



Rite Words

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

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As the mail arrives this month and next, you will notice a familiar envelope making its annual visit to your home. It is the Notice of Dues which is sent annually to every member of the Valley of Tucson. The amount of dues for 2017 is due by December 31, 2016 and remains at \$95.00—\$7.92 per month—\$0.26 per day. Your dues payment is used to pay per capita to the Supreme Council, insurance and taxes on the Cathedral, maintenance of the Cathedral, host reunions and support the scholarships for the JROTC—all of this on your twenty six cents per day.

Other familiar envelopes also arrive—Blue Lodge, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Grotto, etc., all of the special Masonic groups you have joined. In each of these envelopes you are asked to place your check inside and mail back to the sender as soon as possible.

Have you ever thought about what Freemasonry really costs? Add all the dues together, divide by 365 and you will realize your daily cost in dues. Recently, I decided to check: Blue Lodge—\$78.00; Scottish Rite—\$95.00; York Rite—\$86.00; Sabbar Shrine—\$117.00; Grotto—\$35.00 and another \$200.00 for other Masonic groups for a total of \$1.67 per day to belong to these groups. Now granted, they all come due at the same time—just before Christmas. Realistically, Freemasonry is an inexpensive dues organization to be a member.

We come back to a basic—value of membership. Do you value Freemasonry? Is the effort to belong worth the amount of money? My \$1.67 per day is just the tip of the iceberg in my daily expenses yet, that \$1.67 is what belonging to my Masonic organizations costs me each day in dues. Value is a term forgotten—a portion of the daily dues pays for example Blue Lodge: Bikes for Books, Public Schools Week and scholarships. Scottish Rite: Rite Care Clinics for children and maintaining our Cathedral and Almoner Fund. York Rite has three different medical research foundations they support; the Grotto has a dental program for disadvantaged children and handicapped children are helped through the various Shrine Hospitals and Burn Centers. Every Masonic group has its own

charity they support. All of this with dues and fundraisers—can you place a price on any of these? How much “value” is that? Keeping the Cathedral open and maintained, a place to meet and gather—how much “value” is that? The portion used for the on-going operations of my Masonic experience is well worth \$1.67 per day. All of this and “Brotherhood” too.

I hope you look beyond the annual dues notice to the good these fees pay for, the number of people assisted, especially children, the cost of doing business, the regular day-to-day operations. It all costs money.

Thank you for “Valuing” Freemasonry and for paying your annual dues, but most of all, for continuing to be a proud Scottish Rite Mason.

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

Personal Representative,

Orient of Arizona ~ Valley of Tucson



**Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights
to all people everywhere.**

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Tucson Scottish Rite 2016 - 2017 Schedule of Events

9/10 Masonic Open House — *Open to the Public*

9/16 Family Movie Night — *Open to the Public*

9/22 Stated Meeting

10/9 Family Picnic — *Open to the Public*

10/14 Family Movie Night — *Open to the Public*

10/27 Stated Meeting — *Feast of Tishri*

11/4-5 Fall Reunion

11/10 Stated Meeting — *Election of Officers*

11/11 Family Movie Night — *Open to the Public*

12/8 Holiday Program — *Open to the Public*

1/21 Robert Burns Supper — *Open to the Public*

1/25 Stated Meeting — *Installation of Officers*
Open to the Public

2/11 George Washington Celebration
Open to All Master Masons

2/23 Stated Meeting — *Country Hoe-Down Theme*

3/23 Stated Meeting — *KSA Knighting Ceremony*

4/27 Stated Meeting
Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

5/5-6 Spring Reunion

5/26 May Stated Meeting — *Birthday Celebration*

6/1-3 Grand Lodge Communication

Every day
we plant seeds.
It is our choice
as to what kind they are!

Check our website and Facebook page
for updates and additional events

www.TucsonScottishRite.org

It isn't that they can't see the solution. It's that they can't see the problem.

G.K. Chesterton

The Fall Reunion is just around the corner. Take note of the date—Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5, 2016. The degree teams are in the planning stage and will begin rehearsing soon. If you are a Brother who would like to join a team, let me know and I will notify the director of your desires. This applies to the departments as well. Property, Makeup and Wardrobe can always use help. Even if you are not involved in ritualistic work or in a department, we NEED your help sitting on the sidelines as supporters for the Candidates and Degree Teams. Please make an effort to support your Reunion.

The Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral continues to improve due to the efforts of Peggy Atchley and the many volunteers. If you haven't been to the Temple recently, please come early to the September Stated Meeting and I, or someone else, will be glad to give you a tour.

Get those petitions turned in and let's get to work!

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



Stated Meeting

September 22, 2016—6:30pm

Buffet Dinner Menu

Garden Salad with Crisp Seasonal Vegetables
Herb-Garlic Roasted Pork Loin with Pan Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes with Cheddar
Freshly Baked Breads and Rolls with Butter
Warm Apple Crisp
(Vegetarian meal available by advance request)

\$15.00 per person

Reservations Only!

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2017 Dues Cards Have Arrived



\$95.00



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OR

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**Tucson Scottish Rite
P.O. Box 391
Tucson, AZ 85702**

**REMEMBER TO
PAY YOUR DUES
DIRECTLY TO OUR OFFICE.**

Thank You!

The eMason's Charge

Honesty: To show the Craft as it is and how we wish it were.
Charity: To forgive those who speak out of malice or ignorance.
Strength: To refrain from being drawn into irrelevant arguments.
Temperance: To moderate the passions and not rise to taunts.
Fidelity: To ever be mindful of our obligations.
Rectitude: To correct in ourselves what we see wrong in others.
Piety: To understand that our opinions are just that, opinions.
Tolerance: To know that other's opinions are also just opinions.
Courtesy: To observe the rules of etiquette.
Equality: To appear neither condescending nor unduly humble.
Joy: To be happy, and communicate happiness.

Let all our transactions in life DEMONSTRATE BY EXAMPLE
what we as Freemasons aspire to be in our daily lives.

THINK ABOUT IT!!

Meet Your Brother

Beginning with the September Stated Meeting we will have Meet Your Brother talks. We will have a Brother who has been a member of Scottish Rite for a number of years and a Brother who is fairly new to Scottish Rite tell us about themselves - where they grew up, their family, their schooling, their jobs and their travels, etc.

We want to get to know YOU! Talks should be held to 5 to 7 minutes. When you receive a call asking you to tell us about yourself, I hope you will respond with as much enthusiasm as I have to hear from you.

Bro.: James W. Wild, 32°
jwinstonwild@gmail.com or 520.792.2441

Scottish Rite Masonic Funeral Team

One of the most important duties owed to our members is to perform the last rites of the Craft to our departed brothers. Unfortunately many Lodges in Southern Arizona have not been able to meet this obligation.

The Tucson Scottish Rite is assembling a Funeral Team which will be available to perform this important duty. We are asking for those who are interested in being on the team to contact us so we can get this program started.

Please contact me by telephone or by leaving your name with the Scottish Rite office. The dress code for the team will be a dark business suit. The Scottish Rite will provide aprons, jewels and regalia needed for the team.

Ill.: Bro.: Jeffrey R. Horton, 33°
520.260.8360 Cell

FREE Family Movie Night

September 16th—7pm
"Knights Tale"

October 14th—7pm
"To Kill A Mockingbird"

Open to the public!
Doors open 6:30pm

\$1.00 Fresh Popcorn
\$1.00 Sodas



Scottish Rite Open House

Saturday,
September 10th
1pm—4pm

Open to all Masons,
family and friends

Tours
Food
Fellowship

The Scottish Rite Master Mason Degree Team

The Tucson Valley of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has developed and created a degree team to assist our local Blue Lodges in conferring the most sublime degree of Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite Master Mason Degree Team is comprised of some of the most gifted and enthusiastic ritualists from various lodges around Southern Arizona. Our team of brothers will confer this degree in tuxedos and biblical costumes. This event will not only be memorable for the candidate, but it is an opportunity for us all to expand our Masonic family.

Unfortunately, there are times when our lodges struggle logistically to confer the third degree. Our Master Mason Degree team is willing to travel to your lodge or we invite you to join us for an evening at the Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite Cathedral has biblical and beautiful lodge rooms which every Master Mason should see to believe. These architectural marvels are occupied by active lodges which should be on your bucket list to visit.

Our dedicated team looks forward to enjoying a special evening of Freemasonry with you. To schedule the team, please contact:

Bro.: Robin E. Settlemyer, 32°
Gunner831@msn.com or 520.591.3115



Scottish Rite Masonic Family Picnic

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park— Sunday, October 9th—11am—4pm
\$10.00 per person - \$5.00 children 10 and under

CATERED - On-site BBQ — (Shade covers, tables and chairs provided)

chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, baked beans, corn on-the-cob, chips, sodas & water
Entertainment / Games

Call the Scottish Rite office—520.622.8364 and make your reservations.
A reservation made—is a reservation paid!

