

The Latest News

From the Communications Team at the Valley of Savannah

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Communications Team and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the organization.

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SECTION 1 VALLEY LEADERSHIP

FROM THE VENERABLE MASTERBrethren, I hope you had a great fun-filled Summer, as it is coming to an end and most of us have completed our vacation time. Let us remember that our work must resume in the workplace and especially in the Valley of Savannah.

Please remember that part of our job in the Scottish Rite is to pay and mail in our dues, prepare for Fall Reunion by studying your degree parts, and set aside time to be at the Reunion. The time and place is set, November 16, 2013 at 7:00 am, Scottish Rite Bldg on Bull Street. Also please remember the upcoming 32° KCCH Investiture and the 33° Coronation in Atlanta. Congratulations to all new designates.

Hope you had a great Summer and I plan to see you at the Lodge of Perfection on Tuesday Evening, September 3, 2013 at 7:30 pm, meal at 6:30.

James Darrell Reese, 33° , Venerable Master

SECRETARY'S VIEWS.... Congratulations are in order for our new Honourmen. You will find them listed on Supreme Council's website, our local website and elsewhere in this newsletter. The Feast of Tishri will be held at our meeting in October. This is always a great evening so make your plans to attend. Reservations are requested for this occasion. Please cooperate by calling the office and let us know how many will come. It is open to everyone and can be very special to those who have never witnessed this event. Our Fall Reunion on November 16 will be in honor of Ill. Robert S. Porter, 33°. Let's try and build a large class of candidates to honor one of our greatest. Those who knew Shig know what I mean. He did a tremendous job for our Fraternity. Please keep the office informed of any sick or distressed Brethren. The Visitation Committee is functioning and will check on those we learn about.

Clyde E. Griffin, 33° , General Secretary

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE We approach the autumn months of Masonic activity bringing the resumption of Lodge of Perfection meetings, Feast of Tishri, Fall Reunion, Grand Lodge and Fall Fund Raisers. Each of us should be working within our areas of interest to promote Masonry and especially Scottish Rite Masonry. It is important that we always strive to achieve perfect results even though perfection is not always attainable.

While it is important to recruit new members it is equally important to do all we can to influence our members to be active. An important aspect of this effort is to offer interesting meaningful programs and work that is enjoyable and rewarding. Sadly, it seems that an inactive Mason is often not long a Mason.

I would like to extend my personal thanks for the response to the appeal for continued support of the Masonic Center Endowment Fund. This is a very important part of our long-range plan to support the upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful historic Masonic Center without it being a huge financial drain on the resources of the Valley. When you receive your dues notice in the near future please review it closely and make every effort to pay it in full if for more than one year. As the total builds it becomes more difficult to catch up. I might also add that you will find an increase in the amount of dues this year. This is a direct result of an increase in the per capita for the Supreme Council that the Valley was not able to absorb.

Maximum support is requested for our Golf Tournament benefiting our Rite Care Center at Armstrong Atlantic State October 12th. Teams, sponsors, donations and workers are needed to make this an even more successful event than in prior years. As the University budget continues to be reduced our support for our Clinic is even more important. I thank each and every one of you for what you do for Scottish Rite Masonry.

Jimmy P. Smith, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE..... Well, Fall is here and summer has left the heat behind just to keep us reminded that we live in the South. Thanks to all who came to the Ring Ceremony in July and the Family Night in August. We had a great time at both. The Fall Reunion is just around the corner and again we are asking for your help. We need petitions for new members. I know the Lodges have had some good increases in new members, so here is our chance to ask for these new Masons to come and join us. It's up to you to ask. Also the Fall reunion will be a one day class on November 16th and here is your chance to come and be a part in the degree teams. We need all of the help you can give, so please come and participate. Remember the Oct 1st Meeting will be The Feast of Tishri. Please come and join in on this ceremony. Please pray for our members and their families who are sick and unable to attend our meetings. We know in their hearts they would love to come and fellowship with us. May God Bless.

Jim Hood 33°, Chairman of Executive Committee

ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS Ladies and guests are always invited and encouraged to meet with us. In fact, that is what it is all about! We want our families and friends to know what we are about and what we do. Interesting programs are usually presented, updates of Valley happenings and events are made known by the Valley Secretary and Personal Rep, and we enjoy great food and fellowship. **FYI** Did you know? All Associations meet quarterly and enjoy great fellowship, interesting programs, and you get to select your own food because it is "Dutch treat." Ladies and guests are welcome. Check out the Association in your area and visit the others when you can. They will welcome you! Check the calendar for meeting dates and times.

