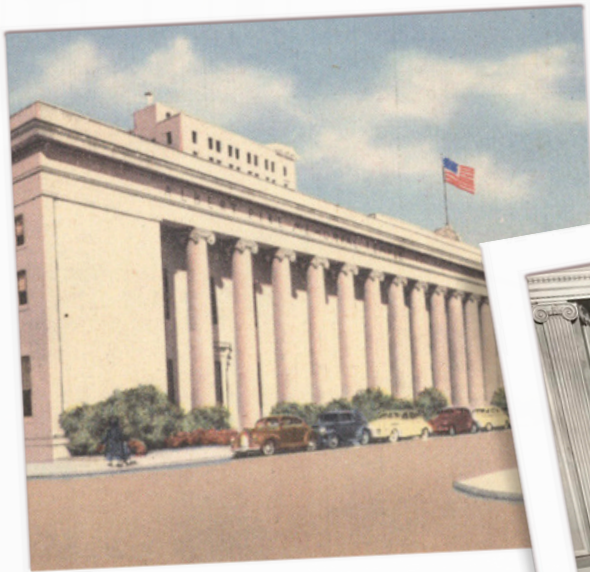


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Celebrate the completion and dedication of the Albert Pike Memorial Temple's one-hundredth anniversary as

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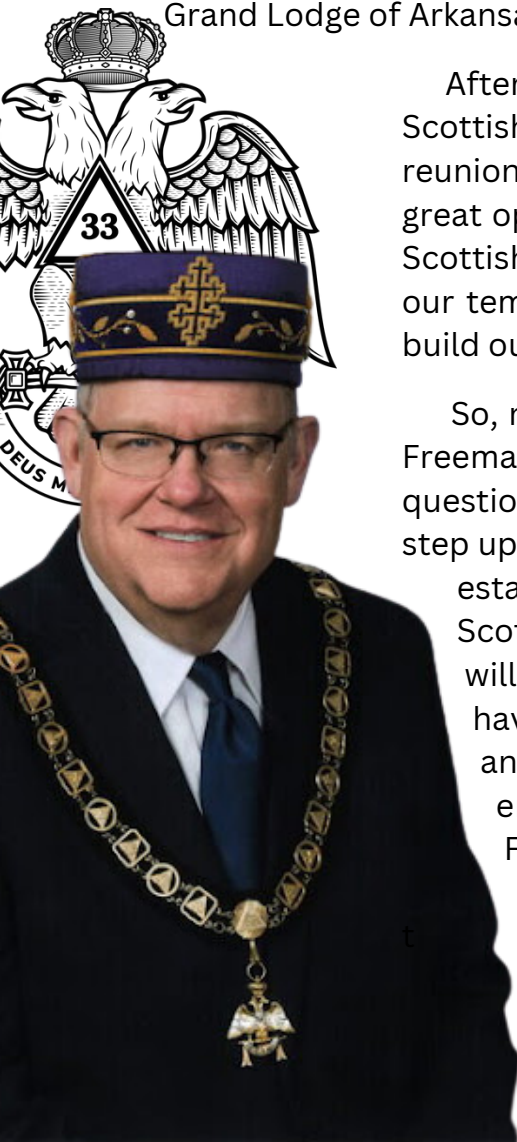
SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

I hope that you are looking forward to the May 100th anniversary reunion as much as I am! As many of you will remember, we celebrated the laying of the cornerstone of our building 2 years ago. The building was completed in 1924 and in May of 1924, it was dedicated. So at this special 100th anniversary reunion, we celebrate the dedication of our beautiful building while also looking forward to the next 100 years of Freemasonry at our temple and in Arkansas.

Although Masonic cornerstone ceremonies are likely more familiar to most, the dedication of a building is also an ancient Masonic ceremonial. In monitors as early as the early 1800s, dedication rituals are found. Our temple was dedicated by the Grand Lodge on May 12, 1924. It was dedicated to the use of the fraternity. I wonder if those present could imagine that 100 years later, it is still being used as it was dedicated, for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, our Masonic youth orders, etc.

After the Grand Lodge building burned to the ground in 1919 and with the Scottish Rite growing to the point that a tent had to be set up outside during reunions because the dining room was too small, the brethren realized a great opportunity. A publication titled “A Dream or a Reality” was sent to all Scottish Rite members in August, 1920. It laid out the plans for what is today our temple. The brethren responded positively, so plans moved forward to build our temple.