We hear it time and time again, another of our Fraternal groups begging for help...or money...or more members. It is easy for us to say, "I have done my service, it is time for others to step up." But do we ever reach a point when we have completed our service? Of course the answer is "NO." Our service is done when we at last lay down our working tools and stand before the Great Architect.

The Scottish Rite is no exception to this situation. The Valley of Tucson is always asking for help...or money...or more members. We have to, we not only have a significant membership of Scottish Rite members who count on our existence, we also have the Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral which counts on our service and support. Nowhere in Arizona is there another building that celebrates our Fraternity quite the way that the Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral does. We should be endlessly proud of our Cathedral and what it offers to Arizona Freemasonry and we must band together to help preserve it.

In this article, I am calling on all my Scottish Rite Brothers to find a way to help support our Valley. However, as the Commander of the Knights Commander Court of Honour for 2016, I call specifically on my KCCH Brothers. Our service is not done...we need to continue to take an active role in our Valley!

The Investiture Ceremony for the Knights Commander Court of Honour is filled with lessons which reinforce the need for our continued participation. In the opening remarks of the Lt. Grand Commander, he states of the KCCH:

"It indicates that up to this time your conduct, zeal, and fidelity have been such as to mark you as faithful Scottish Rite Masons. Whether this opinion will prevail depends on a continuation or an increase exercise of those commendable qualities which

have earned our approbation of your past efforts..."

During the Ceremony, the Grand Minister of State presents the recipients with the "Synthetic Badge." While these decorations are seldom worn, it does not mean that we can forget the symbolism they hold. We are informed that we *"...are entitled to wear this badge as a trophy secured by days and nights of toil and service in Masonry."*

Lastly the KCCH recipients are bound with "the belt of knighthood" by the Grand Commander. This belt is described as follows:

"Sometimes it was the belt and the sword, which was given the postulant and sometimes the belt alone. It was to teach the knight that he must ever be ready to do battle for the cause in which he was engaged."

I submit to you my Brothers that we must now go to battle! We must battle for our cause...of protecting Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Tucson. We must battle for each other and our common way of thinking and acting. Most of all, I ask that we all battle entitlement and apathy. May we never feel that we are entitled to the honors which we have received merely on what we have accomplished in the past, but that we continue to earn them each and every day.

Indeed 2016 has been a tough year for the Tucson Scottish Rite, but let us simply chalk it up as a loss and hope for what 2017 holds in store for us. Let us focus on making a difference NOW...not later. If you want to take part, but simply do not know where to start or who to ask...let me know. I would be happy to help you find somewhere to start, or to simply work alongside you.

Bro.: Randal S. Jager, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:

President, KCCH



Cochise County Scottish Rite Club

From the San Pedro Valley I am glad to report that the Cochise County Scottish Rite Club is doing well with activities. We continue to have our breakfast meetings with the next one being held on October 1, 2016 at 8am at the Sierra Vista Masonic Center.

We are prepared to move forward for the Open House on September 10th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Tucson. It should be fun showing off our awesome building.

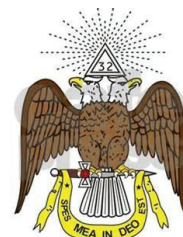
The Club will be having practices for the 13th and 31st Degrees for the Fall Reunion being held November 4th and 5th in Tucson. Rehearsals will take place in October at the Sierra Vista Masonic Center. I encourage any Valley of Tucson Scottish Rite Mason to recruit a Master Mason to join the Scottish Rite.

We as a Club are also involved with supporting our local youth groups. I am proud to say the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Girls are doing well and growing fast.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club Meeting, sharing breakfast with family and friends. This meeting will be for the nominations and election of Club Officers for the year 2017.

Remember the Fall Reunion in Tucson in November - get those petitions in soon. We are looking forward to a great Class for this Reunion.

