correspondence Program



## Honorary DeMolay

By *Bro. . Brian A. Pilz, 32°, TKSA*



Did you miss the chance to be a member of DeMolay as a young man? Would you like to become an Honorary DeMolay? The Arizona Association of DeMolay will be conducting the second annual class for the King Solomon Chapter. This is an opportunity for any Arizona Master Mason to become an Honorary Member of DeMolay.

This class will be in honor of Donald E. White, Past Executive Officer of Arizona DeMolay. The class will be held October 10, 2009 at the Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral beginning at 1:00pm.

Initiation fee is \$50.00. For an additional \$50.00 you can purchase a lifetime membership in the DeMolay International Alumni Association.

Registration is due by September 25, 2009. Fees can be paid at the door but, the registration must be submitted by the 25th. For more information, please contact me at 520-235-9138 or email at [shroom60@aol.com](mailto:shroom60@aol.com).

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## 400 Club

By

Ill. ° Bro. ° Robert F. Hannon, 33°

S. ° G. ° I. ° G. °

A few years ago, we started an Endowment fund for our Scottish Rite Cathedral in Tucson and our Child Language Center located at 6th and Speedway.

The goal was set and it was a simple plan: 400 people contributing \$1,000.00 per year for five years and we would have a \$2 Million Dollar Endowment Fund to preserve and maintain our beautiful Scottish Rite building and to assist in the language development of the young people who come to our Wings on Word's, Child Language Center.

Well, we have not reached our goal,

but we did receive some wonderful donations from our members and some non-members. As the contributions come in they are deposited in a restricted account and only a percentage of the earnings can be used for the purpose it was given.

We ask for your support to help achieve this goal. The suggested \$1,000.00 per year was figured at \$83.33 per month for 12 months, which comes out to \$999.96. If you would be willing to do this for the next five years that will come to \$4,999.80. (I will throw in the 20 cents to make it \$5,000.00.) If 400 people reach the \$5,000.00 mark, that will total the goal of \$2 Million.

One couple paid the entire \$5,000.00 at one time because they said they were not sure they would be around in five years. He has since passed away.

Every donor's name will be engraved on a beautiful 400 Club plaque that will be placed in the lobby of each of the buildings.

Some of you may be unable to contribute the suggested \$1,000.00 per year. If that's true, what can you afford to help achieve the goal? If it takes 500 or 600 donors to reach the goal, so be it.

Contact me and let's talk about what you would like to do.

Checks can be made payable to "The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation" and mailed to P.O. Box 391, Tucson, AZ 85702-0391. The Foundation is an IRS recognized 501c(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. ■

*"What do you think has become of the young and old men?  
And what do you think has become of the women and children?"*

*They are alive and well somewhere;*

*the smallest sprout shows there is really no death,  
and if ever there was, it led forward life, and does not wait at the end to arrest it,  
and ceas'd the moment life appear'd.*

*All goes onward and outward - nothing collapses,  
and to die is different from what anyone supposed, and luckier.*

*Has anyone supposed it lucky to be born?*

*I hasten to inform him or her, it is just as lucky to die, and I know it.*

*I pass death with the dying, and birth with the new-wash'd babe,  
and am not contain'd between my hat and boots . . ."*

Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*

Within the span of a month, Freemasonry and Sierra Vista have lost three great Masons. The souls of Ill. ° Bro. ° George Timmons, 33°, Ill. ° Bro. ° George Mason, 33° and, Bro. ° Charles Anderson, 32°, K. ° C. ° H. °, have one by one, winged their way to the unknown world. I remember each of these men in many different settings, and particularly as actors in the Egyptian Court of the Dead in our 31st Degree. I see each man's face, hear his voice, and watch him move. The Degree is about self-judgment—the examination of our actions and our motives. In the Degree our Brothers acted the parts of Hapi, Isis, and Duamutef, but each man's part played was the same—that of the soul of Ceres, and each acquitted himself well. We will miss them.

