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**VALLEY OF SALINA  
ORIENT OF KANSAS**

## Message from the Personal Representative

Greetings Brothers!!

I hope your summer went well. Our Fall Reunion was held August 26 in Russell. 7 new Scottish Rite Masons were invested with the Royal Secret. The Feast of Tishri was held that evening.

We learned that three of our Brothers are to receive Honors at Wichita in November. Please shake their hand for this accomplishment. I would encourage all Brothers to attend the Honors ceremonies in support of our worthy Brothers.

We will be getting back into the stream of regular meetings and other activities of the various Scottish Rite groups. Please attend and see what is going on. Better, if you want to pursue some activity not currently on the books, let us know and we will help you start that activity.

*John A. Reynolds* 

**Personal Representative  
Valley of Salina**

## Message from the Secretary

Greetings Brothers:

Almost every Master Mason who is afforded an opportunity to petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees naturally raises the question in his mind, “Why should I take the Scottish Rite Degrees?” It is a fair and quite appropriate question for him to ask as it is of utmost importance that the prospective initiate have a clear and definite understanding of what the Rite stands for and is endeavoring to accomplish. Here are a few reasons.

The Scottish Rite Degrees give us a sense of historical values and standards. Today is the child of yesterday, and no one can understand the significance of the events that are shaking the world unless he sees them from the vantage point of history. Out of the crises of the past, man has discovered principles that are as solid as the mountains, as enduring as the stars.

The moral truths that prevailed in Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome are just as valid, just as imperative in the digital 21<sup>st</sup> century. In his confidence in the reality of these principles, man has built his faith in the permanent value of moral truth. Here is to be found the basis of optimism, of faith in the free institutions, and of confidence in a civilization resting on ethical principles. No man can witness the Degrees of the Scottish Rite and be either a cynic or a pessimist. They renew his faith in God, in man, and in the process of history.

The Scottish Rite Degrees put into picturesque but explicit language the civic and social ideals implicit in the Blue Lodge Degrees. For centuries, Freemasonry has been a tremendous force for enlightenment, freedom, and social progress in Europe and in the Americas. It was neither a whim nor mere prejudice that caused the Nazis and Fascists to proscribe Freemasonry. Why did the Nazi oppressors hate Masonry? Why did

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Why did they violate the sacred emblems of the Craft? Why did they hunt down with ruthless cruelty our Masonic leaders? Particularly, why did the totalitarians persecute “Masons of all Degrees”? They knew that tyranny is threatened wherever a Masonic Lodge or Temple exists. On August 26, 2017 Brother Master Masons Templars will have an opportunity to join this College of Freemasonry and carry on the traditions others have gone on before us.

**James R. Winn, KCCH**



Executive Secretary Valley of Salina

**FALL REUNION**

It was a grand day in Russell, Kansas on August 26, 2017. 7 Brothers joined the Scottish Rite. The new members are:

- Frank D. Alexander
- James C. Reeves
- Daron J. Woelk
- Bruce W. Brooksher
- G. Jason Long
- John T. Anschutz
- Donald A. Dawson

These Brothers responded to the offer to bring the Reunion to them. Our standing offer is if you line up five (5) or more candidates, we will come to your lodge and conduct the Reunion. That offer is open to the entire Valley of Salina, Goodland to Manhattan, McPherson to Belleville and all points in between.

Take us up on our offer. I dare you!

**✚ John A. Reynolds**   
**Personal Representative**  
**Valley of Salina**

**Thank You to the  
 Russell Lodge #177**

The Lodge was all in for this Reunion. The reception we received was outstanding. We look forward to working with the Brothers all over the Valley.

Welcome to the fold Brothers!

**Feast of Tishri**

The Feast of Tishri was held at the Dole-Spector Convention Center in Russell on August 26, 2017. Fifty- three people attended the festive dinner. Emcee D. Robert McClarty ramrodded the nine toasts throughout the evening.

Seven Scottish Rite Members received their caps. Two 50 year Members, C. Wayne Marietta, and Rex R. Boatman, received recognition for their longevity.

The throng enjoyed a fine steak dinner catered by Meridy of Russell.



