

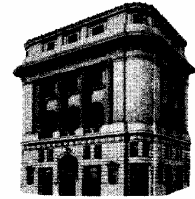
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### MEMORIAL FALL REUNION



**ROBERT PEARCE KEIFFER, 33°**

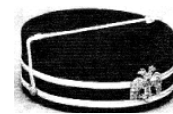
Our Fall Reunion is named in honor of Illustrious Robert Pearce Kieffer, 33°. Illustrious Kieffer was born 2/5/1924 in Jasper County, South Carolina, son of Joseph W. and Estelle Graves Kieffer. He attended Ridgeland High School graduating in 1940 and started college until 1942 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Pilot Training Program. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BS in Business Administration in 1946 following service in the U.S. Navy and the U.S Marines during World War II as a combat pilot. He was awarded two air medals for combat duty as a B-25 pilot and attained the rank of Captain. Early in 1946 he entered duty as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving under the Director, J. Edgar Hoover for 25 years until retirement. Illustrious Brother Kieffer was a member of Ridgeland Baptist Church. Masonically, he was a member of Waycross Lodge No. 305, F&AM, the York Rite Bodies of Waycross and the Valley of Savannah Scottish Rite where he was coroneted 33° in 1999. Illustrious Brother Kieffer reached his eternal reward on March 6, 2005. He was preceded in death by his first wife Oleta Virginia Banks Kieffer and survived by his wife Ann and one step-daughter and two step-sons.

Our Illustrious Brother Robert was very active in the Savannah Valley and was instrumental in acquiring the J. Edgar Hoover Office Furniture now housed in the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. We remember him well and we are privileged to name the Fall Reunion in his honor.

### 2007 FALL REUNION

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2007**

HOUR	ACTIVITY	FLOOR		HOUR	ACTIVITY	FLOOR
6:15 A.M.	Class Registration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor		4:15 PM	30° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
7:00 A.M.	Welcome – Class Orientation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor		5:30 P.M.	Snack	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:10 A.M.	Class Director & Communicator	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor		6:15 P.M.	31° Communicated	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
7:20 A.M.	4° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor		6:45 P.M.	32° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
8:15 A.M.	5° - 8° Communicated	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor		7:30 P.M.	Class Pictures & Dismiss	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
9:00 A.M.	9° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor				
10:00 A.M.	10° – 13° Communicated	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor				
10:45 A.M.	14° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor				
11:45 A.M.	15° – 17° Communicated	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor				
12:15 P.M.	Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor				
12:45 P.M.	18° Conferred	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor				
2:45 P.M.	19° – 29° Communicated	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor				



**Cast Participants will be notified by individual letter. Please arrive to perform your part at least an hour before the degree is scheduled. Your cooperation will be duly noted and appreciated by the Director of Work.**

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## FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER ...

Anyone who missed the Randy Riggle Show on 18 August missed something great! He put on a great and amusing show that brought me and my guest back a ways. We sat in the audience and giggled most all the way through the show. Although my guest asked me several times if I remembered an act, I said I remembered all of it.

The choice of the Dinner Menu was closest to the best we have ever had at the Scottish Rite. Who ever put this dinner together is truly a magician. It must have taken a great amount of work to do this. Our thanks to whom ever did the cooking.

We hope to have guest speakers or programs for the remainder of the year at our Lodge of Perfection meetings and we are looking forward to a great Reunion on October 13. Everyone sign up a candidate and let's make this a large class

Respectfully,

Dudley C. Gahan, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

## THANKS!

Special thanks to Charlie and Marion Stokes of Stokes Produce for the many kindnesses shown the Scottish Rite. Let's patronize their business every chance we get! They will certainly appreciate it and you will enjoy their fresh produce.

## SECRETARY'S VIEWS

Summertime is waning and the activities of Autumn are upon us. A busy time awaits active Masons and a good Mason is always active. For many of us the Grand Lodge of Georgia Annual Communication on October 24-25 is in focus and we are extremely busy with committee meetings and reports to be compiled. Activities in the local Lodges as well as the Rites will pick up dramatically as we enter the month of September. We have our Fall Reunion fast approaching and we certainly want to build a large class for this one day Reunion on Saturday, October 13. Many of our potential members are unable to spare two days and this is the perfect opportunity to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite and become a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. We should be sure to have a petition available as we attend our Lodge meetings and other functions where Brothers are gathered. Many are just waiting to be asked to join the Scottish Rite.

