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## THE RITECARE GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Ill Brother Shaun Bradshaw 33° Chairman of the Orient of NC RiteCare Golf Tournament Committee

The NC Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation supports two RiteCare clinics – the Charles & Geneva Scott Scottish Rite Clinic at Appalachian State University and the East Carolina University Clinic in Greenville. Ill. Dewey Preslar, 33° was appointed chairman of the Development Committee for the Foundation. Dewey quickly put together a committee of Scottish Rite Masons from across the state to determine the best way to accomplish this goal.

The committee agreed to establish a golf tournament working with Liberty Mutual Insurance which helps sponsor similar types of golf fundraisers throughout the US. After visiting and talking to several possible golf courses across the state, the committee chose the Washington Duke Inn and Duke University golf course (which also hosts the Jimmy V Foundation golf tournament) as the location for the golf tournament.

To distinguish this Orient-wide fundraiser from other charity golf tournaments the committee chose to incorporate a silent auction and banquet. The first weekend of October was selected as the date for the event and on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the 1st Annual RiteVoice Golf Tournament was held. With Food Lion as a title sponsor and over 130 attendees at the banquet and silent auction, and more than 28 golf foursomes from across the state the charity event raised nearly \$34,000. According to several outside observers – including the staff at the Washington Duke Inn and Liberty Mutual – this was an extraordinary outcome for a first year tournament.

The event is now entering its fourth year, and while some tweaks have been made along the way, it remains largely the same. To date, the event has raised over \$82,000 for the NC Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation and the RiteCare clinics it supports. In keeping with Grand Master Dewey Preslar’s charge to Masons of NC

this year to “*think the unthinkable*,” the members of the committee have set a goal to raise \$70,000. The Committee has begun an aggressive communications strategy that includes regular, monthly communications to all past sponsors and golf participants, as well as a direct challenge to every lodge and valley in the state to live up to the Grand Master’s theme this year and donate to this worthy cause. With this new communications strategy and a modified sponsorship structure the members of the committee are confident their goal can be met, if not exceeded!

This year’s event will be held at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorships start at just \$100 for a ½ sign and \$200 for a full sign. There are also a lunch sponsorship available for \$3000, a shirt sponsorship for \$5000, and title sponsorship for \$25,000. Golfers can play in the tournament on the exclusive Duke University golf course for just \$150 per person or \$600 per team. If you are not a golfer – don’t worry! You can attend the silent auction and banquet for just \$75 per person. Items for bid at the silent auction include limited edition works of art, sports collectibles, watches and jewelry, pottery, and many other items with starting bids ranging from \$5 to \$1000.

For more details about the event please visit <http://www.ncritecare.org> or <http://www.ritecaregolf-ncscottishrite.org>. Like us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ncritecare>. If you would like to volunteer contact Ill. Bro. Shaun Bradshaw, 33° at 336-402-6163 or [shaunbradshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:shaunbradshaw@yahoo.com).

### LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETINGS:

- Asheville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month  
(Advisory Council 5:00PM, Master Craftsman 6:00PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- Charlotte, 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday** of each month  
(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- Greensboro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month  
(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- New Bern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of each month  
(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- Raleigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month  
(Dinner 6:30PM, Advisory Council 7:00PM, and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- Wilmington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month  
(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM, Stated Meeting 7:30PM)
- Winston-Salem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month  
(Advisory Council 6:00PM, Master Craftsman 6:00PM, Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

