



The Rite Review



April 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

April 10, 2025 — April Stated Meeting... Our April stated meeting will be opened by the Chapter Rose Croix at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Mystic Banquet. Masonic education will be provided by the education committee. For those unable to attend, please join us on our Cloud HD Video Meeting: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/5827061238?wd=NVBqL1NmUHg5NIBIVEYvUFhOYUJ4Zz09>.

Miscellaneous News & Notes

Dress Code... All members attending Stated Meetings, Reunions, and other events are requested to wear slacks and a sport coat at a minimum. Ties are optional.

Master Craftsman... Please contact Illustrious Brother Chris Pearman (336-601-5444, cpearman19@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the Master Craftsman program or need any assistance.

Ride Sharing... If you need a ride to and from our Scottish Rite stated meetings, please contact our General Secretary, Ill. Bro. Michael Fischer (336-723-1217).

Families are Welcome... Please remember that families and friends are welcome to join us for the meal before each stated meeting.

Sick & Distressed

Please keep Joe Edmunds, Gerrald Todd, George Beroth, Ray Ashby, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Rick Lewis, Dan Cook, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Hobert Miller, Kenny Small's mother, Kenny Allen's wife, Alan Williard's father, Lonnie Ring, Thomas Patterson, William Lennox's wife, Sam Stroud, Robert Ellis, Wayne O'Neal, Todd Kepley, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, Ronald Fortner, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick or distressed, please feel free to contact General Secretary Michael Fischer.

Spring Reunion Practice

April 19, 2025

Practice for all of the Degree Teams beginning at 9:00 am with the 4th Degree. Please come out and help us get ready for our Spring 2025 Reunion!

General Secretary

Michael J. Fischer, 33^o
336-723-1217

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winstonsalem-scottishrite.org

Stated Meetings

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m.

Joining the Scottish Rite

If interested, you can find the online petition at...

<https://sms.scottishrite.org/WinstonSalemPetition>

Almoner

The Almoner's Fund is for any distressed, worthy brother in dire financial straits. There is a strict code of confidentiality to this procedure. Please contact the Almoner, Bro. David Crook, at...

Crook_dl@yahoo.com
336-978-6493

Newsletter Information

To be added or removed from our email list, please contact Bro. Chris Pearman at...

wssrnews@gmail.com

Please send any proposed newsletter content to Bro. Chris Pearman at the email above or to Bro. Bob Blair at...
bobblair62@gmail.com

Masonic Education

Materials

Education Presenters... please submit your presentation materials that will need to be projected (PowerPoint slides, videos, etc.) to Brother Michael Fischer

(secretary@winstonsalem-scottishrite.org) at least one day before the Stated Meeting in order to assure that the presentation is ready for the meeting.

Thank You!

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley extends a big fraternal thank-you to Illustrious Brother G. Kalamaras, 33°, who recently retired as our Valley's Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. Thank-you for all of the hard work, friendship, and dedication to our Valley and the Scottish Rite. Well-done brother!



Good Cheer Report

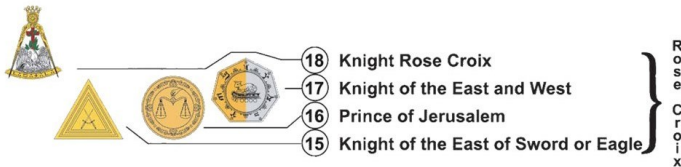
Illustrious Brother M. Kirby Matthews, Jr., 33° has been appointed as the Winston-Salem Valley's new Personal Representative. We would like to congratulate Brother Matthews on his new position, wish him the best, and thank him for all that he has done for our Valley.



Congratulations to Brother Benton Williams for receiving the Scottish Rite Service Award. Thank-you for all that you do and continue to do for our Valley!



The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley extends a big fraternal thank-you to Brother Alex Edmisten for all he has done and continues to do to raise funds and help those affected by Hurricane Helene. Thank-you brother!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brother Joseph Slade who was recently awarded the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Minion First Class Award!



