

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 My brothers, spring is in the air. Yes the beginning of a new season. The time when new blossoms will begin to bloom. A time to become active and be involved with family, friends, and yes, our brothers. Let us all remember a brother or widow when on bended knee. Or just give them a call and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. We might never know whose heart we might have touched. In closing, I want to thank everyone for making this past year a memorable one for me as your Venerable Master. H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

SECRETARY'S VIEWS.... At least a year ago I said the following to all who would listen, "To those who have given of your time and talents to our programs and activities, I wish to thank you personally and encourage you to continue your efforts for the betterment of Freemasonry. Also, if you have not yet found your replacement , I encourage you to do so in short order, for who knows how much longer you will be around to do the things you do for our great Fraternity. Start working on your replacement. Train him, develop him, groom him and get him ready to assume your duties and responsibilities." It still applies! None of us are getting any younger and the Rite must continue on.

We will have elected new officers by the time you read this and I implore those who take on responsibility to assume it with vigor and do your thing. Do not be timid! Be assertive! Those who take on committee responsibilities.....do something! Don't just occupy positions! Don't wait on the old timers to take the reins..... you do it! Take control! It's now your job! You don't need to ask permission to do what you were elected to do. Old timers are good for guidance and advice, but beyond that, they can get out of the way and let you do your thing! Take heed!

Our newer members need to become involved in the activities of the Scottish Rite as soon as possible. Step up and let it be known that you want to work, you want a job and you are willing to give your time and talents. We have plenty of jobs for everyone!

Please keep the office informed of any sick or distressed Brethren. The Visitation Committee is functioning and will check on those we learn about.

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE..... Well my Brothers the Valley has once again experienced a high level of success with our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. The participation of the members and their families was great and there was never a time in this two day project that there was a shortage of workers to accomplish the task at hand. Thank you so very much for your hard work and also for the enjoyment of working together in this project. I would be remiss if I failed to recognize the work of our retired Spaghetti Chairman III. Charlie DeLoe. In the process of turning over the leadership of this project to the Knights of St. Andrew, he worked almost as much as he did before his retirement. Hopefully his involvement next year will not be quite as much as this year, but, his talent and experience will no doubt be required in some ways.

Officers of the Executive Committee and all Bodies of the Valley will be elected at the March meeting of the Lodge of Perfection and installed at the April meeting at which we will also observe our Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony. This will be yet another occasion in which we will miss and remember Ill. Jack Hepner or as I have called him for the past several years Sir Jack. He would have served out his third year as Chairman of the Executive Committee this year. A position that he took great pride in performing in a very excellent manner. Never taking himself seriously in a personal manner but always looking at what was best for the Valley. He will continue to be remembered and missed for many years not only in the Scottish Rite but also in every aspect of Masonry.

The membership support of our Masonic Center Endowment fund continues to be great and is greatly appreciated. The fund continues to grow in spite of recent necessities to use funds for critical repairs to the building, namely two air conditioning units and a pump that provides water pressure for the upper floors of the building. Actually a combination of endowment funds and generous member support accomplished these repairs. Our goal for the Endowment Fund continues to be, to reach a level so that we have the ability to fund the complete operation, maintenance and support of our beautiful historic monument to Georgia Masonry with the proceeds of the fund, taking this off of the general fund of the Valley.

ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS Just to let you know in case you want to start promoting it, I have officially booked Captain Joe's in Baxley for October 11th for our Joint Meeting of the Associations. They say they can handle up to 150 in the private banquet room. I set the time to gather at 6:30 p.m. We will need to work on invited guests that we may want to come and some kind of entertainment. – Mack Griffin, 4 Rivers Rep.

FYI The challenge is set for Association with most candidates for Spring Reunion to receive the first ever award for bringing in the most new members. Trophy to be held between Reunions by the winning Association. Which Association will it be?East GA? South East GA? Four Rivers?

FYI Did you know? All Associations meet quarterly with great fellowship, 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 each welcome you! Check the calendar for meeting dates and times.

