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VALLEY OF TAMPA, ORIENT OF FLORIDA

270TH REUNION, MAY 10 & 17, 2008

ARTHUR A. REPPENHAGEN, 33° - MEMORIAL CLASS



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**FROM THE
GENERAL SECRETARY**



Paul N. Bardua, 33°

Why I Should Get A New Member For The Scottish Rite.

Because Scottish Rite Masons are obligated to serve the Rite by sharing some of their time to advance the interests of their Organization.

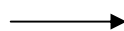
Because every petition provides the means whereby the Fraternity is enabled to better advance the good of all mankind with dedicated leadership for Freedom, Enlightenment, Peace, and Brotherhood.

Because YOU want to prove to yourself and to others that YOU can advance the interest of the Scottish Rite. Membership is basic in organizational life. This is the reason that you joined. Each of us needs to prove to ourselves every now and then that “we can do it.”

Because YOU want to vindicate the confidence a Brother had in YOU by sponsoring YOUR petition and the Faith of all the Brothers in the affirmative consent that admitted YOU to the Scottish Rite.

Because all of the good men will be better men if all share in the opportunity of meeting and working together as Scottish Rite Masons.

Any Mason who joins the Scot-



ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Tampa, Orient of Florida acknowledge and yield allegiance to the SUPREME COUNCIL (Mother Council of the World) of Inspectors General, Knights of Solomon of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose seat is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C. of which,

Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33° is Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. John E. Moyers, 33° is Grand Secretary General

Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° is Grand Prior of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Florida, and

Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33° is Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Valley of Tampa

tish Rite and sees the various lessons of Masonry unfold in the drama of the different degrees cannot help but be stimulated and inspired. Also, those Brothers of the Scottish Rite who present the degrees in full find something new each time to inspire them as they present a degree.

Let each of us within the Scottish Rite bring this greater knowledge of Masonry to our Masonic friends by inviting those who do not belong to join us at the Fall Reunion on Saturday, November 1 and 8, 2008.



PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ill. Russell B.
Glendinning, 33°

Brethren:

I would like to begin this article with a warm welcome to the Valley of Tampa to the 32 brothers who were consecrated Masters of the Royal Secret at our Spring Reunion. Brethren, I encourage you to get involved with the work and activities of the Valley. I know we can find a project/job/task that each of you would be interested in. Please contact our General Secretary and he will lead you in the right direction.

Some of you may have heard about the Master Craftsman program, which is sponsored by our Supreme Council. If you have not, it is a six lesson, open book program that will start to provide you with more knowledge about the Scottish Rite, our degrees and our governance. You can sign up on line at www.scottishrite.org, click on the tab "Scottish Rite Masons" and then on the tab "Master Craftsman Program". Registration for the program is \$35.00 plus shipping and handling (total is approximately \$50.00), which includes the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*. The Monitor and Guide, if bought separately would cost you \$60.00 plus shipping and handling. Many of us in the Valley are already enrolled in this program and are finding it very beneficial. I think you will also and encourage you to think about it.

A big THANK YOU to Ill. Tom Vann, 33° and his hard working committee on another successful Flag Day Ceremony in June. Even though we had some bad weather, a good crowd was in attendance to waive the flag on Memorial Highway, enjoy a fantastic BBQ rib dinner and to hear some great entertainment.

It is not too early to start thinking about our Fall

Reunion, which will be held on November 1st and November 8th. Remember, any brother who is the first line signer on 5 petitions this year (Spring and Fall Reunions combined) will have their 2009 dues paid for by the Valley. Several brothers are well on their way as a result of their work on the Spring Reunion. Now is the time to start talking to your Blue Lodge brethren who are not yet members as the fees for the Degrees will be raised to \$300 beginning in 2009 (up from the current \$200). Petitions are available from the Office or on line at www.srtampa.org. If we all start to work now, we will be assured of a very successful Reunion and will be off to a great start for 2009.

MASONIC TID—BITS

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with the surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?" "No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before." "But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?" "Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

On August 23, 1879, Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a Brother was initiated.



“MY OLD HOUSE”

**Ill. M. Dean Lovett 33°
PRELATE**

Several years ago I traveled to my childhood home. As soon as I drove up in the driveway, opened my car door and stepped on the ground... memories rushed into my mind of — *how it use to be*— I could vision all of my playmates just like I remember they were when we all were running and laughing in this big yard. I bent down and pulled up a handful of grass— tears came into my eyes. I looked again at my old house. It belongs to other people now. I walked closer to look once more, the owners had done a lot of repairs and restoration to the old house. They had changed the appearance to make it look almost new again... This old house had been restored.