SPECIAL NOTE: On October 8, the All Associations Meeting will take place at the Buccaneer Restaurant in Crescent GA. All are invited! The SGIG is supposed to be with us so let's all support this event. As most of you know the food at the Buccaneer is excellent and abundant. This is an annual occasion for all the Valley Scottish Rite Associations to meet together, fellowship together and get to know one another better. Most Associations choose to allow this meeting to replace their regular meeting for the quarter.

MEMBERSHIP..... My Brothers, Can you believe all the rain we have gotten. Raining CATS & DOGS.....There aren't any cats & dogs left, so it has to rain, Let it pour new members. Our next class on Nov. 16th will be here before we know it. Do you know how easy it is to receive the " Double Eagle " award....Just sign a petition for a deserving Brother, and before you know it the points will add up very fast and you will receive your award. Let us not forget our Brothers. Call them to see how they are doing, and invite them to join us.

Remember to always carry a petition in your pocket and a smile on your face, so we can give non-Scottish Rite Masons an opportunity to join us. That way they too can receive a higher education with 32 degrees. Always remember, "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK."

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman

Click for a petition: <http://www.savannahscottishrite.org/Portals/0/SRPetition.pdf>

FUNDRAISING..... Our golf tournament to benefit the Rite Care Children's Center will be on Saturday, October 12 at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill, GA. Let us not wait till the last moment to decide. Make plans NOW to come out and enjoy the friendship, fun, and maybe an eagle or two with us. Flyers are in the Scottish Rite office. We also welcome everyone to get involved. I AM**STILL.... NOT A POTTED PLANT!**

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Fundraising Chairman

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Congratulations to these who were elected to Knight Commander Court of Honor: Richard Stephen Bailey, Ronald Eugene Boatright, Phillip Reuben Davis, Tom Allen Edenfield, Paul William Sedelmeyer, Ervin Devero Smith.



Congratulations to: Sidney Albert Jenkins and Howard Jay Robbins elected to 33° Inspectors General Honorary.

SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT



Although the picture is over five years old, the Brother pictured is over 103 years young. Brother Frank E. Fesler was born June 18, 1910 in Valdosta, Georgia, the youngest of four children. He graduated from Savannah High School in 1930 and went on to work for Savannah Blue Print Company, where he later became the owner. Frank's wife Edith passed away in 2003 and he has been a bachelor since that time. He has a daughter and son-in-law, Diane Fesler Martin and George P. Martin, Sr. and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren to take up his spare time. Frank can be found at Larry's Restaurant most Wednesdays with good friends Iris and John

Hinely enjoying lunch. His numerous additional community contributions include his active membership at Grace United Methodist Church, as well as his involvement with the Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, and the Masons and the Tybee Light Shrine Club. He joined Scottish Rite in 1944 and has been a faithful member, receiving his fifty-year award in 1994. He served as Worshipful Master of Landrum Lodge in 1956 and is a Past Captain of the Alee Patrol, member and Past Director ROJ and Past Potentate of Alee Temple in 1969.

SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep	3	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION
Sep	17	10:00	AM	Scottish Rite Foundation MACON
Oct	1	6:30	PM	FEAST OF TISHRI
Oct	5	10:00	AM	KCCH Investiture - AUGUSTA
Oct	8	7:00	PM	All Scottish Rite Associations Meeting – Buccaneer in Crescent GA
Oct	19	9:00	AM	33° IGH Coronation - ATLANTA
Oct	22 - 23			GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA F&AM
Nov	5	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION – AWARDS NIGHT
Nov	16	7:00	AM	FALL REUNION (1-DAY) Honoring Illustrious Robert S. Porter, 33°
Nov	25	7:00	AM	Altamaha SR Association – Jesup, Capt. Joe's

NOW HEAR THIS!



READ YOUR MAIL

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT : <http://savannahscottishrite.org>



Unless you read this entire newsletter you will most likely miss a Scottish Rite membership number printed within. It could be yours. Numbers are embedded without leading zeroes. Match it to the number on your membership card and win 4 free dinners.



