



THE RITENEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA



March–April 2013

THE SCOTTISH RITE EXPERIENCE....

by Ill. William B. Brunk, 33° SGIG in North Carolina & Managing Editor of the *Rite News of North Carolina*

The 2013 Scottish Rite Winter Conference for the Orient of North Carolina was a rousing success, enjoyed thoroughly by all those in attendance. While the weather was somewhat uncooperative, about two-thirds of those registered were able to work their way through the snow, sleet, and freezing to arrive at the Washington Duke Inn and Resort in Durham for the meeting, held on Saturday, January 26th.

The Washington Duke is a truly fine facility, one of only two four-star resorts in our state. Situated on the campus of Duke University, it is nestled in the woods surrounding the Duke University golf course, where the NCAA championships were contested not too long ago.

Our members were treated to a day-long presentation by Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, SGIG in Virginia and Grand Treasurer General for the Supreme Council, regarding financial matters, IRS regulations, proper tax reporting, and appropriate protocols for non-profits. Jim has become a good friend of our Orient, and his presentations are always informative and interesting. And he's entertaining as well.

On the evening before the conference, Jim and I ate dinner in the hotel dining room, then arose for breakfast the following morning. We discussed how beautiful the hotel was, how excellent the food was, how timely and efficient the service was, and how friendly all of the staff were. Each of them engaged us in conversation, but not in an obtrusive way – just a way that conveyed a desire to warmly welcome their customers. In short, we were impressed with how everyone at the hotel helped to make our experience so enjoyable that we really wanted to return.

As you can imagine, this led to further conversation about what is important in the Scottish Rite experience. And the answer was very similar: every little detail that goes into creating that experience is important. Our organization is a fraternity, a group of brethren who should make each other feel welcome, valued, and cared about. Our facilities should be clean, welcoming, and representative of our rich heritage. Our members should always greet each other with a smile, a brotherly handshake, and a friendly word. Our meetings should bring something worthwhile to each and every brother in attendance. And we should stay in touch with every member on a regular basis, such that we can rejoice in our brother's successes and comfort him in his despair.

My dad, who spent his entire career in sales, once offered me a bit of advice. He said, *"If you will provide an outstanding product, outstanding service to your customers, and outstanding value for your product or service, the world will beat a path to your door."* Truer words cannot be spoken, whether we are discussing a restaurant, a car dealership, or the Masonic fraternity. It is the entire experience that makes our members want to be a part of this Order, and to help fulfill the mission of making society better. It behooves each of us to make that experience better for ourselves and our brethren, and we should start now.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2 & 16 Spring Reunion (W)
- March 10 33rd Degree Cast Practice (C)
- March 13 Stated Meeting is "Ceremony of Remembrance" (G)
- March 13 Study Group (C)
- March 14 4th Degree at Stated Meeting (R)
- March 17th KCCH Practice (C)
- March 23 Spring Reunion-Lottie Bryant Class (R)
- March 30 Easter Observance (W)(R)
- April 5 – 6 Wounded Warriors Reunion (NB)
- April 7 Cast Practice 4th – 18th Degrees (C)
- April 10 Stated meeting will be held at Eagle Lodge Hillsborough NC (G)
- April 13 32nd Degree at Stated Meeting (R)
- April 14th Cast Practice 19th – 32nd Degrees (C)
- April 24 Annual Fish Fry (W)
- April 26 – 27 Spring Reunion – At Greensboro Temple (G)(W-S)
- April 26 – 27 Spring Reunion (C)
- May 10 "Rite Care" Fund Raiser (NB)

LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETINGS:

