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THE MASONIC
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Sunday
September 21, 2008**

The Masonic Family Picnic and Fair, sponsored by the Tucson Scottish Rite, is just around the corner. **The 2008 Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 21st from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Reid Park, Ramadas 18 and 19.** The entrance is off Country Club Road, south of 22nd Street. Just look for the Masonic Picnic sign. Fun, food and fellowship will be the word of the day. This is a great opportunity for you to share Masonry with all your friends and family, to make new friends and renew old friendships, and to just have a genuinely great time in the wonderful Tucson weather. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, potato salad, ranch beans and sodas will be provided. All you need to do is bring a valid dues card from a Masonic organization to get you and your guests well fed. Desserts will be available for a nominal charge from a number of the attending organizations. There will be games for the kids, a jumping castle and music provided by the Shrine Band and other groups. All kinds of Masonic information will be available as well as an opportunity to see Masonry in action by finding out what is happening with the Wings on Words Language Center, Children at Risk and the Child Identification Program, as well as other Masonically supported programs in Tucson. This will also give you a chance to see what the other Lodges and organizations are doing to promote Masonry in Tucson.

Tables and chairs for arts and crafts will be available, but electrical outlets are few and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Reservations for tables can be made through Lynda Gross at 795-3932 or lgross100@cox.net. Additional information can be obtained from J. Michael Atchley, 33^o, Personal Representative, at 622-8364 or 624-8494 or by e-mail at jmatchley@tucsonscottishrite.org.

Write the date down now and remind all your friends and family. Remember what P.T. Barnum had to say: "Without promotion something terrible happens. . . Nothing!" So here is your chance. Let everyone know about **Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Reid Park.** Join us in celebrating friends, fellowship, fun and Masonry in action.

Hope to see all of you there to make this year's picnic an outstanding success. ■

*By Craig L. Gross, 33^o
2008 Picnic Chairman*

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Rite Words

Valley of Tucson - Orient of Arizona

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Team Work

By J. Michael Atchley, 33°, Personal Representative

What does it take to have a strong Scottish Rite? **TEAM WORK.** It means being there for our members, working with our members to have programs and entertainment so our members will frequent our Scottish Rite. It means creating membership programs that are rich with information to attract new members.

Working together as a team we can achieve these goals, but only if we **WORK AS A TEAM.** We also need to keep in mind that we are struggling financially, but we are working diligently to resolve the situation. Some of the activities you will see that help support the Scottish Rite are the fundraising efforts and applying better business practices. Through our 501(c)3 tax exempt program you will be able to contribute money while at the same time using it as a tax deduction on your personal income taxes. These are just a few of the ways we are endeavoring to shore up our funds. As time goes on you will hear of other opportunities.

The Supreme Council has announced an exciting new correspondence course designed and administered by the staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council. Please read the full article on the **Master Craftsman Correspondence Program** on page 9.

Our Fall Reunion will be held November 7th and 8th, at the Cathedral, a joint Reunion with the Phoenix Valley. The Reunion begins Friday at 4:00pm with an educational program, followed by a catered dinner at 5:30pm. At 6:30pm we will confer the 4th Degree. All candidates and their ladies will be guests of the Scottish Rite for dinner. The cost for dinner for members and their guests will be \$10.00 each. While the men are meeting, **The Rite Ladies** of the Tucson Valley will host a program for all the ladies in attendance.

Saturday begins at 8:00am with the 14th Degree, followed by the 18th Degree, and the 30th Degree before lunch. Following lunch, the 32nd Degree will be conferred. We conclude the day with the Cap and Ring Ceremony. Spouses of all the candidates are encouraged to participate in the Cap and Ring Ceremony.

Brethren, as has been said throughout the fraternity of Freemasonry, “Every Brother needs to replace himself.” Please go forth and invite a Brother Blue Lodge Mason into Scottish Rite Masonry for further enlightenment. Membership is our life’s blood and as each one of us is on the membership committee, it is our responsibility to ensure that future generations are guaranteed a Scottish Rite in our Valley. ■

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To Our Tuesday Crew and
the Volunteers Who Work in the
Rummage Room.

I want you to know how much you are appreciated for all your hard work. For those who may not know, these individuals continued to work at the Cathedral throughout the summer.

Billy Hall • Roy & Jane Taylor

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Thank You!



