

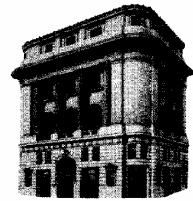


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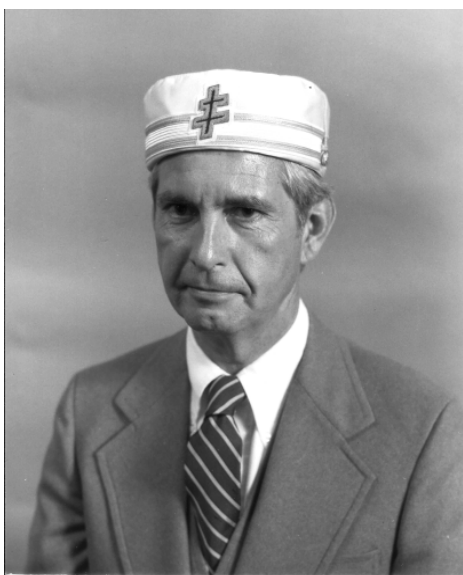
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MEMORIAL SPRING REUNION



KIRBY FRANKLIN BEAM, 33°

Our Spring Reunion is named in honor of Illustrious Kirby Franklin Beam, 33°. Illustrious Brother Beam was born 11/26/1938 in Casar, North Carolina, son of Robert Lafayette Beam and Hazel Mace Beam. He attended Casar High School and graduated from Lenoir- Rhyne College in Hickory, NC with a BA in Biology. In 1965, he and his family moved to Savannah where he was employed by Guerry Lumber Co. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and served many years on the Church Council. He was a member of the Savannah Yacht Club, Oglethorpe Club, German Heritage Society, St. Andrews Society, and the Sons of the Revolution. Kirby served on various Boards in addition to being Chairman of the Board of Guerry Lumber Co. He was a member of the American Forest Foundation, the Forest History Society and the Institute of Journalism and Natural Resources. He and his wife Linda were named National Outstanding Tree Farmers in 1994. A member and Past Master of Landrum Lodge No. 48, F&AM, our Illustrious, Brother was invested with the rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1971 and coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1981. He also served as Chairman of the Executive Committee and was a Trustee of the Building, as well as Trustee to the Scottish Rite Hospital. A complete Mason, Companion and Sir Knight Beam was also a member of Georgia Chapter No. 3 R.A.M., Georgia Council No. 2 R&SM, and Palestine Commandery No 7, K.T.

2007 SPRING REUNION

FRIDAY MAY 4, 2007

SATURDAY MAY 5, 2007

HOUR	ACTIVITY	FLOOR		HOUR	ACTIVITY	FLOOR
12:00 Noon	Class Registration	2 nd Floor		7:00 A.M.	Coffee & Donuts	2 nd Floor
1:00 P.M.	Welcome – Class Orientation	3 rd Floor		7:30 A.M.	Welcome – Class Orientation	3 rd Floor
1:30 P.M.	4° Conferred	4 th Floor		8:00 A.M.	15° Conferred	4 th Floor
2:15 P.M.	5° - 6° Communicated	3 rd Floor		9:00 A.M.	16° – 17° Communicated	3 rd Floor
3:00 P.M.	7° Conferred	4 th Floor		9:45 A.M.	18° Conferred	4 th Floor
4:00 P.M.	8° Communicated	3 rd Floor		11:45 A.M.	19° – 20° Communicated	3 rd Floor
4:15 P.M.	9° Conferred	4 th Floor		12:15 P.M.	LUNCH	2 nd Floor
5:15 P.M.	10° – 13° Communicated	3 rd Floor		1:00 P.M.	21° Conferred	4 th Floor
5:45 P.M.	Dinner	2 nd Floor		1:45 P.M.	22° – 29° Communicated	3 rd Floor
6:15 P.M.	14° Conferred	4 th Floor		2:30 P.M.	30° Conferred	4 th Floor
7:15 P.M.	Class Pictures & Dismiss	4 th Floor		4:00 P.M.	31° Communicated	3 rd Floor
				4:45 P.M.	32° Conferred	4 th Floor
				6:00 P.M.	Dismiss	

Cast Participants will be notified by individual letter. Please arrive to perform your part at least an hour before the degree is scheduled.