- Asheville**, 2nd Thursday of each month
(Advisory Council 5:00PM, Master Craftsman 6:00PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - Charlotte**, 1st Wednesday of each month
(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - Greensboro**, 2nd Wednesday of each month
(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - New Bern**, 2nd Monday of each month
(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - Raleigh**, 2nd Thursday of each month
(Dinner 6:30PM, Advisory Council 7:00PM, and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - Wilmington**, 2nd Thursday of each month
(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM, Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
 - Winston-Salem**, 2nd Thursday of each month
(Advisory Council 6:00PM, Master Craftsman 6:00PM, Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
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THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE
FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

by Art Fritog, 32° KCCH

The 2013 season starts like water pouring out of a fire hydrant. All of the officers have been elected and installed. Our first meeting in January was held at the Scottish Rite Club in Franklin where we installed the officers for the various offices, including our KSA Chapter in Franklin. These men are so committed that they have picked the 29th degree and will put it on this year.

In February, we celebrated the honorable and wonderful Scottish Rite Masons that went *“to that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens”*. WB Robert Vance 32nd degree KCCH, will begin this years theme, Education. In the interest of fulfilling our promise that we are the college of Masonry we plan on having the brethren that have taken the 1st and 2nd Master Craftsmen Classes, or merely someone that has a particular degree that they have worked on, announce the chapter he will be presenting a month before his essay.

We are going to let the membership know what the next lecture is on, and that should give the members a good month to study the degree and ask questions or comments on the degree. While the first will be given for all, Ladies are welcome. After that we will have special events where we can get the wives involved, including a Valentines Day program, a picnic and a Friends Dinner.

It is quite an honor to be elected as the Venerable Master and I hope I can live up to some of the wonderful work accomplished by my predecessors, especially WB Ronnie Reese who was Venerable Master for the last two years and did a particularly good job considering our move from a big building to a lodge facility, thanks to Black Mountain Lodge. I do believe that our Valley is on the cutting edge of Masonry and that we will continue with new and innova-

tive ideas to stay ahead of the curve. Our Valley Secretary for the last six years is a joy to work with and we all hope he stays on for a long time, Illustrious Brother Rick Patton.

I am blessed with a great staff of men that do their jobs, and help to keep me on the straight and narrow. We are looking forward to our educational classes and at the same time we are getting to know our brothers and friends better than we have in the past. We hope to make ourselves and our brethren better involved in their world in Masonry by speaking at the Blue Lodges and presenting them with their Masonic lapel pins upon becoming a Master Mason and a pamphlet on Scottish Rite Masonry. We will also continue to the best of our ability to present the certificates of completion for the Master Craftsman program at the Blue Lodge level.

Following our trip to Franklin, we had our own Degree Master workshop at the lodge. We hope to start collecting new and like new products for our silent auction at the Friends Dinner in August. We have a very strong line coming up the ranks and I am encouraged for the Valley of Asheville that we will continue to succeed in our goals and remain at the top of innovations for the Valley, as well as helping other Valleys in any way we can.

I am proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason and hope that all the readers of this publication feel the same way. As our membership continues to decrease, the *“Household of the Faithful”* will continue to try and excel in all of our endeavors. We consider it a privilege and an honor to be in this organization and under the competent hands of our SGIG Illustrious Marty Fischer we will gain strength and grow in mind and spirit even if we lose a few people in the years to come.

THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE
SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS –PROFILE OF AN AMERICAN HERO

by Ill. John M. Burchfield 33°

There are not many genuine heroes still around today from World War II, and in just a few short years we will not have any. However, nestled near the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains, there is still such a man. His name is Howard Belton Greene, and he is our Brother.

After enlisting into the Army, Brother Greene found himself among the Allied troops that landed on the beaches at Omaha and Utah. Brother Greene went on to fight in many battles in Luxembourg, France and Germany, and was a part of the liberation of several concentration camps.

Did he receive any medals? You bet he did. Brother Greene earned and was awarded twenty-two medals.

Among which were two Purple Hearts, four battle stars, and the Combat Infantry badge. During the war he served with honor and distinction in the 28th Infantry Division and 8th Infantry Regiment and honorably retired as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1968.

