

# The Latest News

From the Communications Team at the Valley of Savannah

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

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## SECTION 1 VALLEY LEADERSHIP

**FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER** .....Brethren, to begin this article, I would like to thank all the members who helped with the Fall Reunion, especially the Stage Crew Director and his assistants. The Reunion was a great success because of you and the members who stepped in at the last minute to fill in. They are too many to list individually, but with all my heart, I thank you. I would also like to say thanks to our (9) new 32° Brothers. The holidays are fast approaching and I would like to wish to each of you a very happy holiday season and a special year for 2014. Remember the holiday social on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite. It is open to members and guests. Don't forget to sign up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 11<sup>th</sup> through 13th.

James Darrell Reese, 33° , Venerable Master

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**SECRETARY'S VIEWS** .....The 2013 year is swiftly coming to a close and holiday activities have obviously already started. Our Scottish Rite has enjoyed a very successful year acquiring 24 new members. The Fall Reunion honoring Ill Robert S. Porter was outstanding in many respects. We were able to utilize the library for communications, dramatizations splendidly done, great food enjoyed by all in attendance, and the fellowship displayed by everyone was what we should always strive to do. Several of our members have acquired the initial Double Eagle Award. Others are well on their way. It is evident that the quickest way to acquire this award is to sign up new members or reinstate those who have left our folds temporarily. Overlooked are the efforts of our Membership Committee, who strive to maintain our membership ranks and keep those members we have on roll. Also, the Stage Crew, Communicator, Culinary Committee deserve recognition. Thank them every chance you get.

**Christmas Social is Thursday, December 19, and is open to family and guests. Hope to see you there!** 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** .....As we approach the end of 2013, and reflect upon the accomplishments of our Valley and its members we should also pause and give thanks for the many mercies and blessings bestowed upon us and ours. Even in the difficult economic conditions we have faced the Valley has continued to do well. It is also appropriate to consider and evaluate the thing that could be done to enable the Valley of Savannah to be even more in the forefront of Masonry. It is also heartwarming to look forward to the opportunities of the coming year to meet with and enjoy the fellowship of our Masonic Brothers and their families and in so doing come to a renewed, appreciation for our fraternity and the influence it has in our lives.

My Brothers especially in these trying times, our Fraternity and its charities need our support and funding. While I realize that family and church come first, I would hope that our charities would be closely after these.

Due to the demands of recent months I have not been able to be as active in the activities of the Valley as I have been in the past. I hope that it will be possible to see many of you at our Holiday Covered Dish Social in December. Bring a covered dish and join in the fun of a Masonic Family Social. The food will be great and the fellowship rewarding.

MAY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE BLESS AND BE WITH EACH OF YOU AND YOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND ALL OF THE YEAR.

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

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**..... You missed a great time at the Fall Reunion if you did not attend. Thanks to all who came and participated. You attendance and hard work sure was appreciated by the newly made Scottish Rite Masons. You did such a good job that these new members will never forget. Our year is fast ending and December has a few dates to remember. Dec 3 is Lodge of Perfection, and Dec 19 is our Holiday Social. It would be nice to finish out the year attending the Scottish Rite Meetings. We would like to see you there. If you have some time and would like to contribute to the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, there are slots open. December 11,12 and 13th. Please contact the office to list your times. Always remember the reason for the season is Christ. May God Bless you keep you safe through the Holidays and May your New Year be a Blessed One.

Jim Hood 33°, Chairman of Executive Committee

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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**.....I would like to congratulate our newest Scottish Rite members as they embark thru this new journey. This last reunion was so enjoyable, even though we were small in numbers we were great with enthusiasm and a desire to learn about our fraternity. The work performed was beyond belief. 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. Let us not forget our Brothers. Call them to see how they are doing, and invite them to join us.

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

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman

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

**FUNDRAISING**..... Our golf tournament to benefit the Rite Care Center will be on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill, GA. Let us not wait till the last moment to decide. Make plans NOW to come out and enjoy the friendship, fun, and maybe an eagle or two with us. Flyers are in the Scottish Rite office. We also welcome everyone to get involved. I AM .....**STILL.... NOT A POTTED PLANT!**

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Fundraising Chairman

**SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT**



**Mr. Nice Guy!** C. Wayne Barnes; retired Command Sergeant Major after 30 years U.S. Army, married to Flo for 56 years, two daughters both married and 4 grandchildren. Wayne was born in Bicknell, Indiana on January 2, 1937 and attended local schools. He enlisted and made the Army his career serving in Germany, Korea, Taiwan and two tours in Vietnam. He received numerous awards and decorations including the bronze star. After retirement he continued working for Uncle Sam in Civil Service at Fort Stewart.