To Brother Everett K. Thomas :

Every member of the Tucson Scottish Rite tips their hat to you for donating your 1988 Cadillac to our Valley this summer. The sale of the vehicle brought in much needed funds.

Thank You!



No person was ever honored
for what he received.
Honor has been the
reward for what he gave.

Everyone knows that our ice machine was broken for who knows how long.

Along comes **Brother Ron Wayne** from Temple Lodge #51 and in no time the ice bin is full.

Thank You!



Let There Be Light!

Thanks to *Illustrious Brother Jim Sebastian, 33°* for donating the light fixtures in the hallway and to **Brothers Roy Taylor and Bob Meisenheimer** for their expertise in installing them.

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Venerable Master's Comments

By Larry D. Behers, 33°

Freemasonry has caused many men, past and present to consider the innovations of philosophy and science that have brought us to this place where our desire is to bring into a clear focus the pathway that has lead to a greater understanding of the world around us.

Dating from antiquity, around 7 BC is a small piece of rock crystal with the shape of a convex lens. Other lenses have been discovered from the ancient world of Rome, Cairo, Carthage, and Troy. All with the curvature and short focal length that would allow the user to bring an image into focus only a few inches away from the lens. This would be of great use for older professors and scientists whose vision was challenged by age, but proved totally useless as a telescope.

It would be another 21 centuries until Hans Lipperhey put two lenses together of the proper shape, which brought objects that were distant to be seen close up. It was in the next year of 1609 that Galileo, professor of mathematics at the University of Padua would turn his much improved spyglass heavenward.

The 17th Century astronomer, Johannes Kepler, said of the telescope, "O telescope, instrument of much knowledge, more precious than any scepter! Is not he who holds thee in his hand made king and lord of the works of God?"

The telescope would present God's universe before us and alter our political, philosophical and religious perceptions about the cosmos forever.

After many nights of observing through his telescope, Galileo discovered four major truths that brought him in conflict with the Church of Rome. His 'spyglass' clearly showed that the great planet Jupiter had four moons that revolved around it in a regular and timely fashion. The moon was not smooth and flat, but had irregular mountains and valleys stretched across its terrain. Venus did not always appear to be round, but went through phases as did the moon, and that the sun had dark imperfections on its surface.

These four discoveries violated doctrinal beliefs held by the Church for centuries. First, that the sun and moon were not perfect objects, and finally that the Earth was not the center of the universe, but revolved around the sun, as did the other planets.

For this, Galileo was placed under house arrest for the remainder of his life, but not before making two major points directly to the inquisitors of the "Holy Inquisition".

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Calling All Black Hats!

By Randy Jager



During the month of August, the process of contacting each and every 32° Mason in the Tucson Valley was started. This communication is to identify Charter Members for an exciting new organization in the Tucson Scottish Rite. This new organization will be a Tucson Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA).

Historically, the medieval order of the Knights of St. Andrew was formed by King Robert, the Bruce of Scotland in 1314. Its purpose was to honor Knights instrumental in the victory over the English during the Battle of Bannockburn.

In line with its historical beginnings, the modern Order of the KSA also focuses on outstanding service. In the Valley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ill. Weldon J. Good, 33° developed the first Chapter of the KSA in 1993. It was specifically designed to be a service organization comprised solely of Black Hat Masons ... the goal being to help them become more active in the Consistory by giving them an identity and specific purpose to fulfill. Any member who subsequent to joining the KSA receives the honor of KCCH is designated as an Emeritus Member, and is no longer able to hold office or vote. However, they are still able to contribute and assist.

In many Valleys, the KSA is responsible for duties specific to the Reunions (such as serving as greeters, accommodating candidates, appearing in the opening and closing ceremonies, or even taking specific responsibility for presenting the 29th Degree). However, the overall purpose of the organization is to serve the Consistory where assistance is needed. Final duties for the Tucson Chapter of the KSA have not been designated as of the writing of this article, but they will most assuredly include the honorable representation of and selfless dedication to our Masonic Fraternity within the Scottish Rite, our community, our Jurisdiction, and our State.

If you are a 32° who has not been contacted as of this publication date and you are interested in joining the Tucson Chapter of the KSA, contact me at 405-6098 for further details. ■



Council of Kadosh

By Steven Garn, 32°, KCCH
Commander Tucson Council

The 19th through 30th Degrees of the Scottish Rite that make up the Degrees of the Council of Kadosh are philosophical in nature. Personal humility and a willingness to be of service to our fellow men are important components of these philosophical teachings. These simple elements can initiate great social changes when exercised in the right historical moment as I have learned while studying the life of one Scottish Rite Mason.