Scottish Rite Service Awards

Brethren... if you are a recipient of any Scottish Rite Service Award, the Valley is requesting that you wear your medals to our Stated Meetings, Reunions, and other Scottish Rite events. As a Valley, we would like the opportunity to honor our hard-working brothers!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brothers Chris Ford, Danny Martin, and Paul Woodruff for organizing a very successful first meeting of "Mutare - A Practice in Progress and Change."



Come out and Join the Fun at the NC Charity Golf Tournament

October 4 2025 New Bern, NC

Enjoy a round of Golf and meeting people from all over the State.

Fun for the whole family.



NCGolfTournament.com
18 holes of Golf
\$100/golfer



April Birthdays

- April 1st ... Horace Bondurant, Rixie Gordon, Donald Norman
- April 4th... Vance Carson, Alex Edmisten, Russell Killen, James Patton
- April 5th... Craig Steelman
- April 6th... John Brim, William Fulbright
- April 7th... Brandon Faircloth
- April 8th... Ben Griffiths
- April 9th... Rick Lee, Bobby Perdue
- April 11th... Chad Chadwick
- April 12th... Eugene Hunter
- April 13th... Geoffrey Donn, William Keller
- April 14th... Donnie Small
- April 15th... Dean Gordon, David Jackson, Andy Thomas
- April 17th... Billy McIntosh, Joey Transou
- April 18th... Charles Childress, William Parrish, Jr.
- April 19th... William Brown
- April 20th... Steven Groner
- April 26th... Todd Hurm
- April 27th... Thomas Angel, Joseph Edmonds, Ralph McHone, Joseph Reid
- April 28th... Tony Cook, Michael Fischer, Larry Stanley, Steve Tucker
- April 30th... Rickey Matthews



Donation Presentations

A donation presentation will take place at ECU on April 11, 2025.

A second donation presentation will take place at ASU on April 14, 2025.

If you wish to attend either of these events, please contact Brother Kenneth Allen for details at 336-345-6266 or gym365advance@yahoo.com

Blue Lodge News

Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Michael J. Fischer, 33° who was recently awarded the Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 Mason of the Month Award. Thank-you and well-done Brother.



Kernersville Masonic Lodge No. 669 is hosting the Middle Chamber program for 2025.



The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education presents THE MIDDLE CHAMBER PROGRAM

Crafted for brothers searching for a deeper, more esoteric interpretation of our symbols and allegories. Each session – facilitated by “well-informed” brethren – utilizes a mixture of open discussion, self-study, and contemplative exercises to investigate the Mysteries of our Order.

The Middle Chamber Program provides North Carolina Masons an opportunity to explore the rituals and symbols of the Craft and improve themselves as men and Masons. Instructors are experienced Masons specially trained to assist each brother as he examines the Masonic rituals, himself, and his relationship with Deity.

Four sessions are offered and are progressive in nature – that is, you must have completed each of the previous sessions in order to continue to the next session:

Introductory Class Introduction to Masonic Allegories and Symbols (*Open to any Master Mason*)

Entered Apprentice Session
Introduction to the First Degree:
The Physical Nature of Man

Fellow Craft Session
Introduction to the Second Degree:
The Psychological Nature of Man

Master Mason Session
Introduction to the Third Degree:
The Spiritual Nature of Man

For additional information visit www.grandlodge-nc.org/education-resources or contact the Middle Chamber Student Coordinator at NCMiddleChamber@gmail.com.

Cost: Introductory Class is free to attend and the degree sessions require a one-time purchase of a \$150 Program Kit, which includes a personal journal and a variety of study materials.

2025 Schedule	
Introductory Class (Free)	
February 15, 2025	
10:00am	Long Creek Lodge No. 205 Huntersville, NC
10:00am	Relief Lodge No. 431 Benson, NC
February 22, 2025	
10:00am	Greensboro Masonic Temple Greensboro, NC
Entered Apprentice Degree Session	
April 5, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669
Fellow Craft Degree Session	
June 7, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669
Master Mason Degree Session	
August 2, 2025	
9:00am	Kernersville Lodge No. 669
Note: Each Degree Session is scheduled to go until 5:00pm (lunch on your own).	

