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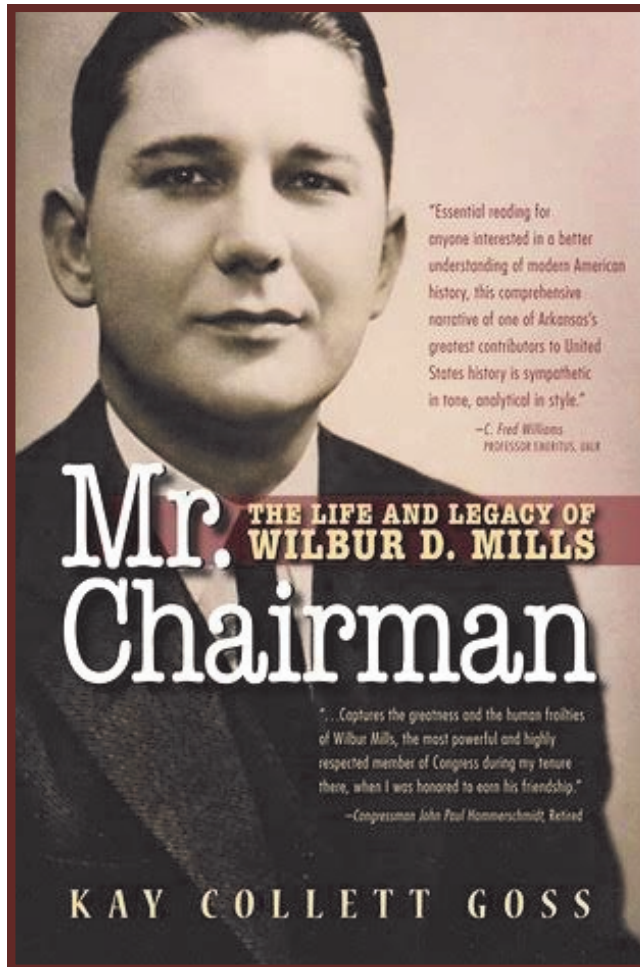
SCOTTISH RITE,  
Orient of Arkansas

February 2017

## III. Wilbur D. Mills, 33°, Grand Cross

III. Wilbur D. Mills, 33°, G.C. was a member of the United States House of Representatives from Arkansas from January 1939 to January 1977, becoming the longest-serving Congressman ever from our State. Brother Mills was born in Kensett, AR, he graduated from Hendricks College in Conway as salutatorian before going on to study constitutional law at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After receiving his law degree and being admitted to the bar in 1933, Brother Mills began his political career in hometown local politics in White County serving as its 29th County Judge from 1935 to 1939. He went on to have a long and effective career in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving an outstanding thirty-eight years. Seventeen of those thirty-eight years were spent as Chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, a post he held longer than any other person in U.S. history. Because of this fact, he was dubbed "the most powerful man in Washington." It will be well worth your time to read the no-holds barred biography of Brother Mills by Kay C. Goss. Brother Mills served our country and our state with distinction for

a lifetime but he had his demons as well. I truly believe that you will enjoy learning more about this brother that was able to win, lose and reconcile it all at the end. You can find this book on Smile.Amazon.com by typing in Mr. Chairman: The Life and Legacy of Wilbur D. Mills. If you are signed up to support the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation through AmazonSmile then you will be able to enjoy this book and support our Foundation at the same time! Always remember to shop using Smile.Amazon.com!



### III. Mills' Blue Lodge Degrees

EA Degree: October 19, 1938  
FC Degree: October 24, 1938  
MM Degree: October 31, 1938

### III. Mills' Scottish Rite Degrees

Initiated: November 9, 1938  
KCCH: October 31, 1957  
33rd: November 30, 1963  
Grand Cross: October 14, 1971

During his last years in Congress and until his death, III Brother Mills raised funds for alcohol recovery centers and programs and spoke nationally on the subject. The acclaimed Wilbur D. Mills Treatment Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse was built in his honor in Searcy.

