



THE RITENEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA



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“TRANSITIONS”

by Illustrious A. Gene Cobb, Jr., 33° Deputy of the Supreme Council

Every moment of our life is a transition from one second to the next. Things change and grow and evolve all the time. We are in a constant state of “becoming” something different. Is it better? Is it not?

Thirty years ago, I became a Master of the Royal Scottish Rite Mason. From that one-day class in July at the Valley of Greensboro to this day, my Masonic journey and yours has been a constant transition. As I often reflect on the leadership of our past Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeriti Illustrious H. Lloyd Wilkerson 33° and M.:W.: Illustrious William B. Brunk 33°, my Grand Lodge Masonic great-grandfather, I am so grateful to God because they led us to where we are today. They mentored us and we could not have asked for more!



My first job in the Scottish Rite (1994) was Assistant Class Director. Since then, our ritual has changed. Many of our leaders and mentors have transitioned to the next life. Today, we deal with text messages, then it was pagers. Today, we tell people to silence their cell phones during the degrees and lectures. Today we depend upon electronic mail—email. Thirty years ago, we confidently depended on our written communication through the United States Post Office.

In our third year together, the “Dog Days of Summer” has transitioned to the “Summer Orient Advisory Retreat.” and I am so proud of the Orient of North Carolina for hosting a one-day reunion this July to honor Illustrious H. Lloyd Wilkerson 33° this summer.

Today, there are nine Valleys in North Carolina with Lodges of Perfection and seven with Chapters, Councils, and Consistories. Does nine and seven ring a bell for anyone?

On June 24, 2023, the Valley of Fayetteville exemplified the required degrees, and their work was outstanding. Of course, they were nervous. Reunions are a celebration, not a bar exam. It is a time to be serious, but also have some fun and celebrate progress. Before I got home from the Reunion, Fayetteville’s application for a Charter at this year’s Biennial Session had been emailed to our Sovereign Grand Commander. My how times have changed!

A wonderful transition happened that day. Instead of marching out in solemn dignity, the degree team cast paused at each candidate, shook their hand, welcomed, and congratulated them on their advancement. What a transition! As the 14th degree ended, the brothers on the sidelines followed the cast and did the same—improptu including visitors from other Valleys! I’ve never been

more touched by a transition moment in Freemasonry than that one.

On July 15, 2023, in Greensboro at the Wilkerson Reunion, those seven Perfect Elus from the Valley of Fayetteville and others in North Carolina will become Masters of the Royal Secret.

Challenges will always be part of our transitions over the next several years. We will meet them all. Some may say we were better thirty years ago than we are today. I say we are still the North Carolina Scottish Rite. We learn. We subdue our passions. We improve ourselves in Masonry.

So today, as we continue to transition, let’s go to work!



LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETINGS

Asheville, 2nd Thursday of each month
(Advisory Council 5:00pm, and Stated Meeting 7:00pm)

Charlotte, 3rd Tuesday of each month
(Advisory Council 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm and Stated Meeting 7:30pm)

Fayetteville, 3rd Wednesday of each month
(Stated Meeting 7:00pm)

Franklin, 3rd Wednesday of each month
(Dinner 6:00pm & Stated Meeting 7:00pm)

Greensboro, 2nd Wednesday of each month
(Dinner 6:30pm & Stated Meeting 7:30pm)

New Bern, 2nd Monday of each month
(Dinner 6:00pm & Stated Meeting 7:00pm)

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
(Dinner 6:00pm, Advisory Conference 6:30 pm, Master Craftsman&KSA 7pm, Stated 7:30pm)

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THE NORTH CAROLINA SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC FOUNDATION, INC.

Greetings on behalf of the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc.,
Have you heard about the upcoming 2023 Merrill Lynch Golf Tournament for the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation? Not only will we have an amazing tournament, but we will also hear from our very special guest speaker ... Mr. Phil Ford, former US Olympic, NBA and UNC basketball star.

This will be one of the most talked about Golf Tournaments this year, and will happen on Sept 17, 2023 at the South Granville Country Club in Creedmoor, NC. This event is open to the public; everyone is welcome!