So, now it is our time. I would ask each of you: our temple being used for Freemasonry in 2124 is it “A Dream or a Reality”? It is really the same question posed to our brethren 100 years ago. Now it is our time. Will we step up and endow the preservation of our beautiful building? We have established a permanent endowment funding within the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation. The principal will not be spent, but the earnings will go to support the preservation and maintenance for the future. We have made great progress on that endowment, but in this 100th anniversary year, we hope to make a major expansion of our endowment. Donations can be made to the Arkansas Scottish Rite Foundation; be sure to indicate that it is for the temple endowment. Donations are tax deductible. I plan to make a substantial donation in his 100th anniversary year. Will you join me in looking to the future?



Ill. C. James, Graham, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Orient of Arkansas



Fraternal Greetings

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN ARKANSAS

My brethren I hope these few words find you in good health and toiling away in the quarries of your respective lodges. Mrs. Lisa has been making sure I am driven to all the lodges and meetings on my schedule. We are very excited about all the happenings in our grand jurisdiction. There is so much happening it is like a Masonic Revival. Our grand line officers are all traveling and helping in degrees and at their own lodges. We have certainly hit the ground running.

Some of the important dates to remember are:

April 13th - Master's Degree, Adoniram Lodge #288, will host the degree at the Scottish Rite Temple in Little Rock. We will open with the Grand Lodge Officers presiding and conferring the first section at 9:30 a.m. The Grand Lecturer's Degree Team will perform the second section. There will be a catfish lunch provided, between sections. Cost of the lunch will be \$20.00 each.

May 10th - 11th - Spring Reunion, Albert Pike Memorial Temple, 100th Anniversary Celebration.

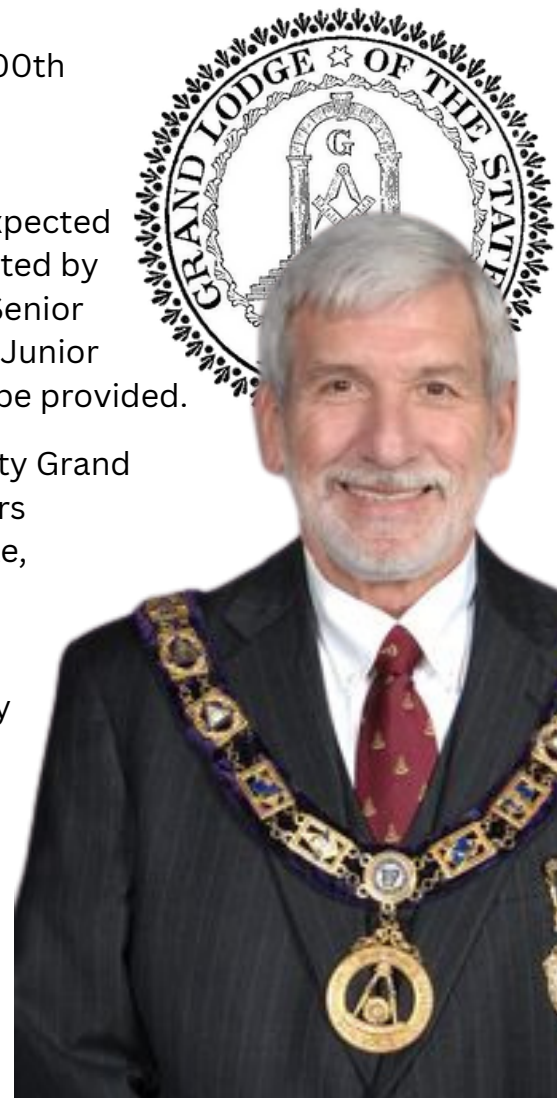
June 22nd, Mid-Year Conference, Albert Pike Masonic Center, All principal officers and secretaries of the subordinate lodges are expected to attend. There will be breakout sessions for each officer conducted by our Deputy Grand Master for the Worshipful Masters, the Grand Senior Warden for the Senior Wardens, the Grand Junior Warden for the Junior Wardens, and the Grand Secretary for the secretaries. Lunch will be provided.

M. W. Brad Phillips, Grand Secretary, R.W. Michael Olegario, Deputy Grand Master, our wives, and I attended the Conference of Grand Masters and Secretaries of North America on February 17th - 21st in Seattle, Washington.

Working together we can accomplish many great things for the good of OUR FRATERNITY. I am looking forward to the opportunity of being with brethren at these and other meetings and events. Until we meet again my Brethren.