For more information, call the General Secretary in your Valley

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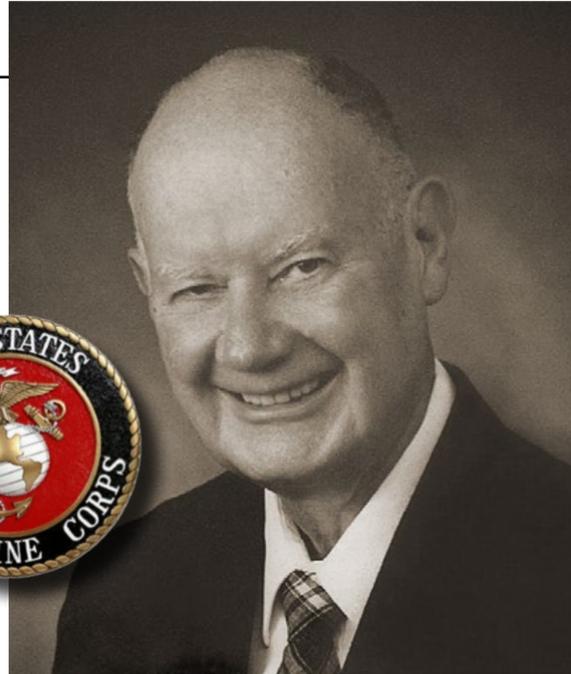
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 10.....“Rite Care” Fund Raiser (NB)
- May 21.....ECU RiteCare Clinic Visit (All Valleys)
- June 14.....Third Annual Golf Tournament  
at Meadowlands Golf Course (W-S)
- June 14.....Evening with Asheville Tourists @7:00 PM (A)
- August 3.....Friends Dinner & Auction @ 5:00 PM (A)
- August 9 – 10.....Summer Leadership Conference (W)
- October 7.....Orient Golf Tournament  
at Washington Duke Inn & Golf Course (R)
- October 10.....Feast of Tishri (R)
- October 26.....Fall Reunion (R)

THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE  
**SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS**

by Ill. John M. Burchfield 33° - Public Relations

Brothers, we pause for just a moment to remember Ill. William A. Greene, Sr. 33°. Bro. Greene passed away Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> in Hendersonville. Brother Greene served with distinction and honor in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a member and Past Master of the Biltmore Masonic Lodge No. 446 of Asheville and a 33° member of the Valley of Asheville Scottish Rite. Bro. Greene is survived by his wife of 62 years, Christine Greene; son, William A. Greene, Jr. and his wife, Lynn of Sugarloaf, PA; daughters, Deborah, Linda and Theresa Greene all of Hendersonville; grandchildren, William and Jordan Greene of Sugarloaf, PA. A funeral service was held on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with Military Honors and Masonic Rites. He has now gone on to a higher brotherhood to engage in nobler duties.



THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE  
**MASTER CRAFTSMAN II**

by Ill. John M. Burchfield 33° - Public Relations

Pictured to the left are Brothers Mark Jordan 32° and Carey Harnash 32° receiving their certificates of completion for the Master Craftsmen-II Program from Ill. Martin Fischer 33°, Personal Representative. The Valley of Asheville now has nine members who have completed the MC-II program.



THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE  
**OUR LADIES**

by Ill. John M. Burchfield 33° - Public Relations

At our February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting we had many guests to attend our meeting. They are our best friends, our most trusted confidants and our biggest supporters. They also know how to really spice up an evening and add a lot of class to our meeting.

THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE  
**ANNOUNCING THIRD ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE FRIENDS DINNER**

by: Ill. Martin Fischer 33° - Personal Representative

This Friends Dinner will again be held at the Opportunity House in Hendersonville, 1411 Asheville Highway, on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 P.M. It will feature a meal by the very famous Crystal's Restaurant. There will be a silent auction, and a cash & carry table will have items for immediate sale. Tickets are only \$20.00 each and entitle you to a chance at the door prize. The door prize is a Kindle Fire. Dress is

casual. We are now asking members to purchase their tickets and to help the committee get items for auction, solicit sponsorships, and spread the word to their friends. Please contact Bill Black (828) 231-8387, Marty Fischer (828) 859-6315, or Kyle Kissmann at (828) 551-0967 if you need additional information.

THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE  
**KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW**

By Ill John M. Burchfield 33° -Public Relations

Pictured to the right is the Valley of Asheville's newest Knight of St. Andrew's member Brother Mike Fizer 32°, with K.S.A. Knight Master Bill Black (left) and our SGIG PR Ill. Martin Fischer 33°.



THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE  
**AN APRON FINDS ITS WAY HOME**

by D. C. Heilman 32°KCCH - General Secretary

A Mason's ceremonial lamb skin apron is a record of achievement - the badge of a Mason. The majority of Masons are buried with the apron around them or it is passed down to the family.

"A Mason knows where the apron is at all times and the family knows where it is to be able to use it at the funeral," said Dennis C. Reel.

When an apron dated 1919 was found in a shoebox recently by the Masons at Cleveland Lodge No. 202 in Shelby, they called Reel to come and take a look.

The name written on the apron was H.C. Johnson and his lodge was Orient Lodge No. 395 in Wilmington.

"I'm a life member at the Lodge in Wilmington," said Reel, who moved to Cleveland County in 2005. "I can visit any lodge in the world. They know I'm from Wilmington and that I visit a lot of lodges."

Reel and the others are wondering how the apron ended up in Shelby and would like to return it to Johnson's relatives. Returning the apron is important, because of the values of Masonry, he said.

"Free Masonry is not a religion, but we are religious in nature," he said. "We believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We teach friendship, morality and brotherly love. It is my duty to see that this apron is returned to the family."

If Reel can't find any living relatives, he will deliver the

apron to the Orient Lodge and it will be displayed there.

On the inside of the apron is recorded when Johnson received his First, Second and Third degrees. To receive each degree, a mason must recite the catechism.

"The catechism is not written down, it is passed down orally," Reel said. "For this man to have gone through all three degrees in 50 days is unheard of."

With the information he had, Reel contacted the Grand Lodge and found out the following.

Horace Clifton (H.C.) Johnson was born in Fayetteville in 1895 and died March 25, 1956. He was married to Esther Dew Johnson, who died July 3, 1996.

He received his First Degree July 7, 1919; his Second Degree, July 18, 1919; and his third degree Aug. 27, 1919. He lived at 3919 Sweetbriar Road, Wilmington, and paid his dues for 37 years. His daughter, Georgia Symmes, died July 6, 1993. She had two sons, Michael D. Symmes and Patrick Symmes.

If anyone has information about Johnson or his family, contact Reel at 704-937-0639 or email deno4reel@aol.com



THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE  
**KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW**

by Todd Harrington 32° - Knight Commander

The Knights of St. Andrew of the Valley of Charlotte continue our dedicated service around our Valley and Masonry. We are finalizing our fund raising project and hope to have a big kick off in the coming month. We served as attendants during the Maundy Thursday service and continue to provide help around the Temple building. The brother knights of Charlotte have also been requested to assist in an upcoming Bluegrass Marathon to support Masons Helping Children on Sept 21st. Please mark your calendars because the event is planning for 900 visitors and will need the help of all our members. I am continually reminded how proud I am to be a Knight of St. Andrew because of the commitment my brothers bring to our order. Thank you all for your hard work and we'll see you at the Spring Reunion.

THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE  
**RITUALISTIC LABORS**

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

The degree teams continue to practice for the upcoming Honors conferrals scheduled for the Orient of North Carolina in November 2013 and begin preparations for the 2013 Fall Reunion.

Practice schedules:

Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	KCCH degree practice	2:00pm
Sunday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KCCH degree practice	2:00pm
Sunday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	33° degree practice	3:30pm
Sunday, July 21 <sup>st</sup>	KCCH degree practice	2:00pm
Sunday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>	33° degree practice	3:30pm
Sunday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fall casting meeting	1:30pm
Sunday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	KCCH degree practice	2:30pm

THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

by Ill Gene Cobb 33°

According to Albert Mackey in the Lexicon and History of Freemasonry (Philadelphia: McClure Publishing, 1910), brotherly love, relief, and truth are the “words [that] constitute the motto of our order, and the characteristics of our profession. They need no explanation, but the prove that a society which could adopt them, can be founded only on the principles of virtue.” (page 67)

Mackey’s point was made over a hundred years ago and since that time circumstances and situations in society have proven that these words do in fact need explanation because these principles of virtue are desperately needed



THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO  
**SPRING REUNION**

by Gary Handy, 32 Degree, KCCH

Spring is in the air my Brothers, the trees around our State are beginning to bud, buttercups are up and the days are longer and warmer. With Spring comes our Spring Reunion, which was April 26 & 27, 2013. The Reunion should be thought of as an experience, not just the number of candidates in a class. A Reunion is for all Scottish Rite Masons, not exclusively the new candidates. It is a wonderful time to see each other and reflect on those sacred obligations that have bound us together these many years and welcome others to our fraternity.

Also, remember to invite a Brother back into the Valley, who for whatever reason has left and now may want to rejoin with us. It is not for us to question the motives of the Brother for leaving, but only to lovingly understand and welcome him back. Remember the words of Henry David Thoreau, “Never look back unless you are planning to go that way”.

in the world today. We still see them in our lodges whenever we reach out to aid and assist or extend the hand of charity. We still see them every time we make decisions based on the balance of our feelings and the facts. When we look closer, we also see a broken and hurting world that good men who love God and one another can help.

One of the best places these principles of virtue continue to be taught is through the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry. Men who want to improve themselves not only in the fraternity, but also in daily living will find many ways to do so through the lessons of our degrees. As we teach our lessons and exemplify our degrees, we need to remember that as ancient as our teachings may be, they are still needed and still relevant in today’s society. With reunions coming up across North Carolina, explaining what we are to candidates is one thing. We do much better when we remind ourselves to live by our motto of brotherly love, relief, and truth so that others see what we teach by how we live. Such a witness would need no explanation.

While the world may have changed dramatically in the last 100 years, our motto remains. When we make brotherly love, relief, and truth the characteristics of our profession, we bear witness to the world the best of who we are as men and Masons. No matter how much the world may change in the next hundred years, these words and characteristics will remain the same and continue to make good men better—a brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO  
**FROM OUR VENERABLE MASTER**

by Jesse Bowman, 32° KCCH

By the time you read this, the Ceremony of Remembrance and Spring Reunion will be history for some and reflection for others. Many thanks to all who played apart in The Ceremony of Remembrance this year. Also to the ones behind the scenes that it takes to pull a special event like this off. There was a great attendance this year to pay respect to our Brothers who departed to that House not made with hands eternal in Heaven.

I want to thank the Brothers from the Valley of Winston Salem for a Wonderful joint Spring Reunion. Thanks go out to those who assisted and participated in the reunion. I would like to welcome all new Masters of the Royal Secret into our Scottish Rite Valleys.

THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN  
**A RARE OCCURRENCE**

by Ill Steve Burgess 33°

The Valley of New Bern takes great pleasure in congratulating the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina on their successful Conclave held in New Bern on Monday, March 18th, and Tuesday, March 19th.

Pictured from left to right are: Sir Knight Dale D. Davis, Right Imminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of NC, Most Worshipful Dewey R. Preslar Jr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Most Excellent Thomas F. Janysek, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NC, and Most Illustrious Warren G. Taylor, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of NC.

This Conclave was of special interest to the Valley of New Bern for several reasons. To begin, this is the first time anyone can remember that the elected head of all three York Rite Bodies are from New Bern. Additionally, all three are Past Masters

THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN  
**CHANGES FOR 2013**

by Ill Steve Burgess 33°

At its March meeting the New Bern Lodge of Perfection adopted the suggested changes submitted by the Strategic Planning Committee. The rationale behind these changes was to create more leadership positions within the Valley and to more efficiently manage the line of progression for officers in each body. Under the current system it would take an individual almost forty years to go through the chairs in all the bodies without serving in several bodies at a time. In order to more effectively manage the line of progression, the number of positions in each body has been reduced to allow an individual to more rapidly progress through the chairs. New job descrip-

It’s hard to believe the year is about half over so soon. This year The Valley of Greensboro will be dark in June and July. We will be back for our stated meeting in August.