**RiteCare Picnic**

On August 29, 2017, six Scottish Rite Members went to Hays for the purpose of producing a picnic for the RiteCare students, faculty and administration. More than 50 people were in attendance for a fine meal of hot dogs, chips and cookies.

Three Scottish Rite Masons from Russell, Tom Krauss, 32°, Daron Woelk, 32°, and G. Jason Long, 32° came to cook the hot dogs. John Reynolds, 33°, P.R., James Winn, 33° Elect, and Donald Hamilton, 33°, were in support, as well as Nadine Gable, Bev Hamilton, Carolyn and Herry Burmiester, 32°, also attended and helped serve the food.



## Flint Hills Scottish Rite Club Manhattan, Kansas

### In Memorandum

“As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,  
So one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep;  
As one by one, the rose burst into the morning light,  
So one by one, your soul shall wake again beyond the night

Terry L. Alfieri	01/28/2016
Virgil Christiansen	05/16/2017
Johnny W. Dugan	06/21/2017
Lawrence D. Matson	02/23/2015
Joseph W. McGonagle	05/04/2017
Gerald Jack Thouvenelle	03/10/2017
Leo F. Whitley	07/23/2017
Claude H. Crammon	06/24/2017
Larry R. Farmer	07/01/2017
Ward K. Grammon	07/25/2017



Brothers of the Scottish Rite: Our Charter has arrived! We are now the first official Scottish Rite Club in the Valley of Salina! Now the process of building membership begins. We are soliciting members from the Manhattan area and from around the Valley.

The Charter was presented at the Feast of the Consistory, May 15<sup>th</sup> by Ill.: John Reynolds, 33°, PR to the S.G.I.G. of Kansas, Hugh W. Hill, III, 33°. The following members will serve as Officers of the Flint Hills Scottish Rite Club for the remainder of this year, than a regular election will be held to elect 2018 Officers:

- President: Rex Boatman, 33°
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Thomas Giordano, 32°
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Thomas Jackson, 32°
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: David Davis, 32°
- Treasurer: Rodney Kalivoda, KCCH
- Chaplain: Gerald Burson, 32°
- Directors at large: Vincent Tracy, 32°, Philip Rowe, 32°, Dan Gohn, 32°, Mike Rogers, KCCH, Marvin Rodriguez, 32°, Dustin Roberts, 32°, Douglas Barrett, 32°, and Tom Boley, 32°.

The requirements for membership are:

1. Be a member in good standing in a Scottish Rite Valley
2. Pay annual dues of \$10.00

Dues may be made payable to **FLINT HILLS SCOTTISH RITE CLUB** and mailed to Rodney Kalivoda, P.O. Box 113, Manhattan, KS 66503.

Room permitting starting with the September Issue of *Ilas Informer* we will recognize a Scottish Rite Mason with a brief summary of their involvement with Masonry and public life. September issue recognizes Rodney Kalivoda, KCCH.



The year of 2003 was a big year for me. My initiation into Freemasonry in July, followed by my being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in October. But just as importantly, receiving further obligations as a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and becoming a Shriner later that year. As a 3rd generation Mason, it became clear as I look back on my life, the masonic influences I had received from father and area brethren of the lodge...businessmen, teachers and such. What better way to pass along this tradition than to participate in the degree work of the Scottish Rite reunions and exposing other Master Masons to further knowledge. Help me in this purpose by attending the Fall Reunion in Russell on August 26th.

Rod Kalivoda, KCCH  
Director of the Work



## Herndon Clinic: Story about Scout



However, what if going out to eat was a stressful and daunting task? What if instead of scrutinizing the menu for what sounds good you're scouring the list for something easy. Going out to eat is typically considered an exciting event: whether it means you're trying the new restaurant in town that everyone has been talking about or it simply means you don't have to go to the store and do dishes! to pronounce?

Scout is a young man who has already accumulated a long list of accomplishments for any adult, although he'll only be a junior this fall. He was elected class president his sophomore year, received his Eagle Scout rank in April 2017, and frequently volunteers for leadership roles within his Boy Scout Troop. Scout portrays himself as confident in who he is and what he has to offer, he's self-motivated and knows how to set goals to work towards.

