



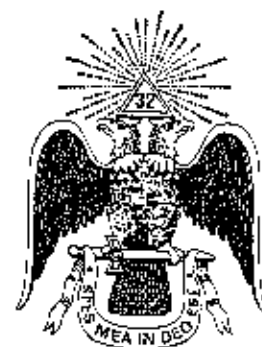
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ALLEGIANCE

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S. J., USA, sitting in the Valley of Winston-Salem, Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council, 33°, Mother Supreme Council of the World, whose See is at Charleston, SC, now sitting in Washington, D.C., of which III. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander; III. William B. Brunck, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina; and Joel A. Black, Jr., 32°, KCCH, is the S.G.I.G.'s Personal Representative.

MEETING NOTICE

The regular Stated Meeting of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Bodies will be held at the Masonic Temple, 34 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, N. C., on **THURSDAY, January 14**, and **THURSDAY, February 11, 2010**, at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend, and visiting members of the Rite are welcome.

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The Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Advisory Conference will convene in the Scottish Rite robing room at **6:00 p.m.** on **THURSDAY, January 14, 2010** and **THURSDAY, February 11, 2010**. Conference members should be present.

Light refreshments will be served after the Advisory Conference, before the Stated Meeting.

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.

Dates to remember:

FRIDAY, January 1, 2010: New Year's Day.

THURSDAY, January 14, 2010: S. G. I. G. Advisory Conference and Stated Meeting.

THURSDAY, February 11, 2010: S. G. I. G. Advisory Conference and Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:00pm. Reservation required.

SATURDAY, February 13, 2010: Valentine Dinner, 6:30pm, Masonic Temple. Reservation required.

In Memoriam

Sleep on my Brother. Such lives as thine have not lived in vain.

Adam Benjamin Denison, Jr., 18° (late notification) 09-23-09

Nelson Ford McCall, 32° 10-31-09

Leonard Ford Dixon, Jr., 32° 10-31-09

Joe Glenn Morris, 32° (late notification) 06-24-09

Norman Wilbur Drouillard, Sr., 32° 12-08-09

ATTENTION!!

Please notice the two opportunities for special events and meals in February that are mentioned in this newsletter. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact the Scottish Rite office.

"The true character of liberty is independence, maintained by force" Voltaire

Venerable Master's Message

Brethren, now that Christmas and New Year's are over and we are starting a new year, I, and all the Bodies, want to thank the Brothers of the Winston-Salem Valley for their support in this year 2010. We, as Scottish Rite Masons, have a lot to do this year. As you know, our past Venerable Master started a theme last year. This year our theme is **Moving Forward in Masonry**. We need to remember the past, but we need to plan for the future. So, with your help, this is our goal.

At our Scottish Rite meeting we have guest speakers. If you would like to talk about anything concerning Masonry or the Scottish Rite, please let me know. In our Valley, we have 53 Blue Lodges that make us who we are. You honor us by supporting our Valley and now the Valley wants to honor your Lodge. If you would like to talk about your Lodge history, how many members you have, what you are doing for your community and what your Lodge is doing for Masonry, please let me know.

This year we are starting a new membership drive. We are looking for qualified Scottish Rite Masons, not quantity. I challenge you, as Scottish Rite Masons, to find Master Masons who are looking for further light in Masonry. I would also like to invite all our Brothers to the Advisory Conference meetings before our Stated Meetings. This is a great opportunity to see how the Scottish Rite Valley is run. If you have any questions or comments, please call my cell number, 336.813.3003, or my home phone, 336.325.3231. My e-mail address is wrscottishrite@aol.com.

Fraternally,
William R. "Bobby" Adams, 33^o
Venerable Master

From the Personal Representative

GREETINGS BROTHERS! (Salve Fraters)

I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and a joyous "Holy Day" season. The New Year is upon us with all the anticipation and excitement this time of year brings. What an exciting time we have to start 2010 with renewed possibilities for the coming Masonic year. I wonder what opportunities await us? Will we be able to make the most of this coming year?