Since that time Brother Greene has continued to serve his fellow man in many capacities. Beloved by his community, several years ago North Carolina's Polk County named their Department of Social Services building in Brother Greene's honor. Brother Greene received his Scottish Rite degrees in May of 1961 and now has over fifty-one years as a Scottish Rite Mason.

Our distinguished Brother has shared many stories pertaining to the war with our Valley, Some good, some funny and some very sad. One can only imagine what he and his comrades must have gone through during those battles, the many lives that were saved, and the ones sacrificed, so that other could live. Although Brother Greene stands at only 5 feet 6 inches tall, he is a giant of a man when you consider what he has done during his life, and what he still continues to do even now. Brother Greene is 93 years young.

So, we take just a few minutes to recognize, salute and honor our Brother and the many others like him all over this great land of ours, and to each we say, *“Thank you.”*

THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE
FROM THE SECRETARY

by D.C. Heilman 32°KCCH

The Valley of Charlotte is a buzz with activity as we move into the new year. As you can see we have groups of brothers working to improve our degree presentations, working on membership and our present in the Blue Lodges, as well as those who provide service to the Rite through their many activities within and outside of the Valley.

Our hats off to each of these dedicated men!

We have undertaken project to plant new arborvitae trees around the property to enhance the look of our property following the massive clean-up completed last year.

We have much to do around the facility to maintain our home. If you have time and can volunteer your talent to help in maintain our facility please call the office to see

THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE
RITUALISTIC LABORS

by Ill. Jack Huskey, 33°, Director of the Work

The degree teams continue to practice for the upcoming Spring reunion and the Honors conferrals scheduled for the Orient of North Carolina in November 2013.

Practice schedules:

Sunday, March 10 th	33° degree practice	3:30p
Sunday, March 17 th	KCCH degree practice	2:00p
Sunday, April 7 th	Cast practice 4 th -18 th	1:30p
Sunday, April 14 th	Cast practice 19 th -32 nd	1:30p
Sunday, May 5 th	KCCH degree practice	2:00p
Sunday, June 16 th	33° degree practice	3:30p
Sunday, June 23 rd	KCCH degree practice	2:00p

Many thanks to the cast and crew for their dedication and hard work in order to exemplify each degree to make the reunion experience special for our candidates.



Brother Howard B. Greene, 32°, with our S.G.I.G. Personal Representative - Illustrious Martin Fischer, 33°.

how you can help. We have a work list of ongoing projects that need a couple of hands to “knock it out”. Are you game?

Don't forget to check the website for the calendar of events scheduled for the Valley. We utilize the web site, email and phone tree to keep our members informed of schedules.

Brother Tom Barto has taken the responsibility for the Brother 2 Brother program. He is working with Ambassador Chairman, Chris Hall to strengthen our presence in the Blue Lodges and stay in touch with members who may have fallen away and need a kind word of encouragement to reengage. More to come on their plans to energize both programs.

THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

by Chris Hall, 32° KCCH

The Ambassador Program plans to send a mailing to all blue lodge secretaries and masters in the Valley of Charlotte to inquire if a lodge would like a Masonic education program on the Scottish Rite presented at one of its upcoming stated communications. Current Charlotte Scottish Rite Ambassadors will be asked to participate and present an overview of the Scottish Rite. The letter will also inquire if the lodge would like to respond with a report on needs for any of its Scottish Rite members of which the valley may be unaware. Additionally, the lodge will be asked to confirm the name of its current Scottish Rite Ambassador. A petition for the Scottish Rite degrees will also be included for the convenience of the lodge and

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any Master Mason who may wish to become a Scottish Rite Mason during the upcoming spring reunion to be held April 26 & 27. The Ambassador Program chairman and Brother to Brother Program chairman plan to meet and discuss how their respective members may assist one another in working toward our common goal of member outreach and support.

THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

by Ill Gene Cobb 33°

Unity. It is a word that challenges, intrigues, and delights us. It is something we seek to understand, plan for, work toward, and celebrate when it happens.

