



The Rite Review



January 2025

A Scottish Rite Newsletter from the Valley of Winston-Salem

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Upcoming Events

January 9, 2024 — January Stated Meeting... Our January stated meeting will be opened by the Council of Kadosh at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Masonic education will be an introduction to the new Esoteric Research Group.

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 Gerrald Todd, George Beroth, Tommy Allen Jr. and his mother, Rodney Bennett's wife, Rick Lewis, Dan Cook, David Crook's son, Michael Fischer's mother, Jerry Brown's wife, Doug Mason, Hobert Miller, Brian "Shea" Goins' wife, 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, Jeffrey Jones, Bobby Sparks, Ronald Fortner, Robert Fox, Ray Anderson, and Richard Starnes in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Robert Gordon McKinney 32°, age 88, of Mt. Airy, passed away on April 2, 2024. He was a 54-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. He was retired from Scenic Ford after many years of service and was a member of Renfro Masonic Lodge # 691. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

General Secretary

Michael J. Fischer, 33°
336-723-1217

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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@winstonsalemscottishrite.org) at least one day before the Stated Meeting in order to assure that the presentation is ready for the meeting.

Sick & Distressed (cont.)

Brother Floyd Steven Sprinkle, 32°, age 80, of Davidson, N.C, passed away on September 2, 2024. Steve was retired from Crane International, was a past Master of Snow Creek Masonic Lodge #571 in Statesville, and was a 54-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. Steve loved going to the beach, he enjoyed Davidson basketball and Carolina Panthers football, and watching his grandson, Steven, play football, attending every game.

Brother Jonathan Lawrence Leonard 32°, age 59, of Lexington, passed away at home on October 13, 2024. He was a member the Lexington Shrine Club and Lexington Memorial Lodge #473. He was a 25-year member of Winston-Salem Scottish Rite. Johnnie served in the Lexington Police Department, NCDMV, and as a 1st Sergeant for the NC Highway Patrol.

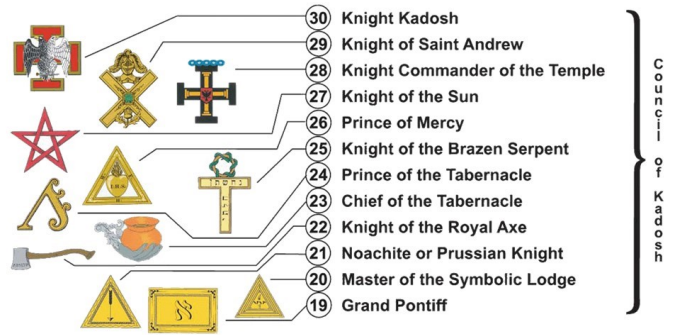
Brother Paul Lane Pearman, 32°, age 61, passed away in Statesville, N.C on October 14, 2024. Brother Lane worked for many years at Cardinal FG Company in Mooresville. He was also a member of both the Statesville Masonic Lodge #27 and the Grassy Knob Masonic Lodge #471. He was an 18-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite.

Brother John Junior Newman, 32°, age 88, passed away at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home on November 5, 2024. He was a member of Salem #289 and a 53-year member of the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite.

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

Good Cheer Report

Congratulations to Brother Alex Edmisten on receiving the Grand Master's 100 Award from Grand Master Rideout for all of his work to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. Well done brother and thank-you!



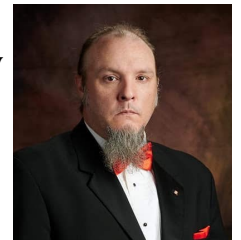
Congratulations to Brother Tom Cook on being named Chairman of the Membership Committee!



The Deputy of the Orient of South Carolina, Ill. Michael Broom, visited the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite during our December stated meeting and spoke highly of our Valley.

Blue Lodge News

Congratulations to Brother Danny Martin on being elected an Honorary member of Lux Libertas Masonic Lodge No. 772. Well done brother and thank-you!



Congratulations to Brother Bob Blair on being elected Secretary of West Bend Masonic Lodge No. 434 for 2025.

Orient Wide Leadership Summit

Save the Date!

The Orient Wide Leadership Summi (OWLS) will take place on January 31, 2025 at the Masonic Center of Winston Salem. More information to come!

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!



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/>

KSA — Shirts for Sale!