Here's the schedule for the 2023 Merrill Lynch / Rite Care Golf Tournament:

- 11:00 am Church service w/ Phil Ford & MWB Gene Cobb
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Oxford with special guest Phil Ford
- 2:00 pm Arrival to golf course
- 2:30 pm Tee Time & Putting Contests

Brethren, we are asking for your support to help to promote this event - and through your donations, every player will know that you supported this worthwhile event!

We are asking each Masonic district and Blue Lodge to consider being recognized through the following methods:

- Lunch sponsorship: \$500 contribution by District or Lodge. Money raised will go towards inviting and paying for the meals of the children of the Home at Oxford. All money raised beyond the cost of the meal will go directly to the MHCO. Any district or lodge giving \$500 or more will also be included on a special sponsorship recognition board at the Home to help commemorate this year's 150th anniversary.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Teams: \$500 team sponsorship by District, Lodge or Members will provide play for 4 people and includes a hole sponsorship. Don't have a team? Let us know, and we can help find a group to join.
- Sponsorships: Open to Districts and Lodges. For only \$200, your name will be placed on its own sign, and placed at a hole as a hole sponsor.
- Individual Contributor signs: Open to individuals only.
- \$75 adds your name to the Platinum contributor sign - \$50 adds your name to the Gold contributor sign
- \$25 adds your name to the Silver contributor sign

Tickets are only \$100 to play. If you are not playing, but want to attend only the meal, lunch tickets are only \$20. Will you consider helping us to help the children?

Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause!

Fraternally and respectfully, The Members of the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc. For more information, please contact Thomas VanEtten 7046991594 tavanetten@gmail.com

VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE

ORIENT ADVENTURES

by Rory Justin Byers, 32° KCCH

This summer, several members of the Valley of Asheville traveled to Greensboro for the Orient of North Carolina Scottish Rite Summer Leadership Conference (SOAR) and the Orient of NC Scottish Rite Memorial Reunion honoring the memory of Illustrious Brother H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33° SGIG Emeritus of the Orient of North Carolina and Past Lt. Grand Commander of The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.

On day one, members of Asheville who haven't had the opportunity to attend an Orient Summer Leadership Conference before walked away with several positive comments and are looking forward to SOAR 2024.

On day two, members of Asheville and Franklin had the pleasure

and task of communicating the non obligatory degrees. Congratulations to the 33 newly made 32°, Masters of the Royal Secret. As with any reunion, members enjoyed fellowship with friends, new and old.



VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

by Jeremy Hicklin 32 KCCH elect, Membership Chair for the Orient of North Carolina, jshicklin@gmail.com

Brethren, we have been hearing about the decline in membership, or the Masonic refinement as I like to call it for years. You have probably heard the statistics, we have an older membership that father time is taking faster than we are raising new members. The numbers say that people are not interested in fraternal and civic groups any longer. Those things may be true, but we have no control of those factors, so we must take the time to look at the things we can control. We need to look at the brother's we are simply losing to a lack of engagement and NPD. We need to find these brother's and ask Why? Why did you choose to leave? Why did you decide to stop paying dues? But most importantly we need to Listen to their WHY.

On the Thursday before SOAR's, Bob Weatherford, Regional Membership Manager for the House of the Temple arranged a dinner to ask these very questions. Before I go further brethren, please understand that this is not about dues and membership numbers, this dinner is about listening to a brother and finding out where we are lacking in our great fraternity. This dinner was attended by our Deputy, personal reps and secretaries, but the guest of honor was three brother's who had left the Scottish Rite and we wanted to hear from their mouth as to WHY. The officials

from the orient were not there to judge, label or even foolishly tell them what they should have done, we were there to listen and understand. The three brothers were open, honest and forthcoming to their why. Brother's, let me tell you, this dinner led me to a certain amount of self reflection, similar to that of when I went through the 14th degree.