Unity is one of the greatest blessings a community can experience and enjoy. From Psalm 133:1 we read “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity.” Another translation, known as The Message, states: “How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along.”

Unity is all about getting along. The Great Architect of the Universe did not call us forth from darkness to light in order to be struggling with one another. It was His intent that we “get along.” The religious and political fanaticism in the world today is not our Creator’s intent. Thus, those who are the builders of societies are constantly challenged to help as many people as possible “get along.”

The most intriguing thing about our relationships with one another as Masons, for me at least, is not our similarities but our differences. It is as though all of us bring something to the table. Recently at our stated communication, we heard a message about the importance of maintaining balance in our lives. Change for the sake of change never works, but change to achieve balance is a great thing. Differences of opinion to maintain divisions is not unity, but differences of opinion to maintain an open mind holds unity in balance.

It is good and pleasant for brethren to get along and dwell in unity. Modeling this for society is, in general, every Mason’s charge, but in particular within the Scottish Rite. Here in Greensboro, we are pulling together in wonderful ways to model unity. Sometimes, as Personal Representative to the SGIG, I have to beg the Advisory Conference to challenge and share a different view. My purpose is to help everyone have the opportunity to express himself. The result has been a pulling together, a respect, a brotherly love for one another that begins with a challenge and ends with delight. Scottish Rite Masonry in Greensboro is

THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

by Todd Harrington, 32°

Brothers it brings me great pleasure and excitement to report that the Knights of St. Andrew for the Charlotte Valley have been actively working to promote the Scottish Rite throughout North Carolina. Recently we worked in Salisbury as attendants at the installation of the North Carolina Grand Master of Masons. Seeing our Knights dressed in full regalia was quite impressive and we received lots of friendly comments. In other great news, we have been receiving new members at each of our last 3 meetings. Our newest brothers have already taken active roles in many of our committees and we look forward to further fellowship and participation. In the upcoming months we will kick-off our fundraiser and start to develop a degree team for future Reunions. There’s always more to come with the Charlotte KSA, so if you’re interested in joining the Knights of St. Andrew please join us at our monthly meeting after the Stated Communication.

uniting like never before and all of us are making it happen!

So together, we strive to understand, plan for, work toward, and celebrate unity when it happens. Scottish Rite Masons oppose religious and political fanaticism because it divides societies, households of faith, families, and fraternal orders. We welcome diversity and that’s one of the things that makes being a Master of the Royal Secret so good and pleasant. I may not always agree with my brothers and they may not always agree with me, but we “get along” and if we are guilty of anything, maybe it is that delightful practice of being fanatics about brotherly love. We are getting along in Greensboro as we dwell together in unity!

Therefore, we will constantly strive to understand unity, plan for unity, work toward unity, and always celebrate unity when it happens. May our efforts be good and pleasant for all Masons and for the Great Architect of the Universe who has called us from darkness to light in this hour of His will and pleasure.



THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO FROM OUR VENERABLE MASTER

by Jesse Bowman, 32° KCCH

I hope everyone is well and escaped the wide spread flu that has hit our state this winter so hard. The newly elected officers for 2013 have been installed and are anxious to assume their positions with fresh ideas for the upcoming year’s events. A special committee formed is working on new ideas for the important observances for the coming year. One is *Ceremony of Remembrance* March 13th. The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix is Ashley Cook, 32° KCCH. As always, everyone is cordially invited and their families to attend this beautiful ceremony.

THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN ANNUAL “RITE CARE” BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

by Ill Steve Burgess 33°

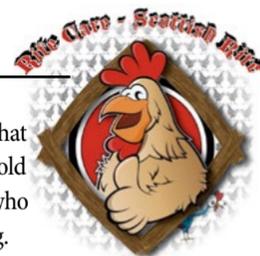
On Friday, May 10th, 2013 the Valley of New Bern will hold its annual “Rite Care” BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. Members of the Valley along with several volunteers will assemble at 6AM to light the grills and put into action the plans that had been painstakingly worked out for several months. The chief cook Brother Johnnie Surlis 33°, assisted by his dedicated team of six “grill masters”, over the course of the day, will cook and prepare “Carolina Style” over 600, chicken halves.

