

The Latest News

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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 MASTERIt is my pleasure and honor to serve as your Venerable Master.

Richard S. Waddail, 32° KCCH , Venerable Master

SECRETARY'S VIEWSBack to business as we start September with regular LOP meeting on September 2 and our RiteCare Classic Golf Tourney on September 13, followed by an abundance of activities in October to include: Feast of Tishri on October 7; Fall Reunion on October 11; combined Association meeting on October 14 and Grand Lodge on October 28-29. November meeting will be our Awards Night to honor 25 and 50 year members, first-line signers of petitions in 2014, double eagle award recipients and other awards to be determined. We wind down the year by assisting the Salvation Army with collections and our Christmas Social on December 18. We hope to see many of you at these activities 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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE..... I would like to take the opportunity to thank all that participated in the Family Night, especially the Knights of St. Andrew. The night was a very fun-filled event. Let us now set our sights on our Fall Reunion (October 11). Our goal is set at 20 new members and with everyone's help we can make it. This is a one day class and the parts have been mailed out with the time outlined. Please review and study your part. Whether you have a large or small part, it is important for the Reunion and the Scottish Rite.

If you have any news or events that the Rite would be interested in, please contact John Pigott so that he can include it in the newsletter. Thanks again for all your hard work.

James Darrell Reese 33°, Chairman of Executive Committee

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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support of the Valley of Savannah and Scottish Rite Masonry. Without the assistance of Brothers like yourself and the others around the State and Nation we would not be able to continue to support our very important charities for children. Our support of the Rite Care in cooperation with Armstrong Atlantic State University provides a world class teaching facility for speech pathology professional and a treatment center for children with various communication disorders. It is a part of the Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing program across the Southern Jurisdiction and continues to have a very positive impact on children in the Valley of Savannah.

My Brothers even though our numbers have decreased over the past several years, the importance of the work we do has not. Thank you for making the decision to retain your membership and if you can, make an effort to influence at least one member to continue his membership, a former member to return to our ranks or a Master Mason to join the Rite, you will perform a valuable service to our fraternity.

In a short time we will be receiving dues notices for 2015. I would urge that you respond in a prompt manner. Dues are payable upon receipt and in areas January 2015. You will also be afforded the opportunity to contribute to the Rite Care program, our Masonic Center Endowment Fund and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia.

I encourage each of you to become involved in the business of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Savannah. There are positions on committees and other jobs that are available for meaningful and important work in the Valley. Think back upon your experiences in the Scottish Rite and ask what can I do for MY Valley. Brother Reese, The General Secretary or myself would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you.

May GOD continue to bless each and everyone of you and thank you for all you do for Masonry.
Jimmy P. Smith, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative to SGIG

ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS 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.

MEMBERSHIP.....

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

FUNDRAISING..... Our next fundraiser will be our golf tournament to support our Rite Care Clinic located at Armstrong Atlantic State University. This will be at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill, Ga. On September 13th with a 9am shotgun start. The cost is ONLY \$ 80.00 per player. Lunch and prizes galore for everyone. We do need teams, and sponsors. Flyers and applications available in Secretary's Office. Cutoff is September 10.

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Fundraising Chairman

KNIGHTS OF ST ANDREWBrethren, The Knights of Saint Andrew would like to invite all 32 degree Scottish Rite black hat members to join our Clan. We meet for fellowship and act as a social and service group for the purpose of assisting in various stated meetings of the Scottish Rite Valley of Savannah. We currently need to increase our membership as one of our goals is to be able to put on the 29th degree at our Reunions. We need the support of our fellow brethren. Our dues for membership are \$25 and a one-time fee of \$5 for a Knights of Saint Andrew coin. We also solicit the help of any of our 32 degree KCCH or 33rd degree Scottish Rite brethren to help aid and assist in our preparation and performing of the 29th degree. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and are at 6:30pm in the lodge room on the fourth floor of the Scottish Rite building located at 341 Bull St., Savannah, Ga.

SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT



2014 Scholarship Recipients

Nineteen aspiring students from our Valley of Savannah Area received \$1000 scholarships from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia. Pictured are those who came to our Family Night on August 5, 2014 to receive their scholarship check in person and to enjoy the evening with us. L-R: Ally Cheshire, Matthew Brown, Azzar Bubb, JaVoni Canty, Quinton Theron, Shelby Alexander, Yanarie Caraballo, Kendal Carter, Kristin Purvis, Nicholas Van der Looy, Travis Livingston

Others were unable to attend due to scheduling commitments either received their scholarship checks previously or had them mailed to their school. All enjoyed a fun evening with tacos, corn-hole tourney and meeting new friends. A complete list of our recipients from the Valley of Savannah area follows: Shelby Alexander (Georgia Southern University); Matthew Brown (Georgia Southern University); Azzar Bubb (Savannah College of Art & Design); JaVoni Canty (Georgia Regents University); Brandee Craig (Georgia State University); Yanarie Caraballo (Armstrong State University); Kendal Carter (University of Georgia); Nicholas Carter (Georgia Southern University); Ally Cheshire (University of Georgia); Jeremy Corwin (Georgia Southern University); Morgan Crowley (Georgia Southern University); Jasmine Gilmore (Valdosta State Univrsity); Travis Livingston (Armstrong State University); Jacob Mackrill (Georgia Southern University); Kristin Purvis (University of Georgia); Retha Rowe (Georgia Southern University); Thomas Sukaratana (Pointe University); Quinton Theron (Savannah College of Art & Design); Nicholas Van der Looy (Kennesaw State University).

SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep	2	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Exec. Mtg. 5:30pm)
Sep	13	9:00	AM	RITECARE GOLF CLASSIC – Sterling Links
Sep	16	10:00	AM	SR FOUNDATION MTG - MACON
Oct	7	6:30	PM	FEAST OF TISHRI (Exec. Mtg. 5:30pm)
Oct	14	7:00	PM	Combined SR Assoc. Mtg (Capt Joe’s – Baxley)
Oct	28-29			GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION - MACON
Nov	4	7:00	PM	Dinner preceding AWARDS NIGHT (Exec. Mtg. 5:30pm)
Dec	2	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Exec. Mtg. 5:30pm)
Dec	18	7:00	PM	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

NOW HEAR THIS!



READ YOUR MAIL

SECTION 4 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?
2015 dues notices will soon be out and will be due on or before January 1, 2015. Thanks to those members who have paid for 2014. If you are one of those who have not paid your 2014 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!

PETITIONS

To obtain a petition online go to our website <http://www.savannahscottishrite.org>, click on Resources

We also have them in the SR Office for those unable to use a computer.

Amanda has been able to hone her skills by working in various settings serving all ages, populations, and disorders. Amanda enjoys spending time with her husband Cole, two-year-old twins, Eva Kate and Smith, and their 3 dogs. She has grown up on the coast of Georgia, and in her spare time, she loves waterskiing, saltwater fishing, and traveling abroad.

Clinical Background and Experience

Amanda has experience in assessing and treating a wide range of populations with communication disorders. She has worked with clients across the lifespan, from preschoolers to geriatric adults, with speech, language, voice, fluency, swallowing, and cognitive disorders. For the past 6 years, Amanda served as a school-based SLP specializing in early intervention with a focus on language delays and autism. She also served as a member of a multi-disciplinary team that created/established and provided models of therapeutic sensory rooms for children with special needs in the schools. Currently, in addition to her role as a clinical supervisor at the RiteCare Center, she works in outpatient rehab treating both adults and children with various disorders. She also works per diem at a nursing home facility where she focuses on swallowing treatment and diet modifications as well as on cognitive therapy for a wide range of disorders including traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer’s dementia, aphasia, and dysarthria.

Thoughts on the RiteCare Center at Armstrong

Amanda is excited to work with students and share her expertise in early language development. She believes the RiteCare Center's wide variety of clients from different clinical populations will allow the students not only the exposure but also the opportunity to learn and use best practices in the field. "The uniqueness of each of our clients, combined with advanced tools, and the expertise of the other clinical supervisors, has afforded me the opportunity to expand and grow as an SLP," stated Amanda regarding her experience so far at the RiteCareCenter.