The answer to this question lies within all of us. In order to make the most of our opportunities, we first have to recognize them, and secondly, start to work on them. Sometimes our "opportunities" are disguised as tribulations, or impediments. The moan and groan of "our membership is off" has been around for years. The similar echo of "Why aren't they doing something about it?" has also been around for just as long. Well Brothers, **we all** are the "They". "We All" must recognize this as an opportunity, and get to work improving the situation in our Valley. We must talk to our Brothers in the Blue Lodges who are not Scottish Rite Masons, and promote this wonderful body. We must let these unaffiliated Brethren understand that they have an "opportunity" to increase their Masonic Light and gain an even larger portion of "...the rights and benefits..." they initially sought in our Fraternity.

On a personal note, each Brother should seek his own personal opportunity for growth in the Scottish Rite. It is my belief that EVERY BROTHER has a valuable contribution to make. There are opportunities on many committees, as well as teams, for Brothers to share their talents and expertise. Perhaps you are eager to avail yourself of an opportunity to lend your voice and ideas to the workings of our Valley, but are unsure where to start.

I wish to invite and encourage each of you to step forward and let me know what you have to offer, and where your interests lie. Together, you and I can find your optimal position, and I will personally see to it that you get your "opportunity" to serve.

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You may contact me by my e-mail address or by telephone. My e-mail address is joelblack@mindspring.com, and my telephone number is 336.945.9185. I look forward to assisting you find "your spot" in our Great Fraternity, and the happiness in service each Brother deserves. Remember, OUR VALLEY NEEDS YOU!!!
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Joel A. Black, Jr., 33°
Personal Representative

A Tip of the Cap

We would like to offer our congratulations to Brother Charlie Gray Pritchard, 32°, KCCH. Brother Charlie received his 60 year Certificate and pin, presented by Winston Lodge #167, on Monday, November 9, 2009. Congratulations Brother Charlie!

We would also like to congratulate Brothers Paul Lee, 32° and Keith Tickle, 32°, co-recipients of the Valley's Service Award for 2009 at our Stated Meeting held on Thursday, December 10, 2009. Their hard work and dedication to the Valley is an inspiration to all of us, and they are to be commended for everything they do.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

An invitation has been issued to the Prince Hall Scottish Rite members to be our guests at our Stated Meeting on February 11, 2010. There will be a meal at 6:00pm, prior to our Stated Meeting that evening. Cost of the meal, prepared by the Big Boy BBQ crew, will be **\$5.00 per person**. Reservations are required, so please call the Secretary and make your reservation as soon as possible. **Cut-off for reservations is Monday, February 8, 2010.**

Our Valentine Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010. This will be the time for us to show our appreciation and love to our spouses for tolerating us, so please make plans now to attend. The cost of the meal, prepared by our resident chefs, Cliff Pranke, Joey Transou and their crew, will be **\$15.00 per person**. Entertainment this year will be by Lonnie Carpenter, who sings a variety of music. He presents a wonderful show, and we will have a fun-packed evening. Reservations are required, so please call the Secretary and make yours right away. Seating is limited, so be sure you're not left out! **Cut-off for reservations for the Valentine Dinner is Wednesday, February 10, 2010.** Please remember, if you make a reservation and don't cancel it, you will be expected to pay.

We hope to have our budget completed for presentation to the Bodies at our January Stated Meeting. After presentation, the final vote will take place at another Stated Meeting. Much work has taken place by the Budget and Finance Committee, trying to trim excess items as much as possible. One item that has been trimmed deals with our telephone system and internet provider. Thanks to the efforts of Ill. Brother Cliff Pranke, we have changed these services to Clear Wire. This has caused us to change our e-mail address. It is now wssr@clear.net. Please make a note of it for your reference. Also included in this issue are "clip & save" dates of importance, along with a list of the new officers for 2010.

We deeply appreciate those members who have sent in their dues payments for 2010. Your timely payment greatly assists the Valley in meeting its financial obligations. We also appreciate those members who have made generous donations to our charities. **PLEASE** - if you haven't made your dues payment yet, do so as soon as possible. Your Scottish Rite Valley would appreciate it.