All who attended the meeting, I believe, are better Masons for it. Two of the three brothers were reinstated on site and showed great enthusiasm towards the Rite. The third is not quite ready but we hope his return will be soon. This meeting is the first of what will be many across the orient, again with the purpose of really finding out why we are losing so many great brothers from the Scottish Rite. Our goal is to grow in understanding and to find better ways to best work and best agree. On a personal note, I have to say that this dinner was in the top 5 profound Masonic experiences, but brother as you read this, I hope to never have you at one of these dinners. I am asking any Scottish Rite mason to please contact me, before you decide to leave or stop paying dues, simply to understand your Why.



VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE

THE BEEHIVE – A DECEPTIVELY SIMPLE MASONIC SYMBOL

by L. Scott Brand, Charlotte Valley KSA

One of the simplest of our Masonic symbols is the beehive – an image that will be familiar to every Master Mason, since it appears in our Third Degree lecture. In the interest of brevity, here's a condensed form of that passage: "The bee-hive is an emblem of industry. It teaches us that we should ever remain industrious, never sitting down content while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, should it be in our power to relieve them." Obviously this represents a very straightforward interpretation of the symbol; and in fact, the odds are that you could ask just about any group of Masons what the beehive stands for, and get the correct answer: "Industry." Surely this answer is correct, and yet... I would suggest that the beehive is actually a deceptively simple image. If we broaden our view a bit, and look at other related passages, we will see that it actually represents much more.

In at least one other American jurisdiction, the lecture passage on the beehive is actually much longer. I won't reproduce it in full here, but it should prove worthwhile to highlight one passage: "It might have pleased the great Creator of heaven and earth to have made man independent of all other beings. But as dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society, mankind was made depen-

dent on each other, [...] thereby enjoy[ing] better opportunities of fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God." This version of the lecture makes it clear that Industry is not only an individual, but also a collective virtue: by stressing the social and interdependent nature of active life, it shows that we work best when we work together. And what better symbol could there be for many individuals working together, in unity and harmony, than the beehive? Bees are in fact one of nature's great wonders, in their ability to coordinate their activities, each busily performing its individual function seamlessly with the others, and all for the benefit of the whole. But we've all experienced the contrary, when people find themselves working at cross purposes: the result is inefficiency at best, frustration and even conflict at the worst!

Again, the passage about the beehive is familiar to every Mason. Yet, personally I can say that I never fully appreciated the meaning of this profound symbol, until I became a member of the Scottish Rite. I will never forget my first Reunion after having joined the Knights of St. Andrew... As we wrapped up the 32nd Degree and

the Reunion began to adjourn, I immediately moved to start helping with breakdown and cleanup. Now, we're all aware what a huge production it is, to put on a Reunion – with so many props, and stage sets, equipment, etc. So, I expected to be in for a long haul, with the other KSA brethren who were on hand. Imagine my surprise when I turned around and there were dozens of men pitching in, and lending a hand – black hats, red hats, and white hats, indifferently – to break down the set and stack up the chairs. It was truly an impressive sight: without any direction, without any leader or organizer barking orders or trying to take charge, the individual men in that crowd just instantly began working together, seamlessly, to get the job done. I was so impressed that I will confess, I actually just stood for a moment and watched this spectacle unfold – it was like watching one of those time-lapse sequences on TV! The chairs and other furnishings just seemed to be melting away. Soon enough, though, I came to my senses and jumped in to help as well, grabbing another rack and starting to stack chairs on it. And without even the need for words, immediately I found myself working in tandem with another brother, who began handing chairs over to me. (As it happened, this was a former KSA member, who had moved on from active service when he had received KCCH Honors. We had a good laugh at that point

– something about how “You can take the boy out of the KSA, but you can't take the KSA out of the boy!”) Sure enough, it didn't take long at all until everything was put away, and the space was completely clear.

So this was a great lesson to me, because it showed the incredible potential that opens up when you have a group of men all working together – embodying Industry, yes; but just as importantly Unity, and Harmony. And that was what was so impressive to me: that among all those men, there were no inflated egos, getting in each other's way by trying to take charge. Everyone just set to work in harmony - and the results were marvelous to behold. So, if we're all true to our vows as Master Masons, and really live up to the injunction to be “one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, amongst whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation, or rather emulation, of who can best work, and best agree” – what might we not be capable of?!? What might we not accomplish together?!? My experience in the Scottish Rite has taught me that when – like the bees in that deceptively simple symbol, the beehive – we work together for the common good, and stay focused on our common bond in friendship and duty, then nearly anything is possible – even unto “the noblest part of the work of God.” ...So Mote It Be!

