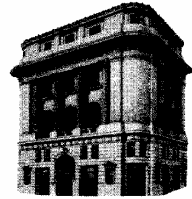


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ILL. KIRBY FRANKLIN BEAM, 33° 2007 SPRING REUNION CLASS



Twenty new Masters of the Royal Secret, 32° listed alphabetically: Benjamin Duncan Anderson, Robert Charles Anderson, Raymond Charles Block, William Ashley Bowersox, Michael David Britt, Jr., Joseph Daniel Brooks, Sydney Lee Clifton, Henry Russ Evans, Jr., John Frazier Floyd, Sr., Michael Edward Graham, Robert Larmar Head, Ronald Cleveland Hinely, Jr., Albert Alvin Jenkinson, Arthur George Kretchman, Byron Lokey McKinney, Michael Douglas O'Neal, John H. Angus Patterson, Scott Steven Schuyler, Alfred Dural Sweat, Sr., Ashley Dana Williams. Seated in front are: L - Illustrious Jimmy P. Smith, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative to S.G.I.G. and R - Illustrious Clyde E. Griffin, 33°, P.G.M., Secretary. **Class Officers** are: President, Ashley Dana Williams; Secretary, William Ashley Bowersox; Orator, Albert Alvin Jenkinson. The first official action of the Class was to make a \$250 contribution to the Endowment & Preservation Fund of our SRC. The **Ring Ceremony** to honor these new members will take place on July 3, 2007 with family and friends invited. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Come welcome and congratulate our newest members.

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**FLAG DAY
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY
JUNE 10, 2007
5:00 PM**

Come One, Come All to the Annual Flag Day Celebration to be held in beautiful Madison Square and hosted by the Scottish Rite, Valley of Savannah. Bands, Color Guard Units, Dignitaries, Speakers and Just Plain Ole' Flag Wavers will gather to honor "Old Glory." Support this occasion with your presence and receive a complimentary Flag of your own. Refreshments will be offered after the celebration.

News from the RiteCare Center

The RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders at Armstrong Atlantic is pleased with its first year of operation in its new facility. The increased space provided an opportunity for more clients to be served this academic year. Not only that, but the center gained the expert knowledge of two new doctoral trained faculty members this year. As a part of their commitment to training students, Dr. Maya Clark a University of Texas at Austin graduate and Dr. April Garrity an LSU graduate joined the center by supervising this year. Both Drs. Clark and Garrity come to us with interest in the area of child language disorders. Their presence provides the center with additional skilled personnel, enabling the center to provide increased services to the children in Savannah/Chatham County.

The RiteCare Center will begin its summer session on June 4th. As always we invite you to send referrals. So if you know a child that could benefit from our services, please help us help them. Have the parent call 912-961-3167, a case history will be sent and once returned an evaluation is set up.

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If anyone has items of interest and would like to submit them to the Messenger to be published, please let us know. Items of Interest – pictures or whatever – will be very valuable to us, and will be returned to the owner after use.

PRINTS AVAILABLE

Prints of our beautiful Scottish Rite Center are available for purchase with the funds going to our Masonic Center Endowment Fund. Unframed prints are \$35.00 and framed & matted are \$125.00. These make great gifts. Order yours today!



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FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER ...

Brethren,

We are looking forward to our Fund Raising events The Randy Riggles event should be something we look forward to. Not too many places could one find Dinner and a great show for \$ 20.00.

We are looking forward to seeing the members of the last Class on 5 June. A happy group, I'm sure. We hope they attend often. Supporting out meetings they will learn more of what they were taught.

Right now we should be looking for new Members for our next class. Our Director of membership is right, all you have to do is ask a Master Mason. He is our next potential member.

Has anyone noticed the Brotherly Love that is floating in the air at our regular meetings. Each time I shake someone's hand it seems this is a person I haven't seen in a long time, even though it has only been a few weeks.