At least twelve other Arkansas facilities are named for him, including the Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School in Sweet Home (Pulaski County); the two Wilbur D. Mills Endowed Chairs on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; the Wilbur D. Mills Social Sciences Building at Hendrix College; the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway (Interstate 630); and the Wilbur D. Mills Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River. Mills was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in Little Rock (Pulaski County) and the Arkansas River Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### Statement of Allegiance

*The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Orient of Arkansas, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America (Mother Supreme Council of the World) whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., of which*

**III. Ronald A. Seale, 33°**

Is Sovereign Grand Commander  
And

**Orient of Arkansas**  
Presiding Officers

**III. C. James Graham, 33° P.:G.:M.:**

Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Orient of Arkansas

**III. Larry D. Berry, 33°**

Personal Representative for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**III. Harold L. Gwatney, 33°, G.:C.:**

Personal Representative Emeritus for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**Mitch Hensley, KCCH**

Executive Secretary for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**III. Jim Stanley, 33°**

Treasurer for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**Van Prevatt, 32°, KSA**

Building Superintendent for  
The Orient of Arkansas

**III. Dick E. Browning 33°, P.:G.:M.:**

Personal Representative for  
The Valley of Little Rock

**III. Byron Ponder 33°**

Personal Representative for  
The Valley of Jonesboro

**III. Sumner Brashears 33°**

Personal Representative for  
The Valley of Fayetteville

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**Address Update:** Have you moved recently, or do you have a Scottish Rite friend who didn't receive this magazine? Do you think your contact information may not be up to date? If so, please visit the website listed below and update your address. If you have trouble or have a question please contact your Valley Secretary, they are ready to help!

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# Celebrating The Craft 2017



In 2016 the brothers of the Orient of Arkansas raised over \$2,200 to contribute to rebuilding the Temple in Washington DC and help the Rite Care centers in Arkansas. Half of the money goes to the temple in Washington DC and half to the Rite Care Center. The Rite Care Centers help children with speech and learning disorders. In May 2016 we had a silent auction using gifts donated by the Scottish Rite Masons of Arkansas. Now is the time to start thinking about articles you like to donate for our silent auction to be held in May 2017. Cash donations are accepted year-round for this worthy charity. Please send your monetary donations for this year's tax season to the Scottish Rite Foundation 712 Scott St., Little Rock, AR 72202.

(Enter the link below in your Browser to see highlights of the 2016 event:)

<https://scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/celebrating-craft-2016-highlights-full-show-hour/>

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# REUNION

It is spring again, and time for the spring reunions for our Valleys. For Scottish Rite Masons, we may think of a reunion as the time when we do these things:

- Bring in new members
- Put on some of the degrees
- Pull out the ritual again and refresh the memory on your part
- Or learn a new part in one of the degrees
- Work on the prop or robing crew, or tiling, or kitchen, etc.
- A time when we have luncheons with some kind of program

While it is all of these, I hope that maybe you'll think about reunion in a different light. Think of all the times in Freemasonry when we are reminded of the importance of union or unity. The Scripture in the Entered Apprentice degree is Psalm 133: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". In the working tools of the Master Mason degree, we learn of the trowel and how the operative mason uses it to unite the building, but we as free and accepted masons use it to spread the cement of brotherly love. And then that key phrase "that cement which unites us into one sacred band of friends and brothers". And in the 18th degree, we are reminded by the Wise Master that while faith and hope are key factors, the greatest of the constellations is charity or brotherly love.

From The Desk Of:

ILL. C. James Graham, 33°, PGM  
S.G.I.G. Orient Of Arkansas,  
Active Member Of The Supreme Council



The point, I think, is that the ties which bind us together are made stronger by those times we get together and work together. The cement weakens over time if it isn't renewed. Our reunions renew that cement; they renew the ties of brotherly love. When we don't come to the reunion, the ties may still be there, but over time they will decay.

So, the Scottish Rite reunion is so much more important to us than just reciting some ritual lines, or pulling some robes out of the closet, or setting some props. The reunion goes to the core of what we are: a fraternity of brotherly love.