Ill. ° Bro. ° Michael T. Bishop, 33°, Grand Master

## Honors:

### Awards, Rewards or Both

By Ill. Bro. James W. Sebastian, 33°

Every odd numbered year at its Biennial Session, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite designates a certain number of Brothers to receive the Honors of the Rite. The Honors are approved by the Supreme Council at the recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy for each Orient. These Honors are given with both an expectation of future service and as a reward for contribution to the Rite. The Honors presented are the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, 32° (K.C.C.H.) and the 33° Inspector General Honorary.

The Knight Commander of the Court of Honor is an investiture of rank, not a degree, that is bestowed upon a "Master of the Royal Secret" in recognition of faithful service to Masonry or to mankind. This honor cannot be asked for and, if asked for, must be refused. The K.C.C.H. is designated by the red prayer cap with a dark red band, gold trim and a gold cross of Malta. In the center of the cross is either a green cross trefoil representing the ancient symbol of spirituality or a green shamrock representing the Trinity of God.

The Inspector General Honorary, 33°, is invested upon Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor who have been invested with the rank of K.C.C.H. for at least four years, have reached the age of 35 years and, continue to serve the Rite in an exemplary manor. Holders of this Honorary Degree are designated by the white prayer cap with a white band, gold trim and gold and red slanted Patriarchal Cross with the crosslets in front.

The K.C.C.H. Investiture is a public ceremony open to members and their families. The Inspector General Honorary is a private ceremony for holders of the Degree only.

When the public announcement of the Honors is made, please take the opportunity to congratulate these Brothers.

Honors: a reward, award or both? You decide. ■

## Venerable Master's Comments

By Bro. Robert L. Hicks, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Summer is over and I hope everyone had a fine time. Now it is time to get back to the Rite. I am excited about our September Stated Meeting as it will be a Past Venerable Masters' Night. We haven't done this in quite a while so plan on attending to see which Past Masters come out of retirement and serve as Officers of the Lodge of Perfection one more time. There will be ritual, fun and fellowship. Be sure to make your dinner reservations and join us.

In October we will be celebrating the Feast of Tishri. I am told we will be conducting the ceremony in a different and very interesting fashion; come see the differences for yourself. In addition to the Feast of Tishri, the presiding officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies have been invited to attend the Stated Meeting for fellowship and to tell us about their organization. Again, make sure you make your dinner reservations and join in the fun and fellowship.

Over the summer I completed the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Correspondence Program. Not only did I acquire further light in Masonry, but I enjoyed the process of gathering the light. I found many of the enhanced and additional meanings to symbols and ritual which are hinted at or, we were told we would learn after becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. The Master Craftsman Correspondence Program is the best lesson plan I have found which does indeed shed more light on and imparts a more thorough and meaningful understanding of Scottish Rite Masonry. If you haven't already, I highly recommend you consider enrolling in the course as it will give you a better understanding of our Craft. ■

### UNPAID DUES

I am sure those who are delinquent in their dues have received reminder notices. Here are some staggering numbers:

**29 members have not paid their 2008 dues of \$60.00, which amounts to: \$ 1,740.00**

**193 members have not paid their 2009 dues of \$75.00, which amounts to:**

**\$14,475.00**

**TOTAL OUTSTANDING DUES: \$16,215.00**

If you find that renewing your dues will create a financial hardship, please call the Scottish Rite Office, 520-622-8364.

Your dues keeps our Valley alive and functioning for your benefit.

## Meet The Newest Members Of The Valley of Tucson



**Bro. . Steven McNeil, 32°**  
escorted by  
his wife, Angie



**Bro. . Jesse A. Guajardo, 32°**  
escorted by  
his wife, Yisel and children  
Julian, Aylani and Elizabeth



**Bro. . Hector G. Monroy, 32°**  
escorted by  
Ill. . Bro. . Harold A. York, 33°



**Bro. . Virgil D. Larsen, 32°**  
escorted by  
his wife Laura and  
their grandson Logan



**Bro. . Gilbert F. Mowbray, III, 32°**  
escorted by  
his wife Debbie



**Bro. . Douglas D. Krusell, 32°**  
escorted by  
Bro. . Ralph W. Hooten, 32°,  
K. .C. .C. .H. .

### Scottish Rite Discussion Group

By Bro. . John W. George, 32°, K. .C. .C. .H. .

