



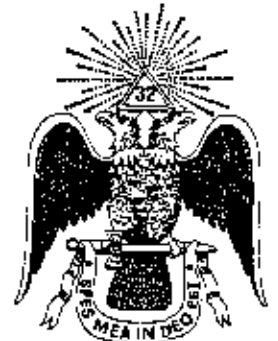
# SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

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## MEETING NOTICE

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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 Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. William B. Brank, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina; and Joel A. Black, Jr., 33°, is the S.G.I.G.'s Personal Representative.

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, March 11**, and **THURSDAY, April 8, 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 **6:15 p.m.** on **THURSDAY, March 11, 2010** and **THURSDAY, April 8, 2010**. Conference members should be present.

Light refreshments will be served at 6:00pm, prior to the Advisory Conference, which will meet from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. At 6:45pm, the Knight's of Saint Andrew will meet until 7:15pm.

## 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:

**THURSDAY, March 11, 2010:** S. G. I. G. Advisory Conference and Stated Meeting.

**SATURDAY, March 27, 2010:** Spring Reunion

**THURSDAY, April 1, 2010:** Maundy Thursday Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, meal @ 6:00pm.

**THURSDAY, April 8, 2010:** S. G. I. G. Advisory Conference and Stated Meeting.

**SATURDAY, April 10, 2010:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Spring Reunion.

## In Memoriam

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

George Douglas Buie, Jr., 32°	01-06-10
David Earl Foster, 32°	01-12-10
William Richard Presson, 32°	01-15-10
William Sherrill Parker, 32°	02-08-10
Henry Anderson Hendrix, 32°	02-18-10

### ATTENTION!!

Please notice the changes in the time for refreshments, the meeting times for The S.G.I.G. Advisory Conference and the addition of the meeting time for the Knight's of Saint Andrew.

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From the Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Brethren, when I wrote my last article as Venerable Master, I figured it would be the last time I'd write an article for the newsletter. However, Ill. Bobby Adams has asked each of the members that are serving as head of a body to write an article this year, and it just so happens to be my turn. I'm very happy for this opportunity.

As I sit here writing this article, I am so excited for the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley in a manner that I have never had before. On Saturday, January 6, 2010, the S.G.I.G. Advisory Board met again to continue to work on plans and ideas for the Valley. When I left there, I felt a huge sense **PRIDE**. To say "The Pride is Back" wouldn't be an understatement. We had a very productive meeting with everyone involved in the discussions, and everyone's thoughts and ideas giving prudence towards solutions to help our Valley. There are many changes coming, and unlike so many times, these are not changes just for the sake of making a change. Committees are being rearranged, new committees formed, thereby getting more of our members involved. The Knight's of Saint Andrew (KSA) will also be taking on a larger portion of fund-raising responsibilities. No longer will they be treated like manual labor, being used only to clean tables and mop floors. They will truly be placed in leadership roles, and I couldn't be happier for them. Yes, things are definitely changing, and the **PRIDE** is definitely **BACK** in the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley.

On another note, as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix I would like for each of you to mark your calendar now for April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the first Thursday in April, and we will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday service. This service, and the meal, are open to all Masons, wives, family members and your friends that wish to attend. A reservation will need to be made with our Secretary for those who plan to attend the meal. Very few things that we do are as important as this service, as we pay homage to Christ Jesus. We hope you will plan to be with us.

Don't forget that our Spring Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. It's never too early to get those petitions in, so let's talk up Scottish Rite Masonry in our Blue Lodges and bring in some new members. We also need to reach out to our members who are still paying dues, but not attending. They are just as important as new members.

Fraternally,  
*Joseph Link, 32°*, KCCN  
Wise Master

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From the Personal Representative

GREETINGS BROTHERS! (Salve Fraters)

The earth and seasons are beginning to emerge from the time of "darkness" of the Winter season. Spring approaches with its season of renewal and hope. During this season of the year, the human spirit also awakens with a renewed sense of vigor and expectation. Our ancient forefathers rejoiced in this season, and we should do no less.