## FREE TRIAL

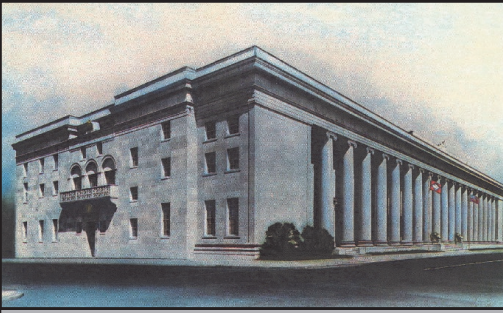
Speaking of reunions, we are continuing our offer to new candidates for 2017: if a petitioner will commit to remaining a member for three years and will sign on for our \$10 a month dues plan, they can join the Rite with no initiation fee. So, ask your Master Mason friends to join the Scottish Rite and they can join for free under those conditions.

See you at one of our Spring Reunions!!



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Arkansas on Twitter!





# The Valley of Little Rock

Chartered October 19, 1892  
 Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month

712 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72203

## Valley of Little Rock Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
 5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
 .....Remembrance & Renewal, RSVP Required  
 6:30 P.M..... Dinner

Saturday, April 29, 2017..... Spring Reunion  
 6:30 A.M. ....Breakfast  
 8:00 A.M. .... Open

Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
 5:15 P.M..... Advisory Council  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
 ..... KSA Stated Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2017  
 .....Celebrating the Craft Webathon  
 ..... See Article on Page 2 for details

Wednesday, May 31, 2017  
 ..... Scottish Rite Birthday Party  
 ..... See Article on Page 4 for details

Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
 6:15 P.M..... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M..... Stated Meeting



### 2016 Officers

#### Little Rock Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master ..... Ill Steven Tiner, 33°  
 Senior Warden ..... Gary Henningsen, KCCH  
 Junior Warden..... J. D. Sexton, KCCH

#### Little Rock Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master..... Aaron Warren, KCCH  
 Senior Warden ..... Jim Morehead, KCCH  
 Junior Warden..... Troy Cole, KCCH

#### Little Rock Council of Kadosh

Commander ..... Ill. Charles Ferguson, 33°  
 1st Lt. Commander..... Ill Bobby Bennett, 33°  
 2nd Lt. Commander ..... Thomas Lampirez, KSA

#### Little Rock Consistory

Master of Kadosh..... Scott Sells, KCCH  
 Prior ..... Ill Angelo Coppola, 33°  
 Preceptor ..... Robert Kemp, KCCH

## Events You Will Not Want To Miss

### Valley of Little Rock

#### *A Birthday Invitation!*

You're invited to the Birthday Party of the Scottish Rite at 6:00pm on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. There will be friends, fellowship, coffee and, most importantly, birthday cake!



The following was taken from the Scottish Rite's website:  
*"...on May 31, 1801, the first Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Mother Council of the World, declared its existence with a motto of "Ordo ab Chao" (Order from Chaos). It announced a new 33-degree system of high degrees that incorporated all 25 of the Order of the Royal Secret, and added eight more, including that of 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General. This new organization declared control of high-degree Masonry in America."*

Brethren this is a great reason for celebration! What better way to spend it than in fellowship with your brethren? However, with all refreshment comes necessary labor. Plan to bring your phones because we will endeavor to call every brother in the Valley of Little Rock not with us so that we can wish THEM a Happy Scottish Rite Birthday and tell them we miss seeing them. Finally we will be able to remind them of our upcoming reunion on April 29th and urge them to come and have fellowship with us as we welcome in a new class of Scottish Rite Masons. (Submitted By: T. Lucas Minton, 32°, KSA)

#### Remembering the Departed and Renewing Our Spirits

Now is the time to make plans to attend the Scottish Rite Valley of Little Rock ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. In this ceremony we remember those brethren who died during 2016. This is one of our best attended events all year as families from all over converge in honor of their loved ones and recognize our new brethren.

This year will be a particularly special evening. To make certain that our departed brothers' family feels welcome, the Valley of Little Rock will provide dinner for 2 guests of all Scottish Rite Masons who have left for the Celestial Lodge above in 2016. Please make a point to invite the families of our departed brothers to this event. Then remember our brethren as we look forward to the coming year with optimism. Also, that evening, we will present the patents to the members of our Fall 2016 class. Remember, this event is open to our family and friends. (Submitted By: T. Lucas Minton, 32°, KSA)