Greetings on the Square, Brethren! I hope everyone had a great summer, and is eager to resume the study of the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Master Craftsman Program.

We have not met since our Valley went dark at the beginning of June so, I think it might be best to ask at the beginning of the meeting for a consensus on whether to begin at the beginning, with a recapitulation of the

introductory and Lodge of Perfection materials, perhaps even revisit the Blue Lodge symbols, before moving on to more advanced degree study. Or, perhaps everyone has advanced as far as the Council of Kadosh at least, and we can start there. I am open to input.

At any rate, the Master Craftsman Discussion Group will re-convene at the Scottish Rite Cathedral at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 3, 2009, to kick off a new Masonic year of study.

Be there and be square! ■



## “That We Ourselves Might Know the Spot”



### *The Acacia Trees Flanking the Entrance to the Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral*

By Bro. . John W. George, 32°, K. .C. .C. .H. .

All Master Masons, as indeed do all who have even a superficial knowledge of our rituals, know about the “sprig of Acacia” which was planted at the head of a famous grave, “that . . . we ourselves might know the spot.” Thanks to the efforts of Ill. . Bro. . J. Michael Atchley, 33°, and the cooperation of the landscape company in the recently completed Scott Avenue Project, we have a pair of acacias growing in front of the Cathedral, flanking the façade of the old part of the building, like the Pillars before King Solomon’s Temple.

Acacia is a genus of the mimosa family with over 1,300 species. It is a most useful tree, providing humanity with shade, erosion abatement, wood for building, food, resin, and even drugs. It is also held sacred by many ancient cultures.

Red acacia (*Acacia seyal*) native to North Africa, especially the eastern part (Egypt to Kenya), is known to have been used by the Ancient Egyptians to build mummy caskets, and thought by some Biblical scholars to have been the *shittim* wood used to build the Ark of the Covenant.

Two of our most prominent Masonic references have a lot to say about this botanical blessing as well. According to Ill. . Bro. . Albert G. Mackey, 33°, the Masonic acacia was likely *acacia vera*, now known as *acacia* (or *mimosa*) *nilotica*. It grows abundantly in the Jerusalem neighborhood (or once did) and is the source of Gum Arabic. It is, as the Tanach tells us, sacred to the Hebrews; Moses having been commanded to build the Tabernacle, Ark of the Covenant, Table Of Shewbread and the rest of the sacred furniture from the wood of the

acacia. He goes on to discuss three aspects of its symbolism, relevant to Masonry:

- **Immortality** of the soul (as an evergreen)—cf. 3rd Degree Monitorial lecturer et al.; “which, being an emanation of the Almighty, can never die.”
- **Innocence** (probably due to Greek etymology and the dual meaning of the word *ákakiá*), here, of course, that of H.A.
- **Initiation**: Every ancient mystery had its emblematic plant, e.g., lettuce for Adonis, Lotus for the Brahmins and Egyptians, Mistletoe for the Druids, and Myrtle for the Greeks.

Acacia, thus, for us represents the close connection between all three themes.

After reminding us that any meaning beyond its use in the ritual to mark the grave is speculation. Ill. . Bro. . Henry Wilson Coil, 33°, goes on to cite Martin Clare’s *Defense of Masonry*, a reply to one Pritchard’s expose, as deriving the “sprig of acacia” from the universal ancient custom of bearing green branches at a funeral, but also and specifically the “Golden Bough” legend of Virgil, where Æneas “plucked a golden bough or shrub”, in order to ensure safe passage through the Underworld to acquire secrets from his departed father; thus we have a resonance with the theme of retrieving lost information from one deceased.