Bro.: Tom Jones, 32°
Secretary, Cochise Scottish Rite Club



Although there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason, the 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite serve to enrich and expand upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. In the Scottish Rite, there is a wealth of knowledge which will teach you more about Masonry and will answer some of the questions raised in the Blue Lodge degrees. Scottish Rite is a “university course” in Masonic teachings. Being active in Scottish Rite, you have an opportunity to expand your knowledge of Freemasonry. It all sounds wonderfully rewarding, so why do we seem to have trouble attracting new members and getting existing members to attend Scottish Rite events? These questions are not easy to answer. But as thinking and educated Scottish Rite Masons, we must make the attempt to answer them. If you know of a good Mason who has decided to quit the Scottish Rite, please ask him why a good Mason would quit. Ask him why he joined in the first place. Ask what would convince him to return. To those Master Masons you feel would benefit from and enjoy and contribute to Scottish Rite Masonry, tell them how the Rite teaches a way of living, expanding and exploring. It is a wonderful journey which requires work and sacrifice and wanting to be better than ourselves, but tell them how rewarding you find that journey.

A Mason can remain in his Blue Lodge and be happy, but the education and refining qualities which the Scottish Rite degrees offer make him an even better man. There are reasons why the Scottish Rite has become the largest and most widely practiced Masonic Rite in the world. The Rite continues the tradition of Masons around the world in improving themselves and their communities. That tradition brings pride to its members. The Valley of Tucson Scottish Rite is one of the leading Masonic entities in this part of the United States and we should work hard to keep it that way. With your help we will progress!

*Bro. : Gilbert A. Schlierer, 32°, K. : C. : C. : H. :
Membership Director*



*Well Done,
Good and Faithful Brothers*



*Richard Wayne Dorland
1939 ~ 2016*

*Earl Mc Cullough
1927 ~ 2016*

*Wendell Wayne Fenn
1922 ~ 2016*

*John Francis Melvin
1929 ~ 2016*

*Jones Claud Hobbs
1919 ~ 2016*

*Roy Otterholt
1968 ~ 2016*



Today the Scottish Rite within America is governed by two Supreme Councils. The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction is based in Washington, D.C. The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is located in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The Scottish Rite degrees are worked at will by their governing bodies. For example, the Southern Jurisdiction separates the degrees as follows: the Fifteenth through the Eighteenth Degrees as the Chapter Rose Croix. The Northern Jurisdiction separates the degrees as the Seventeenth through Eighteenth Degree, are the Chapter Rose Croix. Within the jewels are the Pelican and the Eagle which together are symbols of that perfect wisdom and devotedness. Did you notice the Pelican feeding her young, a subject for further discussion.

As we get ready for the Fall Reunion on November 4th and 5th, let us all remind ourselves of the importance of devotedness we have for our Scottish Rite. Let us share with those who are not Scottish Rite Masons by inviting that Brother worthy of the degrees to the Fall Reunion. This is quality time for all Scottish Rite Masons and we should share our experiences with others. Our devotion doesn't start or stop with the reunion, we have the responsibility to support our Rite throughout the entire year by attending called meetings and events in addition to the reunions.

See you at the September Stated Meeting!

*Ill. : Bro. : Andrew M. Anderson, Jr., 33°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix*



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The Arizona House of Guns

Federal and State laws governing rifle transfers will be followed. You must be 18 years old to take possession of longarms in Arizona.

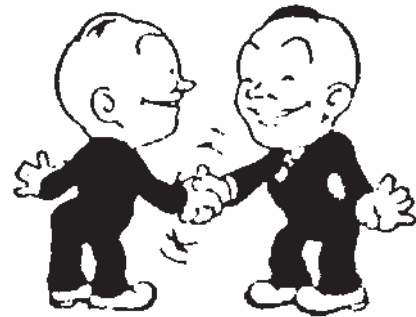
Tucson Fall Reunion November 4 — 5, 2016

In Honor of



III. . James Whitley Sebastian, 33°

Someone is waiting for you
to invite him to become
a Scottish Rite Mason . . .
Don't disappoint him!



If you've ever wondered about York Rite Masonry, here's your chance to experience a degree, free of charge.

The Mark Master Mason degree is the first of the 10 degrees and orders which make up the York Rite in the USA. It is one of the "Capitular" degrees. The "Capitular" or Chapter Degrees of Freemasonry refer to the four degrees of the York Rite system which follow the "Blue Lodge" or "Craft" degrees. The Holy Royal Arch is the final degree and the culmination of the Chapter experience for a candidate. The Chapter is the second body of the York Rite of Freemasonry (following the Symbolic or "Blue Lodge"), though in some Jurisdictions it is considered the completion of the initial three degrees and is part of the regular Craft experience.

