

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 holiday season is upon us again. And yes much too fast. It's seems as if we just celebrated Christmas not too long ago. Time passes much to fast anymore. For me this is a time for reflecting of all the things I am thankful for. My beautiful life, which brings a smile to my face. The good heath that puts my best foot forward. And my friends, who have allowed me to exchange ideas, and opinions with, though not always agreeing with me. I am coaching a class for my blue lodge right now, and as no doubt they are learning lessons to use in their journey thru life. I too am remembering what I learned as a new mason. 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 wish everyone a joyous holiday season. H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

SECRETARY'S VIEWS.... As we close out the year of 2010 in the Valley of Savannah, several activities will take place during this very active holiday season. We are thankful for the many blessings we have received over the earlier part of the year, especially our new HVAC unit for the 4th floor auditorium. It's good to be able to meet in comfortable surroundings. Coming up on December 17th we look forward to our holiday social event when we enjoy each other with plenty of great food, fun and fellowship before closing for the remainder of the year. Before that happens, however, we must plan our calendar for next year and prepare a budget. Then we can enjoy the holidays with family and friends and wish everyone the best for the New Year. January will start out with a bang, literally. We immediately must prepare reports and get ready for our big fundraising event so that we will be able to meet the demands already set forth for 2011. It will be a year of great movement and improvement as we further the cause of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Savannah. 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..... As we approach the end of 2010, and reflect upon the activities and challenges faced and the accomplishments realized in the Valley. We should also pause to give thanks for the many mercies and blessings bestowed upon us and ours. While we, our families, friends and if fact our entire Nation are living through some very trying and difficult times, there are still many things to be thankful for and we should be ever mindful of opportunities to show our love and affection for our fellow man. The Masonic Fraternity in general and The Scottish Rite in particular offer the opportunity to meet and enjoy the fellowship and friendship of our brothers and their families. And in so doing to realize a greater appreciation for our Fraternity and the influence it has on our lives.

I would also like to encourage each member to become involved in the Master Craftsman Program. While this is an educational program which addresses the in depth details of Masonry, It is not so demanding

or on such a high academic level as to preclude any member from profiting from it. Of note is the program of the Knights of Saint Andrew, in which a group approach is being done to complete the course. The KSA is open to all 32⁰ Masons and details can be obtained from the General Secretary, Personal Representative or any member.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our regular meeting on December 7th and bring a covered dish and attend our holiday social December 17th.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless and be with you and yours during the Holiday Season and we wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN..... Your Scottish Rite as been busy since the last article but the most important was our fund raiser. What a GREAT DAY! Our fund raiser chairman Jay Robbins had everything lined up at the golf course. The carts were filled and all started out to the tees that they were assigned. I was the lucky one because I was assigned with three young ladies that worked at the Rite Care Center. After play was over we had lunch prepared by Mack Griffin of Swainsboro and it was Gooooooooooooo! Everyone that played was a winner.

At the November meeting we covered our committee reports and all is well. Please remember, to keep a good budget, WE NEED YOU! In December is our annual bell ringing at Sears. Check with the Secretary if he needs help. On the 17th of December is our annual Holiday party. We need you to R.S.V.P. so that we will have plenty of meat and we ask for you to bring a plate to pass. Surprise entertainment after the meal. What a great time to fellowship with some old friends and meet some of our new members. Bring the family and enjoy the night.

To all of our Jewish Brothers and your Families we wish you Happy Hanukkah, to all our Christian Brothers we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and to All a Prosperous New Year. Jack Hepner, 33°

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MEMBERSHIP..... My Brothers, I would like to thank each brother who took time to sign up our brothers for the last reunion class. 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. Remember, "All You Have To Do Is Ask."

H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman

FUNDRAISING I am so glad that things have been worked out, and that we held our " Rite Care Golf Tournament." We teed it up at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill, Ga. on October 23rd. at 10:00am at \$ 80.00 per player which is tax deductible. We would have loved to have 80 + players for this event, but we had about half that much We handled our own cooking, and the food was great. The necessary prizes were mostly purchased which ate into our profit. We should strive to have more prizes donated. We did, however, enlist several sponsors at \$100.00 a hole and that made the difference. 100 % of the proceeds raised will be presented to the Rite Care Center at Armstrong Atlantic and this time it will amount to approximately \$4000. A great day of fellowship, and fun, and a day we will all remember. Get ready for the next one!