We should keep this up. It's the best thing we can do during these times when the World is in such a turmoil

Brethren, keep our Service Men and Women in your Prayers. We need to keep all of our ailing and families in our Prayers also.

Fraternally, Dudley Gahan, 32° KCCH

SECRETARY'S VIEWS

Lately we are reminded of the shortness of life and the uncertainty of its continuance. Let's vow to make the most of each moment while we are here on earth. Life is not always pleasant, but we must strive to make it the best we can. Seize the opportunities that come our way, each and every day.

Congratulations to our newest members. Involve yourselves in the many activities of Masonry and the Scottish Rite. You will be glad you did!

Many outstanding activities are planned for the upcoming months in the Scottish Rite. Make sure you get them on your calendar and enjoy the fine fellowship of our Rite. May I especially call your attention to the Randy Riggle Nostalgia Show on August 18. This will be a most enjoyable evening of entertainment and we will have a great meal prepared and served. Brothers, not many times do we have the opportunity to give our ladies a grand evening such as this. Do yourselves a favor and seize this chance. You will be glad you did!

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

Humble people don't think less of themselves – they just think of themselves less. (Unknown)

“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°

A man is what he thinks about all day long.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

DONATIONS TO RITECARE CENTER
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IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Messenger)

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| Don R. Roberts, Jr. | 03/13/06 | Richard J. Payne | 04/22/07 |
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| Ernest J. Cooper | 03/28/07 | Grady O. Glisson | 05/09/07 |
| Leon L. Holton, Jr. | 04/22/07 | | |

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



DEMOLAY NEWS

The appeal is out for young men 12 to 21 who wish to be a part of the most outstanding organization for young men in the whole, wide world. Also for Advisors who will work with these young men in developing their lives. As the sponsoring Masonic Body for the local Chapter, the Scottish Rite has an obligation to fulfill by assisting these young men in their pursuits. This is not meant to be a chore, but rather an opportunity to help. We as Scottish Rite Masons are good at helping, so let's get with it and help Cecil Cheves Chapter get back into the upper ranks of State Demolay. We can do it!

Cecil Cheves Chapter meets on the first and third Sundays each month at 2:00 pm on the fifth floor of the SRC. Any Master Mason or Senior DeMolay is welcome to attend the meetings. Membership in Demolay is available to young men (friend, sons, grandsons, male relatives) between the ages of 12 and 21. For information contact Dad Jack Hepner at 912-772-8954 or Dad Hugh D'Anna at 912-790-0209. We will contact him immediately. Have you joined the M.A.Y. Club?

Scottish Rite Shirts make perfect gifts. Order yours from the SR Office. Available in white, blue, red or black. Only \$35 and made to last. These have pockets!!

DONATIONS TO MASONIC CENTER PRESERVATION / ENDOWMENT FUND

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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 232-5132.

A Bit of Useless Information
Life Span of Commonly Discarded Litter

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>DECOMPOSITION TIME</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Glass Bottle | Approx. 1 million years |
| Plastic 6-pack cover | 450 years |
| Aluminum Can | 200 - 500 years |
| Rubber Boot Sole | 50 - 80 years |
| Leather | up to 50 years |
| Nylon fabric | 30 - 40 years |
| Plastic film container | 20 - 30 years |
| Painted wooden stake | 13 years |
| Plastic bag | 10 - 20 years |
| Plastic coated paper | 5 years |
| Wool clothing | 1 - 5 years |
| Cigarette butt | 1 - 5 years |
| Cotton rag | 1 - 5 months |



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

MEMBERSHIP.....