It has been said many times, “Knowledge is Power.” The Scottish Rite is known as the educational arm of Freemasonry. Many of our members fail to accomplish their potential for learning. We can learn continuously, every day of our lives. If you are one of those members who cannot find time to attend our meetings, activities and reunions on a regular basis, there is a way to reacquire yourself with Freemasonry in general and Scottish Rite Masonry in particular, without having to attend regularly.

By taking the **Master Craftsman Course** you can read and study at your own pace and become extremely knowledgeable of the teachings of Masonry. It’s up to you. For more information contact the Secretary or look on the Scottish Rite Website at <http://www.srmason.org>



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.

Master Craftsman III is now available for those who have completed courses I and II.

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.

SECTION 6 ENDOWMENT & PRESERVATION FUND AND MEMORIAL

PRINTS AVAILABLE

Prints of our beautiful Scottish Rite Center are available for purchase with the funds going to our Masonic Center Endowment Fund.

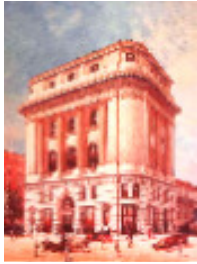
Un-framed prints \$35.00.
Matted & Framed \$125.00.

These make great gifts. Order yours today!

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MASONIC CENTER ENDOWMENT
FUND**

**MAIL TO:
ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH
RITE
P.O. BOX 9782
SAVANNAH, GA 31412-9782**



**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).....

James W. Head	James E. Johnson	J. Darrell Reese	Albert Nelson, Jr.
	Richard and Sharon Bailey		

(Individual donations in memory or in honor)

Roger W. Coursey (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Roger W. Coursey (In memory of Lester R. Shearouse)
Charles and Marlene Rogers (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Jimmy P. Smith, Jr. (In memory of Rex Chilton)
Charles G. White (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Don V. Riley (In honor of Clyde Griffin)
Jimmy P. Smith, Jr. (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Scheer & Montgomery (In memory of James W. Head)
Nila M. Carter (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Jimmy P. Smith, Jr. (In memory of Francis J. Shuman)
Albert and Maryse Jenkinson (In memory of Albert Nelson)	Dorothy Quincy (In memory of Albert Nelson)

(Other Groups and individuals)

Cricket Communications	locovozzi Fine Art	Lynne Flanary
Southern Charm Antiques	Richard L. Phillips Class	Timothy L. Allen
	Blackshear Exchange Club	

IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Albert Nelson, Jr., 33°	06/01/14	John C. Knight, 32°	07/09/14
Clarence C. Graham, 32°	06/03/14	Robert L. Head, 32°	07/10/14
James W. Head, 33°	06/09/14	Billy F. Stewart, 32°	07/21/14
Dewey B. Hooper, Sr., 32°	06/16/14	Francis J. Shuman, 32°	07/23/14
Samuel W. Woods, 32°	07/02/14	Joseph E. Bravo, Jr., 32°	07/23/14
Ray F. Roberson, 32°	07/06/14	James B. McDaniel, 32°	08/02/14

"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)

John A. Atkinson, 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!

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 "Members" 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.
6. Master Craftsman III is now available. Go to: <http://scottishrite.org> and order yours.

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, CLYDE 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

LOST ITEMS: Check with the Scottish Rite Office. Several items that have been left or lost in the building have been turned in. Identify the article or piece and it may be yours to claim. We would like to see everything returned to its owner.

Concerns:

Roy Derhammer; Teresa Coursey; John Cook; Carl Veale; Edna Smith; Dave Armstrong's grandson, Roger Coursey's sister, Clyde Griffin's sister(Barbara Love). Please keep these and others you may know about in your thoughts and prayers. Let the office know of any others. Pray for our Country!

EMAIL ADDRESS

Are you receiving the information you deserve from the Scottish Rite? If not, ask yourself why not? In order to receive all the news and information sent out by Supreme Council, the Valley of Savannah's website and quarterly newsletter and now John's newsletter, you must provide us with a good email address. This is your responsibility!

If you have not done so, update your profile (member information) at srmason-sj.org or call the SR office at 912-232-5132 and give us the current information and we will update your profile for you. You may also update your member information 11140301 on our website at savannahscottishrite.org

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.