Other activities coming up in the Scottish Rite and worthy of mention are the Feast of Tishri on October 2, KCCH Investiture on November 10 in Macon, RiteCare Golf Classic on November 5 and the 33° Conferral on November 17 in Atlanta. All these activities require extreme dedication and hard work to make happen. To those who participate in the many functions of the Scottish Rite, I salute you and encourage you to keep up the good work. The work in the Scottish Rite Office is consistent with the activities taking place and we seldom get a breather, but we are looking forward to the many opportunities that come our way.

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

**DONATIONS TO RITECARE CENTER**

*( since last issue of Messenger)*

Walter D. McCollum (in memory of Bill Warnock)

**IN MEMORIAM**

*(Reported since last issue of Messenger)*

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Rubyen M. Chambliss	11/18/06	Earl H. Markee	07/23/07
John B. Lee	01/29/07	Kerry J. Buchan	08/03/07
Harless L. Burgess	05/30/07	Robert S. Porter, Sr.	08/11/07
William R. Warnock	07/04/07	William H. Woods	08/17/07
William G. Thomas, Jr.	07/09/07		

*.....the fruits of their labors live after them."*

**THE REAL FREEMASON**

"The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform, unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest, in fear of punishment that the law might inflict; they are religious, in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received, and in humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religions of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives on offense; because he does not choose to be offended...He is honest upon principle."

*—from the Farmers Almanac, 1823*

"Good works are seeds that, after sowing, return to us a continual harvest; and the memory of noble action is more enduring than monuments of marble."

Albert Pike, 33°

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***It's not what you are that holds you back.....it's what you think you are NOT!*** Anon

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**33° – James O. Hood, W. Joseph Wheat, Lawton M. Nease, Jr., Charles G. White.**



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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 232-5132.

**MEMBERSHIP**.....The Scottish Rite, along with The Rite Care Center for communication disorders at Armstrong Atlantic State University will hold its second annual golf tournament at Southbridge Golf Club on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, in which all money made will go directly to the center, please contact me about helping with sponsorships, planning, and participation. Work number is 443-6531. This is just one of the many things our fraternity supports. This is something our newest members can be involved with. I believe that if our members are given the opportunity they will respond. I hope you were able to catch the Randy Riggle show and experience some of what we do at the Scottish Rite. It was great! Our fall reunion will be upon us before you know it. Don't forget....

"All you have to do is ask "and "ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ASK "

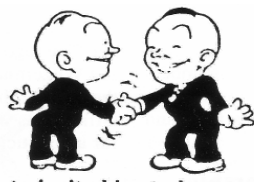
**JAY ROBBINS, 32° KCCH, MEMBERSHIP CHM.**

**TYLER OR TILER**

The spellings "tyler" and "tiler" are interchangeable, with the former an older usage. The Masonic application of the word, subject to much uncertainty and speculation as to its symbolism, may somehow derive from the interdependent working relationship of the operative masons and tilers. Indeed, their regulations and ordinances, called "poyntz", were quite similar (these survive today in such expressions as "arts, parts, and points", "points of entrance" and "five points of fellowship") the most prominent etymologic theory is that "tile" was derived from the Latin 'tegula' meaning "to cover" With the Roman occupation of Britian, bricks and tiles were introduced as permanent building materials. But after the Romans' withdrawal, the combustible buildings were set quite close together. After a series of devastating fires in London an ordinance was passed in 1212 requiring that roofs be covered with tiles, lead, shingles or plastered straw. The operative Tiler Guilds were formed at about that time (and existed until the mid -1800's). So, it was thought, that as the operative tiler covered the roof of a building with tiles to conceal its interior and protect it from the elements, so the Masonic tyler figuratively "covers" or protects the secrets of the lodge by guarding it from inspection or intrusion by the uninitiated. *Excerpt from www.masonicsites.org*

**Charlie's Corner...**

**Someone is waiting for you to invite him to become a Scottish Rite Mason...Don't disappoint him.**



**FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

At this time of the year it seems appropriate to discuss the Charities of the Scottish Rite. First, the Rite Care Center for Communicative Disorders at Armstrong Atlantic State University provides treatment for children and adults and is a teaching facility for the Masters program in speech pathology at the University. The Rite Care Center is a part of the Speech and Hearing Program of the Supreme Council and receives some of its funding from proceeds of the Supreme Council credit card program and from the University. Next is the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, which provides Scholarships for undergraduate education in the State of Georgia for qualifying students. This is a State Foundation in which all of our Valley donations come back for use of scholarships in the Valley. The third is the Scottish Rite Endowment Fund, which through the use of proceeds from investments of the funds donated supports the maintenance and repairs necessary on our Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Savannah. The Endowment Fund continues to grow even though we are using the interest for much needed repairs to the building. Our goal is to grow the Fund to the point that we will be able to completely support the upkeep of the Building from its proceeds. While this objective is far in the future, we are making progress. All donations are recognized in Valley publications and Endowment Fund donations are recognized on the Wall of Honor in the Foyer of the Masonic Center.