Yes, my wife does this the best. Work is a close second, followed by drivers who don't know how to drive. Now before you assume the heat, as of late, has fried the few brain cells I have left, I know your mind's wheels are turning wondering how this relates to membership. Well, sometimes getting your buttons pushed can be a good thing... Stay with me now...it can. When my buttons get pushed, my blood pressure goes up, my heart supplies more oxygen to the vital organs of my body. My mind seems to think quicker. I think, so the hair on my neck starts to stand up, and I usually begin to have an exchange of my ideas and opinions, as well as thoughts about the one who pushed my buttons in the first place. Now as Masons we are taught to respect one another, and to let peace and harmony prevail. This usually happens 99 percent of the time. In this article we won't talk about that other one percent. You see, that's what it's all about, Brothers getting together to exchange ideas and opinions about a multitude of things. So, if nothing much is happening in your life on the first Tuesday of every month, come by and press some buttons of your own. And, oh yes!...ask a friend to come along. I think once the secret gets out about the button pushing going on at our fundraisers, and meetings, you won't be able to carry enough petitions with you. In closing just remember. "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK! "

Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman

Charlie's Corner...

Congratulations to our new members of the Kirby Beam Class! We have all heard the saying: "You get out of - - - what you put into it". This is true of our Scottish Rite. We need your professional skills as well as your labor, ritualistic ability, time and fellowship. Don't be bashful, if we miss asking you - volunteer! If you need a ride to meetings, make the need known, to the General Secretary if you don't know a member in your area. Fellowship happens during otherwise boring drives.

To those of you who may be interested in joining the National Sojourners, brochures and petitions are in the rack by the first floor elevator door. "Uncle Sam needs you (Visualize him pointing his finger)!

We sponsor Cecil Cheves Chapter of the Order of Demolay. If you know of young men 12 to 20 who would benefit bring them to a meeting on a Sunday afternoon to meet members and find out what is going on.

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Our recruiting efforts so far this year have gone well as evidenced by the size of the class for the Kirby Franklin Beam, 33^o Memorial Reunion. Brother Jay Robbins, Membership Chairman is to be commended. We now in addition need to concentrate on those brothers who for what ever reason are in arrears in their dues and if assistance is required provide it. As is often the case only a reminder is required for a brother to realize he is not current. We are all a part of the membership committee as such should always be alert and on the lookout for Brother Master Masons that we may offer the opportunity to become a part of our great Valley and to assist a Scottish Rite Brother. Carry a petition and talk Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to take many faithful members and friends in the past several months. We mourn their passing as we remember the good and yes the bad times experienced with them. We should be ever mindful that we should take every opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our Brethren and to especially visit in times of illness and distress.

During the summer months we can look forward to the Flag Day Ceremony June 10th, the Ring Ceremony August 1st and a very exciting dinner and evening of Nostalgia and tribute to the past with Randy Riggles August 18th, tickets for the dinner and show will be available soon.

Our repair and preservation efforts on our wonderful Masonic Center are being done in several phases as our resources permit. I would ask that you support our Masonic Center Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund continues to grow even as we are using the income from our investments to retire the debt for Building repair and preservation work. Please keep in mind the use of contributions in honor and in memory of friends and loved ones. Flowers wilt and go away very quickly, your remembrances to the endowment fund last forever.

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 QUOTE FROM THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY....WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON

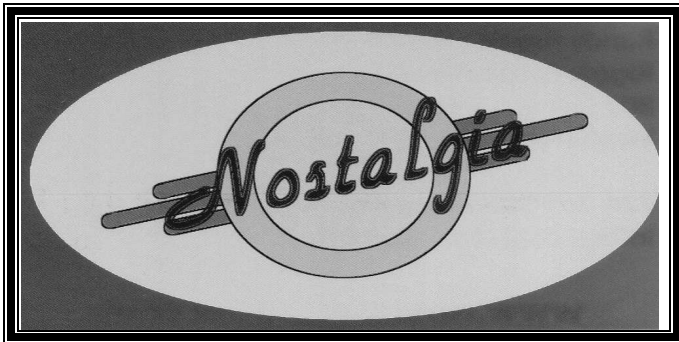
"Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principals must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." *Contributed by President of the Spring Class, 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 912-354-2042. Also, we can relay the need from the SR Office. Call us at 912-232-5132. We're here to serve.