As I stood there, I began to think of a spiritual parable from the Bible—

“The inward man is renewed daily.”

Our lives may have fallen into despair but God the restorer— the master builder— patiently works to restore us to service and honor. We may think we can never be spiritually repaired while all the time God is just waiting for the invitation to restore, heal and bless us.

Prayer:

Creator of all, help us to see ourselves and those around us through your eyes of love.

Always remember—

God wants to restore us and abide in us.

Prelate



**DIRECTOR OF WORK
ILL. C. DONALD PROSSER, 33°**

Brethren, summer is here and as usual there are not many thoughts of our Fall Reunion. But I'd like to challenge each of you to attend your own "Blue Lodge." Now is the time to start recruiting those Brothers for our Fall classes.

Does your Lodge have Scottish Rite applications? Does your Lodge have the "Bridge To Light" pamphlet? Does your Lodge have pamphlets about our Childhood Clinics? Would you talk to your Worshipful Master about showing a video about our clinics, or a video about becoming a Scottish Rite Mason, during a Family night program?

Finally are you proud to be A Scottish Rite Brother of Freemasonry, and want to help your Blue Lodge Brethren receive " FURTHER LIGHT" FROM THE " COLLEGE OF FREEMASONRY?"

When we finish the three Symbolic Degrees, our search for "LIGHT" has really just begun. The degrees of Scottish Freemasonry further this search, and further help us all to be what Freemasonry's basic premise is,

"TO TAKE GOOD MEN, AND MAKE THEM BETTER."

**NOTIFY
THE SCOTTISH Rite...**

Your Blue Lodge, the Shrine, and other Masonic Bodies... tell your loved ones; your wife, daughter, son or any close relative of your affiliation within the Masonic Fraternity.

Yes my Brother, in the event of your death, tell them to notify the Secretary of the above and any other Masonic Body in which you hold membership.

There are a number of cases each year where we are not notified of the death of a Brother, and we send an embarrassing dues notice to his loved ones.

VALLEY OF TAMPA HISTORICAL EVENTS
ILL. C. DONALD PROSSER, 33°

At the January 18, 1938 meeting the Valley of Tampa instituted "slow classes." This consisted of a weekly conferring and communicating of the various 29 degrees, culminating in the candidates being consecrated "Masters of the Royal Secret." The year concluded with the addition of 27 new Scottish Rite Brothers. The country still being in the grips of the "Great Depression" the Valley of Tampa showed considerable financial difficulty, with \$10,000.00 owed on the mortgage for the Temple located at Marion and Lafayette Sts. Our unpaid per capita to the Supreme Council for the years 1932, 1933, and 1934, in the amount of \$3,305.10, as well as other debts for a total of \$638.01.

On July 13, 1939, the Federal Government designated a new airfield at "Catfish Point" for a U. S. Army Air Corp Bomber Base. Germany began WW II by attacking Poland on September 1, 1939. England and France immediately declared WAR on Germany. Locally due to the lack of funds, all schools in Hillsborough County were reduced to a 6 months term.

Did you know?

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky, when a Lodge receives a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of a candidate from a Lodge having jurisdiction, where the initiation fee of the Lodge granting jurisdiction is higher than the initiation fee of the Lodge that is requesting the waiver, the candidate pays the higher fee and the difference in the fees must be paid to the Lodge granting the waiver.

When Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine fez on the Pole.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER MONTHLY DINNER MENUS

August 11., 2008

Green Salad
Baked Chicken with Sauce
Mash Potatoes
Green Beans
Coconut Cake

September 8th 2008

Green Salad
Beef Stew Mash Potatoes
Corn
Fruit Pie

October 13, 2008

Green Salad
Chicken Salteado with Chorizo,
Onions and peppers
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Pie

November 10, 2008

Turkey
Mash Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie

December, 08, 2008

Green Salad
Baked Ham
Mash Potatoes
Vegetables
Apple Pie

Please be reminded *reservations are required* to determine the amount of food necessary! Please call the Scottish Rite Office(813)886-0578, by the preceding Friday to allow time for preparation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Fall Reunion is the first two Saturdays, November 1st & 8th, 2008.

Patriotic Crowd Unfurls Salute To Flag Day

By ANGELA DELGADO
The Tampa Tribune
Published: June 14, 2008

TOWN 'N COUNTRY - Jackie Miller and several hundred neighbors didn't let rain dampen their patriotic spirit during the annual Tampa Scottish Rite Patriotic Flag Day.