MEMBERSHIP.....My Brothers let's make a commitment this year to go all out for membership. This shouldn't be too hard, for in past years, that is exactly what you have all done, and the membership committee thanks you for it. That means you should applaud each other, for we are all members of the membership committee. Let us also not forget our new members. If you signed their petition call them, See what is going on in their lives. See if they are becoming involved. If not, point them in the right direction. Now is the time to get more of our Brothers to sign up for the Spring Reunion for 2011. Your actions, as the saying goes, speak louder than words ever could. Attend your Blue Lodge with petition in pocket, ready to sign up those who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite so they might become involved, and enjoy the fellowship that we do. If you know of a brother who has been suspended, call him. Let him know he is missed. These brothers's are as important to us as our new candidates. Remember, "All You Have To Do Is Ask."

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman

FUNDRAISING.....This year the "Rite Care Golf Tournament" will be held at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill, Ga. on Sept 24th at 9:00am at \$ 80.00 per player which is tax deductible. We would love to have 80 + players for this event. We will be handling our own cooking, and the food will be great as it has always been in the past. We are in need of prizes being donated so that we will not eat up our profits. We will however, need to enlist the aid of our sponsors at \$100.00 a hole and that will always make the difference. 100 % of the proceeds raised will be presented to the Rite Care Center. This will be a great day of fellowship, and fun, and a day we will all remember. Let me know if you need any help in talking with your sponsors.

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Golf Fundraising Chairman

BUILDING ISSUES A controlled workday will held on March 26, starting at 7:30am. Cleaning, window washing, dusting throughout the building is necessary. Bring tools such as pliers, screwdrivers, drill motors, etc. Some work will take place in the library as it is being readied for our Spring Reunion. Plumbing and electrical supplies are needed for use in the rest-rooms and in other parts of the building, some painting and touch-up work needs to be accomplished. Brother Bruce McNall asks that anyone with ideas, concerns, issues of their own that they would like to see accomplished please contact him so he might arrange the resolution team(s) to make it happen. Bruce can be reached at 912-659-4257 or email at: bmcnall@comcast.net

SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT



RECOGNIZE HIM? Well, you should! This is none other than your good friend and Brother Illustrious Morris Lani Broussard, 33°. Morris was born in Hololulu, Hawaii. After finishing High School he enlisted in the United States Air force where he retired after 21 years of service. He married the former Evelyn C. Dudley of Savannah on July 9, 1957. They have two children, Thomas Lani Broussard and Lynda Lei-Lani Jones. They have two Grandchildren, Blake Jones and Megan Lani Jones. While in the Air Force Morris was stationed in Korea, Japan, Iceland, North Africa and Vietnam. His state-side assignments were Savannah, Marietta, Warner Robins in Georgia and Dover, Delaware. His military awards include: Korean Service Medal w/1 bronze service star; United Nations Service

Medal; Korean Presidential Award; Bronze Star Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Medal; Good Conduct Medal w/ 3 loops; Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/ 2 oak-leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal w/ battle-service star; Air force Longevity Service Award w/ 4 oak-leaf clusters. WOW!

Morris has also been active and involved in the local community. He has served as President of Hunter Chapter No. 502 National Sojourners, Chatham South Lions Club, PTA, Alee Ritualistic Divan, SE Shrine Ritual Cast Association, and Georgia State Battle of the Bands, Inc., which he organized and served as local President for 6 years and as State President for 4 years. He served as President of the Chatham Association of Retarded Citizens for 2 years, President of the Chatham Association of Residential Services for 5 years, surpassing all other counties in Georgia for most homes built for the handicapped during that time span. He served on the Board of Directors of the Chatham Association of Retarded Citizens for over 25 years. He has served as Secretary of the Lions club, se Ritual Cast Association, National Sojourners. He served on the Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for 5 years, Chairman of the United Way Showcase, and 1st VP of the GA I-95 Association. He is a Past Master of Solomon's Lodge No. 1 F&AM which is "the oldest continuously operating Lodge in the Western Hemisphere." Presently Morris serves as Director of Work for Alee's Ritualistic Divan and is Impresario of Savannah Court No. 134, Royal Order of Jesters. He is a member of the York Rite, Past Wise Master of the Knights of Rose Croix, Valley of Savannah and has been honored with the 33° Inspector General Honorary. We are pleased and privileged to know Morris and have him as one of our outstanding members.

SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar	1	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	NOW HEAR THIS!
Mar	15	10:00	AM	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting (Macon)	
Apr	5	6:30	PM	REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL (Installation) Dinner \$	
Apr	12	7:00	PM	East GA Association – Holton's	
Apr	19	7:00	PM	Southeast GA Association – Old Tymes	
Apr	26	7:00	PM	4 Rivers SR Association – TBD	READ YOUR MAIL!
May	3	7:00	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	
May	6 – 7			MEMORIAL SPRING REUNION (honoring Brother Henry Woeltjen, 32° KCCH)	
Jun	7	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	
Jun	14	6:30	PM	FLAG DAY CEREMONY (4 TH FLOOR SRC)	

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Famous Quotes: *** *"The quality of one's life has nothing to do with duration. It has to do with the intensity of our experiences and the depth of our comprehension. The knack is to capture and savor those moments, and to be grateful for them. It doesn't matter that they are fleeting."* — **Ed Youngblood in "American Motorcyclist"**

*** *"When an institution, organization, or nation loses its capacity to evoke high individual performance, its great days are over."* — **John Gardner, from his book "Self-Renewal"**

*** *"Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop."* — **Stuart Smalley**

SECTION 4 RITECARE

NEWS FROM ARMSTRONG

The RiteCare Center is supported by the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Savannah. The center is a unit of Armstrong Atlantic State University. Armstrong Atlantic is located on the south side of Savannah and is part of the University System of Georgia. The Center is located next to the upper level of Dillard's on the back side of Savannah Mall. Once you drive into the Mall's parking lot, look for directional signs to locate Dillard's Department Store. Our building is next door to the rear entrance of Dillard's Department Store (on Shawnee Street). You must access the building from the Mall's parking lot, not from within the Mall. This center provides training for Speech-Language Pathology majors and provides speech-language pathology services to the community at-large. Services are offered according to the academic calendar.

The Communication Sciences and Disorders program at Armstrong employs a number of exceptional part-time faculty and clinical educators whose contributions to the program are invaluable. Two such individuals are Dr. Elizabeth Larrimore and Mrs. Laurie Hill.

Dr. Larrimore currently serves as Director of the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center and is also an Armstrong alumna. She was recently selected as an Armstrong 75th Anniversary Notable Alum. Dr. Larrimore

also serves as Chair of the Georgia State Board of Licensure for Speech-Language Pathology.

Mrs. Laurie Hill fulfills a supervisory role in the RiteCare Center, bringing with her over 20 years of clinical experience. As a licensed speech-language pathologist, Mrs. Hill has worked with both adults and children in various clinical settings. Her most recent work experience prior to her employment at the RiteCare Center was working with hearing-impaired children in the Sound Start Program.

The CSDS program is proud to offer professional and experienced faculty and staff to the community in both clinical and educational roles, and appreciates the dedication of such employees.

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 344.2969 OR 344.2585



DONATIONS TO RITECARE CENTER (since last issue of Newsletter)

Jeffrey Allmond	John A. Keel	Horace E. Porter
David W. Armstrong, Sr.	Kenneth M. Lantz	Charles D. Sikes
Crawley A. Butler, Jr.	Michael C. Popwell	0010583058

SECTION 5 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Remembrance & Renewal** will be held on April 5, 2011 at the SRC. Starts with dinner at 6:30pm, afterwards ceremony will be on 4th floor with W. Brother Drew Lane, First Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of Georgia as guest speaker. Installation of officers will also be held that evening.
- You may also view this newsletter on the website: savannahscottishrite.org
- 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.

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!

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**



WHAT A DEAL!

Our Illustrious Brother Gordon B. Smith, 33° is offering a once in a lifetime deal for Scottish Rite Members. A fabulous offer to anyone who does not have a last will and testament and/or would like to have their current will up-dated. The only stipulation is that you state in your will that you agree to bequeath at least \$5000 to the Endowment and Preservation Fund of our Scottish Rite Building. This is not a frivolous offer and only serious inquirers should call Brother Smith. It is, however, a most generous offer and one we hope many of you will accept. For more details, call the Secretary at 912-232-5132.

