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ÖRTH CAROLINA of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction USA

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

A GENE COBB, JR., 33° SGIG

Yes, it's that time again.

As summer vacations end, the Scottish Rite turns toward its Fall Reunion Season. The Grand Lodge leadership is busy making final preparations for Annual Communication. Our role is to provide as much support as possible to our leadership in their preparation.

Every two years, the SGIG receives recommendations from the Personal Representatives regarding men who are to be considered for the investiture of the Knight Commander Court of Honor (red cap) and the Inspector General Honorary 33° (white cap). These are not Valley honors. They are given and governed only by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction USA, Mother Council of the World, and require a unanimous vote.

Due to North Carolina's membership losses over the last twenty years, our quotas have dramatically decreased regarding the number of honors we can bestow. The only way we can change our quota is to grow the membership, and the best way to do that is to remember and faithfully adhere to the obligations we assumed from degrees one through thirty-three. Our positive words, actions, and attitudes will always have a lasting impact on membership. I've seen this impact in every Valley in North Carolina.

Each Valley has its method of gathering recommendations for the SGIG to nominate overseen by the SGIG Personal Representative. For your situational awareness, all names given to me were considered, whether they came from the Personal Representative or another member of the Scottish

Here's why? When I was appointed to this office, the late Illustrious John Elmore 33° said, "Gene, everything will be fine if you remember that all of us are 32° Masons." Long ago, I learned that we meet one another on the level, and act by the plumb, we can always part on the square.

I sincerely congratulate all our honor men for the Class of 2025 and thank everyone who made due and timely recommendations, especially the Personal Representatives.

Now, here is another update. The Red, White, and Blue Banquet will recognize not only the Knight Commander Court of Honor and Inspector General Honorary elects, but also those who, since 2024, have been faithful to the Scottish Rite for fifty years. They wear blue caps. They are the bedrock of Scottish Rite, no matter what degree they have, and all of us are better for it.

This year, our Red, White, and Blue banquet will also recognize Illustrious and Most Worshipful Richard Groves Moore, 33° for his fifty years as an Inspector General Honorary. As we congratulate and celebrate these honorable men, let us also unite in friendship, morality, and brotherly love to celebrate one another!

I already know that in two years, we will still be saying, "It's that time of year again!"





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Registration

11:00am

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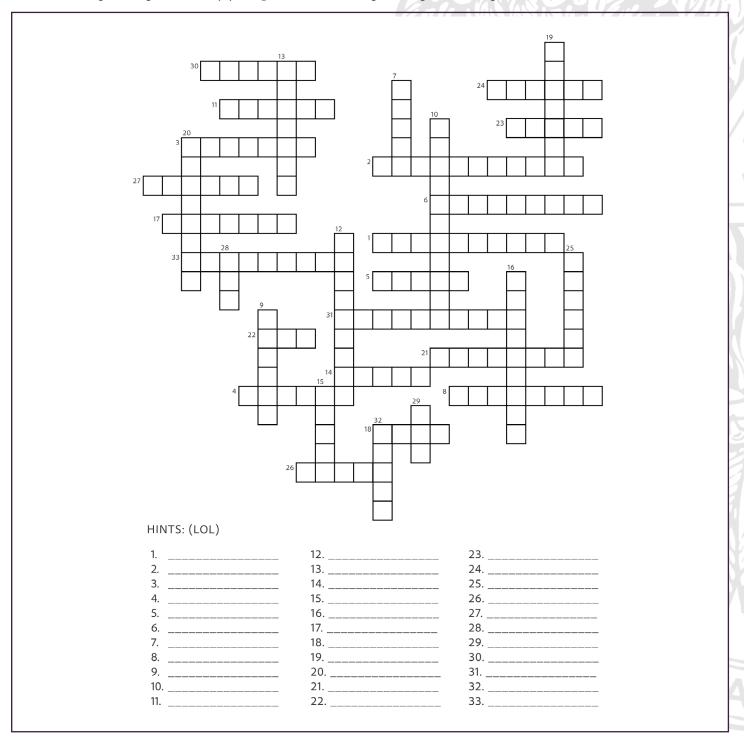
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Awards Ceremony

