

# 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 MASTER** ..... Fraternally,

Huey Davis, Jr., 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

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**SECRETARY'S VIEWS**.... It's that time of year when we start over again. Pollen is in the air, flowers and leaves are beginning to bud out, and grass is turning green. After a short Winter, Spring is upon us and we have new life. Let's be alive and growing in our Scottish Rite. Election of new officers takes place at our March meeting and installation of those elected will be held in April along with our meaningful ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal. If you are one of those elected to serve the Scottish Rite for the new term, be sure to make yourself available to be installed. To those who will be leaving after serving your term, we thank you and encourage you to seek out new ways to promote our great organization. There are many, many ways to serve.

As information and so you will know: Valley of Savannah has 990 active members as of 12/31/12. We initiated 24, affiliated 5 and reinstated 9 in 2012. We lost 35 due to death, 31 suspended for npd, 2 suspended for other reasons and 2 demits. Not much we can do about the deaths, but we certainly should curb the suspensions for npd. Our membership committee worked hard to get it down to 31, but we need to work even harder to get it down to "0." Our Spaghetti Fundraiser realized about \$6000. Thankfully we do receive many donations from dedicated Brothers who live away from the city or who do not eat spaghetti. Also from those who donate supplies and materials. We certainly appreciate the support these Brothers give.

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

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**FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** ..... Our Valley has once again has completed a very successful event with our annual Spaghetti Dinner. This was accomplished due to the hard work of the many brothers and their families over the two days of preparation, assembly of plates, delivery and clean up and especially the purchase and selling of tickets. The support of the membership in this and all of the projects and activities of the Valley continues to be at a level that leaves little to be desired. Thanks to all for your hard work and the opportunity to work as a team toward our common goal of excellence in all we do. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge how much we missed, Ill. Charlie DeLoe during this time and wish him continued wellness as he recovers from his surgery.

Officers of the Executive Committee and all bodies of the Valley elected at the March meeting will be installed at the April meeting of the Lodge of Perfection. We will also observe the Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance, which is the occasion on which we pay our respects to those who have been called to the Lodge above by the Grand Architect of the Universe in the past year. This is a family function and we also welcome visitors.

Our Rite Care Center at Armstrong Atlantic State University continues to grow and each year makes a greater impact on the lives of children in our jurisdiction. Much of the success of the Center is due to the support of the members of the Valley. The reality of the times is that our support is even more vital than in years past. As support

from the resources of the Supreme Council become less and less available to the Valley we must make up for this loss within the Valley. Last year we were able to provide the necessary resources to the Center from the Valley and no doubt will need to do the same this year. Our Golf Tournament, Dinner Play Extravaganza and the generous support of the membership was equal to the task. We continue to seek ideas on other projects that we may pursue both on our own and in conjunction with Armstrong.

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

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**..... Thanks for another good year from all of our Brothers of the Scottish Rite. We are moving fast in this New Year and we are again tasked to make it another prosperous year. Congratulations to our new Scottish Rite Masons who just received the credentials of becoming a new member in our February meeting. Our Spring reunion will be here before you know it, May 3rd and 4th. We would like to solicit all the help we can get for the work during this reunion. Come join us in the fellowship and take part. We have a place for you. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Jim Hood 33°, Chairman of Executive Committee

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**BUILDING** .....OUR BEAUTIFUL BUILDING.....As the New Year progresses there will be lots of opening and closing of the doors in our Scottish Rite Building. The Lodges have new Masons which are attending classes and being coached on the degrees they have taken. The new line officers are having rehearsals, the Scottish Rite is preparing for their Reunion that will soon take place. What I'm trying to say is, the building is old and needs much tender care so that we will continue to have it in the future. If you see something that needs repairing, don't just ignore it. Please bring it to the attention of the General Secretary or Building Committee so that we get it repaired. If you have any free time and you see something that needs repairing, we ask that you help, provided you are qualified to perform the necessary work. Go ahead, please do it! We have work days now and then, but they are not long enough in order to complete the work. So let's all work together and try and keep the building in the best shape possible in order that we can spend more time being MASONS and not working on our building. The best way to fix something is to not break it or allow it to be broken. Thank you for your help.