Illustrious Brother Barnes is a member of Hinesville Lodge No. 271 and holds plural membership with Altamaha Lodge No. 227 and Coastal Daylight Lodge No. 750. He served as Worshipful Master of Coastal Daylight Lodge in 2011 and is now serving as DDGM. Wayne is one of our “stalwarts” in the Scottish Rite, having served as Venerable Master of Lodge of Perfection and Commander of Council of Kadosh and as Chairman of our Executive Committee. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1989 and coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1999. He is presently busy in service to National Sojourners as Area Representative. Wayne enjoys travel, golf and coaching high school golfers. He has served as our ROTC awards coordinator for several years. We are indeed fortunate to have Wayne in our Valley.

**SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec	3	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Exec. Mtg. 5:30pm)
Dec	5	10:00	AM	Naturalization Ceremony 125 Bull St. First Floor Courtroom
Dec	11 - 13			Salvation Army Bell Ringing, SEARS Oglethorpe Mall
Dec	19	6:30	PM	Christmas Social
Dec	20	– Jan 3, 2014		Scottish Rite Office Closed
Jan	4	9:00	AM	Grand Master’s Workshop & Forum
Jan	7	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Exec. Mtg. 5:30 pm)
Jan	14	7:00	PM	East GA SR Association – Capt. Joe’s Midway
Jan	21	7:00	PM	Southeast GA SR Association – Golden Corral Brunswick
Jan	28	7:00	PM	Four Rivers SR Association – New China, Swainsboro
Feb	4	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Exec. Mtg. 5:30 pm)
Feb	24	7:00	PM	Altamaha SR Association – Capt. Joe’s Jesup

**NOW HEAR THIS!**



**READ YOUR MAIL**

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



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



**SECTION 4 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Double Eagle Award**

**Received as of 12/1/13:**

Wally J. Crews	Huey P. Davis Jr.	James O. Hood	Bruce H. McNall	Howard J. Robbins
Roger W. Coursey	Clyde E. Griffin	Ernest A. McCorkle	James D. Reese	Francis J. Shuman
		James E. Stevens		

**2014 Dues**

By now you have received your dues statement for 2014. Let me be first to remind you that dues are due immediately upon receipt of that statement before December 31, 2013, not 2014. Several have not paid their dues for 2013 and are therefore delinquent. Some have not paid their dues for 2012 and will be suspended on December 31, 2013 unless arrangements are made with the General Secretary before that date. Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly!

**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 4735270 activities.
- Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
- Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

**SECTION 5 RITECARE**

**NEWS FROM ARMSTRONG**

**Services Available:**

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



**RITECARE CENTER LOCATION**

**Suite 20 of the Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn St. Savannah GA 31419 PHONE (912) 344-2735**

**RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders Graduate Clinicians Ease the Burden for Public School Nurses**

Hearing loss among children is somewhat common in the United States, affecting approximately 15% of children between the ages of 6 and 19 years to some degree (Niskar et al., 1998). Hearing screening is an important preventive health measure for everyone, but perhaps more so for children than for other age groups because of the significant detriment that unidentified hearing loss poses to academic development. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) recommends that school children have their hearing screened periodically to check for any hearing loss.

Every year, school nurses in the Savannah Chatham Public School System are responsible for conducting hearing screenings for students in kindergarten, 1st,

3rd, and 7th grades. This means that the nurse at each school must screen hundreds of students in a short span of time every fall. School nurses rely on community volunteers for assistance. If they do not have volunteers who can help, they must screen each child one by one, a practice that is extremely time-consuming, and one that also takes the nurses away from their other duties at the school such as caring for students with acute injuries, infectious illnesses, and chronic illnesses such as asthma and diabetes.

For several years, the students and faculty associated with the RiteCare Center at Armstrong Atlantic State University have partnered with nurses and speech-language pathologists in the public schools to provide these important hearing screenings for schoolchildren in our community. RiteCare students and faculty have the expertise to conduct these screenings, but just as importantly, we also have access to portable audiometric hearing screening equipment, which was purchased with Scottish Rite funds, and is housed at the RiteCare Center on Armstrong’s campus. Participating in these screenings allows students to get much-needed experience and clinical hours, as well as providing a crucial service to our community, in keeping with Armstrong’s larger University-wide commitment to community service.

From August through November of this year, 24 graduate student clinicians from the RiteCare Center at Armstrong traveled to elementary and K-8 schools in the Savannah Chatham Public School System to assist with hearing screenings, in addition to their other clinical responsibilities at the RiteCare Center. The students provided screenings and re-screenings on 15 different dates in seven schools, for a total of 156 man-hours. During this time, RiteCare students and faculty screened just shy of 2500 school children within our community.