North Carolina SCOTTISH RITE Valley of Raleigh

Dear Brethren of the Orient of North Carolina Scottish Rite,

Welcome to a most intriguing crossword puzzle, crafted especially for our enlightened community. Unlike any you've encountered before, this enigma offers no traditional clues—merely the word numbers to guide your path. To unravel its secrets, you must first decipher the puzzle within the puzzle itself, drawing upon the profound wisdom and symbolism woven into the very fabric of our Scottish Rite journey. Familiarity with the Degrees will prove essential, transforming this challenge into a rewarding opportunity for reflection and discovery. Should inspiration elude you, fear not; a trusty ritual book or monitor may illuminate the way, fostering deeper understanding among us all. May your pursuit be as enlightening as the Degrees themselves!



WHAT IS AN

HONORARY INSPECTOR GENERAL

ILL. JOHNNY C. SURLES, 33°

Congratulations to all the recently appointed Honorary Inspector Generals in the Orient of North Carolina. You should be proud of this great accomplishment in your Masonic career.

BUT WHAT DOES THIS TITLE MEAN?

An Honorary Inspector General, more formally known as a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, holds the highest honorary degree conferred by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. This title is not part of the standard progression through the Scottish Rite degrees but instead a recognition of exceptional merit, service, leadership and the great things we expect out of you in the future. It is granted to a select group of Freemasons who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the principles of Freemasonry, as well as significant contributions to the fraternity and the wider community.

The Scottish Rite itself is an appendant body of Freemasonry, which confers degrees beyond the basic three of the Craft or Blue Lodge Masonry. These degrees, ranging from the 4th to the 32nd, delve into moral, philosophical, and spiritual teachings through allegory and ritual. The 33rd degree, titled Sovereign Grand Inspector General, is honorary and represents the pinnacle of recognition within the Rite.

To become an Honorary Inspector General, a Mason must first be a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in good standing. He must hold that rank for 44 months and then if nominated and appointed by the Supreme Council, he is awarded the Knight Commander to the Court of Honour, which he must hold for 44 months. If after this time he is recommended by his peers and then

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nominated by the SGIG or leader of his Orient (State) he is appointed by the Supreme Council as an Honorary Inspector General. This process is highly selective and reflects not only Masonic accomplishments but also a Mason's commitment to the ethical values and charitable aims of the organization.

Contrary to common misconceptions, receiving the 33rd degree does not confer any authority or rank above other Masons in the everyday governance of lodges or Scottish Rite bodies. All Masons are on the same "level". It is rather symbolic of a Mason's enduring commitment and contributions. The title Honorary Inspector General acknowledges the recipient's exemplary conduct, leadership, and efforts to uphold the values of Freemasonry, such as brotherhood, integrity, justice, and philanthropy.

Ceremonially, the conferral of the 33rd degree is often a solemn and dignified event, held at special convocations or biennial sessions of the Supreme Council. It is a moment of pride for the recipient and their peers, symbolizing a lifetime of dedication to Masonic values. In addition to symbolic recognition, 33rd degree Masons are often expected to continue serving as leaders, mentors, and representatives of Freemasonry in the public eye. They may be called upon to guide new members or contribute to charitable initiatives, supported by the Scottish Rite

In summary, an Honorary Inspector General is a title that honors a Mason's extraordinary contributions to Freemasonry and society. It is not about power or rank or the color of a hat, but about recognition, celebrating those who live out the highest ideals of the fraternity with distinction, humility, and purpose.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO OUR LATEST APPOINTEES.