Bruce H. McNall 32°KCCH Building Chairman

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**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.

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**MEMBERSHIP**..... 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 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..Our next meeting is election of officers who will lead us in this new year. Also, please don't forget your dues so the Rite can continue to operate in the manner in which we are accustomed and so we can support our charities.

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 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**..... I would like to thank everyone in our fundraising efforts this past year. But stay tuned for our BIG PLANS for this year. Stay tuned for information about our Scottish Rite Golf Classic. 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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*"Masonry requires nothing that is impracticable. It does not demand its members to create a theoretical, imaginary, & unpractical virtue; high, cold, & inaccessible as the snows of the Himalayas. It asks that alone to be done which is easy to be done. It overtakes no one's strength, means, or capacities. It does not expect anyone to pursue Masonry at the expense of his profession or family..."* Albert Pike

**GOOD WORDS!**

**SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT**



**PAUL SEDELMAYER**

**K**now him?.....Sure you do! Paul William Sedelmeyer, who was born January 25, 1923 in Pottsgrove, Montour County, Pennsylvania and attended local schools in Philadelphia and Montgomery County Pennsylvania and worked in construction prior to and after serving in U.S. Navy during WWII. Pre-deceased by wife Norma in 2007, they parented two sons; Paul William Sedelmeyer, Jr. and James Lawrence Sedelmeyer and one daughter; Mary Louise Sedelmeyer Gay. Paul is Past Worshipful Master, Coastal Daylight Lodge No. 750, F&AM and dual member at Guyton Lodge No. 428, F&AM. He is Past High Priest, Georgia Chapter No. 3, RAM; Past Illustrious Master, Georgia Council No. 2, R&SM; Past Eminent Commander, Palestine

Commandery No. 7, K.T.; Member, Georgia Priory No. 39, KYCH; 32° member of A.A.S.R., Valley of Savannah; Member Alee Shriners , Knights of Mecca and Provost Guard; Member Herman E. Freeman College, Y.R.S.C.N.A. Past Sovereign Master, Savannah Council No. 328, A.M.D.; Member, Oglethorpe Conclave, R.C.C.; Past Worthy Patron, Savannah Chapter No. 52, O.E.S.; Past Royal Patron, Georgia Court No. 1, O.O.A.; Member, White Shrine of Jerusalem; Member, Hunter Chapter No. 502, National Sojourners and Georgia Hussars Camp, Heroes of '76; Member, American Legion Post 209; Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars, No. 660.

Perhaps more importantly, Paul is a member of "America's Greatest Generation," having served from December 1941 thru October of 1947 during the entire duration of WWII. He was a "Blimp Man" patrolling our coastlines and escorting and protecting ships from ports out to sea. Paul had more than 3800 hours of flight time as an "Airship Rigger" Seaman First Class and earning two sets of "wings" plus two "stars." Now, the last surviving member of his flight crew, Paul can relate many stories of his times spent in Blimps. He quotes, "We lost lots more ships during the war before Bliimps came into service." He tells adventurous stories of the many missions he flew and one in which he missed flying. If you get the chance, ask him about Jamaica, Galveston Texas, Kosciusko MS, and Homestead FL. It is our privilege to know Paul and have him now as our member in the Valley of Savannah.

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**Unless you read this entire newsletter you will most likely miss discovering 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 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar	5	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Election of Officers)
Mar	19	10:00	AM	SR FOUNDATION MEETING Macon
Apr	2	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL (Installation of Officers)
Apr	9	7:00	PM	East GA SR Association (Captain Joe's, Midway)
Apr	16	7:00	PM	Southeast GA SR Association (Old Times Country Buffet, Brunswick)
Apr	23	7:00	PM	4 Rivers SR Association (New China, Swainsboro)
May	3-4	SPRING REUNION, starts 1:00 pm on Friday, honoring Kerry J. Buchan, 32° KCCH		
May	7	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION
May	27	7:00	PM	Altamaha SR Association (Captain Joe's, Jesup)

**NOW HEAR THIS!**



**READ YOUR MAIL!**

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



"Such as we are made of, such we be."