VALLEY OF FAYETTEVILLE

NEWEST VALLEY WELCOMES FIRST CLASS

by Thomas Pope

Take the ball and run with it.

That was the mindset of a dedicated group of brothers who sought to fill a huge geographic void by forming a Scottish Rite Valley in Fayetteville. They ran with it, alright – for a touchdown. From start to finish, the formation of the Valley and its reunion took place less than nine months after an exploratory meeting with Ill. Deputy Gene Cobb. More than two dozen members of consistories in North Carolina (and one from Texas) came forward to meet the requirements to form the Valley, and in early May, Letters Temporary were granted by Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole to give it birth.

Numerous props were made, bought, donated and borrowed to put on the degrees. Aprons, cordons, jewels and robes were purchased to complete the long list of pieces needed, and the brethren spent countless hours learning and practicing the 4th and 14th degrees to be able to exemplify them for the class.

On June 23, 2023, seven brothers – Woody Inman, Mark Saults, Mike Albertson, James White, Wyman Nichols, Larry McPhail, and Tony Myers – were made Perfect Elus by the Valley of Fayetteville Lodge of Perfection. The class was initially composed of eight Masons, but one was unable to participate at the last minute. All of them planned to finish their work July 15 during a one-day, Orient-wide reunion hosted by the Valley of Greensboro.



From left: Ill. Deputy Gene Cobb, Personal Representative/Director of the Work Thomas Pope, Mark Saults, Mike Albertson, Wyman Nichols, Larry McPhail, James White, Tony Myers, Woody Inman, Class Marshal Kenny Bell, General Secretary James Pugsley

VALLEY OF GREENSBORO

CONSISTORY FEAST

by Gary Handy, 33°

The Valley of Greensboro held its annual Consistory Feast on June 14 with a formal dinner and very special speaker: W. Brother Jacob Thompson, 32°, KCCH, from the Valley of St. Louis, Orient of Missouri. He presented an interesting and thought-provoking program entitled “The Royal Secret: An Evolution.” Brother Thompson is Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Missouri and serves as DDGM in his home district. Our brethren enjoyed an evening of Masonic light enlivened by laughter and warm fellowship, and we are grateful for the time that Brother Thompson shared with us.



VALLEY OF NEW BERN

LOVINGKINDNESS AND GRATITUDE

by William Fitzpatrick 32nd Degree KCCH

The Hebrew word for lovingkindness is chesed. The meaning refers to devotional piety toward God and our fellow human beings. That is a little different than what I had always thought. My hope has always been that how I live would be a manifestation of my faith in God. But, this interpretation brings a little bit of difference in my view in that our faith and devotion to God and to our fellow human beings are one and the same. Maybe I am slicing things too thin, but it is my goal in this column to discuss the role of lovingkindness and gratitude in our lives as Scottish Rite Masons. We are all Masons and all involved in at least one fraternal body, but most of the Masons I know are likely to be involved in several that are actively promoting one philanthropy or another. We also must know that we live in a very broken world where there is hate, destruction, and all manner of evil. We might also know that part of our journey as good men is to beat back those irregular passions, or the tendencies of the ruffians that reside deep within ourselves. That is an ongoing task and one that we must actively continue throughout our lives. I would like here to suggest that lovingkindness and gratitude are the best instruments for us to use in not only subduing our own ruffian nature but to also help to make the world a better place. Not always easy to find in our

hearts, but gratitude has the ability to subdue all of the irregular passions that might otherwise overtake us. Anger, envy, jealousy, and impatience, as well as many others, are no match for genuine gratitude. And when we are able to sincerely maintain our gratitude for the blessings in our lives, then the acts of lovingkindness will likely prevail in how we live. In a certain way, these two concepts fit tightly together and I know that anyone reading this can think of instructions he has received inside and even outside of the craft and its other bodies that support this notion. But, the ruffians are tenacious in the world and can be that way in our own hearts, so we must use the tools we have at our disposal to keep constant vigilance. Gratitude and lovingkindness are two of the best, and if we don't presently embrace them, then we should keep working at it. We and the world will benefit.