BILL FITZPATRICK, 33°-ELECT

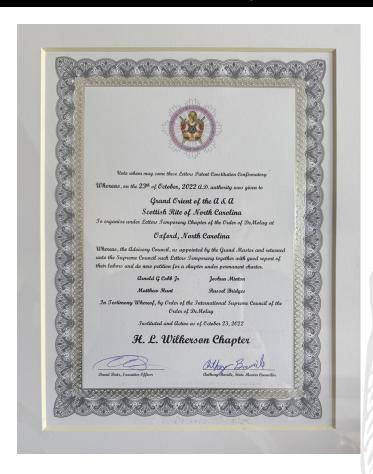
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North Carolina SCOTTISH RITE Valley of Franklin



On August 10, 2025, the H. Lloyd Wilkerson DeMolay Chapter at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, North Carolina, SGIG and Dad A. Gene Cobb, Jr. 33° accepted the longawaited charter. Named for H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33° SGIG Emeritus, the chapter, and formed during the COVID-19 pandemic with support from every Valley in North Carolina Scottish Rite and Supreme Council, the State DeMolay Conclave, led by Dad David Deitz and State Master Councilor Anthony Barrille made the "We are proud partners with presentation. DeMolay and Rainbow in North Carolina and will work together with them and all members of the Masonic family in the Tar Heel state to make sure we offer our very best at all times," Dr. Cobb stated. The Scottish Rite congratulates the retiring State Master Councilor and welcomes Wilson Niceley as the next State Master Councilor of North Carolina.



Left to Right: Gary Handy, 33°; Shaun Bradshaw, 33°, PGM; Gene Cobb, 33°, SGIG, PGM; Jack Williams, 33°; Tony Rathbone, 33°; Bobby Rideout, 33°, Grand Master; Steve Norris, 33°, Deputy Grand Master

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Valley of Franklin

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FELLOWSHIP AND PURPOSE

On Friday evening, July 25, thirteen Scottish Rite brothers and their ladies from the Valleys of Asheville and Franklin came together at McCormick Field in Asheville for a night of America's favorite pastime. Attending an Asheville Tourists baseball game, the group enjoyed the classic summer atmosphere, complete with \$1 hot dogs, fireworks, and the camaraderie that defines our fraternity. While the Tourists—a High-A minor league affiliate of the Houston Astros—fell to the Bowling Green Hot Rods by a score of 6-2, the spirit of the evening remained joyful and warm. For many, the highlight wasn't the final inning, but the laughter, conversations, and connection shared among brethren and families.

Looking ahead, the Valley of Asheville is preparing for a significant collaborative visit on September 11, joining the Valley of Winston-Salem for a meaningful tour of the RiteCare-supported facilities at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. These facilities, dedicated to supporting children with speech and language disorders, reflect the profound mission of our RiteCare program. Staffed by professionals who are not only highly trained

but deeply passionate, the center serves as a living example of the values Scottish Rite Masons hold dear—service, education, and compassion. For those who have attended in the past, the experience is consistently described as both humbling and inspiring.

That evening, brothers from both Valleys will gather at Snow Lodge No. 363 for a joint Stated Meeting and a meal shared in fellowship. This annual tradition offers a powerful opportunity to engage with fellow Masons from across the state, deepening intervalley relationships and reaffirming our shared commitment to the craft.

Rounding out the Valley's fall events, on September 13, the Valley of Asheville will host its Fall Reunion at Nichols West Asheville Lodge No. 650. These reunions are vital occasions for reflection, rekindling old friendships, education, and the welcoming of new brothers into the Scottish Rite. As always, it promises to be a day of solemnity, learning, and the strengthening of fraternal bonds.

As we move forward into the fall season, these events serve as a reminder of the enduring strength of Scottish Rite Masonry: the power of shared purpose, the joy of fraternity, and the unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



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SEPTEMBER 13

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TIPS FOR BETTER FLOORWORK

BY THOMAS POPE, 33°

Scottish Rite degree conferrals are quite different from the three degrees of the Blue Lodge. Not better, not easier, but different.

With our next reunion coming up Sept. 27 at the Fayetteville Masonic Center, a couple of Valley members were asked about the differences and how to make the most of them as cast members.

