

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, the new Scottish Rite year is started, and I am still mildly in shock at being installed Venerable Master. My life is mostly centered in the western part of the Valley and I have to rely on long distance communications for my information, but the Secretary and Linda are in my speed dial. The Spring Reunion went well, and we are hoping for another good turn-out in the Fall. The Summer activities are posted. I am looking forward to a good turn-out at Flag Day and the Sand Gnats game and picnic. Bring a guest and a prospective member. Yours Masonically, F. J. Shuman, 32° KCCH, V.M.

SECRETARY'S VIEWS.... FCC....Faultfinding, Criticizing and Complaining.....can tear an organization apart. I have noticed far too much of this lately and it deserves mentioning. There is no place for these activities in Freemasonry. It seems to me that the older, more established members are the culprits and the newer, younger members are trying hard to do well. Realizing that experience is the best teacher, we should be less critical when we see someone trying. They will get better in time. Usually the ones doing the complaining are the ones who do very little otherwise. Let us welcome these younger, enthusiastic and more talented new members and support them as they become established. If you believe you are one of these faultfinders, rid yourself of pettiness and jealousy. If you disagree with what I say, you know my number.

We have just completed a very successful Reunion and we should mind our p's and q's going forward while these newest members grasp what we are about as they seek out what they want to do in our organization. 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!

On a more positive note, we have multiple activities coming up for everyone. Flag Day Celebration will be held on actual Flag Day, June 14 at 7:30 in the evening with refreshments to follow. Sand Gnats ballgame and picnic is June 25 starting at 5:00 pm at Grayson Stadium. See me for reservations. Ring Ceremony on July 5 and Family Night on August 2.

Perhaps you have heard of work going on in the library of our SR building. A few brothers have decided to refurbish the library and make it usable. A great plan is taking shape and the long awaited vision of mine and several others may finally be realized. We have a treasure trove of Masonic works that need to be cataloged and arranged in proper places. Also, plans are to encourage the Blue Lodges to participate and place a display regarding their particular Lodge for all to see. Another project may be soon undertaken by a worthy Brother interested in restoring the three and a half floor for use. More to come on that venture! A handful of our dedicated Brothers have been busy and accomplishing the various problems encountered recently with our building. Water pump is now functioning courtesy of Jim Hood. AC on 3rd and 5th floors now functioning courtesy of Mark Daniels and others. Electrical and plumbing problems have been corrected thanks to Darrell Reese and Carl Smith. My sincerest thanks go to them and I hope yours does too.

We were overwhelmed this year with scholarship applications and unfortunately many of them were turned in too late for consideration. Deadline for applications was April 15 and we went even beyond that in

accepting this year. For those turned down, get them in early next year!

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..... Brother Johnny Shuman, 32^o KCCH, was installed Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection at the April meeting along with the other Officers of the Valley and we look forward to a great year under their leadership. The Executive Committee at its first meeting in April elected Ill. Brother James Hood, 33^o to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The entire leadership team of the Valley is actively planning and working toward a year of accomplishments and activities that will carry the Valley through a successful year that can be built upon for many years to come.

The Brother Henry Woeltjen, 32^o KCCH Memorial Reunion was a great success and everyone who took part in it is to be commended, especially our Directors of Work Darrell Reese, 32^o KCCH and all of the Degree Directors. To the members of the Class, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the manner in which you were attentive and receptive to our efforts to impart the message of Scottish Rite Masonry. We look forward to your attendance at the regular meetings of the Lodge and activities of the Scottish Rite especially your Ring Ceremony. This is an opportunity to introduce your lady to the Rite and also it is appropriate to bring a Brother Master Mason who is not a member.

During the coming summer months activities of the Scottish Rite of note are the Regular meeting June 2nd, Flag Day Ceremony June 14th at 6:30 PM in the Masonic Center and the Ring Ceremony July 5th with dinner at 6:30 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We have just finished another great Spring Reunion and if you missed being there, you really missed a good time and some wholesome fellowship. The new members enjoyed the education but we know there is a great deal more to obtain. For those of those who have not enrolled in and have not finished the Master Craftsman’s Course, I encourage you to do so. You will learn more than you can imagine. And there is also a Master Craftsman’s II Course. For those who live in the outlying areas the Association meetings could be a great way to fellowship with your Scottish Rite Brothers. We ask you to get involved, enjoy the fellowship, and let’s work for our cause “The Scottish Rite”. We always need help in the reunions and at our work days on the building. We serve the best \$5 dollar meal before each meeting which is the 1st Tuesday of each month. I sure hope to see you there.