DONATIONS TO MASONIC CENTER PRESERVATION / ENDOWMENT FUND

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

Jeffrey Allmond	Crawley A. Butler	Rudolph R. Lucas	Phillip M. Newman
David W. Armstrong, Sr.	Aaron N. Cohen	Jesse A. Matson	Charles D. Sikes
James B. Blackburn	John A. Keel	Phillip M. Newman	W. Joseph Wheat
	Kenneth M. Lantz	William R. Overstreet	
Dewey B. Hooper Sr. (in memory of Willou Crane Hooper)		Charles R. Rogers (in memory of Jack Hepner)	
Charles G. White (in memory of Jack Hepner and George Harris)		Don V. Riley (in memory of Jack Hepner)	

Other donations:

Tim Allen	HLC Hotels	Lynne Flanary	locovozzi Fine Art
	Alice Withrow	Small Pleasures	

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SR FOUNDATION OF GA

(since last issue of newsletter)

Jeffrey Allmond	Kenneth M. Lantz	Crawley A. Butler
	Charles D. Sikes	

**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.

IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Leon J. Hare, 32°	06/26/92	John E. Wallace, 32°	03/31/10	Kermit L. Dudley, 32°	12/13/10
Billy D. Wagoner., 32°	11/02/94	William L. Forshee, 32° KCCH	07/10/10	Dessie F. Hagan, 32°	12/19/10
Parker D. Miller, 32°	04/30/04	Delcom H. Parker, 32°	07/23/10	Herman H. Kleinstuber, 32°	01/13/11
Troy A. Davis, 14°	11/15/06	John D. Mills, 32°	10/03/10	Arden H. Hadwin, 32°	01/23/11
Louis L. Turner, 32°	03/01/08	John W. Alden, 32°	11/02/10	Yancey D. Anderson, 32°	01/26/11
Howard V. Patrick, Jr., 32°	06/19/08	Lamar A. Brown, 32° KCCH	11/10/10	David J. Matthews, 32°	02/22/11
James A. Steedly, 32°	10/09/08	Jack L. Hepner, 33°	12/04/10	Thomas N. Connor, Sr., 32°	02/22/11
Stanton J. Teitelman, 32°	06/24/09	Dan M. Vaden, 32°	12/07/10		

"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.



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

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!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

2011 dues should be paid before January 1 or you are considered *delinquent!* Thanks to those members who have paid for 2010. If you are one of those who have not paid your 2010 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.



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.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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!

BITS OF INFORMATION FOR THE LESS INFORMED

It was mealtime during an airline flight. 'Would you like dinner?' the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. 'What are my choices?' John asked. 'Yes or no,' she replied.

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?' The stock boy replied, 'No ma'am, they're dead.'

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. 'I've been waiting for you all day,' the officer said. The kid replied, Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could.' When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, 'Got stuck, huh?' The truck driver says, 'No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas.'

Candidates needed!