Fraternally Yours I AM,

M. W. Darrell Gifford
Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas



Valley of Little Rock

VALLEY REPORT

Brethren, it's with great pleasure to present these tidings. The Valley of Little Rock Scottish Rite surpassed last years toy collection in benefit of the little patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Throughout 2023 there was a collection of toys going on. A special tip of the hat to the Widow Sons appendant body which had a toy run in July. Their gifts added to pile.

On 13th of December, a Merry Little Valley Christmas Party was held. Little ones at the party were able to select a present, listen to the dulcet tones of Christmas Carols by Andy Miller. Saint Nicholas stopped by and posed for pictures with no grumpy bear in sight. Paul Wilson had a borrowed copy from Clement Clarke Moore and read *The Night Before Christmas*. The little ones listened very attentively with Christmas joy on their faces. The meal was prepared with love by Brother Gary Henningsen and his Christmas crew. A few days later all the remaining toys were trucked over to Arkansas Children's Hospital by Scottish Rite Brothers, Will Teeter, Billy Britt, Tyler Van Brunt and Tim Mistic. They were well received by thankful and astonished Volunteer Engagement staffers. The valley is doing the Arkansas Food Bank Cereal Drive again. We will be collecting cereal from now until June 24th. We will take it to the Food Bank on June 28th.

This article written tongue and cheek by Toby Crow, 32°, KCCH.—Thanks to the brethren mentioned and it was all in good fun. Let's do it again next season.



Brothers Will Teeter, 32°, CG, Billy Britt, 32°, KCCH, Tyler Van Brunt, 32°, CG, Tim Mistic, 32°, KCCH



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Remembrance and Renewal

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

The chapter of Rose Croix's Remembrance and Renewal is a time for renewing our Rite's covenant of brotherly love. Although we communicate the spirit of The Passover and the Holy Sacrament in our ritual, the feast that we enjoy with friends and family is *not* a religious feast. It is a time when we come together to break bread in celebrating the life and death of our brothers who have entered that new world not built by human hands. This is also the time for renewal of the great Mandatum Novum given by Christ, which is to love our brothers. Come to our feast in April so you can join us in remembering our brothers who have passed beyond the veil, and in renewing our passion and love for our one another.

Peace and love Brothers, always.

 *Billy Britt* 18°

Eques á Misericordia R.:C.:
Wise Master



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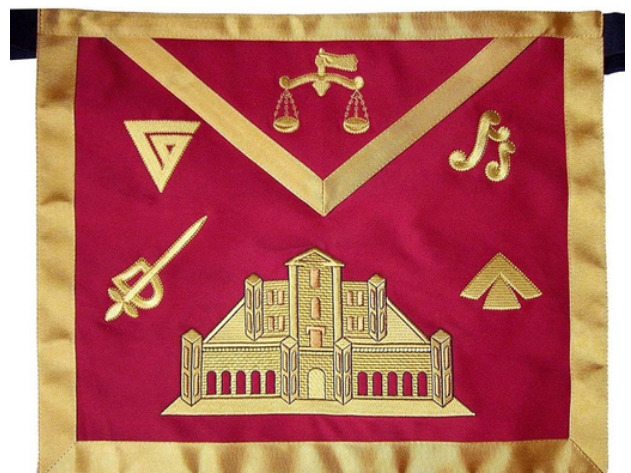
BY JAMES KRING, 32°, KCCH

Much like the Fellowcraft Degree of Craft Masonry in the York Rite, the 16th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (A.A.S.R.) is often perceived as perfunctory. The 15th Degree, tells the story of the rebuilding of the Second Temple after the Babylonian Captivity. The 17th Degree, furthermore, presents the drama of the false King and Roman Puppet Herod, his petty execution of Saint John the Baptist, and a purview of Saint John the Evangelist's Book of Revelation. If we study the history of the 16th Degree of the Prince of Jerusalem, however, we not only gain a better understanding of earlier high grades Masonry but, also a deeper insight into one of the most important lessons in all of our beloved Craft.