Our Fall Reunion will have a new floor mat. It will be held at our stated meetings starting in September and October and conclude with the 32° in November.

I also want to congratulate Bro. Tim Clifford 32° KSA on his completion of the Master Craftsman II program. Great job. If you have not started Master Craftsman I or II Program, I encourage you to sign-up for one of the study groups. See Bro. Mike Kenlan 32° KSA Master Craftsman Director, that will get you started. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.



of the same Masonic Lodge, Saint John’s No.3 of New Bern. Finally, all three are members of the Valley of New Bern Court of Honor, Illustrious Brother Thomas is an Inspector General 33° Honorary, and Sir Knights Brothers Dale and Warren are Knights Commander Court of Honor. The next time that you think that the sun might be shining just a little brighter in New Bern this year, it might be because we are honored to have so many luminaries in one place.

tions are being proposed and drafted for each position.

Beginning with the 2014 Year, the formal opening of the meeting, preparation of the meal, and presentation of programs will be assigned to the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory on a rotational basis. These changes will allow each body and its officers to more fully participate in the leadership roles of the Valley. The Strategic Planning Committee meets on a weekly basis. Scottish Rite Brethren from the Valley of New Bern are welcome to attend. Contact the Valley Secretary for details on the next meeting date.

**THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH  
FROM OUR VENERABLE MASTER**

by Stanford Joyner 32° KCCH – Venerable Master

On January 10, I had the honor of being installed as Venerable Master of The Carle A. Woodruff Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite Valley of Raleigh. I have been Blessed to have been installed with some of the best Scottish Rite Masons in The Valley.

My vision for the up coming year is, to grow in knowledge, membership and brotherhood. My mother taught me that if I worked hard and planned well, the results would be good.

We have a great year planned and we will work together to achieve our goals. I know we will have a great year.



**THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH  
ELMER G. OAKES JR. 32°-50TH YEAR OF MASONRY AND SCOTTISH RITE**

by Michael May 32° KCCH



On January 27, Ill Sam Vaughan, Ill Luigi Ammons and Michael May 32 KCCH presented brother Elmer Oakes his 50 Year Scottish Rite Certificate at his home in Raleigh.

Brother Elmer G. Oakes Jr. 32° celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year in Masonry as a member of Churchland Lodge No. 276,

Portsmouth Virginia and the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Portsmouth Virginia. Brother Oakes is also a member of Esther Chapter No. 37 OES also located in Portsmouth Virginia.

Brother Oakes retired from Abex Corporation, Railroad Products Group, as Plant Manager in 1978. A member of The Greatest Generation, he served during World War II in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, 52<sup>nd</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion.

A native of Saltville Virginia, Brother Oakes recently relocated from his home in Chesapeake Virginia and now resides with his son Brother Gordon Oakes 32° and his wife Kay Oakes in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pictured presenting Brother Oakes his certificate celebrating 50 years in Scottish Rite are Ill Luigi Ammons 33° General Secretary Valley of Raleigh, Brother Elmer Oakes 32° and Ill Sam Vaughan 33° Personal Representative Valley of Raleigh.

Also a special thanks to Brother Gordon's wife Kay for preparing and serving everybody a delicious lunch.

*On Sunday February 10, 2013 at the Eagle Scout Ceremony at Westminster Methodist Church in Kinston NC, Michael May 32° KCCH presented Jacob Whitfield the Scottish Rite Masonic Certificate of Accommodation Award.*

*Jacob is the son of Todd Whitfield and Cindy Rutledge of Greenville NC. He is also the grandson of Michael and Phyllis Whitfield May.*



2013 Raleigh Spring Class: Front row L – R: Jamie Sanchez 32°, Richard D. Dell Jr 32°, Fred L. Puryear 32° Back row L – R: Ill Sam Vaughan 33°, Personal Representative; Ill Luigi Ammons 33°, General Secretary

**THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON  
REUNIONS**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

The Fall Reunion will be held on Friday Nov. 1 and Saturday Nov. 2. Petitions are available at the Temple or on the "Reunion" page of our website www.wilmingtonaasr.org Remember that the initiation 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 VALLEY OF WILMINGTON  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

At our Sweet Heart Awards Banquet Dinner and Dance, Distinguished Service Awards were presented to E. John Tompson, 32° and Lennart G. Johansson, 32° for the support they have given our Valley during reunions.

**THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON  
MASTER CRAFTSMAN II**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

A certificate and pin were presented to John Carnegie, 32° at our March Stated meeting. John joins Richard Knauss, 32°, KCCH and Sean Hughes, 32°, KSA who have also completed the Master Craftsman II course. Pictured above from left to right are the Venerable Master Harry Turner, 32°, KCCH; John Carnegie, 32°; and General Secretary A.C. Everett, 33°.



**THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON  
ANNUAL FISH FRY**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

Our annual Fish Fry will be held at the Wilmington Temple on April 24. Members who wish to help setup tents signs and

tables should be at the Temple by 8:00 AM The event will be held from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and the tickets are \$8.00 per plate.



**THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON  
NOTE FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

by Jim Brandt, 32°, KSA & Jim Tyler, 32°, KSA

Several months ago the Personal Representative formed an Ad Hoc Committee of several of the newer members of the Valley and charged us with developing ideas that promote improved sustainability and health of the Valley in the current and future years. One important question asked by members of the Committee was: "WHERE IS EVERYBODY?" We want to remind all members of the Valley that your attendance and participation at our Stated Meetings

and Reunions is very important to the future of the Valley. There are a lot of important and dramatic changes being discussed such as our recommendations in areas that will impact the financial condition, staff, and the future of the Temple itself. Additionally, there is a lot of very important Degree work being presented at the Reunions that will enrich all of our Masonic lives. We looking forward to your attendance at all future Valley functions.

**THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM  
MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Left to right: John Craven 32° KCCH, Tommy Allen Jr. 32° KCCH, Tom Jolly 32° KCCH, Jim Earnhardt 32° KCCH, Brandon Faircloth 32° KCCH, Jason Anderson 32°, and George Powers 32°



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

by Christopher Pearman 32° – Knight Master

The Winston-Salem Knights of Saint Andrew continue to stay busy this year. We are gearing up for the upcoming Scottish Rite Masonic Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament will be on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Meadows Golf Club in Winston-Salem. We still need sponsors and players. Please help spread the word to any potential golf players and sponsors. We will also need help on the day of the tournament. Help is needed in watching golf holes for hole-in-one shots, relieving hole watchers for breaks, putting out and taking down golf signs, as well as helping with the meal. Remember, this is our only fundraiser this year, so let's make it count!

A very big thank-you to the brothers who have assisted with the Brother-To-Brother calls. Everyone's help is most appreciated. Although it has been a great undertaking, the calls have been rewarding and a great benefit for our Valley. Also, thank-you to the brothers who assisted with our Maundy Thursday service.

Congratulations to our newest Knight, Todd Hildebran. Welcome brother!

Our KSA chapter has several projects underway, and help is needed. If you would like to join us and help assist the Valley, please contact me at [cpearman@triad.rr.com](mailto:cpearman@triad.rr.com), or by phone at 336-601-5444. 



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

by Ill Joel Black 33° - Personal Representative

Positivity is a powerful change agent. For one thing, people who go through life with the positive perspective that the glass is half full are much happier and more productive than those who see it as half empty. It has nothing to do with how much water is really in the glass. What matters is how we think about how much water is in the glass.

Positivity and optimism, then, are beneficial states of mind. But that's just half of it. Positivity can actually change reality. First, people who are cheerful and optimistic have more friends and more opportunities simply because they are more likable than pessimists and cynics.

Second, people with positive outlooks are far more likely to overcome challenges and achieve success be-

cause they try.

People who think they can and people who think they can't are both right because these beliefs are self-fulfilling prophecies. This is why Scottish Rite Masons are positive individuals. 