Jim Hood 33^o, Chairman of Executive Committee

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 SOUTHEAST GA ASSOCIATION WINS REUNION TROPHY.....Winner of the Reunion Trophy for the Spring Reunion is Southeast GA Association. They will keep the trophy until the next Reunion and their name will be engraved on the trophy as the first Association to win it. The trophy is awarded to the Association bringing in the most new members and reinstatements at each Reunion.

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, this last reunion class, with everyone’s help, turned out being very successful. I would like to congratulate our newest members in taking this very important step in their Masonic careers. I only ask that you search your hearts, and find your own way to become involved. We now have to start thinking about our next reunion which will be here before we know it, on October 15th. 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. In closing just remember “ ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK “ H. Jay Robbins, 32^o 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 Update on the Library Restoration Project.....After many, many years the library on

the top floor of the Scottish Rite Temple was utilized for the communication of degrees during the Spring Reunion. Although it was a little warm and the room wasn't quite as far along in the reconstruction process as we would have hoped, still it was great to see so many of our newly initiated Scottish Rite brethren up there in that historic room.

As anyone who was up there knows, however, there is still a LOT of work to be done. It is our intention to finish scraping and prepping the walls in order that we might repaint with a new color scheme. After that will come a buffing and cleaning of the hardwood floors. Once we're done with the construction portion of the project, then we can start in earnest with the process of cataloging the books that are currently in our collection, adding to our collection, and setting up the many displays to highlight the history of Freemasonry in Savannah. By the time we're all through, Savannah will have one fine jewel of a library and research center that will be used by Masons for many years to come.

Okay, you knew this was coming! We need your help! We need a great deal of help with the room renovations, archive management and most importantly, fundraising. If you would like to be a part of this project, and help give the gift of knowledge to Masons now and in the future, please contact Clyde at the office or James Divine at (912) 344-8300. Any sort of help that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. With your help, perhaps the candidates who go through this Fall will be treated to a spectacular completed renovation project.

SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT



Remember him? Well, unless you were a member prior to 1992 or shortly thereafter you might not know Illustrious Roy Mason Hurt, Jr., 33° who served the Valley as Secretary for many years, but has now moved back to his home state of Virginia. Roy was born in Roanoke, Virginia in 1917. After finishing High School in Johnson Hill, TN and furthering his education at Kenneth School of Commerce in Roanoke, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Pacific at Okinawa and Yokohama. In professional life Roy was a Director of Operations and Traffic at Stevens Shipping and Terminal Company of Savannah, covering parts of Georgia, North and South Carolina and Florida. He is married to Carrie and they have two sons, David and Foley.

Roy served as Deacon and Treasurer of Trinity Presbyterian Church while in Savannah.

He is a 50 year member of Landrum Lodge No. 48 F&AM, Life Member of the AASR, Valley of Savannah and member of Alee Shriners, serving as President of the Oriental Band in 1981. He belongs to Traffic Clubs in Savannah and Charleston, SC and is a member of Charleston Country Club and "The Oaks" Country Club in South Carolina. Roy served us well as General Secretary in the Valley of Savannah. We hear from him occasionally via email or telephone and it is always a pleasure to hear his voice or read his concern. Stay healthy Roy!

SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun	7	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION
Jun	14	6:30	PM	FLAG DAY CEREMONY (4 TH FLOOR SRC)
Jun	25	6:30	PM	SAND GNATS GAME AND PICNIC (Grayson Stadium)
Jul	5	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding RING CEREMONY
Jul	12	7:00	PM	East GA Association – Western Sizzlin'
Jul	19	7:00	PM	Southeast GA Association – Old Tymes
Jul	26	7:00	PM	4 Rivers SR Association – New China
Aug	2	6:30	PM	FAMILY NIGHT
Sep	6	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION

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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.

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)