The Winston-Salem Valley Knights of Saint Andrew have shirts for sale, courtesy of Brother Todd Hildebran. The shirts are black, long-sleeved button up shirts. There are 3 styles: 32nd Degree, 32nd Degree KCCH, and 33rd Degree. All have the Winston-Salem Valley name and the Scottish Rite double-headed eagle. The 32nd KCCH and 33rd shirts also have the degree insignia on the cuff. Shirts cost \$50 each and come in sizes Medium to 3XL.



Please contact Todd Kepley (rtkepley@gmail.com) or 336-309-3842) or any KSA member if interested!

January Birthdays

January 1st ... Jackie Preston

January 4th ... James Hollifield

January 5th ... Carl Strong, John Wyatt

January 6th ... Samuel Gregory

January 8th ... James Brinkley

January 9th ... Robert Alexander, Richard Brewer, William Broughton, Donald Miller, George Powers

January 10th ... Robert Snyder

January 11th ... Robert Gunn, Billy Merriman, Gordy Peeler, James Stockton

January 12th ... William Hair, Luke Jones,

January 13th ... Andrew Dinkins, James Flowe

January 14th ... Tim Baker, Walter Beroth, Chris Elder, Glenn Oakes

January 16th ... William Bell

January 17th ... James Greene

January 19th ... Daniel Cook

January 21st ... Jeffrey Krug, Timothy Thomas

January 23rd ... Larry Cook, Richard Swaim

January 25th ... Phillip Cameron, Mark Crowell, Samuel Dotson

January 26th ... Richard Barreau, Wayne Freeman, John Willardson

January 27th ... Joseph Slade

January 28th ... George Beroth

January 29th ... Luther Potts, Steven Safrit

January 31st ... Eric Wall

Happy Birthday, Brothers!



Officers of the Winston-Salem Valley Scottish Rite Bodies for 2025

Lodge of Perfection

Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Venerable Master
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Senior Warden
 Chris Elder, 32°; Junior Warden
 Will Fulbright, 32°; Orator
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Prelate
 Benton Williams, 32°; Master of Ceremonies
 Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Expert
 Donald Small, 32°; Assistant Expert
 Joseph Slade, Jr., 32° KCCH; Captain of the Host
 Mick Gunter 32°; Tiler

Chapter Rose Croix

Joel Moody, 32° KCCH; Wise Master
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Senior Warden
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Junior Warden
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; Orator
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Secretary
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Prelate
 Bob Blair, 32° KCCH; Master of Ceremonies
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Expert
 Dean Gordon, 32°; Assistant Expert
 Matthew Peeler, 32°; Standard Bearer
 Bill Carter, 33°; Guardian of the Temple
 Derek Frosh, 32°; Tiler

Trustees

Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; 2025
 Will Fulbright, 32°; 2026
 Kenny Allen, 32°; 2027
 George Kalamaras, 33°; 2028
 Homer Dearmin, 32°; 2029
Secretary & Treasurer are ex-officio voting members

Council of Kadosh

Todd Hildebran, 33°; Commander
 Will Fulbright, 32°; 1st. Lt. Commander
 Rodney Bennett, 32°; 2nd Lt. Commander
 Tommy Allen Jr, 32° KCCH; Chancellor
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Orator
 David Crook, 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Recorder
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Alex Edmisten 32° KCCH; Prelate
 Chris Elder, 32°; Master of Ceremonies
 Joe Slade, Jr. 32° KCCH; Turcopilier
 Kenny Allen 32°; Draper
 Thomas Sadler 32°; First Deacon
 Chad Graham 32°; Second Deacon
 Tom Cook 32°; Bearer of the Beauseant
 Geoffrey Donn 32°; Bearer of White Standard
 Paul Woodruff 32°; Bearer of the Black Standard
 Mick Gunter 32°; Lt. of the Guard
 Homer Dearmin 32°; Sentinel

Consistory

Bob Blair, 32° KCCH; Master of the Kadosh
 Joe Slade 32° KCCH; Prior
 Thomas Sadler, 32°; Preceptor
 Benton Williams, 32°; Chancellor
 Andy Thomas, 32° KCCH; Minister of State
 David Crook 32° KCCH; Almoner
 Michael Fischer, 33°; Registrar
 Clifford Pranke, 33°; Treasurer
 Chris Elder, 32°; Prelate
 Dan Cook, 32°; Marshal of Ceremonies
 Tom Cook, 32°; Expert
 Kenny Allen, 32°; Assistant Expert
 Danny Martin, 32° KCCH; Captain of the Guards
 Randal Todd Kopley, 32°; Tiler