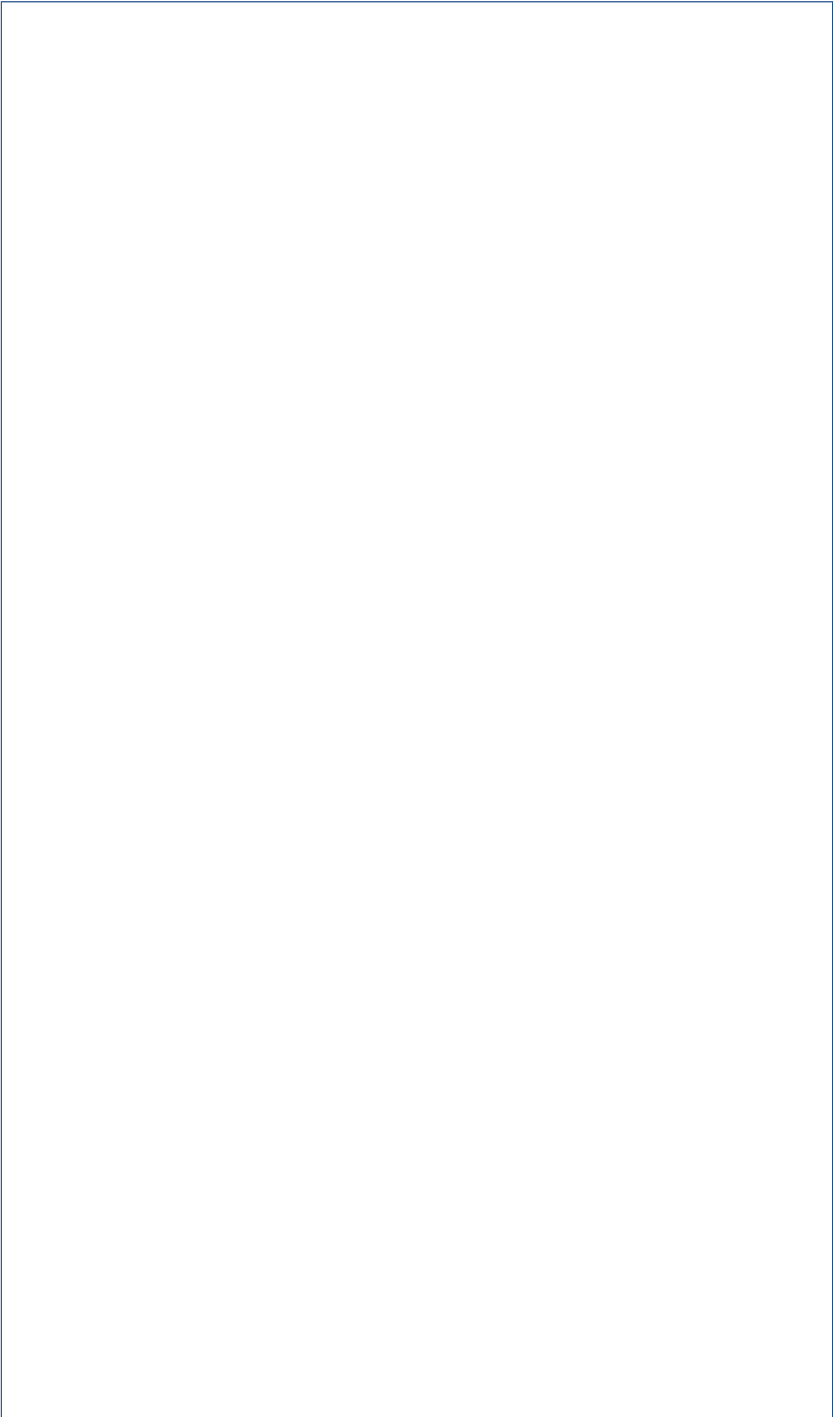
Be a first-line signer!

HENRY WOELTJEN, 32° KCCH MEMORIAL SPRING REUNION

The 2011 Spring Reunion is named in honor of Brother Henry Woeltjen, 32° KCCH who departed this earthly tabernacle on August 24, 2005. Henry was successfully self-employed in the Insurance and Brokerage business. Before retirement, he acquired many holdings in and around Chatham County. He was a member of Grace UMC and a former member of Wesley Monumental UMC, where he had formerly served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and the Board of Trustees. He was a Past Master of Solomon's Lodge No. 1 F&AM and a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Savannah, where he formerly served as Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and worked in several of the Degrees. He was also a member and Past President of the Ritualistic Divan of Alee Temple, as well as a member of Savannah Court No. 134, Royal Order of Jesters. Henry was a charter member of the Knights of Mecca and also a charter member of the Hunter Chapter No. 502, National Sojourners.

Brother Henry was a Veteran, having served in the Army during WWII. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and attained the rank of Captain. After the war he was an Intelligence worker and volunteer before returning to the States to pursue his business ventures. He served as Chairman of the MPC, Vice Chairman and President of the American Red Cross Disaster Committee and on the Board of Directors for YMCA. Henry also served on the USO Board, the Recreation Council of the UCS, and was Past President of the Georgia Association of Mutual Insurance Agents.

Brother Henry was predeceased by his first wife, Oris, and is survived by his widow, Margot and step-son Falko Sims; one sister, Anna Phillips and nephews Rev. Don Woeltjen, Harold Preble and David Phillips.



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