In Estienne Morin's Order of the Royal Secret and Albert Pike's Masonic Formulas and Rituals, the role of a Prince of Jerusalem is clearly defined. Historically, the Princes of Jerusalem (consisting of council of five or more) were judicial auditors of the constitutions, ritualistic work, and actions of the preceding fifteen degrees. In much the same way, the 31st Degree, Inspector Inquisitor, holds the very same role for the succeeding 16th through the 30th Degrees. While not explicitly stated, the reason that these degrees serve a regulatory role is because at their particular place in the historical drama of the Scottish Rite rituals, the Temple is destroyed. The whole world, therefore, now serves as God's Temple. Accordingly, we the Brethren are responsible for upholding the tenants of Freemasonry. Our Ancient Brethren, the earlier Princes of Jerusalem,



Zerubbabel for Darius, Jan Luyken, Pieter Mortier, 1704



Apron of a Prince of Jerusalem

...were magistrates that ensured that our Craft stayed true to its purpose and did not stray from our Landmarks. While these operative responsibilities are no longer used, the duty of every Scottish Rite Mason is to understand our history so as to ensure that our speculative work remains true.

After the Civil War our Ill. Grand Commander and fellow Arkansan Bro. Albert Pike streamlined the administrative structure of the Scottish Rite SJ into the format we all now know. It was at this time that the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem was absorbed into the next body of the Scottish Rite the Chapter Rose Croix.

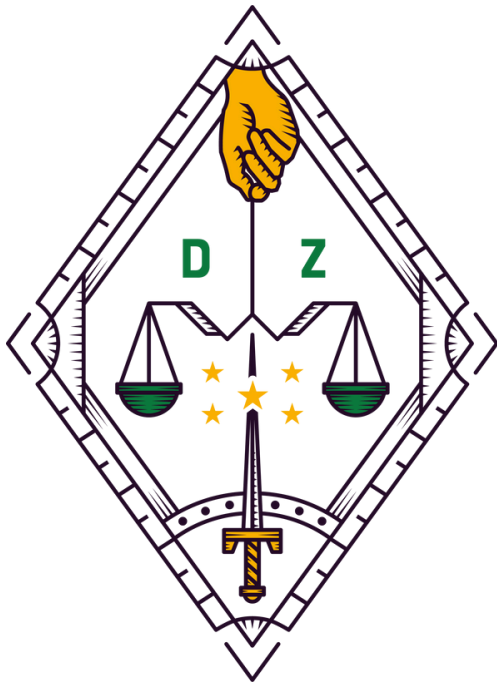
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Editor's Note: This body existed within the Grand Consistory of Arkansas, Orient of Little Rock. It was called the Kedron Council of Princes of Jerusalem.



*Emblem of the Council of
Princes of Jerusalem.
Courtesy of Scottish Rite, NMJ*

Valley of Fayetteville Calendar

- April 24th - Stated Meeting
 - (8th Degree exemplification)
- May 22nd - Stated Meeting
- June 22nd - Spring Reunion
- June 26th - Stated Meeting
- July 24th - Stated Meeting

Valley of Jonesboro

VALLEY REPORT



Congratulations to our newest Masters of the Royal Secret

Bro. Phillip Carr, 32°, Jonesboro Lodge No. 129, received his degrees at the Valley of Little Rock's Fall Reunion in 2023. Carr is a filmmaker, so the Orient immediately asked him to direct an Arkansas Scottish Rite Commercial.

The Scottish Rite: A Family Tradition

During the 99th reunion of the Valley of Jonesboro, we initiated 2 new Masters of the Royal Secret, Cody Davis (pictured left), a 4th generation Arkansas Scottish Rite Mason, and Tommy Dunigan (pictured right), a 3rd generation Arkansas Scottish Rite Mason. Congratulations and welcome!



A Year of Milestones

BY JON WALTER, 32°, KCCH

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies. Ill. William Nash, 33° chose our anniversary date of June 17th, 1974 because it was both he and his wife Mary Bert's birthdays, their wedding anniversary, and also marked the date of his appointment to active deputy of the Supreme Council! Our Scottish Rite Reunion scheduled for this upcoming August, furthermore, will also be our 100th!

Ill. Brad Phillips, 33°, Personal Representative, the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies installed new officers in several positions for 2024.

Lodge of Perfection

- Orator - Robert Quattrone, 32°
- Prelate - Steve Davis, 32°
- Assistant Expert - Bobby Johnson, 32°
- Captain of the Host - Jackie Thompson, 32°, KSA
- Tyler - Chip Johnson, 32°

Chapter of Rose Croix

- Wise Master - Darren Cloud, 32°, KSA
- Senior Warden - Ray Matthew, 32°, KSA
- Junior Warden - Ill. Jerald Burns, 33°

Council of Kadosh

- Commander - Curtis Pace, 32°, KCCH
- 1st Lt. Commander - Brent Davis, 32°
- 2nd Lt. Commander - Ill. Doug Fausnaugh, 33°