2025 Winston – Salem Valley Calendar of Events

Date	Body in Charge	Event	Time
January 9	Council of Kadosh	Feast of Kadosh	7:00PM
January 31		OWLS (Orient Leaders in Winston-Salem)	
February 13	Consistory	Education	7:00PM
February 14		Valentine’s Dinner	5:45PM
March 13	Lodge of Perfection	Education	7:00PM
April 10	Chapter of Rose Croix	Mystic Banquet (after dinner)	7:00PM
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025			
April 25	Spring Reunion Day 1		5:00PM
April 26	Spring Reunion Day 2		8:00AM
May 8	Consistory	Feast	7:00PM
June 12	Council of Kadosh	Education	7:00PM
June 13 (TBD)		Golf Tournament	8:00AM
July 10	Chapter of Rose Croix	Education (Americanism Program)	7:00PM
August 14	Lodge of Perfection	Education	7:00PM
August 17-20	Supreme Council	Biennial, Washington DC Hilton	
Sept. 11	Council of Kadosh	Education (Boone, Clinic Presentation)	7:00PM
Oct. 9	Lodge of Perfection	Feast of Tishri / 100 th Anniversary LOP	7:00PM
October 25	Fall Reunion Day 1		5:00PM
October 26	Fall Reunion Day 2		8:00AM
Nov. 13	Chapter of Rose Croix	Election / Education	7:00PM
Nov 23 / Dec. 7 (Sunday TBD)		Officer Training	2:00PM
Dec. 11	Consistory	Installation / Education	7:00PM



Valentine's Dinner & Dance



Presented by the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite

Valentine's Party



Semi-Formal Attire - Order Tickets at Eventbrite.com

Eventbrite.com Web Link

Access Eventbrite by pressing "Ctrl" and clicking on the link above

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FEB

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

5:45

P.M.

Contact Brother Paul Woodruff with Questions:
336-793-7757 pwoodruff42@ymail.com

Washington, D.C. Train Trip

Masonic Historical Sites in Washington, DC

North Carolina Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Invitation to the Annual Train Trip to Washington DC

The Grand Master of North Carolina, MW Robert Rideout, 32° KCCH, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33°, invite you to join them on an unforgettable Masonic journey to Washington D.C. from March 10-12, 2025. Discover the roots of our brotherhood at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, explore the architectural marvel of the House of the Temple, and participate in exclusive ceremonies. This trip offers not just a tour, but an immersive experience into Masonic history and tradition. Secure your place for this unique fellowship opportunity today.

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial

On February 22, 1910, Virginia's Grand Master, Joseph W. Eggleston, convened Grand Masters from across the U.S. at Alexandria-Washington Lodge to establish The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, aimed at creating a tribute to George Washington, the Mason. The Memorial, conceived as a symbolic lighthouse, was approved a decade later, situated on a hill in Alexandria familiar to Washington himself.

The House of the Temple

The House of the Temple, constructed as a grand and enduring home for the Scottish Rite, was commissioned not for immediate use but as a lasting symbol for future generations. It stands as a testament to the ambition and pride of Scottish Rite Masons worldwide, located in the capital of the United States, designed to be a magnificent structure worthy of its surroundings and its purpose.

How to Begin Your Journey
Master Masons and Masters of the Royal Secret and family are welcome!

Scan and Complete Form.

Trip is self-funded.



Day 1 - March 10

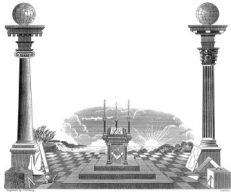
4:00 p.m.	Scheduled Arrival in Alexandria
5:00 p.m.	Check in to Hilton
6:00 p.m.	Dinner to be determined*
Evening	Free time*.
Dress Code:	Comfortable for travel.
Lunch:	Dining Car or bring your own.*
Dinner:	Local restaurant.

Day 2 - March 11

8:30 a.m.	Begin walk to GWNMM.
9:00 a.m.	GWNMM* \$20.00
Noon	Metro into D.C. and Lunch* Metro Rate *
2:00 p.m.	House of the Temple
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at the Valley of Washington, Orient District of Columbia*
7:00 p.m.	Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal
Evening	Return to Alexandria*
Dress Code:	Coat and tie and comfortable walking shoes. Scottish Rite Caps for the evening ceremony. Aprons are not required.

Day 3 - March 12

Breakfast:	On your own but be ready to go at 8:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m.	Walk to Train Station
10:48 a.m.	Scheduled Departure return to North Carolina



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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>