## Get Current Valley of Little Rock Scottish Rite Updates

### Sign up for the new texting service!

The primary charge of the new Valley of Little Rock Valley Membership Achievement Award (VMAP) committee is to develop and suggest ideas to enhance the experience for our membership. Enhancing communication is a key component for keeping our membership engaged. In an effort to improve communication methods with our members, the committee recommended (and the Valley leadership has approved) using a texting service to give our members the most current relevant information about our Scottish Rite activities. Each member will need to subscribe to the service. The first step is to text the word – Rite – to 411247. You will receive a response that says type – Y – to subscribe. That is all there is to it! Our initial goal is to get 1,800 members in the Valley of Little Rock to sign up for the service. This is a great opportunity for us to keep in touch with each other. Please sign up and encourage your brothers to do the same. (Submitted By: Barry Brady, 32°, KSA)

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### Educational Opportunity: Sign up for the new Master Craftsman-style educational series for the Valley of Little Rock!

The VMAP committee has developed a new Master Craftsman-style educational series based on the book, The Seven Honor Men of Arkansas Scottish Rite Masonry by William M. Shepherd. The two-part test works in the same way as the Southern Jurisdiction's Master Craftsman series works. For \$15 you will receive a copy of the book and will receive a copy of the first quiz. Once the first quiz is returned to the Little Rock office by mail, a second quiz will be mailed to you along with the graded first test. Once the second quiz is completed and graded, you will be awarded a certificate at the next reunion. Our candidates from the October 31<sup>st</sup> reunion were the first to receive the first installment of this new program. You can contact the Little Rock office for more details. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the history of the Scottish Rite in Arkansas.

The VMAP committee members are Barry Brady (chairman), Bill Jones, Thomas Lampirez, Alexander Winans, Angelo Coppola, Shawn Jennings, David Ponder and Max Easter. If you have any suggestions for improving or enhancing the Valley of Little Rock's Scottish Rite experience, please let one of the committee members know and we will discuss at our next monthly meeting. (Submitted By: Barry Brady, 32°, KSA)

## Repairs in and Around The Temple

Brethren we have made some great improvements to the Temple. One improvement was replacing old incandescent bulbs out for newer LED bulbs (*with the help of donations from various brethren and the Little Rock Valley KSA*). By switching over to LED bulbs we were able to lower our electric usage by \$620 January/February YTD.

Our next big project will be repairing the walls and painting the ceiling of the wagon yard. For those that are unfamiliar with the wagon yard it's the quarters where brethren may stay before reunions free of charge. The wagon yard is not just for brethren that are coming from outside central Arkansas, it is also for those that want to spend a time of fellowship with other SR Masons and SR candidates.

Some great friendships have been made through the wagon yard that may have not otherwise happened. When we get busy during the degrees we do not get the chance to socialize with candidates and brethren like you get the night before.

Some other improvements in the works for the wagon yard are bunk beds, shelving, and charging stations for brethren to utilize during their stay. We will also be reorganizing the room to allow late comers and earlier risers to move in and out without interrupting those resting.

Brethren since the use of the wagon yard is free to anyone whom would like to use it, the Orient needs help making these improvements happen. If you can help we greatly appreciate it. If you would like to donate to the Wagon Yard fund you may contact the Scottish Rite office at 501-375-5587. If you would like to volunteer your time and help with the work that will greatly be appreciated as well. (Submitted by: Van Prevatt, 32° KSA, Building Superintendent)

***A sample of some of the damage we are up against. Please help if you can.***





# The Valley of Jonesboro

Chartered June 17, 1974  
 Stated Meeting on the second Monday of each month

2206 W. Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Valley of Jonesboro Calendar of Events

Monday, March 13, 2017

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2017 .....Maundy Thursday

6:00 P.M. .... Extinguish the Lights  
 ..... Dinner followed by Relighting the Lights

Monday, May 8, 2017

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2017

5:30 P.M. .... Advisory Council  
 6:30 P.M. .... Anniversary Banquet  
 ..... Scholarship Presentation  
 7:30 P.M. .... Stated Meeting

### Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

2nd Monday of each month after the Lodge of Perfection Meeting



### 2016 Officers

#### Jonesboro Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master ..... Drew Price, KCCH  
 Senior Warden ..... Brad Phillips, KCCH  
 Junior Warden ..... Kyle Rowe, 32°