Calendar

- March 29, 2024 - Maundy Thursday/ Easter Observance
- June 10, 2024 – 50th Anniversary Banquet (Open Meeting)

Bro. Phillips presents a Past Wise Master jewel to Stan Sims, 32°, KCCH



Century Long Traditions

BY T. LUCAS MINTON, 32°, KCCH

There are many traditions that we as Masons in general, and Scottish Rite Masons in particular, observe and don't give a second thought. The distinguished history of the Scottish Rite of Arkansas has made for a number of these particular traditions that are still observed a century later. One of the most obvious to come to mind is the recitation of the "Rose Poem" called "A Garden of Roses by Fred H. Yapple at the conclusion of the light chamber of the 18°". After the poem the Wise Master, assisted by the Camp Guard, are presented with roses as a reminder how much they are loved and appreciated. This tradition has been observed in Arkansas for the last century and has become a beloved tradition.

Likewise after the 32° in an ode to the country that affords us the freedoms so easily taken for granted we celebrate those freedoms with the "Goddess of Liberty." This is a special part of our Reunion where a brother's family member holds the Scales of Justice and Declaration of Independence while all in attendance sing, "America the Beautiful."

After the constituting of the new Particular Consistory in Arkansas Bros. Henry Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.) and Rosenbaum set about working on the vision of performing degrees in dramatic form as well as forming new service unit to add flair and distinction to the 32° "The Camp Guard of Arkansas Consistory." Officially the unit was in place and had already begun its work by 1899 when Bro. Rosenbaum was serving as Deputy to the Supreme Council and commander of the Camp Guard. Two years Bro. John Fraser was appointed to serve as the first Captain of the Camp Guard and that same year Bro. Rosenbaum was crown S.G.I.G. of the Orient of Arkansas. Now, 125 years later every Reunion in Little Rock since its formation the Camp Guard has assisted in the degree work and worked the 32° drill.

However, there is yet another tradition present at every Reunion in Little Rock that is obstructed from view, unless we watch the actions of the property room very closely. We see it when we gaze at the altar and notice an ornate Scottish Rite sword. The sword I'm referring to isn't just one of the generic swords used by the ritualists or the Camp Guard. This sword is a true relic of the "Golden Age of Fraternalism", and we believe it was presented in 1901 shortly after the Biennial of the Supreme Council before the "Golden Age" had achieved its fullness. This is the personal dress sword of Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Charles E. Rosenbaum 33°, SGIG for the Orient of Arkansas, and Lieutenant Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction, but, the specifics of this sword are unknown, however we can ascertain a few details from its appearance and a few more being students of the Scottish Rite History here in Arkansas.



FRED H. YAPLE

Officially the Camp Guard was in place and had begun its work in 1899 with Bro. Rosenbaum serving concurrently as Deputy of the Supreme Council and Commander of the Camp Guard. Two years later Bro. John Fraser was appointed to serve as the first Captain of the Camp Guard and that same year Bro. Rosenbaum was crowned S.G.I.G. of the Orient of Arkansas. As an expression of extreme gratitude and congratulations the Camp Guard purchased a custom dress sword for Bro. Rosenbaum. It was engraved with Bro. Rosenbaums's name, degree, and office along with various Scottish Rite symbols. The luxuriousness of this sword does not end with the engravings or castings though. This sword also was enameled around all the engravings to add the last bit of definition and splendor.

Sometime after the presentation of this sword to Bro. Rosenbaum it was entrusted into the care of our Property Room where it was mandated to become a staple on the altar during the degrees requiring a sword on the altar. This sword has shared the altar with many hundred brethren over the last century, and not a few red roses as well.

Through the rest of the tenure of our illustrious brother and the tenures of our successive S.G.I.G.'s Bro. Rosenbaum's sword has been on our altar. Bro. Rosenbaum's sword is another living piece of history sharing our hallowed spaces in the temple built by the very man who carried it. This sword sits as a quiet yet fierce reminder of the greatness that Freemasonry can reveal in a man who is willing to embrace her precepts and live them.