DINNER AND SHOW – August 18, 2007, 7:00 PM

Enjoy a great evening of food and fun for you and yours. Call the Secretary for details.

Reservations limited.

Get your tickets early!!!

This will be an outstanding evening in the coolness of our SRC

Don't Miss It!!

MENTOR PROGRAM

Are you aware of our Mentor Program here in the Scottish Rite? One of the sub-groups of our Membership Committee is the Mentor Program. Mentoring has several aspects which we try and accomplish with our new 32° Scottish Rite Brethren. First, since our "honormen" are viewed as probably the most logical mentors, we select these to work with our new members. Secondly, we (the mentor) invite(s) our new 32° Brother to the earliest stated meeting following his Reunion to show him the ropes.... how to conduct himself, the necessary procedures and all about our SRC facility. And, thirdly, we ask each new 32° Brother to indicate what

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Brethren, thank you for all the hard work that has been done during the past couple of months. Our valley has been very active and achieved great things. Between the recent reunion, the ceremony of remembrance and renewal, the installation of a new leadership team, and the joint associations meeting, the valley has been busy. Thank you to each one of you that played a part in making those events successful. As we head into the summer months, we must be careful not to let things start to coast or get slack. We have the best valley in the orient, but to maintain our success rate and to continue to claim that title takes work, and lots of it. I encourage each of you to find yourselves a niche where you can best put your gifts and graces to enhance the things we do here in the Scottish Rite. The future, and what we do with it, rests squarely on the shoulders of the ones willing to do what needs to be done and then gets the task done effectively. This is a call to arms, as it were, to rally around the standard we have set for ourselves and continue to make this valley the talk of the state and one that the other valleys want to emulate but can never duplicate because of the heart and soul that is poured into all that we do. I am proud of what we are doing, as you should be also. Keep up the good work and continue to let your light so shine that your works may be recognized as acts of love for the fraternity.

May the Supreme Architect bless and keep each of you in the light of His grace.

Fraternally, Don Combs, Chairman
AASR Executive Committee

You can buy a man's time; you can buy his physical presence at a given place; you can even buy a measured number of his skilled muscular motions per hour. But you cannot buy enthusiasm You cannot buy initiative You cannot buy loyalty You cannot buy the devotion of the hearts, minds or souls. You must earn these.

-Clarence Francis

MENTOR...continued

his interests may be, and what he would most want to do in the Scottish Rite. This is accomplished by means of a questionnaire given out and completed at his Reunion. This way, we as mentors can determine where the new Brother would like to be active and where his strengths lie. The goal is to get and keep everyone working together and happy in what they are doing for furthering Scottish Rite Masonry. There are plenty of jobs to go around and we find there are many skills that could be put to work for prospering the Scottish Rite. Mentors serve a great need in Masonry. Just as in our everyday lives, we all have or have had mentors... those who show us the way and teach us how to do the things we want to do, or the things we need to know. Thanks to those who serve as mentors. We really appreciate what you do.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jun 5 | 6:30 PM | Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$ |
| Jun 10 | 5:00 PM | FLAG DAY CEREMONY – MADISON SQUARE |
| Jul 3 | 6:30 PM | Dinner preceding RING CEREMONY\$ |
| Jul 10 | 7:00 PM | East GA SR Association – Hinesville, Western Sizzlin’ |
| Jul 17 | 7:00 PM | S.E. GA SR Association – Brunswick, Cap’t Joes |
| Aug 7 | 6.30 PM | Special Program, Family Appreciation |
| Aug 18 | 7:00 PM | Randy Riggle Nostalgia Show, Reservations Required |
| Aug 26-28 | | JOINT SESSION, SUPREME COUNCILS OF SJ & NJ |

NOW HEAR THIS!



READ YOUR MAIL!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES

2007 Dues are past due. It will soon be time for 2008 dues. Thanks to those members who have paid for 2007. If you are one of those who have not paid your 2007 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.

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