There is much to do and the temple staff and fund raising committee have been working diligently to make this year’s event a huge success. As you know the Valley of New Bern takes great pride in its support of the “Rite Care” clinics. There are reportedly fourteen million Americans who have speech or language problems. Speech and language problems isolate us from other people and frustrate our efforts to learn and grow. When a child has a communication disorder, the feeling of isolation can be overwhelming. Speech disorders can impact success in school. Research shows that as many as 84% of incarcerated youths have problems communicating. Fortunately, those same statistics show that with early identification and support, many children with speech and language disorders develop the communication skills needed to succeed in school and in life. The “Rite Care” clinics in North Carolina provide speech and language services to children who need more services than may be provided by schools. The Scottish Rite Masons of North Carolina help fill the gap in services through diagnosis, assessment, education and therapy. Services are provided to children affected by speech and language disorders without regard for the ability to pay.

There are several ways in which you can help and be a part of this worthwhile effort. The first way is to sell or purchase the chicken BBQ tickets which were mailed to you. The tickets sell for \$ 7.⁰⁰ each and the returned stub enters you in the draw-

This is a great opportunity to bring prospective candidates for our Spring Reunion.

Our Spring Reunion is scheduled April 26th & April 27th. Please ask members of your blue lodge who aren’t Scottish Rite Masons to join our great fraternity. On April 10th stated meeting will travel to Eagle Lodge No. 19 at 142 West King Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina. Our program will be done by Speed Hallman, 32° KCCH. If you haven’t attended a Scottish Rite meeting Recently, come back and enjoy our brotherly friendship.



ing for a 42” High Definition Digital TV. We ask that you return the stubs for all the tickets you have sold as quickly as possible to ensure that individuals who purchased the tickets get entered into the drawing.

Additionally, you might want to consider a tax deductible donation and return the tickets, and of course we are always in need of Sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our sponsorship chairman, Brother Dana Outlaw KCCH at (252) 514-7401 for the types and amount of sponsorships available.

To our past donors throughout the world, (we had donors from Washington State, Japan, and Thailand), thank you for your generosity and support of our “Rite Care” Clinics. Finally, to those members of the community who purchased tickets and came out to support our Rite Care Language Disorder Clinics, thank you for your altruism and please share with other members of the community your experiences and invite them to participate in this year’s event. I look forward to seeing the event this year surpassing the records set last year.

THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN SPRING REUNION

by Ill Steve Burgess 33°

The Valley of New Bern is proud to announce the “Wounded Warrior Reunion”. Please mark your calendars for Aril 5th and 6th and participate in the spring reunion. Your presence makes all the difference. Well attended reunions reinforce the importance of the reunions to the candidates. Show your support of the Scottish Rite and help make this reunion a memorable experience for everyone involved.

THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH
JOSEPH MONTFORT MEDAL

by Will Highsmith 32°

On January 15, 2013, Illus Bro. Michael Brantley, 33, received the Joseph Montfort Medal from W. Bro. Bob Gresham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at Raleigh Lodge 500's Stated Communication. Illus Bro. Brantley has served with distinction as Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Classroom Director for the Scottish Rite Valley of Raleigh. He is a Past Master of Raleigh Lodge 500 and James B. Green Lodge 735. Illus. Bro. Brantley is also a Past Venerable Master of Carle A. Woodruff Lodge of Perfection. In addition into his activities in the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite, he is a member of the York Rite and various appendant bodies.



THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH
SCOTTISH AND YORK RITES HOLD JOINT LADIES & AWARDS NIGHT

by Ill Andy Adams 33°

In years past it had been the custom of the Valley of Raleigh and the Raleigh York Rite Bodies to hold a joint Ladies and Awards Night since many members of the Valley were also York Rite Masons.