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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 ...

To all of my Scottish Rite Brethren: How time flies by! It seems as if it was yesterday that it was New Years day, and here it is the middle of February already. Where does the time go?

As I write this message, Valentine's Day is upon us. I hope each of you remembered your Bride or Sweetheart(s) for the BIG day. As for me, I got my shopping done early this year.

Our biggest fund raising event occurred this past Friday, Although my work schedule did not permit me to be in attendance I was there in Spirit! I wish to thank each and every one who helped in any way support this effort. Please remember that there will be other events this year, so please help when and where you're able.

The Ring Ceremony went very well (In my opinion) and we had GREAT participation. It was wonderful to see that many people in the Lodge room. I hope everyone enjoyed the food, the program and the fellowship that evening. Please remember that not to far in the future we will be having our Spring Reunion, so let's get out to our Blue Lodges and recruit those Brother Master Masons for the next class! Each one of us is a member of the Membership Committee and should make every effort to support our Valley of Savannah Scottish Rite!

Please let's remember while upon bended knee, all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, & Marines that are in harms way around the world and their families who are here at home, and pray for their safe and speedy return to their loved ones.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Fraternally yours, Roy.

SECRETARY'S VIEWS

Have you noticed how certain little things are being done around our Scottish Rite Center lately? Things like sprucing up paint-chipped walls and door frames, patching and painting holes and cracks, fixing and improving wherever it can be done. Nothing too major, but minor repairs that can be accomplished without too much expenditures is what we are talking about. Thanks to a particular, very talented individual who has committed himself to making improvements and the guidance and planning of our Building Committee, we see these things happening and it is certainly appreciated. Brother Jackie Ray, 32° is the one we mention here and he does this out of the goodness of his heart. Thanks, Jackie!

Our Spaghetti Fundraiser generated over \$5000 profit and we thank all who donated or bought dinners. A few were turned away due to not following the instructions of the letter sent out with the tickets. Please remember that on all these fundraising functions where food is sold we must know if you intend to participate. Tickets are meaningless unless we know you will sell or purchase them. Call the office or send your money. That way, we all know what to do.

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.

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)

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IN MEMORIAM

(Reported since last issue of Messenger)

Earl W. O'Donnell, II	02/05/06	Joe W. Dowd	12/28/06
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Joseph E., Hinely, Jr.	10/07/06	Charlie C. Wedincamp	01/02/07
Francis W. Martin	11/01/06	James R. Neely, Sr.	01/09/07
William A. Berryhill	11/06/06	James C. Lowery	01/20/07
Charles E. Beale	12/03/06	John B. Lee	01/29/07
John R. McGrath, Jr.	12/21/06		

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

DEMOLAY NEWS

The annual Associated DeMolay Chapters of Georgia Tournament was held at the Atlanta Msonic Center on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Cecil Cheves Chapter was represented by DeMolays Andru Barker, Brad Ciechanowski, Austin Deloe Tony Todaro and Trey D'Anna, along with adults Dad Jack Hepner, Dad Charles Deloe, Chapter Dad Hugh D'Anna, Dad Dana Williams and Mon Teri Barker. Three of the new DeMolays competed in Rookie of the Year Competition and Austin Deloe was awarded the winner's trophy. The other Demolay members and adults are to be congratulated and thanked for their participation and support.

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!!

Just in case you did not already know how to insert a Degree sign in Email messages, it is done by holding down the ALT key and pressing 0176 on the number pad. You might want to try it and thank yours truly if it works for you. I learned this from the smart folks in Supreme Council.