#### Jonesboro Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... Ill. Rufus Ray, 33°  
 Senior Warden ..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°  
 Junior Warden ..... John Warnock, KCCH

#### Jonesboro Council of Kadosh

Commander ..... Gary Miley, KCCH  
 1st Lt. Commander ..... Dean Lamberth, 32°  
 2nd Lt. Commander ..... Ill. Johnny Savage, 33°

#### Jonesboro Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... Mike Noles, KCCH  
 Interim Master of Kadosh ..... John Shipley, KCCH  
 Prior ..... Joseph Kirby, 32°  
 Preceptor ..... Ill. Brent Howton, 33°

## From The Secretary's Desk

One of the most unpleasant things that each Valley Secretary must do each year is to suspend members who did not pay their annual dues. Unfortunately, this year we had to suspend 22 members for non-payment of dues. All suspended members have received statements, phone calls and e-mails reminding them of their unpaid dues. Each member received a notice that if there was a problem or if they were not interested in keeping their membership in the Scottish Rite, please contact the office. Only two brothers contacted the office, the rest just left the reminders and e-mails unanswered. If you know anyone who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, talk to them and see what we can do to get them back.

Please come to our stated meetings, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, dinner at 6:30, Lodge of Perfection at 7:30. All Scottish Rite Masons are welcome. We meet at Jonesboro Masonic Lodge #129 located at 2206 West Washington Ave, Jonesboro, AR.

Ill Richard Gambill 33°  
General Secretary



New Scottish Rite Masons, Valley of Jonesboro Spring Reunion  
held 3-4 February, 2017





Reunions are  
always fun!!!!



## In Memoriam

Brother Noal D. Russell, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Forrest City # 198  
October 2, 2016

Brother Marvell Cook, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Jonesboro #129  
October 4, 2016

Brother James W. Mashburn, Jr. 32<sup>o</sup>  
Jonesboro #129  
October 10, 2016

Brother Larry L. Brewer, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Cardwell #231 MO  
January 24, 2014

Brother Jerry B. Berry, 32<sup>o</sup>  
Caraway #733  
October 22, 2016

Brother Charles W. Krablin, 32<sup>o</sup> KCC  
Forrest City # 198  
October 22, 2016

Brother Powell Kay Fowler, 32<sup>o</sup>  
West Memphis #737  
November 4, 2016

Brother Lowell Eugene Waldrip 32<sup>o</sup>  
Lafayette # 189  
November 10, 2016

Brother George H. Walker Jr, 32<sup>o</sup>  
West Memphis #737  
November 18, 2016

Brother Burl H. Downey 32<sup>o</sup>  
Forrest City # 198  
December 11, 2016





# The Valley of Fayetteville

Chartered October 22, 1925

Stated Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month

1106 East Masonic Drive, Fayetteville AR 72703

## A BIT OF NORTH WEST ARKANSAS SCOTTISH RITE HISTORY

### Valley of Fayetteville Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
 5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
 ..... Educational Program - 17th Degree

Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
 5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
 ..... Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance

Saturday, April 1, 2017 ..... Spring Reunion

Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
 5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
 ..... Educational Program - 18th Degree

Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
 5:30 P.M. .... Leadership Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner  
 7:00 P.M. .... Stated Communication  
 ..... Educational Program - 19th Degree



### 2016 Officers

#### Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.. Mike Winningham, KSA  
 Senior Warden..... Byron Speller, 32°  
 Junior Warden ..... Jim Swank, 32°

#### Fayetteville Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master ..... Scott A Nelson, KSA  
 Senior Warden..... Joe Harris, KSA  
 Junior Warden ..... Robert Baugh, KSA

#### Fayetteville Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Clint Chastain, KSA  
 1st Lt. Cmdr ..... Randy George, KSA  
 2nd Lt. Cmdr ..... Gary O'Neal, 32°

#### Fayetteville Consistory

Master of Kadosh ..... George Stone, KSA  
 Prior ..... Joey Morrison, KSA  
 Preceptor..... Alvin L. Lievsay, 32°

**A long journey from Fort Smith to Fayetteville:** Freemasonry did not have a home in Fort Smith until 1889 when the Baer Memorial Temple, located on north 6th street, was dedicated. Prior to that date, the four York Rite Bodies and two Eastern Star Chapters met at various places, including upper rooms at the old fort, attic rooms at the St. Charles Hotel or the Kennedy Building at 6th and Rogers Avenue.