“The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love.” – William Wordsworth

VALLEY OF NEW BERN

LOVINGKINDNESS AND GRATITUDE

by William Fitzpatrick 32nd Degree KCCH

Brother Todd Phillip McNeill, 50, laid down his working tools on April 1, 2023 at his home following a brief illness. He was buried with full Masonic Honors at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Broadway, North Carolina. He was Friendship Lodge No. 763, Broadway, N.C. Junior Warden. He was also a Valley of New Bern, 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the 21st Degree Team. Mrs. Susan McNeill requested to have this letter to the lodge published in Friendship Lodge # 763 May 2023 "Trestleboard". This letter was also read at the Valley of New Bern, May Lodge of Perfection Meeting.

I have known Masons all my life. I am sure I have met many more and did not realize. I have known them as men whom I admired. Men of all walks of life, but of a certain caliber. Not better than anyone else, but as men not swayed from what they felt was right, regardless of the situation. Which requires a certain strength of character.

I always felt my husband had such strength, as well as character. It warmed my heart to see him become more confident as he got to know each of you and realize there were others out there who had his same views of right and wrong, but more importantly, recognized them in him and readily accepted him. Who also saw worth in him. He was a very private man.

And respected the privacy of others. He had principles and they were very important to him.

The fact that the Masonic Brotherhood recognized this and valued him was such an honor to him. He never thought of himself as anything extraordinary. I cannot tell you what a gift your fellowship, brotherhood, friendship, and respect was to him. It is not something we spoke of in these terms. That was not his way. Yet it could not have been more obvious. Our grandsons asked me not long ago, "What is a Mason?" I told them it was "a place where good men could go to learn to become better men." I gave examples of why this was important, as well as the work they do to help

others. I did my best to define fellowship and tried to explain the concept simply, because it was a straight-forward concept. I told them about the Masonic Home for Children, which was followed by a discussion about orphan Annie and my reassurances that they had nothing in common other than the children who needed a home and people to care about them.

They have an extremely close relationship with their Papa, so, not unexpectedly, they asked, "so Papa makes them (the Masons) better men?" I had to chuckle to myself that they would reduce all I had said down to that simple deduction. I tried to explain that all the Masons make each other better men, not just Papa. After the Masonic Rites (which he made clear to me was his wish) given at his graveside, as well as the Watch at his casket, I do not know if I will try to change our grandson's minds until they are older and understand better. I do not think I could. I have seen Masonic Rites given many times at various funerals in my lifetime. I have never been more moved, more impressed, more honored myself, than I was as I watched my husband honored by his Brothers that day. I know he was honored to receive those rites. I have been moved beyond words by the love, encouragement, support, kindness, and assistance of every kind that both you, his brothers, and your families have stepped forward and intuitively offered at every step of this, the most awful and heart-rending ordeal of my life. The most agonizing of his. I truly do not know how I could have made it through without you all. There is no "Thank You" to cover what you meant to him, or what you have done for me. But know you have both of our heartfelt thanks.



VALLEY OF RALEIGH

WHAT IS ESOTERIC MASONRY?

by B. Blake Taylor 32°

Esoteric Freemasonry refers to a form of Freemasonry that focuses on the spiritual and mystical aspects of the craft. It delves into the deeper philosophical and metaphysical teachings within freemasonry, exploring symbolism, rituals, and mystical practices to gain a deeper understanding of oneself and the universe. Esoteric freemasonry often incorporates elements from various spiritual traditions and mystical teachings, such as Kabbalah, Hermeticism,

alchemy, and Rosicrucianism. It emphasizes personal growth, self-discovery, and the pursuit of spiritual enlightenment. I hope to explore this from each angle over the coming issues. In this article let's touch on personal growth. Manly Hall said "We can only escape from the world by outgrowing the world. Death may take man out of the world but only wisdom can take the world out of the man. As long as the human being is obsessed

by worldliness, he will suffer from the Karmic consequences of false allegiances. When however, worldliness is transmuted into Spiritual Integrity he is free, even though he still dwells physically among worldly things.”