Mark A. Bradley

Alan B. Zipperer

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SECTION 5 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **FLAG DAY CELEBRATION** will be held on June 14, 2011 at the SRC. Starts at 7:30pm on 4th floor with colors being presented by Hunter Chapter No. 502, National Sojourners. We will honor the Military Order of Purple Heart and will have members and guests of their organization in attendance along with a spokesperson to inform us all about the Purple Heart. A video program from Supreme Council will also be presented and we will have refreshments afterwards. Georgia Court No. 1, Order of Amaranth will join us for the celebration.
2. **SAND GNATS BALLGAME AND PICNIC** will be held on Saturday, June 25 starting at 5:00pm for the picnic. Game starts at 6:30 pm. Picnic will consist of hamburgers and hotdogs and ticket includes general admission, all for \$20 adult and \$16 child. Come on out and let's have fun! The Sand Gnats will face the Augusta Green Jackets. Maybe we can coerce some of our Valley of Augusta friends to come be with us. Nonetheless, it would be a good opportunity to invite some of our non-Masonic friends to join us and to see what we do from a family aspect in the Scottish Rite.
3. **Congratulations to our new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret :** Robert Harry Allen, II; Michael Edward Beaver; Jack Christopher Bonner; James Randall Carlisle; Benjamin Wesley Hill, Kenneth Paul Lamantia; Robert Jeffrey Lee; David Garth Long; Howard Samson Major; Brock Charles McCloskey; Kevin Lee Miller; Clayton Frederick Osbon; Carlos Richard Ruiz; Charles Thomas Sheppard; William Bryan Tuten; Clifford Ryan Watson; Jeffrey David Wilson. View the Class pictures on savannahscottishrite.org
4. You may also view this newsletter on the website: savannahscottishrite.org
5. 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!

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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).....

Cecil D. Abarr	James W. Exley	Clayton & Connye Osbon	Paul D. Troxler
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Clyde & Judy Griffin <i>(in memory of Vernon N. Williamson, Jr.)</i>			

Other donations:

Timothy Allen	HLC Hotels	Iocovozzi Fine Art	Alice Withrow
	Henry Woeltjen Spring 2011 Memorial Class		

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SR FOUNDATION OF GA

(since last issue of newsletter)

Mark A. Bradley	Lemuel A. Graham	Lonas E. Lewis
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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.

IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Emory D. Daniel	07/28/09
Raymond E. Zeigler, 32°	03/05/11
Robert A. Smith, 32°	03/27/11
William A. Rahn, Jr., 32°	03/31/11
William P. Jordan, 32	03/17/11
Sylvan M. Byck, Jr., 32°	04/06/11
Vernon N. Williamson, 32°	04/17/11

"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.



SCOTTISH RITE
MASTER CRAFTSMAN

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

The New Alphabet

A is for apple, and **B** is for boat,
That used to be right, but now it won't float!
Age before beauty is what we once said,
But let's be a bit more realistic instead.

Now:

A's for arthritis;
B's the bad back,
C is the chest pains, perhaps cardiac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight—can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and water retention
G is for gas, which I'd rather not mention.
H is high blood pressure—I'd prefer low;
I is for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L is lost hearing—now what did you say?

M is memory lapses occurring all day.

N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!
P's for prescriptions, I have quite a few;
Just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!

Q is for queasy. Is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux— one meal turns to two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for tinnitus; there are bells in my ears!

U is for urinary; big troubles with flow;
V is for vertigo— that's "dizzy," you know.
W is for worry. NOW what's going 'round?
X is for x-ray and what might be found.
Y is another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest that I still have— in my mind.

I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed,
and I've kept twenty-six doctors fully employed.

author unknown

Famous Masonic Lodge

I wonder what the public's perception of Freemasonry might be if they were able to visit such a lodge.

For a few moments, please allow your imaginations to run wild and consider what may take place at the Installation of The Celestial Lodge, otherwise known as the Grand Lodge Above.

Even though it was late fall, there was a warm breeze blowing and the sun was setting behind the Lodge Hall. Gathered in the parking lot filled with their works were Brothers Henry Ford, Ransom Olds, Walter Chrysler, John Willys and Andre Citroen. The only vehicle missing was Brother Hart Massey's tractor.

Greeting members in the entrance hall was Brother Cliff Arquette of Charley Weaver fame and Bro Ed Wynn. In the boardroom, a group of senior DeMolays were gathered including Brothers Walter Disney, Chet Huntley, Wendell Corey, Van Johnson, Robert Cummings, John Steinbeck, Fred McMurray and John Cameron Swayze.

Brother Gillette, razor in hand, passed the lodge caretaker who was having a minor problem with his vacuum cleaner, which was quickly cleared up with the help of its inventor, Brother Frank Hoover, while at the other end of the hallway Brothers Emmett Kelly, Clyde Beatty and all seven of the Ringling Bros were discussing the Shrine Circus.

Taking a quick look into the Banquet Hall, Brothers John Molson, Frederick Pabst and Joseph Schlitz were busy rolling in some kegs of beer for Brothers Sam Bronfman, late President of Seagrams Distillers, who was setting up the bar for the Festive Board to follow the Ceremony. Brother Colonel Harland Sanders was cooking up a storm in the kitchen and it was an easy guess as to what the evening meal would consist of.