By 1920, Freemasonry and its various bodies were growing at an unprecedented rate. Bell Point Lodge had over 400 members and besides a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council and Commandery, the city now boasted three Eastern Star Chapters, Amrita Grotto, DeMolay and Rainbow orders and a second Lodge was seeking dispensation. Masonry and its bodies did indeed need a home.

**Formation of the Masonic Home Association:** With the formation of a private corporation to finance and oversee the acquisition of real estate and buildings, the Fort Smith Masonic Home Association was formed in 1920. To help alleviate the overcrowding, a second, two-story building was purchased on North 8th and A streets. Masonry in Fort Smith was now sharing two separate buildings.

**The Scottish Rite comes to Fort Smith:** In 1920, the Arkansas Consistory in Little Rock was the home of Scottish Freemasonry in Arkansas. In early 1924, members of the local Scottish Rite Club in Fort Smith, notably Brothers Fred Kidd, Hurd Miller, J. K. Jordan, James H. Clendening, and Robert Secrest decided it was time for the Fort Smith area to have its own bodies. The committee, while attending the 1924 Spring reunion in Little Rock, met with S.:G.:I.:G.: Charles Rosenbaum to discuss the formation of a new Lodge of Perfection in Fort Smith. Just five months later, on September 5, 1924, the Supreme Council issued Letters Temporary for Zabud Lodge of Perfection in Fort Smith, signed by 33 members in Fort Smith.

Zabud Lodge of Perfection was granted a charter by the Supreme Council on October 22, 1925. The first officers installed on April 30, 1926 were:

- James H. Clendening, Venerable Master
- Hurd J. Miller, Senior Warden
- John E. Powers, Junior Warden
- Dred R. Dorente, Orator
- Oscar A. Fentress, Almoner
- Robert L. Secrest, Secretary
- Alonzo M. Buckley, Treasurer
- James H. Clendening, Jr., Master of Ceremonies
- Fred P. Warren, Expert
- Clarence S. Kidd, Assistant Expert
- Curtis C. Wright, Captain of the Host
- John C. Reinhard, Tyler

The first meeting of the Lodge (held under letters temporary) was held on January 11, 1925. The first Reunion of the Valley was held just three months later on April 17, 1925, when 43 new members were made Perfect Elus.

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The Supreme Council granted letters temporary for the new Chapter in June 1928, to be known as Fred W. Kidd Chapter of Knights Rose Croix. The first officers were:

- John E. Powers, Wise Master
- Dred H. Dorente, Senior Warden
- David L Ford, Junior Warden
- Robert L. Secrest, Secretary
- Harry Padgett, Treasurer
- Wallace R. Bacon, Orator
- Oscar Fentress, Almoner
- Tom A. Cutting, Master of Ceremonies
- Harlan H. Conger, Senior Expert
- William H. Simpson, Junior Expert
- J. Wheeler Wood, Temple Guard
- John C. Reinhard, Tyler

The names of Zabud Lodge of Perfection and Fred W. Kidd Chapter of Knights Rose Croix were changed to the Fort Smith Lodge and Fort Smith Chapter respectively in October 1929, as the Supreme Council wanted all bodies to be named after the

city in which they were located. In the fall of 1952, a letter was received by the Bodies from Brother Joshua K. Shepherd, Sovereign Grand Inspector for the Orient of Arkansas suggesting that the names of the Fort Smith Bodies be changed to the Western Arkansas Bodies. On October 1, 1952, the names of the Fort Smith Bodies were officially changed to the Western Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies.

In April, 2013, S.G.I.G. Dr. C. James Graham decided that the condition of the Temple and other considerations in Fort Smith warranted a move of the Valley from Fort Smith to Fayetteville. On May 22, 2013, the first meeting of the Valley of Fayetteville was opened by Dr. Graham.