To make the most of this "season" of opportunity each one of us should look inward and dedicate ourselves to those values and ideals that set us apart from our fellow humans. Each of us has the opportunity to improve ourselves in our Rite, and our world. Take the opportunity you have today to do an act of kindness for someone...a friend or someone unknown. Rejoice in the feeling of the love of humanity you will experience from a simple act of kindness.

Make the commitment to take an active part in the Valley of Winston-Salem. The positions, or opportunities, are endless. The job you take is not as important as the fact that you stepped up and

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said, I WANT TO TAKE PART....I WANT TO HELP!!! As I have mentioned before, if you are a little shy, or not sure of exactly what you might like to do, give me a call and I will be happy to help you find that perfect spot where you would feel most comfortable and find the ultimate satisfaction. If you have looked around and you see the possibility of a new or different idea that needs development, bring it to my attention and I will help you see that it gets developed. After all, Spring is coming and "new growth will appear". Should it not be so in our Valley, and in our lives?

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Joel A. Black, Jr., 35°*  
Personal Representative

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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Our invitation to the Prince Hall Scottish Rite members to be our guests at our Stated Meeting on February 11, 2010 failed to provide any attendees. While disappointing, this may have been due to a breakdown in communications, but we will try again and hope for a better result.

Our Valentine Dinner was held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 with great attendance and a fantastic meal. The entertainment provided by Lonnie Carpenter was enjoyed by everyone, and the crew from Big Boy BBQ outdid themselves in preparing the meal. We really appreciate everyone's efforts in making the evening so special.

Brethren, there are several proposed changes to the Valley By-Laws that will be voted on at our Stated Meeting in April. This notification is being sent in compliance with requirements for advance notice of votes to be taken. These changes consist of the following: a proposal to change the wording in Article V, Section 2, pertaining to dues to read... "The dues shall be Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) per annum for each member, plus any 'Per Capita Assessment' mandated by the Supreme Council and the Orient of North Carolina." (New wording underlined.) The biggest reason for this proposed change is due to the passage of a proposal by the Supreme Council that mandates a Two Dollar (\$2.00) increase in the per capita each year for the next five years for every Valley in the Orient. The per capita assessment now is \$10.00 per member. The per capita for the Orient, \$4.00 per member, remains the same, for now. Up to this point, the Valley had been paying the per capita for the Supreme Council and the Orient out of the yearly dues, leaving \$71.00 per member on which to operate. A proposal has been made to change the wording in Article VII, Section 1 (a) of the By-Laws pertaining to voting procedure at the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Advisory Conference. The wording change is instead of "shall be entitled to vote" to "Shall vote, either in the affirmative or negative, and abstentions are not appropriate." A proposal has been made to change the designation of Committee Chairman who sit on the advisory Conference to Committee Director. A proposal has been made to change the number of voting members on the Advisory Conference from ten (10) to nine (9) ex-officio members, eliminating the Chairman of the Education Committee and the Chairman of the Americanism Committee from voting seats on the Advisory Conference. They will take part in the open Advisory Conference to offer recommendations or suggestions for consideration. If approved, this would mean that the SGIG Advisory Conference will be comprised of five (5) elected or appointed members and nine (9) other members, for a total of fourteen (14).

In an attempt to generate better attendance at our Stated Meetings, we will be having a light meal at 6:00pm on the night of the Stated Meetings. The SGIG Advisory Conference will be from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. The Knights of Saint Andrew will meet from 6:45pm to 7:15pm, with the Stated Meeting to follow at 7:30pm. The Advisory Conference will meet in closed session on the Saturday before our Stated Meetings.

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We are trying to become better connected with our membership through the use of e-mail. It is hoped that by providing the newsletter to members who have an e-mail address, we can reduce our mailing and printing costs. So, if you have an e-mail address, please send it to the Secretary for inclusion on the e-mailing list. Your e-mail address will NOT be shared or sent out so that all can see it. We will honor your privacy, and your e-mail address will only be used by this office for conveying the newsletter or other pertinent information concerning the Valley. Don't have a computer or an e-mail address? Don't worry - we will continue to mail the newsletter as we have in the past to insure that you remain informed. Again, this is being done in an attempt to reduce costs to the Valley.

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.

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