Frank S. Land was Commander of Kadosh for the Valley of Kansas City, Missouri in January 1919, when a friend phoned him and asked if he could give a job to a boy whose father had died the previous year, Brother Frank readily agreed to meet with the boy. He was so impressed with Louis Lower that he gave him the job and continued to befriend the young man. About a month later Brother Frank asked Louis if he had any friends who would like to get together at the Scottish Rite and

possibly form a club. The idea sprang to life in that first meeting of nine boys and grew rapidly over the next month to the formation of the first DeMolay chapter. After encouraging the boys to elect officers, conduct their own meetings and plan activities, Brother Frank sat in the back of the room for the most part, occasionally offering advice through which he intended to foster a bit of forethought in the boys such that their actions might continue the evolution of the order in a positive direction.

So was born a great organization that has counted among its many thousands of members; Senators, congressmen, governors, astronauts, businessmen, actors, sports figures...the list goes on. The Order of DeMolay has contributed great leaders in every field of endeavor and more than a few Masons in countries all over the world.

Frank S. Land, a man who had no son of his own, worked tirelessly and humbly to provide an environment where boys could learn to exercise the elements of good citizenship, ultimately became known as "Dad Land" to thousands of young men. Obviously Dad Land was a Mason who took the teachings of the Scottish Rite to heart and made a great difference in the world we live in today! ■

Sharing Your Legacy

By J. Michael Atchley, 33°, Personal Representative

Often we speak about the various fundraising efforts going on within our Masonic Family. In most cases these events are designed to raise funds for some specific purpose. Although this is always needed and appreciated, there are the on-going concerns of the Bodies that remain with us, building maintenance, membership, scholarships, and supporting the fundamental tenant of relief to a brother in need.

In times past, efforts have been made to develop financial resources for the long-term expenses that will carry the Bodies into the future. In financial terms these accounts are commonly referred to as foundations and endowments. Most of the Masonic Organizations have established foundations and endowments on a national basis and some can be carried down to the local level as well. There are also tools such as Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT) and Life Insurance Trusts (LIT or ILIT) that families can use to share their wealth to a concern or cause they hold dear.

As much as the ability to just write a check when called upon for donations is an easy task, for some of us, this puts the needs of your family at odds with the needs of your Lodge. There are some other ways in which you may be able to share in contributions to support the Bodies that does not involve sending in a check.

Giftng Through a Life Insurance Policy

You may have an old life insurance policy that has been paid-up (premiums are no longer needed to be paid) or was set up for the kid's needs who are now well into being adults. A simple beneficiary change form can include one of the Masonic Organizations as a beneficiary. This costs nothing to complete and does not change or cancel the policy. The gift would be then made when you pass away and the insurance claim is processed.

You may have a larger life insurance policy that is designed to provide for your family in the event of your passing. The policy may be able to pay off the home or send the kids or grandkids to college. For many of these policies, it is possible to designate multiple beneficiaries. In most cases this is done by percentage. For example, if you have three children, you could consider giving the bulk of the estate to each child. In this case, you could also allocate possibly 5% or 10% of the policy benefit to one of the Masonic Organizations or charitable endeavors of the Fraternity. This also does not have a cost or fee and will not affect the life insurance policy itself by changing premium costs or coverage amounts.

If you are interested in having further conversation about this type of long-term gifting to the Bodies, please contact me at 622-8364 or 624-8494. I will put you in touch with Brother Jeff Cutler, who is the Financial Advisor for both the Phoenix and Tucson Scottish Rite Bodies. ■

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15th Degree—The Knight of the East

By Michael T. Bishop, 33°

Tucson Chapter Rose Croix



To paraphrase Ronald Reagan, “the trouble with the other guy is not that he is ignorant, it’s just that he knows so much that isn’t so.”

Nature demonstrates that perfection is not static, but an ongoing process toward greater perfection. Perfection is not an end, but a goal never to be reached. It requires effort and vigilance so as not to depart from truth and what is right. Most of us know what is right, but the challenge is finding the courage to do it.

Nature also displays polarity or opposites, and validates their necessity. Opposites are good.

How do we apply the lessons of the 15th Degree? A man should stand for what he believes, acknowledge other views, realize that those views are believed by other men, and understand that they might know something that is so.