"I believe in America," she said, taking shelter from the storm. "I believe in supporting our troops and I love my country. I am out here to show support for all of it."

Miller, wearing red, white and blue star earrings, a red, white and blue plaid top, blue pants and red shoes, adorned her country's colors with a yellow ribbon pin to show her support for the troops.

"I think that if you love your country, this is an event you can enjoy," said Miller, a member of the Troops Support Alliance. "I understand rain kept some people away, but the heartland of America is here today."

Although Flag Day is actually today, Flag Day organizer Tom Vann thought the crowd would be larger if it were celebrated on Monday. Considering most schools are out, Vann said families were more apt to be going on vacation on the weekend.

So, despite the rain, about 100 people braved the weather and waved their flags in front of the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway.

"Rain or shine, you're patriots ...," said Silvia Olson, of Lake Magdalene.

"Today we get to remember our country, our flag and what it stands for," said her friend Edna Richards, of Town 'N Country.

Still, once the weather worsened with lightning, the crowd ventured inside in time for the free barbecue dinner featuring chicken, ribs, cole slaw and tea.

Performer Debby Bacon entertained the crowd before the big show began. This year's event honored Vietnam War veterans. The names of 439 local veterans who lost their lives during the war were read.

"When the Vietnam War was over, a lot of them didn't receive the recognition," Vann said.

The program also featured patriotic tunes by Edythe Roberts and the Heralds of Harmony, as well

as a presentation of gold medals to five children who lost a parent in Afghanistan or Iraq. The medals were presented to them by Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer of the Marine Corps, U.S. Special Operations Command.

The five children were Keira Jackson, Hunter Vance, Jocelyn and Isabella Rogers and Bryan Christian Luckey Jr.

Bryan's grandfather, Patrick Luckey, was there to see him receive the gold medal and honor his son, Army Sgt. Bryan C. Luckey, who died June 29, 2006, when he was shot by an enemy sniper while riding on the back of a Stryker vehicle in Mosul, Iraq.

"It feels good that they're honoring him," he said.

Reporter Angela Delgado can be reached at (813) 865-1501 or adelgado@tampatrib.com.

GOLD MEDAL OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Five children who lost a parent in Afghanistan or Iraq were Honored with the "*Gold Medal Of Remembrance*". The medals were presented to them by Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer USMC, U.S. Special Operations Command.



Below, Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer USMC, presents Bryan Christian Luckey Jr. with the "*Gold Medal of Remembrance*". Bryan's grandfather, Patrick Luckey, was there to see him receive the gold medal and honor his son, Army Sgt. Bryan C. Luckey, who died June 29, 2006.



FLAG DAY CELEBRATION 2008

Crowd of Patriots line Memorial Highway greeting passersby who honked their approval as they return from work. Suddenly the rain came and most participants enjoy Music by Debby Beacon in our Auditorium while waiting to enjoy some GREAT BBQ'd Ribs, prepared by our Masonic BBQ team.



Debby Beacon with her Instruments entertains in the Auditorium between Flag Waving and eating prior to the Main event

Crowd of Patriots waiting in line for some Great BBQ'd Ribs prepared by our Masonic Brothers.



Flag Folding Ceremony

In the auditorium during the main program



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IN MEMORIAM

“Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me, and may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea, but such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, when that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! and may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark; for tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place the flood may bear me far, hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.



Jack A. Brown, 32°
June 9, 2008

Robert E. Edens, 32°
June 22, 2008

Robert S. Lang, 33°
May 31, 2008

Robert W. Schuler, Sr., 32°
May 30, 2008

Lorian D. Buddington, 32°
April 6, 2008

Ernest C. Green, 32°
March 11, 2008

Kenneth R. Monroe, 32°
June 24, 2008

Keith M. Shaw, 32°
March 17, 2008

Jack S. Collins, 32°
April 14, 2008

Herbert E. Harvey, 32°
March 7, 2008

Charles J. Murrin, 32° KCCH
April 16, 2008

Albert R. Cowell, 32°
March 3, 2008

John L. Heron, Jr., 32°
March 9, 2008

Christoph Persch, Jr., 32°
April 25, 2008

George A. Duncan, Jr., 32°
June 10, 2008

Woodrow V. Hodges, 32°
June 25, 2008

Roy E. Reams, Jr., 32°
June 21, 2008