"One man in his time plays many parts."

"Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow."

- William Shakespeare



**SECTION 4 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 Wimberly Garrity, Ph.D./CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Armstrong Atlantic State University. The best number(s) to call for scheduling would be either 912-344-2969 OR 912-344-2585.



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

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| Clinton L. Akin, Jr.    | Clyde E. Griffin  |
| David W. Armstrong, Sr. | John A. Keel      |
| Walter S. Balmer        | Steven L. Kellam  |
| Robert A. Bosque        | Kenneth M. Lantz  |
| David R. Durden         | Charles R. Rogers |

**Client Profile**

By Marjory Taylor, Graduate Clinician

CS is a lively 4 year old boy who enjoys reading books and is very close to his family, especially his big brother. CS's mother brought him to the RiteCare Center for Communicative Disorders at Armstrong Atlantic State University because she was concerned about his speech. She was concerned that when he starts pre-K in the fall his teachers would have trouble understanding him and that other children might make fun of him.

Since CS first started coming to the Center, he has begun to catch and correct his speech errors a lot of the time. He has difficulty pronouncing certain sounds, such as "L", words, and putting them all together in complete sentences. His ability to do these things has improved as he has learned to monitor what he says and how he is saying it. He will often go back and correct himself when something comes out incorrectly.

CS is very enthusiastic and inquisitive. He enjoys telling stories about what he does at home with his family and friends. He participates well in speech activities at the Center, but his favorite part is reading a story book at the end of each visit. Or perhaps it is really the candy treat that comes after it for a job well done!

**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 102632 it for you. We have auto emblems and pocket badges. Master Craftsman I and II are available.

**SECTION 5 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 signifying additional 500 points earned are attached to the badge. So far the following have received the badge: Johnny Shuman, Jimmy Stevens. Several Brothers are fast approaching the magic number of points to earn their double Eagle Badge. 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 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.

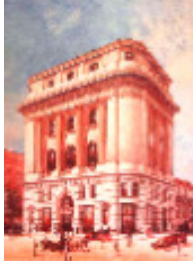
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These make great gifts. Order yours today!

**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).....*

Clinton L. Akins, Jr.	David R. Durden	Steven L. Kellam	James E. Stevens
David W. Armstrong, Sr.	Rick D. Giovengo	Kenneth M. Lantz	Thomas R. Taggart
Walter S. Balmer	C. Mack Griffin	Horace E. Porter	Frank L. Thomas
C. Wayne Barnes	Clyde E. Griffin	Charles R. Rogers	George A. Vail
Crawley A. Butler, Jr.	John A. Keel	Thomas G. Smith, Sr.	Clifford R. Watson

**IN MEMORIAM**

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Earl Bonnett, 32°	08/24/12	Carl W. Shuler, 32°	12/13/12
Clarence W. Futch, Jr., 32°	11/16/12	William S. Griffin, 33°	01/29/13
William R. Hampton, 32°	12/03/12	Thomas A. Eason, 32°	01/31/13
Emory D. Reddick, 32°	02/08/13		

*“The fruits of their labors live after them”*

**SECTION 7 GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**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!

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO SR FOUNDATION OF GA**

*(since last issue of newsletter)*

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	John A. Atkinson, Jr.		

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. You may also view this newsletter on the website: [www.savannahscottishrite.org](http://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](http://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 center of the page you'll find "Member's Programs" button, click on that and go to "Update your member information". 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.**

**WORK IN THE KITCHEN DURING REUNIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. SEE THE SECRETARY.**

**JOIN THE STAGE CREW AND SEE THE WORK FROM A GREAT PERSPECTIVE. SEE THE STAGE DIRECTOR.**

**TAKE THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSE AND LEARN, LEARN, LEARN. SEE THE SECRETARY.**



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