Are you the same Mason you were when you were initiated? How have you used the tools of the craft to create a more perfect ashlar? Are there certain parts of the ashlar that were easier to square than other parts? As a master of your craft where and how can

you share your skill? Do you look for opportunities to do so? If you do that consistently what would your life look like three years from now? Is the community you keep better off because you are a Mason?

These are some thoughts to ruminate upon as we begin and end each day. As builders our most important project will be ourselves.

VALLEY OF RALEIGH

SUMMER ORIENT-WIDE REUNION

by Don Butto, 33°

The Valley of Raleigh had a STRONG showing at this year's special Orient-Wide reunion in Greensboro in attending members, including several members of KSA and in the number of candidates who became Masters of the Royal Secret. The Orient of North Carolina had 33 candidates total which made it all the more special. I look forward to seeing all 13 of the new members of the Valley or Raleigh at our next stated meeting!!! Congratulations for a job well done to all the members of the Orient. It was a splendid reunion. Truly, one for the books!

VALLEY OF RALEIGH

2023 DONATION CHECK AND CLINIC SUPPLIES PRESENTATIONS

by Michael May 33° - ECU RiteCare Clinic Advocate

On January 19, 2023 Michael May 33°, the ECU RiteCare Clinic Advocate presented our 2023 Donation Check for \$36,000.00 and our collection of Classroom Supplies to Robert Orlikoff PhD, Dean of the ECU College of Allied Health Sciences, Jamie Perry PhD, Department Chair of the ECU Speech Language and Hearing Clinic, William Eblin AuD, ECU Clinic Director of Audiology and our Scottish Rite Sovereign Grand Inspector General of NC Illustrious Gene Cobb.



In attendance for the check presentation was: (L – R) Roger Himmel; Emily Brewer; Jamie Perry; Blake Taylor; Gene Cobb; Michael May; Johnny Surlis; Robert Orlikoff; Trica Carter; Steve Pendergrass; Karen Tripp; Elizabeth Maxwell and William Eblin. Photo by Bro Don Butto, Valley Secretary.



In attendance for the Classroom Supply presentation was: (L – R) Roger Himmel, Chairman of Scottish Rite Clinic's Classroom Supplies for NC, Karen Tripp, ECU Clinic Director and Jamie Perry PhD, Department Chair of the ECU Speech Language and Hearing Clinic. Photo by Bro Don Butto, Valley Secretary.

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VALLEY OF WILMINGTON

HONOR RECIPIENTS FOR 2023

by Harry Steele, 32° KCCH

Congratulations Brothers for the hard work you've done for our Valley of Wilmington Scottish Rite, and Freemasonry. This year's elect-members for 33° Inspector General Honorary are Mike Faulkenbury 33°, Lloyd (Happy) Bufkin 33°. The members for 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) are

Alan (Buddy) Brown Jr 32° KCCH, James Johnson III 32° KCCH, James Peay 32° KCCH, Mark Tart 32° KCCH, David E Ozvat 32° KCCH, Samuel Watson 32° KCCH, Randy Ward 32° KCCH. Again, Brothers Congratulations to all elect-Honor recipients.

VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM

2023 WINSTON-SALEM VALLEY HONOURS RECIPIENTS

by Christopher Pearman 33°

Congratulations to our Valley's 2023 Honours recipients:

32° KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOUR:

33° INSPECTOR GENERAL HONORARY



ALEX SHUFORD EDMISTEN

JOSEPH PARKER SLADE JR.

TODD ALAN HILDEBRAN

Congratulations and well-done brothers. Thank-you for all that you've done for our Valley, the Scottish Rite, and all of Freemasonry.

VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM

JROTC AWARDS

by Christopher Pearman 33°

Brother David Uhl 32° recently presented the Scottish Rite JROTC award to Ms. Vanessa Watkins at Wilkes Central High School, and to Ms. Sandra Parsons at North Davidson High School.