When dues notices are received you will note that there is a place for donations to these charities. I would ask that prayerful consideration be given to supporting some or all of these very important programs. In addition to donations with your dues, it is possible to recognize anniversaries, birthdays, new arrivals, and gifts in lieu of flowers for funerals and other occasions, at any time during the year. Appropriate notification is always made for these gifts.

The support for the efforts of the Valley has been as always great and I personally thank each of you for your personal commitment to the Valley of Savannah and Scottish Rite Masonrv.

**Whence to Whither**

From whence we came to whither we travel,  
from places afar with compass, square, and gavel.

'Tis here we've come to labor and build,  
but material structures we will not yield.

Yet still we labor with level and plumb,  
we build and prepare for things yet to come.

A Master's wage we work for and receive,  
but it is worth nothing unless we believe.

This house we build is not made with hands,  
a house when built cannot be seen by man.

For the master who receives is always at labor,  
and never forgets God, Country Family or Neighbors.

For many years past and many yet to come  
our labors in this place will never be done.

So what is it we do with square, compass, and gavel,  
'Tis how we know from whence we came to whither we travel.

*Submitted by Brother Dana Williams, 32°*

### **WHAT A DEAL!**

Our Illustrious Brother Gordon B. Smith, 33° is offering a once in a lifetime deal for Scottish Rite Members. A freebie to anyone who does not have a last will and testament or would like to have their current will updated and would be agreeable to bequeathing 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 232-5132.

### **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

Brother Stanley E. Gustin, 32° has volunteered his services to check on our members who are shut-in and not able to get around. We first must know of a member that is ill or injured. Brother Stan is familiar with hospitals and welcomes the opportunity to be of service. He may call on others to assist if the load is too heavy for one. His home number is 912-354-8183. Also, we can relay the need from the SR Office. Call us at 912-232-5132. We're here to serve.



### **WHAT A SHOW!**

A great affair was held recently in our SRC. If you missed the Randy Riggle Show, Nostalgia, you really missed a good time. The food was pretty good too. Thanks to all those who helped make it a success. Specifically, Carl Smith, Dana Williams, Jordan Fiore, Paul and Norma Sedelmeyer, Judy Griffin, Jim Smith, John Pigott and all those others who bought tickets and came to enjoy the occasion. Randy said we were pretty stiff at the start of the show, but by intermission we were definitely into it. He is a terrific entertainer and a splendid individual to boot. We are glad to call him Brother and Friend. Maybe we can have more shows like this one in the future. We certainly have every reason to utilize the equipment and facilities here at SRC. We also can benefit by raising a little money.

### **Attention Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons**

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



### **A Masonic Day of Thanksgiving**

The Feast of the Tabernacles commemorates the ceremonies of completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which finished in the year 3000 BC, a little more than seven years in its erection. In the year 3001 BC, six months after the completion, in the month of Tishri, the Temple was dedicated with solemn ceremonies to the service of the one Living and True God. In order that these ceremonies might be performed with the greatest possible solemnity, King Solomon postponed the dedication until the Feast of the Tabernacles, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Tishri.

The history of the "Feast of Tishri" is based on the Feast of the Tabernacle, "Succos" described in the Old Testament. In the book of Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 34 we read, "The fifteenth day of this Seventh Month (Tishri) shall be the Feast of the Tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord." It was at one time considered the greatest festival among the early Hebrews.

The directions for the observance of the Feast are related in the book of Leviticus, "And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days.

In ancient days, the joyous festival was observed by the Israelites in the Palestinian Autumn when they had finished the agricultural toil of the year. They thanked God and praised Him for the abundance stored in barn and bin, and offered prayers to Him and He sent new rains for the coming year.

**FEAST OF TISHRI  
PRESENTED BY THE SAVANNAH LODGE OF PERFECTION  
DUDLEY C. GAHAN, 32° KCCH, VENERABLE MASTER**

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*Call Jay Robbins at 965-0704 (H) or 663-3355 (C) or Clyde Griffin at 354-4175 (H) or 656-8380 (C) for details and sign-up sheets.*

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Sep 4	6:30 PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$
Sep 18	10:00AM	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting (Macon)
Oct 2	6:30 PM	FEAST OF TISHRI
Oct 13		FALL REUNION honoring Ill Robert F. Kieffer, 33°
Oct 23-24		GRAND LODGE
Nov 3		KCCH Investiture - Macon
Nov 5		RITECARE GOLF CLASSIC
Nov 6		Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION (Awards Night)

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