*In your garden are many roses,
Some of them white, and some
are red,*

*Really, I am very fond of roses,
But I want them now, not when I'm
dead,*

*Don't wait to show me your
affection When the earth is piled
above my head,*

*In your garden there are many
roses, But I want them now, not
when I'm dead,*

*Why wait until my labor's ended?
Don't you think it better if you
said,*

*Please Accept this little bunch of
roses, You want them now, not
when you are dead.'*

*For in your garden there are many
roses, And their blossoms, like our
years,
are sped;*

*Really, I am very fond of roses,
But I want them now, not when I'm
dead.*



8° - Intendant of the Building

LODGE OF PERFECTION



The apron is white, lined with red and bordered with green; in the center is an embroidered nine-pointed star and over that a balance. On the flap is a triangle, with Phoenician letters at each angle. The three colors white, red and green, the chief symbolic colors of Scottish Rite Masonry, teach is to imitate the purity of morals and zeal for the service

of Masonry which have made our deceased Master immortal in the recollection of men. The jewel is a delta of gold. On one side is engraved or enameled a Phoenician word meaning 'nobles' or 'freeborn'; on the reverse the letters are Samaritan and stand for Achad, or 'our only God, chief and source of all'. Pike derives this interpretation from its root which means 'first'. The triangular shape is the most fundamental symbol of the Deity. The cordon is a broad watered crimson ribbon, worn from right to left; the jewel is suspended from it by a green ribbon.

DUTIES

- Be benevolent and charitable.

LESSONS

- Benevolence and charity demand we correct our own faults and those of others. That which a man knows dies with him; therefore, transmit your knowledge. Labor is honorable if done with sobriety, temperance, punctuality and industry.

FOR REFLECTION

- Is this life more than a portal to another?

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

- Triple triangle, nine pointed star, the colors crimson, green and white.

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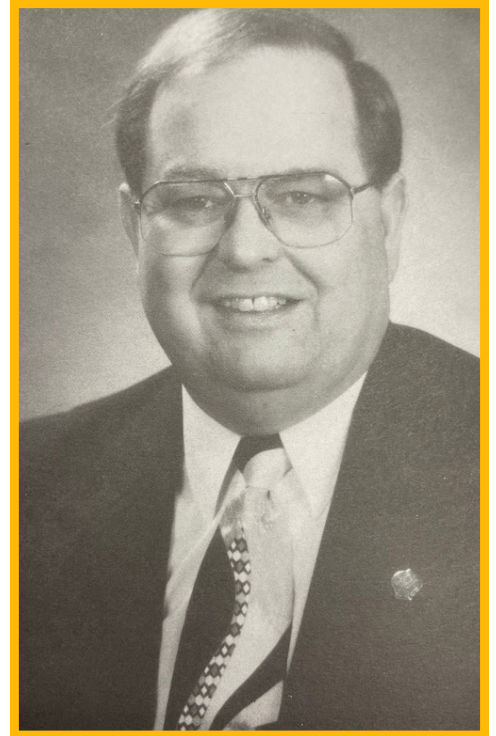
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Kevin Hatfield Endowed Scholarship

BY III. SUMNER BRASHEARS, 33°

I am a Past Master of Huntsville Lodge #364 and have recently volunteered to serve as chairman of a very special committee for a very special Brother. The Scottish Rite is creating an Endowed Scholarship in honor of Most Worshipful Brother Kevin Hatfield, who served as our Grand Master in 1999. With this scholarship we seek to help the sons, daughters, grandchildren, and other students with a familial tie to a Master Mason. Often including youths that are actively involved in DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters.

This endowed scholarship in Brother Hatfield's honor will continue in perpetuity, beginning with a \$1,000.00 annual payout and increasing over time as the value of the account increases with the market and/or added to with additional contributions. While we have made some great strides, our committee still has a lot to accomplish.



Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to fully fund this Endowed Scholarship so that it may continue forever. We need your support to make this scholarship a reality and in doing so, we feel that we are accomplishing two things together with this noble effort: 1) we are investing in the future of our own Masonic family and 2) we are manifesting our appreciation for Most Worshipful Brother Hatfield while he is still here with us, and not waiting until he no longer is.

All individual donors, Lodges, and other organizations will be listed on a custom "Donors Plaque" to be hung in the oldest Masonic Lodge in our state, Washington Lodge #1 in Fayetteville.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to provide you with more information about how you can help us reach our goal financially or assist our committee in other ways. If individual brothers wish to make a contribution of their own, all donations are 100% tax-deductible. ***All checks should be made out to the "Scottish Rite Foundation" with "Hatfield Scholarship" in the memo line and mailed to: Hatfield Scholarship, Attn. Mitch Hensley, PO Box 2139, Little Rock, AR 72203.***

Please join us! Together we can accomplish much if we all do our part! Thank you for your consideration on this exciting project. While no donation is too small and all are appreciated, here are the donor levels that will be recognized on the donor plaque.

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