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James D. Foley *(in memory of R.Cossio's Father, Bill Martin, JoeHinely)*
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(Other Donations)

Hargray James Hogan (Lynne)
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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.....

I reminded myself on this beautiful Tuesday that I needed to put together an article for this month's Scottish Rite newsletter. And as I thought, that can get scary sometimes, my mind was a complete blank.....no inspiration what so ever. And in one of those rare instances I allowed myself to agree with the one thought I did have. We have a ring ceremony tonight, let's wait 'till tomorrow. You know sometimes the good Lord talks to us, and all we have to do is listen. I am so glad that I waited. As I watched the people in attendance, I can't remember seeing that many people at a Scottish Rite meeting or gathering. That night I didn't have any major responsibilities to speak of, just the honor of welcoming our newest Brothers to the Fraternity. So I was able to sit back, watch, and listen. I watched as Brothers, wives, and friends renewed old friendships. I listened as Jack Hepner, as only in his style can do, kill time talking to everyone, as we waited for the ceremony to begin. I watched as our Venerable Master, Roy Derhammer, Master of Ceremony for the evening, and Donald Combs, Ex. Committee Chm., make things flow with style and grace, as they covered for those not able to attend, and also do their parts, and no one was the wiser. I watched as our Personal Rep III. Jimmy Smith killed time, as our newest members were made ready to receive their rings. I now know Jack and Jimmy are the professors who teach " KILL TIME 101. "

I watched the faces swell with pride as our newest Brothers received the 14-degree rings, and the look of admiration on the faces of family members. I listened to "Rusty" Newport speak words of what a Mason should be, and a song written by Bro. Howie Damron, which brought tears to the eyes of many that night. I just hope that the Brothers who are to come in the future could have seen and heard what I did. But they will! "ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ASK "

JAY ROBBINS, 32° KCCH, MEMBERSHIP CHM.



Charlie's Corner...

Thanks to all who worked to make the spaghetti fund-raiser a success.

The National Sojourners is an organization of Master Masons who are also officers, warrant officers or senior non-commissioned officers of the uniformed services, past or present. Programs of Hunter Chapter 502 include; "Building the Flag," color guard, ROTC awards, parades to show the flag, massing of the colors, flag retirement and youth programs.

For information and membership applications contact: Charlie Deloe 912-925-5545, Morris Broussard 912-925-4973, Wayne Barnes 912-876-0854, Phil Davis 912-303-9909, Nick Bell 912-356-1653, Roger Coursey 912-754-3487, or Clyde Griffin 912-232-5132.

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Although we did not attain our goal of no suspensions for non-payment of dues at the end of the year, we did make progress in reducing the number from years past. The numbers across the Southern Jurisdiction are encouraging in that they reflect a decrease in suspensions of 4,132 and initiations were up almost 500. My Brothers these trends are reflected in all aspects of Masonry and each of us has a duty to continue to work to increase new and retain current members in our fraternity.

The Officers of the Executive Committee and all bodies of the Valley elected at the March meeting will be installed at the April meeting. Please make every effort to attend these meeting and to be a part of this process. The members who serve the Valley in these positions work hard and deserve the support of each and every one of us. It takes the efforts of the whole to enable the various parts to accomplish the goals and to reach the level of excellence that we all wish to attain.

Your Masonic Center Endowment Fund continues to grow and to produce resources to repair and maintain our magnificent Building, however the needs far exceed the resources at this time. We are only able to use the proceeds of the Fund and may not touch the principal. Obviously as the fund increases the proceeds will also increase and at a point in the future we will be endowed to meet our needs. The realization of this goal is unfortunately far in the future and support of the program is very important both to the Scottish Rite and to Masonry in the Savannah area. Our building is a very visible and impressive monument to Masonry not only in Savannah but also for the State of Georgia. Every Mason and every Lodge in the State and especially in the Savannah area should support the Masonic Center Endowment Fund which while it is administer by the Scottish Rite is of benefit to all Masonry.