SECTION 4 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DOUBLE EAGLE AWARD:** The Program officially started August 1, 2011. Points are awarded to those who promote and work in our Reunions. Any Brother is eligible to participate. When 500 points are accumulated the Brother receives the beautiful and prestigious Double Eagle Badge suspended on a black neck band ribbon which may be worn to meetings. Red, White and Blue Bars 07303092 signifying additional 500 points earned are attached to the badge. So far the following have received the badge: Johnny Shuman, Jimmy Stevens, Jay Robbins, Jim Hood, Clyde Griffin. Several Brothers are fast approaching and some have reached the magic number of points to earn their double Eagle Badge. Those meeting the requirement of 500 points will receive their awards on our Awards Night in November. See General Secretary for more details.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
- Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.
- Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
- Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
- Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

SECTION 5 RITECARE

NEWS FROM ARMSTRONG

Services Available:

Hearing Screenings; Evaluations of: Speech, Language, Voice, Fluency; Treatment of: Speech, Language, Voice, Fluency; Accent Reduction. For more information contact: April W. Garrity, PhD CCC-SLP, Associate Professor and Clinic Coordinator Communication Sciences and Disorders Armstrong Atlantic State University 11935 Abercorn Street, Suite 20 Savannah Georgia 31419 O: 912 344 2864 F: 912 344 3439 april.garrity@armstrong.edu

**Scottish Rite Article
Client Profile**

By Abby Foos, Graduate Clinician

BB is an energetic, happy, and playful two-year-old boy who enjoys trucks, books, bubbles and puzzles. He loves spending time with his older sister, and enjoys learning colors, shapes, and numbers. BB was brought to the RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders at Armstrong Atlantic State University by his parents because they were concerned about his reduced vocabulary, only consisting of approximately ten words. BB enjoys repeating phrases he hears while watching Mickey Mouse, however, family members were not able to get BB to imitate and produce words that would indicate his wants and needs. BB’s communication difficulties were frustrating for both BB and his family.

After receiving a few sessions at the RiteCare Center, BB has begun to increase his functional vocabulary to approximately 18 words. BB understands many more words than he produces. Some words BB uses are “bubble”, “ball”, “go”, and “want”. Therapy often addresses the use of words to make his wants and needs clear. Carryover from therapy to his home environment has been emphasized as a large part of his intervention plan. A focus of his sessions at the RiteCare Center has been to encourage BB to use words to request items or actions. BB’s parents have been encouraged to incorporate this approach at home as well.

BB enjoys coming to RiteCare Center, mostly to play with the trucks and bubbles. He is a great listener and has learned at home to count forwards and backwards to 10, which he uses whenever possible. BB is showing great progress in developing a larger vocabulary that is appropriate for his age. At the end of each session, BB loves to show his parent’s the new sticker he earned for working so hard!

**DONATIONS TO RITECARE CENTER
(since last issue of Newsletter)**

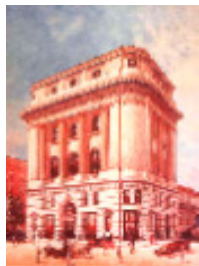
David S. Lanier Charles R. Rogers
Willie G. Thigpen, Jr.



SECTION 6 ENDOWMENT & PRESERVATION FUND AND MEMORIALS

PRINTS AVAILABLE

Prints of our beautiful Scottish Rite Center are available for purchase with the funds going to our Masonic Center Endowment Fund.
Un-framed prints \$35.00.
Matted & Framed \$125.00.
These make great gifts. Order yours today!



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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MASONIC CENTER ENDOWMENT
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**Leave a Legacy that Matters
(While you are still alive!)**

Support the Masonic Center Endowment Fund with a gift during your lifetime or through your estate and receive:

- **income tax advantage;**
- **avoidance of capital gains taxes;**
- **reduction or elimination of estate taxes and probate costs;**
- **regular income or return of principal.**

For more information, call Clyde Griffin at the SR Office 912-232-5132.

DONATIONS TO MASONIC CENTER PRESERVATION / ENDOWMENT FUND

(Individual member donations since last newsletter).....

Howard S. Major	Charles R. Rogers	Scott S. Schuyler	Family of Benito Taruffi
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(Other Groups and individuals)

Geneen Gibson	Cricket Communications locovozzi Fine Art	Lynn Flanary Alice Withrow	HLC Hotels
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IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Edwin K. Perdue, 32°	07/12/11	Bobby L. O'Neal, 32°	06/13/13
Nathan Sadowski, 32°	12/20/12	James W. Hall, Sr., 32°	06/16/13
Barney H. Raulerson, 32°	04/10/13	Stephen M. Wyatt, 32°	07/07/13
Donald E. Robertson, 32°	05/24/13	John C. Ingram, Jr., 32°	07/10/13
Benito Taruffi, 32° KCCH	06/12/13	George T. Hutchinson, 32°	08/18/13
	Gordon B. Smith, 33°	08/30/13	

*"The fruits of their labors live after them"***SECTION 7 GOOD OF THE ORDER****CONTRIBUTIONS TO SR FOUNDATION OF GA***(since last issue of newsletter)*

Charles R. Rogers

Willie G. Thigpen, Jr.

GIFT SHOP ITEMS FOR SALE

For all your Masonic jewelry needs, just let us know. If we don't have it in stock, we will be glad to order it for you. We have auto emblems and pocket badges. Master Craftsman I and II are available.

THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

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 our ultimate goal.

Attention! Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons

If you now reside in our area, we cordially invite you to visit us here in the Savannah Valley. We extend our hand in Brotherly Love and Friendship!

SOMETHING NEW

In each issue one member's ID number is printed somewhere in our newsletter.

Note: Leading zeroes are dropped. If that member spots his number and notifies the General Secretary, he will win four free dinners. Your member number is printed on your dues card. The Scottish Rite serves dinner prior to each meeting for a nominal charge.

Ladies are always invited to join us for dinner!



MOVING? Please inform the Scottish Rite Office of your new address or any other pertinent information. Correct addresses save time, money and bother. Do your part by notifying us of any **CHANGES** in your status. (912-232-5132). **Also, let us know your email address.** Mailings are now sent electronically.

**AVAILABLE FROM SR OFFICE**

Price of the course is \$35, which includes all 6 lessons and materials, the Ritual Monitor and Guide, and a personalized certificate and pin upon completion. The Valley has agreed to pay shipping charges, so call the Secretary today to order your course or go online and order it yourself at Supreme Council's website:

<http://www.scottishrite.org/>

The Master Craftsman Course II is now available. It is a 9 section course and is designed for Master Craftsman I graduates. Returning to the same texts, The Ritual Guide and Monitor and A Bridge To Light, this course digs deeper into the ritual to find those moral lessons applicable in our daily lives.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

2013 dues should have been paid before January 1, 2013 or you are considered *delinquent!* Thanks to those members who have paid for 2012. If you are one of those who have not paid your 2012 dues or any prior year's dues, we remind you that you are in violation of your obligation. Please remit as soon as possible. Your promptness in this matter will enable us to meet our financial obligations as a Valley. We depend on you to do what is right for the Rite. If you are unable to meet your obligation, please contact the Secretary at once.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- As we go about our involvement in Freemasonry we should keep in mind that there are certain things to consider which affect others, even though we enjoy gathering and interacting with our Brothers.
- Think about family and friends outside Masonry who do not belong and perhaps do not understand why we seem to leave them out at times. Can a Brother's wife and family be involved? You bet they can! How?
- We simply open our doors and welcome them to the many functions we do here at the Scottish Rite:
- Ring Ceremony; Feast of Tishri; Remembrance and Renewal; Family Night; Awards Night; Flag Day; Scottish Rite Association Meetings; Installation of Officers; Special Occasions; Workdays; Tours; Outings; Spaghetti Fundraiser. The list can keep growing! A Ladies Auxiliary would be nice!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. You may also view this newsletter on the website: www.savannahscottishrite.org
 2. If you know of someone who does not have capability to view this newsletter electronically please let us know and we will arrange to provide a hard copy.
 3. Dues may be renewed online by visiting the website: www.savannahscottishrite.org **What a deal, don't even get up from where you're sitting. It's a secure webpage.**
 4. If you do not have a current dues card in your possession you are considered **delinquent** which may be viewed negatively. If you fall into this category, call the General Secretary for guidance and assistance.
 5. All members should **update their profile** on the Supreme Council website: <http://scottishrite.org>
This is beneficial to all concerned. Correct and up-to-date information makes life easier and smoother.
- At the top of the page you'll find "Member's button, click that and then "Members Programs" button, click on that and go to "Update your Address." Please fill in all the blocks you wish to fill in, but insure you fill in your [email address](#) as this is very important.**

FRIENDLY ADVICE

BECOME AN ENDOWED (LIFE) MEMBER FOR 10 TIMES THE ANNUAL DUES. SEE THE SECRETARY.

TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN DEGREE WORK. SEE THE DIRECTOR OF WORK, DARRELL REESE

WORK IN THE KITCHEN DURING REUNIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. SEE THE SECRETARY, C LYDE GRIFFIN

JOIN THE STAGE CREW AND SEE THE WORK FROM A GREAT PERSPECTIVE. SEE THE STAGE DIRECTOR, JIM HOOD

TAKE THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSE AND LEARN, LEARN, LEARN. SEE THE SECRETARY, CLYDE GRIFFIN

Why the Feast of Tishri?

The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than this historic celebration of the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principle ideals and traditions of our fraternity.

We have set aside this evening to thank our God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us and to promote Brotherly love and the bonds of friendship. You are therefore invited to this open meeting to enjoy an excellent dinner and program. So bring your wife, invite a Blue Lodge Mason or a friend and join us on this festive event.

To get more information on date and time, contact the Scottish Rite office at 912-232-5132 or email srmason_savga@bellsouth.net

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