I will close by saying that I was just informed of the passing of Vic Stout. I have never met or been associated with a finer man than Vic Stout. He was pure class. ■

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From the Secretary’s Desk

By Jeffrey R. Horton, 32°, KCCH

As of the first of August, we have 14 members who have not paid dues for 2007 and 2008. In addition, 70 members have not yet paid their 2008 dues! Please help us reduce those figures. If you have any doubt about your dues status, please give me a call.

The 2009 Dues Cards are now available at the Scottish Rite Office. Please stop by the office to pick up your card. The dues for 2009 is \$75.00.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you at the September Stated Meeting.

Tuesday Crew

By B.G. Hall



When you read this, summer will have come and gone and you will be witnessing the results of our latest endeavors. Some of our crew left the area for the summer, but the ones who stayed elected to come in on Tuesdays to accomplish things which could only be done while our members were away. We redecorated and rearranged the walls of the Drachman Ante Room. Both Lodges that meet there now have a place to display their pictures. An attractive cabinet now covers the circuit breaker box and the electrical receptacle above the Tilers Desk. Our Personal Rep., searched for and found the original Blue Room furniture which we refinished and placed back into the room. We replaced the hallway lights adjacent to the Red Room with larger and more attractive fluorescents, and we repaired and cleaned the closet in the Robing Room.

We are now looking forward to cooler weather so we can proceed with the demolition of the apartment on the south side of the Cathedral.

We could use a few more helping hands. If you have a few Tuesdays to spare, come on down. We could sure use your help.

Your reward ~ lunch provided by the Scottish Rite. See you on Tuesdays. ■

Venerable Master's Comments

(Continued)

These are of great importance to the Mason, and bring us to a greater understanding of the 'greatness' of God, as well as the book that we took our obligations on.

He made his statements concise and to the point, "I don't believe that God intended the Bible as a science book, but to lead men to salvation", and "I don't believe that God gave man a superior intellect on one hand, and expected him not to use it on the other".

With such clear, fruitful thoughts, Galileo emerged in later life from pain and humiliation to be freed from the old science of Aristotle and Ptolemy, and upon a clean slate set forth a course of modern science and thought.

Like the lenses of antiquity, Galileo leads us to a clearer understanding of the truth, not only of that which we see with our eyes, but those things that God has implanted in our intellects and souls. ■

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I, the undersigned, _____ am a Master Mason
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I have resided in the State of Arizona since _____. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees. I now respectfully petition the degrees from the 4° to 32° inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

** If applicant has previously applied for any of the Degrees, he will strike out the word "never" and in writing, explain fully, time, place, and to whom such application was made.*

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**Scottish Rite
Master Craftsman
Correspondence Program**

The Supreme Council has an exciting new correspondence course designed and administered by the staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council.

Studying at your own pace, the Master Craftsman Correspondence Program will increase and test your knowledge of the Scottish Rite while you learn about its structure and organization, its rich history, and its deeply philosophic Masonic teachings.

The course consists of a series of six reading assignments and six open book quizzes utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, *A Bridge to Light* by Rex R. Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, and a personalized certificate and lapel pin upon completion of the program. With the completion of each lesson and quiz, you mail the completed quiz to the Supreme Council and receive feedback and positive comments from their staff.

The course fee is \$42.00 which includes shipping and handling, and is available for purchase at the Tucson Scottish Rite.

If you are interested in increasing your knowledge of Scottish Rite this program is a must. ■

**The Rite Ladies
Mission Statement**



The Rite Ladies is a women's group formed by the wives and friends of Scottish Rite Masons who are members of the Valley of Tucson ~ Orient of Arizona and/or other Masonic affiliations. Our purpose is to promote fellowship among Scottish Rite families thereby increasing interest and participation.

The Rite Ladies Will Provide:

- an opportunity to bring wives and friends together in the spirit of sisterhood
- an opportunity for leadership and personal growth
- an opportunity to share talents and interests
- an opportunity to participate in community services
- an opportunity for fellowship through varied and interesting programs
- an opportunity to learn about Freemasonry to develop a better understanding of a Mason's responsibilities and the history of the Scottish Rite.

The Rite Ladies welcomes all ladies who have a Masonic affiliation. We are an informal group with no dues and no ritual.