Finally, I would like to personally thank each and every one who worked on the Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser. This project grows each year and this one will no doubt be the most successful we have had. Although a few problems were encountered, none were the result of a lack of support by the members and their wives. I cannot tell you how pleasant it was to work with all the help that was needed and how everyone stepped up to do what ever was required. Ill. Brother Charles Deloe is to be commended for his dedicated work in putting this project together and his leadership in the coordination of every aspect.

FAILINGS

"Men fail, and fall, and rise and try again.....or fall and stay in the mud. To those who rise Masonry has a helping hand to extend. To those who fall and stay fallen, she has charity. Not hers the fault that humanity is frail. She holds the torch; if they close their eyes to its radiance and refuse to see the narrow path that the torch illuminates, will you blame the torch?"

FROM "THE OLD TILER TALKS"

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.

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL

**APRIL 10, 2007
SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
BULL & CHARLTON ST.**

**PANCAKE SUPPER - 6:30 P.M. 2ND FLOOR
CEREMONY - 7:30 P.M. - FOURTH FLOOR**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR SUPPER
PLEASE CALL BEFORE APRIL 10**

This is a very special ceremony where we honor the members who have passed away since last year's Ceremony and also revive our thoughts towards service to God, Country, Family and the Rite. It is an open ceremony and we invite family and friends to come and be with us on this special occasion.

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!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Brethren we have begun a new calendar year and we got off to a good start. We started with a work day in January under the guidance of Ill. John Pigott 33° and Bruce McNall 32° and began the process of getting the building in shape. We continued in February with the Ring Ceremony for our last class honoring Judge and Past Grand Master George Oliver. It was wonderful to see so many members and their families in attendance for that event. It was especially meaningful for us to have Mrs. Dot Oliver be a part of the ceremony honoring her late husband. Thank you to all who made that evening so special. We jumped from there into the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. As usual the day was well done and congratulations are offered to all who assisted in the preparations, deliveries, selling tickets, and of course eating all that pasta. We cannot sit on our laurels however, because there is much more to come. In March the valley will elect its officers for the coming Scottish Rite year. In April we will install those officers and leaders at our regular meeting. Also in April we have our service of Remembrance and Renewal. That is a time to remember those who have gone onto to their heavenly homes and like the springtime be renewed and rejuvenated in spirit for the work ahead of us. April will also bring a joint association meeting where we can gather outside the valley so that we can fellowship with those who cannot always make the trip into Savannah. This year the meeting will be on April 17 so put the date on your calendar and plan to attend the joint association meeting at the Buccaneer Restaurant. There will be more details as the time get closer. That will bring us to May and next reunion. Let's get those petitions and continue to help the Scottish Rite grow and reach its fullest potential. Brethren the work is before you and only you can make it happen because there is no I in TEAM which is what we are when we join together to reach our goals. Let us keep the efforts going.

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

Fraternally, Don Combs, Chairman
AASR Executive Committee

MASONIC HOME OF GEORGIA INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007

**LOST PLANTATION, RINCON, GA
8:30 AM SHOTGUN START**

LUNCH AT EFFINGHAM SHRINE CLUB

Proceeds to benefit children's activities at the Masonic Home.

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Mar 20	10:00AM	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting (Macon)
Apr 3	6:30 PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$
Apr 10	6:30 PM	REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL, Pancake Supper \$
Apr 17	7:00 PM	JOINT MEETING East GA and Southeast GA SR Assoc. Buccaneer Club
May 1	6.30 PM	Dinner preceding LODGE OF PERFECTION \$
May 4 - 5		SPRING REUNION honoring Ill. Kirby F. Beam, 33°
May 19	8:30 AM	Masonic Home Golf Tournament, Lost Plantation

NOW HEAR THIS!



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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES

2007 Dues are past due. They were due and payable by December 31, 2006. 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.

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