Tuning were the orchestra members for the dance to follow the Banquet. Members of this All-Star group included leader Paul Whiteman, WC Hardy, Nat King Cole, Irving Berlin, George M Cohan, Cyril Stapleton, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and Al Jolson. Tonight's performance would be M.C.ed by Brothers Arthur Godfrey and Danny Thomas.

Magical Brothers Harry Houdini and Harry Blackstone were setting up their props while Brothers WC Fields, Oliver Hardy, Bud Abbott, Harpo Marx, and Foster Brooks were fine tuning their comedy routines for tonight's show which was being produced by Brothers Cecil B DeMille, Flo Ziegfeld, Louis B Mayer, Hall Wallis and DW Griffiths.

A number of sports celebrities were gathering together, including Brother Abe Saperstein, creator of the Harlem Globetrotters, who was explaining his version of the game to Brother James Naismith, the inventor of the game.

They were joined by baseballers Brothers Charles Ebbetts, Ty Cobb, Branch Rickey and Cy Young, the first pitcher to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

A little further along the hall was an array of masons dressed in knee breeches, lace cuffs and powdered wigs, others in tuxedos, including Brothers Kit Carson, Davey Crockett and Buffalo Bill Cody, clad in their familiar buckskins; also Chiefs Crazy Bull, Tecumseh and Joseph Brant in their native attire. Most colourful are the military uniforms of Lord Nelson, Lord Cornwallis, Captain James Cook, the Duke of Wellington and John Paul Jones.

I was gazing in awe at these members of the Celestial Lodge, when the Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry Truman, appeared from the preparation room accompanied by Brothers John Jacob Astor, Luther Burbank, JC Penney, Adlai Stevenson and Jennings Bryan.

Brother John Diefenbaker had just signed the Tyler 's Register with one of Brother John Shaeffer's pens. He was accompanied by Brothers Robert Borden and RB Bennett. fellow Canadian Prime Ministers, and by Brother Joe Smallwood of Newfoundland .

At this time Brother J Edgar Hoover, informed the brethren that the meeting was about to come to order.

On entering the lodge room the brethren were greeted by the Inner Guard, Brother Paul Revere. Seated already were polar explorers, Robert F Scott of England and Brother Richard E Bird of the United States , together with Matthew G Perky and Canada 's Henry Larsen. Brother Charles Lindbergh could be seen in deep conversation with Brothers Hap Arnold , Gus Grissom, Eddie Rickenbaker and Charles Kingsford-smith.

From the Junior Warden's station came a burst of laughter. Brother Will Rogers had brought broad smiles to the faces of the Royal personages gathered around him, including George 1, Frederick the Great, Gustav V of Sweden and George VI. To the right of the Junior Warden's chair, architect Sir Christopher Wren was joined by Statue of Liberty sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi.

Brothers Norman Vincent Peale and Peter Marshall, who would assume the Chaplain's duties this evening, were in conversation with the DuPonts, Peter and Victor, and the Rothschilds, James and Nathan.

Gathered around the Secretary's desk, Brother Rudyard Kipling was discussing the evening's proceedings with Brother Robert Burns, who was to give one of the Charges assisted by Brother Mark Twain. Also taking part were Brothers Conan Doyle, Walter Scott, Samuel Johnson, Alexander Pope and Robert Service.

The Grand Organist, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was discussing last minute changes with Brothers Gilbert and Sullivan.

Brothers Clark Gable, Peter Sellers, Wallace Beery, Douglas Fairbanks and Brian Donleavy were discussing boxing with champions Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson and Sugar Ray Robinson. Another small group, in the persons of Brothers John Wayne, Hoot Gibson and Tom Mix, were listening to Brother William Thaddeus Phillips, also known as Butch Cassidy.

The founding members, Brothers George Washington, Sir John A MacDonald, Guiseppe Garibaldi, Benito Jaurez, John Hancock and Ben Franklin were seated in the East. They have been joined by Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore . The Generals, Omar Bradley, Jimmy Doolittle, George C Marshall, John Pershing and Douglas McArthur, take their seats next to Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. The Lodge Treasurer, Brother Henry Knox was busy collecting dues from Brothers Thomas E. Dewey and William McKinley. The Master, MW Brother HRH The Duke of Connaught , has rapped the gavel to call the Lodge to order and it is now time for us to depart.

With one last look at this brilliant assembly, one wonders what the public's perception of Freemasonry might be if they were able to visit such a lodge.

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