The trees planted in front of our Cathedral are *Acacia Farnesiana*, **Sierra Sweet Acacia**, according to the work order shown me by the superintendent of the landscape company. A little research shows that this native species, found primarily in northeast Mexico and southwest Texas is no stranger to Sonora and Arizona.

They may not be the exact species referenced in the legend, assuming the creators of the legend really knew from acacias in the first place, but they are nonetheless perfectly appropriate, being native to the region. Thus, we have the transplanting of the Craft to a new country, adapting itself to the new environment where it thrives. ■

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### Child Identification Program (CHIP) Fundraiser

By Bro. . Robert E. Meisenheimer, 32°

The Tucson Scottish Rite will sponsor a benefit concert to raise funds to purchase a child identification kit for Southern Arizona. Our goal is to sell 400 tickets at \$10.00 each and raise \$4,000.00. One hundred per cent of the proceeds from the concert will be donated toward the purchase of a kit and needed supplies.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) recognizes the Masonic CHIP program as one of the most comprehensive Child Recovery and Identification Programs in the Nation, providing parents with necessary items to aid law enforcement in recovery and identification of missing children. In 2007, NCMEC honored the Masonic CHIP program with their "Special Award of Commendation".

CHIP Events provide parents with completed ID packages of identifying items generated at the event (**NOT a blank Kit to be filled out at home**) The package contains vital identifying items to be given to law enforcement agencies if their child is missing. These packages contain:

Computer generated data downloaded to a CD along with a hard copy;

Digital fingerprint scans (all 10 fingers), which meet law enforcement standards;

Cheek DNA Swab - Brief Recorded Video

Digital Still Photographs - Laminated ID cards

Events are offered at NO COST to parents so that anyone wanting their child to participate in the Event can do so. Currently, twenty-eight (28) Masonic Grand Lodge jurisdictions participate in the CHIP program.

The requests for identifying children is coming from schools, churches, insurance companies, private firms, health agencies, border patrol offices and the police department. As the word gets out, the demand continues to grow. Our CHIP volunteers need additional kits to effectively handle the increasing demand.

We need your participation. Success will be measured in two parts: (1) Financial—we need to sell 400 tickets to accomplish purchasing a CHIP kit and adding to the supply fund; and (2) Appreciation—for all the rehearsal time dedicated by the singers and directors for this fundraising concert. We need to fill the Red Room and reward them for their efforts. Only YOU can make this happen.

The concert is scheduled for

Sunday, November 1, 2009 — 3:00 p.m.

in the Red Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral

Performing will be the Catalinas Community Chorus, [www.catalinascommunitychorus.org](http://www.catalinascommunitychorus.org), and two chorus groups from the Tucson Girls Chorus, the "Hummingbirds" and the "Lady Bugs."

Your donation will go to the Tucson Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation which is an IRS recognized 501(c)3 corporation.

Tickets will be available beginning September 8th and can be reserved by calling Bro. . Bob Meisenheimer, 32°, at 520-229-9294 or [bobmeise@earthlink.net](mailto:bobmeise@earthlink.net) or by calling the Scottish Rite office at 520-622-8364. You may also complete the form below to purchase tickets or to make a tax-free donation to the CHIP program.

If you would like additional information about the CHIP program, please contact:

J. Michael or Peggy Atchley  
520-624-8494 or by email at [heartsgrandma@theriver.com](mailto:heartsgrandma@theriver.com)

#### CHILD IDENTIFICATION CONCERT Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral Sunday, November 1, 2009 - 3:00pm

Please accept my reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(no. of tickets)

Please accept my tax-free donation to the Tucson Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation which will go toward the purchase of a Child Identification kit. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Around the Cathedral . . . . .**

A special *thanks* to Sabbar Shrine Temple for donating three wheelchairs from their Loan Chest to the Scottish Rite. The wheelchairs are located in the dining room and are available to any of our members who wish to use them while attending our meetings. As a bonus, you will have a member of the Tucson Knights of Saint Andrew as your escort. All you need to do is call the office prior to any meeting to make arrangements.