This wasn't always the case for Scout. He first came to the Herndon Clinic three years ago to have his speech evaluated. When asked for examples of how his speech impacted him, he described going out to eat with his family as something he dreaded. His younger brother would often order for him or clarify when the waitress asked additional questions; Scout also stated that he often ordered his drink based off of what he thought would be easiest to say, not because it's what he wanted.

Scout was able to participate in regular speech therapy sessions to increase his speech fluency thanks to a Scottish Rite scholarship. Scout's determination and motivation assisted in his ability to succeed in services, as well as the support and dedication of his family. Scout concluded his three years of therapy sessions by giving a speech to

a room filled with graduate and undergraduate clinicians. He praised them for choosing such a rewarding profession to help those with various communication disorders.

"The Herndon Clinic has exceeded our expectations. Before starting the program in 2014, Scout could not complete a sentence without stuttering. He was extremely down on himself about the thought of never being able to speak in public or order from a menu by himself. His disfluency was a tough situation for the whole family. Three year later, he embraces the idea of speaking to others and having a captive audience. I am grateful for everything you all have done for him...truly grateful!" stated Janelle, Scout's mother.

The next time you're eating out, consider all the communication opportunities. How many times are your communication attempts successful? Be grateful for the successful moments and consider the other person's perspective when there is a breakdown.

### Thank You Note

KSU Speech & Hearing Center,  
Once again, we truly appreciate consideration for and receipt of a Scottish Rite Scholarship for the summer session.

We are eternally grateful for our access to your superb services and support. Your collective efforts, to set the conditions for success in life, are reflected in Stephen's continued progress!

Thank You,  
Pete & Yana



Picture of new banner promoting the Herndon Clinic at FHSU, which will go with us as we travel.

# HONORS WEEKEND

## Summons

Scottish Rite Masons of the Orient of Kansas

Deus Meumque Jus

To the Perfect Elus, Knights Rose Croix, Knights Kadosh, Master of the Royal Secret and Inspectors General Honorary of the Lodge of Perfection, Chater of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistories in the Grand Orient of Kansas for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America:

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for  
Brethren to dwell together in Unity!

Let it be known and propagated throughout the Grand Orient of Kansas that I, Ill.: Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Kansas, exercising my prerogatives under the Statutes of the Supreme Council will convene a Court of Honor on Saturday, November 18, 2017, in the City of Wichita, State of Kansas, and here by summon you to be present. The purpose of this Court of Honor is to renew our bonds of fraternal brotherhood, and to bestow the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor upon those Master of the Royal Secret who have been so elected by the Supreme Council and to confer the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite upon those Knights Commander of the Court of Honor who have Distinguished themselves by their service to humanity, their country, or Freemasonry. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

⚔ *Hugh W. Gill, 999* ⚔

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
In Kansas**

The Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, has summoned us all to the Honors ceremonies in Wichita. Please make plans to attend.

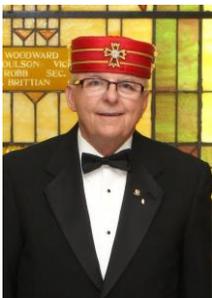
The Valley of Salina is pleased to acknowledge our Knight Commander Court of Honor electives:  
John D. Spangler and Louis R. Slavik

Our own James R. Winn, Executive Secretary has been elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> and last degree in Masonry.

Congratulations, Brothers for these accomplishments. To all the other Brothers in the Valley, please attend and support these good Brothers.

⚔ *John A. Reynolds* ⚔

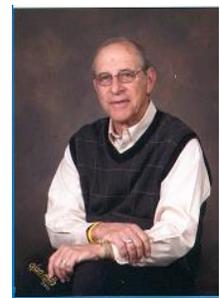
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Valley of Salina**



James R. Winn, KCCH



John D. Spangler, 32°



Louis R. Slavik, 32°

The Scottish Rite, Valley of Salina announces that James R. Winn, KCCH, has been elected by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, the highest and last degree of Masonry. The crowning will occur on November 18, 2017 at the Wichita Scottish Rite Building in Wichita, Kansas. The designation is in recognition of the extraordinary time, talent and dedication of Brother Winn to the fraternity.