Spring Reunion Schedule

Friday, April 25, 2025

- 5:00 p.m. — Registration and dinner
- 6:00 p.m. — 4th Degree conferral
- 6:50 p.m. — Break
- 7:00 p.m. — Communicate 5th — 9th Degrees
- 7:50 p.m. — Break
- 8:00 p.m. — Communicate 10th — 13th Degrees
- 8:40 p.m. — Breakdown of meanings and symbols

Saturday, April 26, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. — Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. — 14th Degree conferral
- 9:30 a.m. — Communicate 15th — 17th Degrees
- 10:00 a.m. — 18th Degree conferral
- 11:00 a.m. — Break
- 11:10 a.m. — Communicate 19th & 20th Degrees
- 11:20 a.m. — Lunch and class photo
- 12:40 p.m. — Communicate 21st — 25th Degrees
- 1:40 p.m. — Break
- 2:00 p.m. — Communicate 26th — 29th Degrees
- 2:40 p.m. — Class leadership discussion
- 2:50 p.m. — 30th Degree conferral
- 4:00 p.m. — Communicate 31st Degree
- 4:10 p.m. — 32nd Degree conferral
- 5:30 p.m. — Signs, symbols, wrap-up, and dismissal



Hurricane Helene Relief

Donations to help those in Western, NC affected by Hurricane Helene can be made to the NC Masonic Foundation at: <https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/invitation-to-give/>

Spring Reunion

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Spring Reunion of 2025



Join the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite for more light in Masonry!

Honoring Ill. and Past Grand Master Brother Lewis Ledford, 33°
and Brother William "Bill" Wallin, 32° K.C.C.H.

Degrees 4-32 on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, 2025
Initiation Fee is \$375.00

While there is no Masonic Degree more important than that of Master Mason, there is a long tradition—almost as old as Freemasonry—of "High Degrees" that expand upon and elaborate the teachings and lessons of the first Three Degrees. The Scottish Rite Degrees teach a series of moral lessons culminating in the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret. The Scottish Rite continues a Master Mason's education in many ways:

- 4°- 32° Degree work
- Speakers at meetings
- Masonic Book Club
- Leadership conferences
- Scottish Rite Journal
- Publishing Masonic books
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- Master Craftsman Program

Access the online petition by pressing "Ctrl" and clicking on the link below, or copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://scottishrite.jotform.com/212153454667962/>

You can also access the online petition by scanning this QR code:



For more information or questions, please contact Secretary Michael J. Fischer 33° at 336-723-1217, or by email at secretary@winstonsalemsscottishrite.org



"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 our ultimate goal."

- The Scottish Rite Creed

The Masonic Center of Winston-Salem
4537 Country Club Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Fayetteville Town Hall Meeting with the Sovereign Grand Commander

The Valley of Fayetteville Scottish Rite will be hosting the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Jim Cole, 33° on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 for a Town Hall Meeting. A catered meal will be served at 6:30pm for \$30 a person. The Lodge of Perfection will open in ritualistic form at 7:30pm to receive the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Please make your reservations now at the below Eventbrite link or use the QR code on the flyer. This will be a night you won't want to miss.

This event is open to all Scottish Rite Masons in good standing and recognized by The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-with-the-sovereign-grand-commander-tickets-1233222725369?aff=oddtcreator>

If you plan to spend the night below are some suggested hotels in the area.

Suggested Hotels

Embassy Suites by Hilton - 4 Miles

\$179

4760 Lake Valley Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303

SpringHill Suites by Marriott - 4.1 Miles

\$165

4750 Lake Valley Drive, Fayetteville, 28303

Homewood Suites By Hilton - 3.6 Miles

\$155

4028 Legend Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Courtyard by Marriott - 3 Miles

\$146

4192 Sycamore Dairy Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Tru By Hilton - 3.3 Miles

\$134

507 N McPherson Church Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28303

Valley of Fayetteville Scottish Rite
2860 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304
Presents
A Night With The Sovereign Grand Commander





Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Catered Meal at 6:30pm - Lodge Opens at 7:30pm
This event is open to all Scottish Rite Masons

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 TITLE SPONSOR!