These statistics represent the RiteCare Center’s significant community impact in just one of the populations we serve. The success of our RiteCare public school hearing screening program continues to grow and affect increased numbers of children each year. We are proud to be able to offer this service to the local community through the generous continued support of the Scottish Rite, as this outreach allows us to assist in identifying potential hearing loss in children as early as possible in order to minimize academic difficulties and assist Chatham County children in developing speech, language and literacy.



- DONATIONS TO RITECARE CENTER**  
*(since last issue of Newsletter)*
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| James C. Albers       | Steven E. Scheer       |
| Richard S. Bailey     | Warren F.Scribner, II  |
| Norman R. Davisworth  | William F.Shepard      |
| James M. DeLoach, Sr. | Lewis B. Shuman        |
| Clyde E. Griffin      | James E. Stevens       |
| John J. Hodges        | Thomas R. Taggart      |
| Steven L. Kellam      | Thomas C. Thompson     |
| Kenneth N. Lanier     | Robert L. Webster, Jr. |
| D. Stephen Lanier     | Robert C. Whitlow      |
| Charles R. Rogers.    |                        |



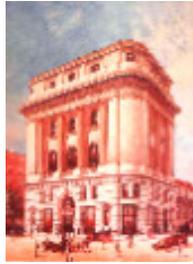
**SECTION 6 ENDOWMENT & PRESERVATION FUND AND MEMORIALS**

**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**

**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 C. Albers	Elliott P. Harn, Jr.	Warren F. Scribner, II	Thomas C. Thompson
George E. Beasley	John J. Hodges	William F. Shepard	Paul D. Troxler
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James M. DeLoach, Sr.	Charles R. Rogers	James E. Stevens	Robert L. Webster, Jr.
Clyde E. Griffin	Steven E. Scheer	Thomas R. Taggart	Charles G. White
Robert C. Whitlow			

*(Individual donations in memory or in honor)*

J. Darrell Reese (In memory of Gordon B. Smith)	Don V. Riley (In memory of Gordon B. Smith)
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*(Other Groups and individuals)*

Tim Allen	Cricket Communications	Lynn Flanary	HLC Hotels
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**IN MEMORIAM**

(Reported since last issue of Newsletter)

Tapp J. Cowart, 32° KCCH	08/29/13	William C. Griffin, 32°	09/19/13
Frank B. Tarleton, 32°	09/02/13	Quinton L. Slaughter, 32°	09/20/13
John W. Sognier, 33°	05/24/13	James A. O'Conner, 32°	10/05/13
	William T. Conner	10/30/13	

***"The fruits of their labors live after them"***



## SECTION 7 GOOD OF THE ORDER

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SR FOUNDATION OF GA

(since last issue of newsletter)

James C. Albers	John J. Hodges	Charles R. Rogers	Thomas C. Thompson
Thomas L. Cole	Steven L. Kellam	James E. Stevens	Paul D. Troxler
Norman R. Davisworth	Kenneth N. Lanier	Lewis B. Shuman	Robert L. Webster, Jr.
Clyde E. Griffin	Ronald G. Morris	Thomas R. Taggart	Harry L. Wells, Jr.
	Robert C. Whitlow		

### GIFT SHOP ITEMS FOR SALE

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

### THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

### Attention! Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons

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

### SOMETHING NEW

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

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

Ladies are always invited to join us for dinner!



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



### AVAILABLE FROM SR OFFICE

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

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

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

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

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

### FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

As we go about our involvement in Freemasonry we should keep in mind that there are certain things to consider which affect others, even though we enjoy gathering and interacting with our Brothers. Think about family and friends outside Masonry who do not belong and perhaps do not understand why we seem to leave them out at times. Can a Brother's wife and family be involved? You bet they can! How?

We simply open our doors and welcome them to the many functions we do here at the Scottish Rite:

Ring Ceremony; Feast of Tishri; Remembrance and Renewal; Family Night; Awards Night; Flag Day; Scottish Rite Association Meetings; Installation of Officers; Special Occasions; Workdays; Tours; Outings; Spaghetti Fundraiser. The list can keep growing! A Ladies Auxiliary would be nice!

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. You may also view this newsletter on the website: [www.savannahscottishrite.org](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 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, C LYDE GRIFFIN

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

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



**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.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HONOR MEN!**

L-R: Richard S. Bailey, Ronald E. Boatright, Phillip R. Davis, Tom A. Edenfield, Paul W. Sedelmeyer, Ervin D. Smith, Howard J. Robbins, Sidney A. Jenkins