The Scottish Rite, Valley of Salina announces that John D. Spangler, 32° and Louis R. Slavik, 32° have been elected by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, to be invested with Knight Commander Court of Honor. The investiture will occur on November 18, 2017 at the Wichita Scottish Rite Building in Wichita, Kansas. The designation is in recognition of the extraordinary time, talent and dedication of Brother John D. Spangler and Brother Louis R. Slavik to the fraternity.

## Spreading Light on the Chivalric Orders

By R.:W.: Robert McClarty

Some of you may have attended the Feast of Kadosh earlier this year where I presented on the Council of Kadosh. As both the Commander of Kadosh and the Venerable Master for the Knights of St. Andrew, I felt some of the information was well worthy of revisiting. The Council of Kadosh is made up of the 19° - 30° and of those the Chivalric Orders are the 28° - 30°. They are often seen as the heart of Scottish Rite Masonry. The information gleaned in this article comes from a wide variety of resources across the Worldwide Web, articles, and books.

I believe for each of us to better understand the Council of Kadosh, we have to first understand what Kadosh is. Some may ask, is it a group, a place, a person, or a process? According to the Supreme Council, 33° Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, “Kadosh, is the Hebrew word for Holy! The distinction of Kadosh further means or describes someone or something that is inherently sacred, selected, or set apart; made holy or sacred by divine rite or ceremony.” Therefore, the Council of Kadosh is the Council of the Sacred or Holy Degrees. I believe these Degrees have taught each of us some of our greatest Masonic lessons, provide a foundation for each of us and provides direction on how we should be living our lives.

Leading into the Chivalric Degrees is the 27°, though not a Chivalric Degree, it sets the stage for them to follow. The 27° is based on the Crusades and the Templar Knights, and teaches us about symbolism and the one true God.

Next, the 28°, the first of the Chivalric Degrees, is the Knight Commander of the Temple. In this Degree the lesson teaches us about a Knight’s character and being virtuous, loyal, truthful, and courageous. If we examine these traits looking deeper into each of them, we first find loyalty; loyalty is an unwavering allegiance. We are all on differing journeys in life; when we choose not to waiver from the path the Lord has put us on, that is loyalty. When we uphold and defend a marriage or even a friendship, as opposed to veering off path, that is loyalty. Truth means being real and honest with the facts; for a man who has not fully resolved that he will speak only the truth, will certainly stumble, and no doubt part of his life will crumble because he had failed to hold onto and

practice the virtue of truth. Looking deeper at Courage: in 1 Corinthes 19:13 we find scripture tells us “Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in his sight.”

In the 29°, The Order of the Knight of St. Andrew teaches us that knowledge is essential, humility, patience, and generosity are honorable and righteous, and that the knights of old held virtue, truth, and honor to be the most essential qualities of man’s character. The Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Salina are working diligently to put forth the 29<sup>th</sup> Degree at statewide conferral in 2018. This Order reminds each of us of the necessary Knightly virtues: Humility, Patience, Self-denial, Charity, Clemency, Generosity, Virtue, Truth, and Honor.

In the 30°, the Order of the Knight of Kadosh, or as some refer to it: The Knight of the Black and White Eagle. This Order teaches us that in death there is life and to always protect our soul! To believe in God and Country, and to stand for what is right and just.

Each of these concepts taught in the Chivalric Orders is important in itself; each of these virtues is an admirable quality, but when all of these are combined into the way we live our life, we discover the power of Chivalry. It should be our goal to live our lives daily keeping these virtues alive in our hearts and displayed through our character while at home, in the office, or on the street. A person who lives by a code of Chivalry in today’s world allows everyone to see his qualities reflected in his armor.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as Wise Master, Valley of Salina. Due to an unfortunate situation, the elected Wise Master is not able to fulfill his responsibilities for the entire year and I have agreed to step in as his replacement. I wish to serve the Valley of Salina with honor and integrity and I will gladly be available to you as needed.

Faternally,

Brett Weis, 32°

Wise Master, Valley of Salina

## September

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24	25 York Rite	26	27 <b>Coffee 7:00 AM</b> <b>S.R. Building</b> <b>1416 S. Santa Fe</b>	28 Coffee Shrine Temple	29	30 Last Saturday Breakfast 8:00 AM

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**III. . RONALD A. SEALE, 33°**

is the Sovereign Grand Commander

**III. . HUGH W. GILL, III, 33°**

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