That practice had slowly faded into memory until 2012 when Carle A. Woodruff Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master John W. Davis, 32° KCCH was also serving as High Priest of Raleigh Chapter No. 10, RAM. He decided that it was time to resume the custom and announced that Ladies Night would be a joint affair on November 30, 2012. With the help of Brother Jack Rose and the KSA, a fine meal fit for a King and his Lady was prepared.

With a large crowd in attendance, pre-dinner fellowship was enjoyed. After dinner, Illustrious Brother Sam Vaughan, 33° Personal Representative, presented the Valley Service award to Brother Glenn Todd, 32° KSA. Brother Todd has distinguished himself by serving as chairman of the Rite Care Golf Tournament for the Valley of Raleigh and co-chairman for the Orient of North Carolina.

Ill Andy Adams, 33° and current Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina then presented the York Rite Service Award to Companion and Sir Knight Ludwik Wodka. Sir Knight Wodka has distinguished himself by serving as Commander of Raleigh Commandery No.



4 in 2012 and as Degree Master of Enoch Council No. 5, R&SM. He is also a 32° KSA member of the Valley of Raleigh and serves as Degree Director for the Raleigh Council of Kadosh.

Companion Adams then presented a special award to Companion and Sir Knight Davis for his outstanding service to the Raleigh York Rite Bodies for the past three years while serving as a Presiding Officer each year. Brother and Companion Davis is active in both Rites and currently serves as Grand Principle Conductor of the Work in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina.

It was a truly wonderful evening which everyone enjoyed. As each lady left she was presented with a gift from the Valley of Raleigh.

THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH
FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET AND OPEN INSTALLATION

by Mark Stanton 32°

On January 18th, the Raleigh Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew held their first Annual Banquet in combination with an open Installation of the 2013 Officers. The auditorium was full of family and friends as Emeritus Member and Installing Officer, Stan Joyner 32° KCCH began the evening's festivities with the Installation of the 2013 Officers. Afterwards, the Knights and their guests proceeded to the dining hall for an incredible dinner, some fantastic fellowship, a few comments and the annual awards. It was an outstanding evening and a great way to kick off the new year!

THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH

Left to Right. Front Row: Stan Joyner, Jeremy Vargo, Gary Glueck, Larry Hudson, Ludwik Wodka, Will Highsmith
 Back Row: Glenn Todd, Mark Stanton, Will Chriscoe



THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
EASTER OBSERVANCE

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

On March 30th the Valley of Wilmington will hold its annual Easter Observance. It will begin at 5:00 P.M. and will include the customary ham dinner. However, due to this year's budget constraints, we are asking that a donation of \$8.00 per member and or guest be placed in the "Donation Basket" that will be in the dining hall.

THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
REUNIONS

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

In an effort to accommodate those candidates who can't get off work on Fridays, the 2013 Spring Reunion will be split into two parts, held on two Saturdays. Part One will be held on March 2nd and Part Two will be held on March 16th.

Petitions are available at the Temple or on the "Reunion" page of our website www.wilmingtonnaasr.org Remember that the initia-

tion fee is \$300.00 per candidate. Petitions will be accepted as late as 7:00 am the morning of the first day of the reunion. Up-to-date information can be found on our website or by calling the Temple at (910) 762-6452. The 2013 Fall Reunion will be held on November 1st and 2nd.

THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

On January 19 the 2013 officers of the Knights of St. Andrew were installed by emeritus members Richard Knauss, 32°, KCCH and Harry Turner, 32°, KCCH. The new officers pictured (top) from left to right are: Senior Deacon - Sir Adam Jennings, 32°, KSA; Senior Warden - Sir Ben Sorensen, 32°, KSA; First Knight - Sir Terry Kuhn, 32°, KSA; Secretary - Sir Eric Gray, 32°, KSA; Junior Warden - Sir Robert Parker, 32°, KSA; Junior Deacon - Sir Steve Bland, 32°, KSA. Missing from the picture is the Marshall - Sir Jason Harris, 32°, KSA and the Treasurer - Sir Parker Stevens, 32°, KSA, Past First Knight.