**On Saturday, April 1, 2017, The Valley of Fayetteville will host the 200th Reunion of the Western Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies (Valley of Fayetteville). The day will begin at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast being served until 8:00 a.m. Opening day ceremonies at 8:00 a.m. with the following degrees to be conferred: 4th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd. There will be a very special luncheon for this 200th Reunion, so mark your calendars and plan on attending.**



Bro. Bryon Speller, 32°, *LEFT*, VMAP chairman (Valley Membership Achievement Project) and his committee is off and running and they want every member of the Valley of Fayetteville to come and see the results of our Valley Membership Achievement Project. Come and see what fraternalism is all about. This is not your Grandfather's Scottish Rite but a whole new concept, centered on having an experience that is worth your time and money and to learn much more about the Masonic fraternity than you dreamed possible. We miss you and after all, reunions are just that: a time to renew past acquaintances and a time to make new ones!



A photo of the temple near the time that it was closed in May, 2013. The "new" Masonic Temple in Fort Smith, built through the cooperation of all the Masonic bodies in Fort Smith and costing \$385,000, was dedicated on September 16, 1929.

## ***In Memoriam***

- Basil Burton of Boles  
– 1/4/2016
- William W. Wilson of Rowland, OK  
– 1/6/2016
- Paul Williams of Mena -  
1/15/2016
- Dudley C. Holden of Cecil  
– 4/20/2016
- Virgil B. Kirby of Bentonville  
- 5/11/2016
- Bryon C. Richburg of Hallsville, TX  
– 5/4/2016
- Marcel Van Poucke, 33° of Siloam Springs  
– 6/30/2016
- Randal Lynn Gallaway of Rogers  
– 7/15/2016
- Nolan S. Sorrels of Bentonville  
– 9/2/2016
- Johnny Glen Keigley of Mulberry  
– 10/24/2016

Greetings Brethren:

Let me start by saying that I am certainly proud and honored to serve our fraternity. It is going to be a challenge, a challenge that I alone cannot complete. It will take the

effort of ALL the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. We all came to the fraternity of our own free will and accord, and were all presented with the lambskin or white leather apron, the same white leather apron that will join us in the grave. We were all on the level when we came into the fraternity and we will all be on the level at our end. We all knelt before the altar and took an obligation. An obligation before God, an obligation to our country; to our neighbor; to our families and to ourselves. Most importantly to one another as Master Masons. I know we will not all agree on all things, I understand that we are all very passionate about our fraternity. We must start looking for what is best for our fraternity and not what our personal feelings are. It is time to start working together as Master Masons.

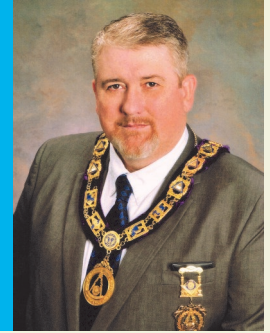
Now is the time to work towards our future, a future that has peace and harmony, brotherly love and understanding. When a Stone Mason starts laying a stone wall he does it one stone at a time. Sometimes he must shape that stone to fit



# Greetings From the Grand Lodge of Arkansas

M.: W.: Carl E. Nelson, 32°, KCCH

Grand Master



into the wall, sometimes they fit just right with no work at all. The planning and the future of our fraternity is like building that wall, one idea will fit just right, but some ideas may need shaping in order to fit our future. We can only move one step at a time, and each step should be together in unison. Progress will not be immediate, but we are trying to preserve something that's worth great value to each of us, and has a purpose and meaning for future generations.

We all love this fraternity; and it's time to plan our future. We need to plan for success; it's not going to be easy. It will be a long road to travel, but let us travel it together. On a final note our Spring Reunions are coming up. Please come and join the efforts to support the candidates, as always your help would be greatly appreciated even if it's sitting in the audience.



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**Petition For Re-Instatement**  
**Petition For Affiliation**

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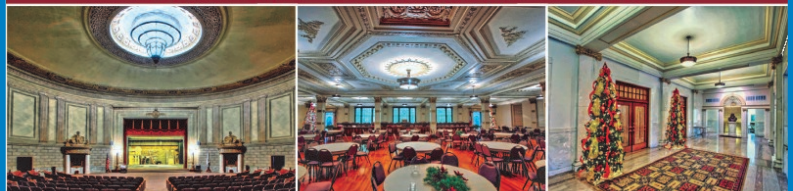


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