The degree is in some respects an extension of the Fellow Crafts' second degree. As part of becoming a Mark Master, each candidate will be asked to choose a "mark" for himself, that will be unique and recorded in Tucson Chapter's archives. This mark refers to the mark used by operative Masons to designate their work so that they could be paid. The lessons in the degree center on a Mason's word and his work. In some jurisdictions the degree is conferred in a Fellow Craft Lodge, that is, the second degree of the Blue Lodge. In England, Mark Master Masons have their own Lodges and Grand Lodge.

The petition for the degree may be downloaded from:
http://tusyr.org/documents/2016_Tucson_Mark_Master.pdf

There is contact information on the flyer, should you have any questions.



Interested in the York Rite?

Mark Master Degree

No Cost to Master Masons

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Builders Lodge No. 60

450 N. Pantano Rd, Tucson, AZ 85710

Dinner: 6pm Degree: 7pm

Download the petition from

<http://tusyr.org>
and return to:

Red Wagoner

3632 N. Camino Blanco Pl.
Tucson, AZ 85718



For more information, contact:

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Red Wagoner, Grand Lecturer
520-979-1803—red.wagoner@psinbound.com

KSA! KSA! KSA!

Brethren, as the 2016 Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) Venerable Master, I want to briefly discuss the Tucson Valley Chapter of the KSA. Historically, the KSA order was formed in 1314 by King Robert the Bruce of Scotland to honor his Knight's victory over the English at the battle of Ban-nock-burn. Moving ahead 679 years, in 1993 the Scottish Rite KSA was developed in Oklahoma as a "Black Hat" service organization to provide assistance during Reunions. Today, the KSA organization has been very successful and has spread across the United States to other valleys including the Tucson Valley under the supervision and direction of Illustrious J. Michael Atchley, 33° G.C., the Personal Representative of the Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Arizona and Chairman of the Advisory Conference.

When I first joined KSA a number of KSA members were wishing they could award honorary memberships in the KSA. But the original Tucson chapter KSA by-laws did not allow it, noting that any member who received the honor of KCCH could not hold an office or vote, but they could still work and assist. In November, 2015 several changes were made to the Tucson chapter KSA by-laws. Let me read you one of those changes:

Honorary Membership will be limited to the current Personal Representative of the Tucson Valley and the current SGIG for the Orient of Arizona during the time they are in office. After departure from office, continuation of these Honorary Memberships will be subject to an annual vote of the Active Members at the Annual Meeting, with a simple majority necessary for approval.

As a result, in November, 2015 the KSA membership voted to award to the following distinguished Illustrious 33° Bros.:

Ill. Robert F. Hannon, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Emeritus, of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction, USA, of the Orient of Arizona.

Ill. Eric Leibsohn, 33°, Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction, USA, of the Orient of Arizona,

Ill. J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G.C., Personal Representative of the Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and

Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction, USA, of the Orient of Arizona—Valley of Tucson.

It has been a thrill for me to see these distinguished Illustrious 33° Bros. wear the Glengarry, bonnet badge and hackle of the Tucson Valley Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew to the Stated Meetings of the Lodge of Perfection.

Finally, in May 2016, as the 2016 KSA Venerable Master, it was my honor and pleasure, to (1) formally recognize several Novitiates desiring admission into the KSA Order as Squires and (2) Knight several Aspirants into the Ancient and Venerable Order of the Scottish KSA. It felt really great to tell the newly knighted Aspirants to "Rise, True Knight and Mason." You should try it yourself...but that would mean learning the Initiation Ritual. I know you can do it!

If you are not already a KSA Knight or Squire...I invite you to join the KSA THIS YEAR! To become a member, just ask any KSA Knight or Squire for a membership application – you cannot miss us – we are wearing the "cool" looking black, boat shaped hat with a red fuzzy ball on top and two short ribbon streamers at the back! We would enjoy having you work with us in service to the Valley of Tucson—Orient of Arizona.