Following the installation of officers, two new members of the Knights were initiated. Pictured (bottom) from left to right are Sir Jim Brandt, 32°, KSA and Sir Jim Tyler, 32°, KSA



THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM **SALVETE FRATRI !**

by Ill Joel Black 33° - Personal Representative

In the early 1900s, a little-known philosopher named James Allen wrote a powerful essay called "As a Man Thinketh" in which he argued that we are what we think, that a person's character is the sum of his thoughts. He declared that the power to control our thoughts (whether we use that power or not) is the ability to mold our character and shape our destiny.

He wrote, "As a plant springs from the seed, our actions, character, and even our circumstances spring from our thoughts." As long as we believe we're the creatures of outside conditions, we will fail to become the rightful masters of our lives. But if we do the hard work of reflecting continually to identify and modify negative beliefs and attitudes, we'll be astonished at the rapid transformation it

will produce in our lives.

Our thoughts and actions can be either jailors of negativity, imprisoning us in degrading circumstances, or angels of freedom, liberating us to achieve our noble potential.

The relationship between attitudes and circumstances is now well-recognized, captured in aphorisms like "Change your attitudes and you change your life," and "It's not your aptitude but your attitude that determines your altitude."

But it's Allen's connection between thoughts and character that is especially interesting. Yes, our destiny is determined by our character, but our character is not determined by destiny.

"The inner light, leads us on."



THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM **BITS AND PIECES**

by Ill Truett Chadwick 33° - General Secretary

Just a few "bits and pieces" for your information. Keeping our anticipated move in mind, the Valley of Winston-Salem will have its Spring Reunion on April 26th and 27th, 2013, joining the Valley of Greensboro. We will handle our own new members and look forward to being with the Valley of Greensboro as we initiate new members. Please submit petitions as soon as possible and help us to have a large class. You can check with the Secretary's office for any information you might need. Deepest appreciation is extended to those members who have paid their 2013 dues and who have donated generously to our charities. Your attention to this detail makes the Secretary's job much easier! We look forward to an exciting year and are looking forward to interesting programs at each Stated Meeting! We offer our thanks to the newly elected officers for their willingness to serve the Valley. A reminder for contact information: 336-723-1217 and wssr@clear.net for questions or concerns.



THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM **KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW**

by Christopher Pearman 32° - Knight Master

The Winston-Salem Knights of Saint Andrew are off to a busy start, as we have several projects underway. We will be having our third annual Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf tournament on Friday, June 14th at Meadowlands Golf Club in Winston-Salem. The KSA will also be assisting with the Brother-To-Brother calling Program, which helps to make personal contact with all of the brothers in our Valley. Additionally, the KSA will begin putting on the 29th degree at reunions.

Photo to right, Front row (Left to right): George Powers JD, Drew Neill Sec/Tres., Christopher Pearman KM, Bobby Golding JW, and Matthew Shelton Chaplain Back row (Left to right): Andy Thomas SW, Chad Delp SD, and Bill Carter Sentinel

Our Chapter of the KSA is very busy, and your help is definitely needed. If you would like to join us and help assist the Valley, you may contact me at cpearman@triad.rr.com, or by phone at 336-601-5444.



THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

by Ray Ashby 32 KCCCH - Golf Chairman

Winston-Salem Valley of the Scottish Rite will hold its third annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefiting the Learning Disorders centers at Appalachian State University and East Carolina University on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Meadowlands Golf Course in Winston-Salem, NC. This will be a Captain's Choice Tournament with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Come enjoy a day of fun benefiting these two great universities and helping children. Sponsorship signs are available. For more information contact S. Ray Ashby at: ashbyrs@aol.com