Still Available Sponsorship Opportunities:

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2 Teams (Entrance fee & mulligans)
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Website link
- Gold Sponsor**
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2 color signs on course
Website link
- Silver Sponsor**
(\$625) 1 Team (entrance fee & mulligans)
1 color sign on course

Promotional Signage

Color -\$125 Black & White-\$75

Registration

Foursome-\$500 / Single Player-\$125 /Lunch Only-\$20 / Donation Only-\$

Foursome Team

P1 _____

P2 _____

P3 _____

P4 _____

Net Proceeds Benefit the North Carolina RiteCare Programs

Appalachian
STATE UNIVERSITY

ECU **Western**
STATE UNIVERSITY **Carolina**
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RiteCare
Speech, Reading & Language Disorder Programs

Supporting
Speech, Reading
& Language Disorder
Programs

Wednesday
June 18, 2025

PROGRAMS AT:
Appalachian
STATE UNIVERSITY

ECU **Western**
STATE UNIVERSITY **Carolina**
UNIVERSITY





Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament Wednesday June 18, 2025

Schedule

8:00 am Short Game & Putting Area Open
 8:45 am Tournament Final Instructions
 9:00 am Shotgun Start
 1:00 pm Award-winning Lunch

Registration Includes

Green Fees
 Cart Rental
 Golfer's Goody Bag
 Warm Up balls
 Lunch
 Water/Soda During Play

Tournament Contests

Top Team Score
 2nd Place Team Score
 3rd Place Team Score
 Longest Drive
 Closest to the Pin
 Straightest Drive

Fundraiser

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry supports speech, reading, and language disorder programs at Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University, and East Carolina University. The tournament proceeds go to these clinics so children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

Attire & Fees

Bermuda Run Country Club requires proper golf attire, which includes collared shirts and long pants or Bermuda shorts (No tank tops or jeans). Fee includes 18 holes of golf, two mulligans, cart, lunch, and great prizes.

Scoring

This is a shotgun tournament. Each foursome will compete in a Captain's Choice format where each team selects the best shot from the tee through the last putt.

Foursomes

If you are unable to bring a foursome, we will assign you to one. Golfers will be accepted on a first paid and received basis.

Submit entries by June 11, 2025
 Tournament will take place rain or shine.

Visit our website at:
<http://www.winstonsalemsscottishrite.org/>



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EST. 1971

(West Course) 129 Orchard Park Dr, Advance, NC 27006

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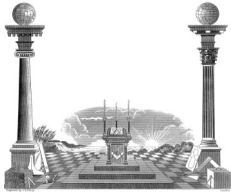
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 Benton Williams, Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
 4537 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104
 Email: wssrgolftourney@yahoo.com



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Supporting RiteCare Clinics in North Carolina



**The Charles E. & Geneva S. Scott
Scottish Rite Communications
Disorders Clinic**
Appalachian State University
400 University Hall Drive
Boone, NC 28608
Phone: (828)-262-2185

Pat A. Anderson Reading Clinic
Appalachian State University
305G Reich College of Education
151 College Street
Boone, NC 28608
Phone: (828)-262-2182
<https://rese.appstate.edu/reading-clinic>

**East Carolina University Speech-
Language and Hearing Clinic**
East Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27858-4353
Phone: (252)-328-6131
www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/csd/clinic.cfm

Western Carolina University Speech and Hearing Clinic
Western Carolina Univ.; College of Health & Human Sciences;
Speech & Hearing Clinic
3971 Little Savannah Road
Cullowhee, NC 28723
Phone: 828-227-7251
<https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/csd/speech-and-hearing-clinic.aspx>

Websites of Interest

Winston-Salem Scottish Rite
www.winstonsalemscottishrite.org

Winston-Salem Masonic Center
<http://masoniccenterws.com>

WS Scottish Rite Facebook Page
[www.facebook.com/
groups/298141290271888/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/298141290271888/)

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
<http://scottishrite.org>

Freemason Network
www.freemasonnetwork.org/home

North Carolina RiteCare
<http://www.ncritecare.org>