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

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SECTION 2 SPOTLIGHT



Recognize him? Most everyone around Savannah certainly would. He's our fun-loving Brother and friend, Clinton Delma Cowart, 32° KCCH. Do you remember when he raced cars, or attempted to? Once known as the "Clown Prince" of NASCAR racing during his era which began in 1981 and ended in the mid-1990s.

The story is told of Delma's final NASCAR run. He showed up at Lowe's Motor Speedway to run the NASCAR All-Star Race and be amongst his friends, but his engine blew in practice. His crew worked tirelessly all day to make repairs and finished just in time; just as the prayer was being said and the National Anthem sung. The only thing not ready was the required NASCAR inspection. As the announcement over the PA system blared, "Gentlemen, start your engines," Delma cranked his up while still in the garage area. He drove out by the tech inspection shed but it was all locked up. So he said to himself, "What the heck?" and he pulled onto the track and started racing. After about four laps the NASCAR officials noticed and immediately black-flagged him off the track. The ensuing few minutes resulted in a bit of chaos as the crew chief was raked over the coals and Delma was involved in some warm conversation with the officials. They informed him he should have know better, but Delma told them they shouldn't mind, considering the circumstances of this not being a points race and they were looking for more cars to compete. Being told that he would be fined \$5,000, Delma responded, "Make it \$5,000,000, cause I'm not giving you five cents!"

That incident pretty much ended Delma's racing career but he came away a winner in many eyes. He will be forever known as the "Clown Prince" of NASCAR. Now a construction contractor in Savannah, Delma is active in the Lodge, Rites and Shrine and all who know him appreciate his jovial manner and fun-loving attitude plus all the other talents he possesses. He is very musically inclined and does a fine job on piano, guitar, as well as vocals. We are indeed fortunate to have Brother Clinton Delma Cowart. 32° KCCH as our member here in the Valley of Savannah. Sometimes, if you can keep him still long enough, he can share many stories about racing and it is delightful to hear from one who has experienced it, first-hand.

SECTION 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec	7	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	NOW HEAR THIS!
Dec	13 thru 15			SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING	
Dec	17	6:30	AM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	
Dec	20 thru 31			Office closed, return Jan 3, 2011	
Jan	4	6:30	AM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	READ YOUR MAIL!
Jan	11	7:00	PM	East GA Association – Holton's	
Jan	18	7:00	PM	Southeast GA Association – Cap't Joe's	
Jan	25	6:30	PM	4 Rivers SR Association – New China	
Feb	6	6:30	PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$	

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Famous Quotes: * *They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety* — **Benjamin Franklin**

* *I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I myself feel infinitely the happier for it* — **Thomas Jefferson**

* *We must build a new world, a far better world.... one in which the eternal dignity of man is respected.* — **Harry Truman, opening session of the United Nations conference, 1945**

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 Messenger*)

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Guerry Lumber Co. (in memory of Marcus Howard)

SECTION 5 RESERVED FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Holiday Social** will be held on December 17, at the SRC. Great food, fabulous entertainment and having a good time are the three 0004735270 requirements for this gathering. Starts with dinner at 6:30pm. 
- 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
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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).....

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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)

Albert Farb, 32°	11/30/05	Fancher E. Jordan, 32°	02/01/09	James E. Maratta, 32°	04/08/09
James A. Fail, Sr., 32°	03/14/10	Joseph G. Kameron, 32°	05/12/10	Nathan B. Flanagan, 32°	06/03/10
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Reginald M. McDuffie, 32°	11/13/10	Lawton M. Nease, 32°KCCCH	11/13/10	George B. Harris, 32°	11/22/10

"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

CHARLIE'S CORNER... We'll be dining on Baked Ham and Turkey supplied by the Scottish Rite and we ask each member to bring a favorite dish to pass. We'll have lots of good food as each Lady will bring her speciality dish. We'll also be having a very special program after the meal, so plan on coming to our December 17th holiday social with all your Scottish Rite Friends and Families. Wear your favorite Christmas attire for this festive evening.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

As we go about our involvement in Freemasonry we should keep in mind that there are certain things we should 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

"Do you believe in Life After Death?" the Boss asked one of his newest employees. "Yes, Sir," the new employee replied. "Well, then, that makes everything just fine", the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your Grandmother's funeral, she stopped by to see you!"

The prospective Father-in-Law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?" The surprised groom-to-be replied, "Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

"Oh, I'm so happy to see you," the little boy said to his Grandmother on his Mother's side. "Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked.

"I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit," the little boy answered

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