CHRIS DONAHUE, 32°

Bro. Donahue has a role in all six degrees that the Valley of Fayetteville currently confers (4-7, 14, 18), and is in charge of the 5th Degree.

"It's a little easier since you have a script right in front of you, and you don't have to 'look up' words like you do in the Blue Lodge with the OSW (Official Standard of the Work).

I try to learn only one degree at a time. The way I have always learned things is pick one sentence, or a sentence where there's some punctuation to give you a breath, and I'll repeat that over and over and over until I've got it down and can almost say it backwards. Then I'll finish that sentence, and add another and another until I've got a paragraph. Every time I add something new, I always start over from the beginning – so by the time I'm done with it, I'll have said that first part six or seven hundred times."

Daily, in-depth practice is a big thing for me, too. To this day, I still say the Apron Lecture in the Entered Apprentice degree five times a day, and the same with the Staircase Lecture. With Scottish Rite, I'll go over the parts I have in all six degrees three or four times a day.

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SEPTEMBER 27

KENNY BELL, 32° KCCH-ELECT

Master in the 7th Degree for our Sept. 27 reunion. When you're doing degree work for the Scottish Rite, it is more than just memorizing a script. You really have to get into the part and sell it. It's all in the delivery, so you need to know the degree inside and out so you can enhance it during a performance. You can't expect to deliver a good message when you don't understand the message yourself. I even did research on Hiram, King of Tyre, to learn about the man I was going to play before doing the 6th. I wanted to get into his head and really feel like I knew his mindset so I could portray him accurately.

Bro. Bell volunteered to take on the role of Venerable

There's added pressure for me as Venerable Master with this 7th that's new for us. You have a responsibility to teach a new degree to a class, and there's the pressure of knowing there are guests there, whether it's the SGIG or members of other Valleys. You want to put your Valley in the best light possible – no pun intended.

I believe that helps keep the candidates and the

audience locked into what you're saying.

Valley of Fayetteville

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North Carolina SCOTTISH RITE Valley of Greenboro

The Greensboro Valley will present all twentynine degrees at the Fall 2025 Reunion. This will begin on October 8th which will begin with the Feast of Tishri. The Reunion will continue on October 17th-18th; October 24th-25th; and will conclude on November 12th at the November stated meeting where the 32nd degree will be conferred. If you are interested in participating in a part for the reunion please contact Valley Secretary at greensborosr@gmail.com or by phone.

GREENSBORO VALLEY RECONGIZES 2025 SCOTTISH RITE HONOURMEN

The Greensboro Valley congratulates the following brethren for being elected to receive honours for their exceptional service.

33°, Inspector General Honorary, ElectsRobert Rideout Jody Ferree

32°, Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, Elects

Mark Alexander James Pugsley Allen Surratt Thomas VanEtten

Congratulations, Brethren!

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Activtity	Start	Finish	Location
Candidate Registration	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Office
Dinner	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Dining Room
Opening Ceremony	7:30 PM	7:45 PM	SR Room
4th degree	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	SR Room
5th degree	8:45 PM	9:30 PM	SR Room
6th degree	9:30 PM	10:15 PM	Lodge Room
Q&A	10:15 PM	10:45 PM	Lodge Room
Day 2	Friday :: 10/17/2	025	
Activity	Start	Finish	Location
Dinner/Candidate Check-in	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Dining Room
7th Degree	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	SR Room
8th Degree	7:15 PM	7:50 PM	Lodge Room
9th & 10th Degree	7:50 PM	8:55 PM	SR Room
11th Degree	8:55 PM	9:40 PM	SR Room
Q&A	9:40 PM	10:10 PM	SR Room
Day 3 - 9	Saturday :: 10/18/	2025	
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Breakfast/Candidate Check-in	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Dining Room
12th Degree	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Lodge Room
13th Degree	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	SR Room
14th Degree	10:00 AM	11:15 AM	SR Room
Lunch / Q&A	11:15 AM	12:45 PM	Dining Room
15th Degree	12:45 PM	2:15 PM	SR Room
16th Degree	2:15 PM	3:10 PM	SR Room
17th Degree	3:10 PM	4:05 PM	SR Room
18th Degree	4:05 PM	5:30 PM	SR Room
19th Degree	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	Lodge Room
Q&A	6:15 PM	6:45 PM	SR Room
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20th Degree	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Lodge Room
21st Degree	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	SR Room
22nd Degree	8:15 PM	9:00 PM	Lodge Room
Q&A	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	Lodge Room
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North Carolina SCOTTISH RITE Valley of Winston-Salem

ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Valley recently held its fourteenth annual Masonic Charity Golf Tournament. This event was a tremendous success, and would not have been possible without the financial support from our title sponsor, Brother Ryan Gragg, and his company ComForCare Home Care of Winston-Salem.

Brother Gragg who recently joined the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite, was presented with his membership patent by Personal Representative M. Kirby Matthews and Secretary Michael Fischer.



(Left to right): Kirby Matthews, Ryan Gragg, Michael Fischer

With the support and contribution from ComForCare Home Care of Winston-Salem, the RiteCare Programs at Appalachian State, East Carolina, and Western Carolina Universities will be able to continue to provide exceptional care to many children with learning disabilities in North Carolina.

The Winston-Salem Scottish Rite extends a huge "Thank-you" to Brother Gragg, and his company ComForCare Home Care of Winston-Salem for all of their support.



1st Place Team (Left to right): Keith Palmer, Jody Clouch, Scott Watts & Levi Ray / 2nd Place Team (Left to right): Billy Merriman, Tyler Merriman, Brent Barnes & Adam Troutman / 3rd Place Team (Left to right): John Day, Gary Hemric, Joe Wood & Walter Mathis / Gragg Patent

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WHO WAS JOHNSTON BLAKELY?

THE NAMESAKE FOR THE JOHNSTON BLAKELY LODGE OF PERFECTION

BY: MATT MOORE, 32° KCCH, GENERAL SECRETARY

He then fought the Avon, of 18 guns, who struck, but he was forced to draw off on account of the approach of the Castillian, and the Tartarus. On September 12th, he captured the Briggs, three brothers and Bacctus, then the Atalanta of 18 guns and sent the latter into Savannah. This was the last ever seen of the Wasp. Months passed into years and no tidings came of her. Some thought the crew ended their lives as slaves on the Barbary Coast. Another account was given by an English Frigate that went into Cadez, much cut up, reporting an engagement with an American vessel which disappeared suddenly. Like Paul Jones of the Revolution and Symmes of the Alabama, this one vessel did valiant service in the war of 1812. He is classed as one of our great naval heroes and gratified his desire for glory. When the sea shall give up its dean then only will his fate be known. He married Miss Jane Hooper of New York and had one child, a daughter, Udney. The State of North Carolina as a tribute to his memory took her as its ward and educated her. She afterwards went to the West Indies to join her mother. She married there but died childless. There are no descendants, and his memory is all we have to cherish.

This brief account, my brethren, will illustrate

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to you in one name examples of brotherly love and affection, that true friendship continues not only in life but even after death. The survivor can cherish and revere, aid and assist the offspring. That truth, courage and manhood is a rich legacy to leave even though one may die childless. The people claim the inheritance and proudly wear the jewels. Brethren, in selecting his name we show a devotedness to the high attributes of brotherly love, Relief and Truth, faithfulness and duty. No hallowed spot on Earth is allotted to him. No shrine or tablet can ever mark his last resting place. The broad Atlantic is his grave. Can we not embalm his memory here in some fitting way or at least preserve his name as a perfect Master by naming him among our first members, that oblivion may not be his lot. - Fraternally, W.B. McKoy."

We are grateful for this great work by MWB McKoy which is included in the early proceedings of the Johnston Blakely Lodge of Perfection. We have since concluded our 115th year of Scottish Rite Masonry in Wilmington and hope to continue the mission of Scottish Rite Masonry for many, many more.

The end of the Story...

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