Sir Knight Thomas A. Leslie, Jr., 32°,
Venerable Master, Knights of St. Andrew



Stated Meeting

October 27, 2016—6:30pm

Buffet Dinner Menu

Chicken Poblano Enchiladas

Mexican Rice - Refried Beans

Shredded Lettuce and Fresh Salsa

Mexican Wedding Cookies & Chocolate Brownies

(Vegetarian meal available by advance request)

\$15.00 per person

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6th ANNUAL



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA OUTDOOR MASTER MASON DEGREE

Saturday – September 17, 2016

Perfect Ashlar TL #12, San Pedro Lodge #55 & Willcox TL #10 are hosting their 6th Annual Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree at the Escapule Ranch in St. David, Arizona.

The pre-registration fee is \$20.00 which includes a steak lunch with sides and drinks after the degree. Walk-on are welcome and the fee is \$25.00 but with no guarantee for lunch.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 will be handling the "Degree Team Work Sheet". Please email them at perfect_ashlar12@hotmail.com if you would like to be on the degree team.

Please check our websites for updates and directions:

<http://www.benson-arizona.com/perfectashlar12/>

<http://www.benson-arizona.com/willcox10/>

<http://sanpedro55.com/>

6th Annual Southeastern Arizona Outdoor Master Mason Degree

Date: Saturday - September 17, 2016

Location: Escapule Ranch - St. David, Arizona

*** 2016 Lodge Dues card required ***

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lodge Name & Number: _____

RSVP - Cutoff date for pre-register is Wednesday - September 7, 2016

Mail completed form & check payable to: **San Pedro Lodge No. 55**
Attn: Bob Richards, Secretary
6631 E. Via Algard
Tucson, Arizona 85750

Why 'TAPS' is Played

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps.' But, do you know the story behind the song? Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

*Day is done ... Gone the sun
From the lakes ... From the hills
From the sky ... All is well.
Safely rest ... God is nigh.
Fading light ... Gems the sky
Gleaming bright from afar ...
Drawing nigh ... Falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise ... For our days.
Neath the sun ... Neath the stars
Neath the sky ... As we go
This we know ... God is nigh.*

I too have felt chills while listening to 'Taps', but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I would pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost and harmed while serving their country and also those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

*Bro.: John Moore, 32°
Long Beach Scottish Rite
Long Beach, CA*



Are You a Candidate for Suspension?

There is a real potential of losing several members due to non-payment of dues. This would be quite a blow to our Valley. We lose members to death each year, but to lose several more for non-payment of dues would have an adverse affect on our Valley.

Perhaps some members still do not realize how the system works. Several years ago, Supreme Council began mailing our dues statements to the members. It is up to each member to return their payment directly to our office using the enclosed envelope; stop by the office and pay or, call the office and pay by using a credit or debit card.

After two years of non-payment, a member is subject to suspension. We understand monetary circumstances and health issues can cause a problem with dues payments. I welcome your phone calls or emails at any time and will do whatever I can to help.

We do not want to suspend anyone! Please let us know if we can help.

*Ill.: Bro.: J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G.:C.:
Personal Representative, Valley of Tucson
jmatchley@TucsonScottishRite.org
520.622.8364—Ext. 1*

Candidate must have current Blue Lodge card in possession at time of registration.

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Date Paid: _____



Member No.: _____

Date Elected: _____

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To The Officers and Members Of:

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I, the undersigned, _____ am a Master Mason

in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____, F.&A.M., located in

_____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____.

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.**

I was born on _____, _____, City & State _____

My occupation is: _____

(If retired, state occupation before retirement)

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Hat Size: _____ Ring Size: _____

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- "The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and,"
- "The entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America"

Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? If you answer this question in the affirmative, give particulars. Yes _____ No _____

Recommendors Please Print and Sign your Name

Candidate Signature:

Print Name Here Degree _____

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Starting with the September Stated Meeting, and continuing throughout the year, we will be having a 5 to 7 minute presentation on different degrees which are not exemplified during the Reunions. Each presentation will be in the Brothers own words - ***no script—no notes—no cheat sheet.*** He will speak about the lessons contained in the degree, how he puts the lessons to work and the difference it has made in his life.

At the September Stated Meeting, Brother William E. Wilkinson, 32°, will be discussing the **9th Degree—“Elu Of The Nine”**.

Brother Kenneth R. Lewis, III, 32°, K. S. A., will be discussing the **25th Degree—“Knight Of The Brazen Serpent”** during the October Stated Meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a speaker, please contact Brother Ahmet Erdemir 520.820.6027 or email him at: erdemir1234@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to this new program in our Valley!

Illustrious J. Michael Atchley, 33°, G. C. C.
Personal Representative,
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