Monthly Stated Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Following dinner, the ladies adjourn for their business meeting and programs that are varied and interesting.

To learn more about The Rite Ladies, please contact Marian Hannon at 297-9712, mbhannon@qwest.net or Peggy Atchley at 624-8494, heartsgrandma@theriver.com, or stop by our booth at the Masonic Family Picnic and Fair on September 21, 2008 at Reid Park.

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Fall Reunion:

November 7—8, 2008



Scottish Rite Book Sale

September 1, 2008

Through

December 31, 2008

By J. Michael Atchley, 33°

Personal Representative

Beginning September 1st through Dec 31st for every book purchased at the regular price, you may purchase a second book of equal or lesser value at one-half the listed price.

There will be no limit as to the number of books an individual can purchase.

Hurry in for the best selection.

This book sale excludes the

Master Craftsman Correspondence Program.

Christmas Concert

By Bob Meisenheimer



The Catalinas Community Chorus will present a Christmas concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Sunday, December 7, 2008.

The Organ Prelude begins at 2:30pm followed by the Christmas concert from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

This concert will be free of charge, however there will be a "free will" offering. All donations will go to the Child Language Center and are tax deductible.

Tickets are required as seating is limited. You may obtain tickets by contacting the Scottish Rite office, 622-8364 or Bob Meisenheimer at 229-9294.

Additional information will appear in the November / December, 2008 issue of *The Rite Words*.

Meet Your New ~ Director Of The Work

Sidney J. Leluan, KCCH



I began my Masonic journey when I was raised a Master Mason in Marion McDaniel Lodge #56 in Tucson in 1981. I was elected to serve as Master in 1986 and later affiliated with Adobe Lodge #41 and served as its Master in 1992.

After joining the Scottish Rite, I took a speaking role in the 5th Degree, opposite my idol, Illustrious Brother Frank Button, 33°, and served as Assistant Director of the Work in 1996. I became a member of York Rite in 1982 and became KYCH in 1996. Currently, I serve as State President for High Twelve Clubs.

Some of the other bodies I have served in and belong to are: Past Patron OES #2, Life Member of Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, York Rite College, Sabbar Shrine and Honorary Legion of Honor—DeMolay, to name a few.

My philosophy on life is very similar to my commitment to Masonry: Do what you want to do and do the best you can. Never be afraid to say "no" with dignity and respect.

I live in Tucson with my four sons, Christopher, Steven, Nicholas, Anthony and my lovely wife, Debbie. ■

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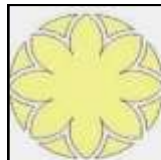


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2008 Arizona State Charitable Tax Credit

By Robert L. Hicks, KCCH

The end of the tax year is fast approaching and we ask you to donate to the Scottish Rite Charity, the Child Language Center. This 501(c)3 designated organization benefits pre-school children who have speech and language disorders. Your donation will help continue to give Wings to younger children's Words. When you file your state income tax, the amount you donate can reduce your tax liability by the same amount.

Please review the following which explains how the tax credit works.

A Win-Win Situation for You and the Children at Wings on Words (WOW)

Your donation to The Child Language Center's WOW program can reduce your state income tax.

- It costs you nothing: A dollar-for-dollar reduction from your Arizona State Tax obligation.
- Your donation can be taken as a deduction when you prepare your Federal Taxes also.
- Your donation provides scholarships, educational and clinical materials and support for clinical staff and teachers at WOW.

How does this tax credit work?

- The Child Language Center qualifies for a "Charitable Tax Credit" when you file your Arizona State taxes. This credit is given because we help a significant number of low-income families. Use AZ Form 321, *Credit for Contributions to Charities that Provide Assistance to the Working Poor*.
- You can donate up to \$200 for an individual and up to \$400 for a married couple filing jointly.
- Because this is a "Charitable Tax Credit," you can donate to any other qualified agency that has a different tax credit associated with it.
- The amount donated must be greater than donations made on an itemized tax return from a base year which is determined individually.

For further information on this tax credit, visit www.revenue.state.az.us then click on "Individual" and then on "Charitable Tax Credit". Our certified listing is "Child Language Center, The."

Note:

The Center is not a tax advisor. Contact a tax preparer for advice regarding your particular situation.

(You can contact Robert L. Hicks, at 825-0373 for more general information)

Donation Card (*Tear off and return with your donation*)

The Child Language Center

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Tax ID #86-1037966

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

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