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November 6th & 7th will be the "Ill. Bro. Verne D. Hegge, 33<sup>rd</sup> Fall Reunion". You have plenty of time to work on potential candidates. Let's have a large class to honor our Illustrious Brother and Past Grand Master.

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From the "rumor mill" — we heard the Rite Ladies are making new centerpieces for our dining room tables. They are not stopping there — they are having the carpeting in the elevator replaced and are looking into replacing the tile in the ladies restroom. What an asset these ladies have become.

\* \* \*

Beginning September 10th, the Temple of Music and Arts kicks off their fall season and runs through April 24, 2010. This is a great opportunity for us to raise additional funds for the Cathedral—renting our parking spaces to their paying guests at \$5.00 per space, per show. There are both afternoon and evening performances scheduled.

Currently, they have 129 performances scheduled and we have 53 parking spaces we could rent which

amounts to a possible \$34,185.00 in funds for our Cathedral. WOW !

We need three volunteers per performance to donate two hours of your time. Please call the office to see what dates are available and volunteer to help.

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Last but not least, don't forget to join us at the Masonic Family Picnic and Fair on October 25th at Reid Park. Last year we had a really good turnout. Mark the date on your calendar and join us for good food, fun, music and brotherhood.

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**Life's Tug of War**

By Dr. James Robert Rowe-Loy

Life can seem ungrateful and not always kind.

Life can be blissful and happy and free,  
life can put beauty in the things that you see.

Life can place challenges right at your feet,  
life can make good of the hardships we meet.

Life can overwhelm you and make your head spin,  
life can reward those determined to win.

Life can be hurtful and not always fair,  
life can surround you with people who care.

Life clearly does offer its ups and its downs,  
**life's days can bring you both smiles and frowns.**

Life teaches us to take the good with the bad,  
life is a mixture of happy and sad.

SO . . .

Take the life that you have and give it your best,  
think positive be happy let God do the rest.

Take the challenges that life has laid at your feet,  
take pride and be thankful for each one you meet.

To yourself give forgiveness if you stumble and fall,  
take each day that is dealt you and give it your all.

**Take the love that you're given and return it with care,**  
have faith that when needed it will always be there.

Take time to find the beauty in the things that you see,  
**take life's simple pleasures,**  
let them set your heart free.

The idea here is simply to even the score,  
as you are met and faced with—

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# Spring Reunion Schedule

Friday, May 1, 2009

## Schedule of Events

- 7:30 a.m. Class enrollment—Secretary's Office
- 7:45 a.m. Class Roll Call
- 7:55 a.m. Opening Lodge of Perfection  
Robert L. Hicks, 32°, K.° .C.° .C.° .H.° ., Venerable Master
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Address  
Ill.° . Robert F. Hannon, 33°  
S.° .G.° .I.° .G.° . Of the Supreme Council in Arizona
- 8:15 a.m. Reunion Prologue  
Ill.° . Walter U. Weber, 33°
- 8:30 a.m. Introduction to the Class Room,  
Master Craftsman Program  
John W. George, 32°, K.° .C.° .C.° .H.° .
- 8:45 a.m. 4° - *Secret Master*  
Southern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 9:30 a.m. 6° - *Intimate Secretary*  
Tucson
- 10:00 a.m. 8° - *Intendant of the Building*  
Southern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 10:40 a.m. 11° - *Elu of the Twelve*  
Northern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 11:20 a.m. 12° - *Master Architect*  
Southern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch in Banquet Room
- 1:00 p.m. Classroom
- 2:00 p.m. 14° - *Perfect Elu*  
Northern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 3:10 p.m. Opening Chapter Rose Croix  
Ill.° . Jerry J. Foard, 33°, Wise Master
- 3:15 p.m. 17° - *Knights of the East and West*  
Southern Arizona Scottish Rite Club
- 4:00 p.m. Classroom
- 4:00 p.m. K.° .C.° .C.° .H.° . Meeting in Phillips Room