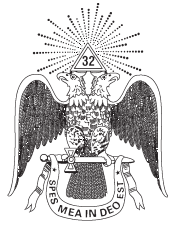


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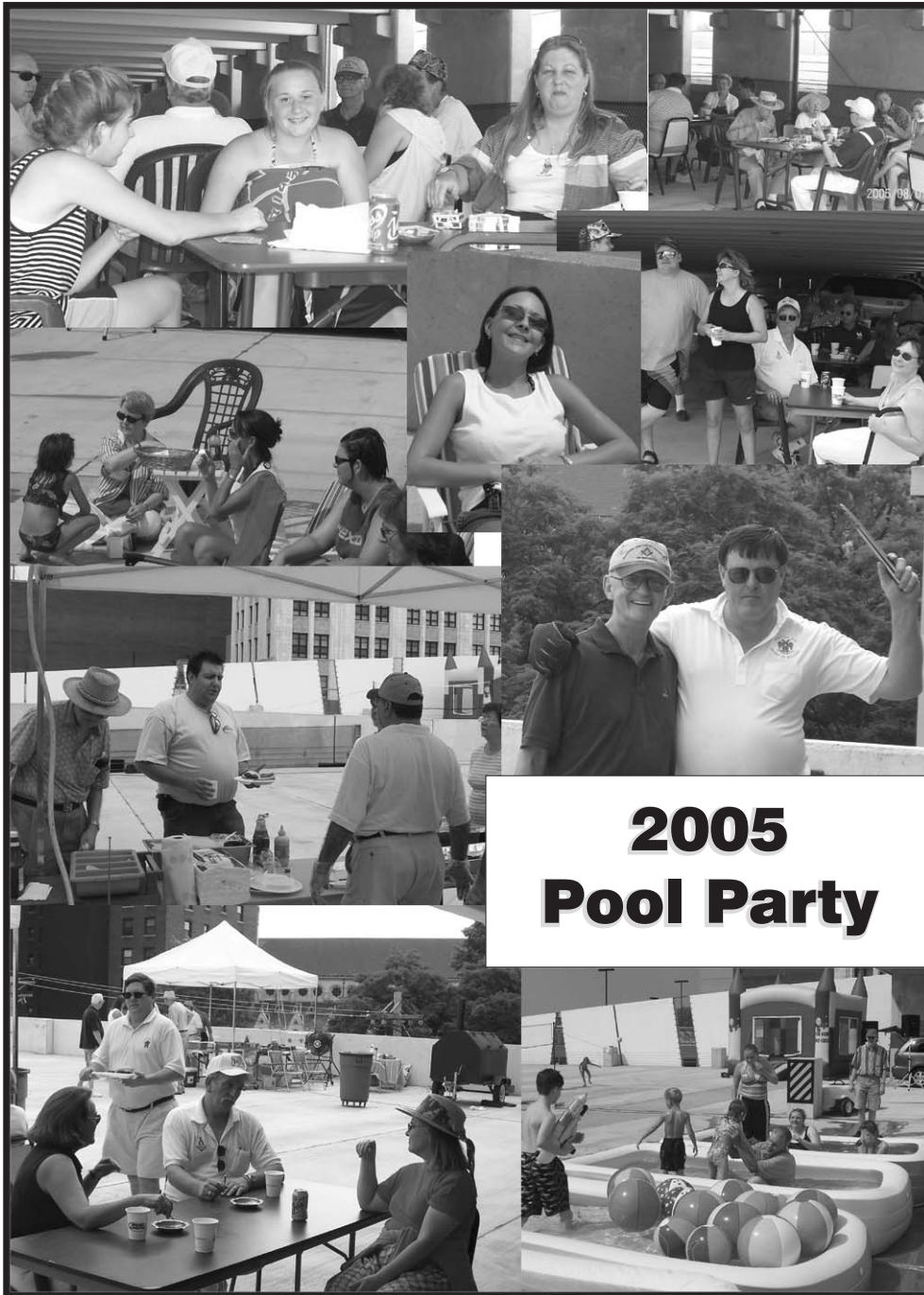


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PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP



The Perpetual Membership Committee has recently been revitalized and consists of the Valley's Personal Representative and Executive Secretary, John Makuta and David Swinney, Chairman. If you should have any questions or problems applicable to Perpetual Membership, these committee members will help you.

As of this writing, the Perpetual Membership Committee has authorized a new fee schedule based on existing annual dues and member age groupings. The Committee feels that this approach will be fairer for the body of our membership. These new fees will be as follows:

Under age 50	\$1,360.00
50 to 56 inclusive	\$1,224.00
57 to 62 inclusive	\$1,088.00
63 to 67 inclusive	\$ 952.00
68 and over	\$ 816.00

Please consider a Perpetual Membership. There are already in excess of 125 such memberships and we are hopeful of many mores. At the same time, you will be helping in the continuity of our organization financial future. Office personnel will be happy to take your fee payment and process your membership.

**REUNION
OCTOBER
14th & 15th**

For latest information at the Scottish Rite visit our new website www.scottishrite-stl.org

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Secretary's Update



The Scottish Rite office has been very busy catching up on the files and book keeping. We are also preparing for the annual dues statements. If you have a moment and access to the internet go to update.srmason-sj.org to update your profile. This will save our staff some time and insure that your record is correct.

I am happy to report that next year's rentals are starting to come in, which means we will need your help with staffing both the Provost and commissary. Without volunteers we will have to pay for this financially important activity.

We are also in need of help in the office. If you have any spare time, there are always things to be done.

The building has had new locks installed. We will be issuing new keys to those individuals who require access to the building. Everyone please be patient as we sort through the new keys.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Reunion.

Paul DeMerath

Help us keep our records current. If you have moved, changed your phone or added a cell phone or have email... Please contact the Scottish Rite office or go on line and update your records at:

update.srmason-sj.org

This is a simple process and will only take about a minute.

Thank you.

DUES



Every member will be receiving their 2006 dues notice. All dues are to be paid by December 31, 2005. If for any reason you haven't paid for 2005 please forward your payment to the Scottish Rite. If you haven't paid for 2004, you must get caught up prior to the end of the year or are subject to suspension. If you have questions on your status call the Executive Secretary Paul DeMerath to discuss your situation. If your dues have been remitted in the past and you are still finding it difficult to pay, again call the Executive Secretary to confidentially discuss your situation.

Submission Policy

The Rite Way will only accept articles in electronic form. All text should be submitted to the Executive Secretary either on disk or via email.

exec@scottishrite-stl.org

Acceptable text forms include TXT Microsoft Word DOC Format. Pictures and/or graphics should be submitted in either JPG, EPS or TIF format.

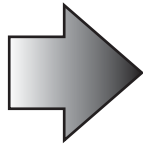
The Rite Way is looking for volunteers to help with the production, photography and reporting. Contact the Valley Office if interested.

The views expressed in **The Rite Way** do not necessarily reflect those of the Supreme Council 33°. The Missouri Orient, the St. Louis Valley or their Officers.

Articles in regard to Masonry, philosophy, history, education and general public interest are invited. Please include pictures, when possible. All articles and photographs are subject to editing and when published become the property of The Rite Way.

No compensation is allowed for any article, photograph or other materials submitted or published.

Looking Forward



I hope by now that our membership has become better informed of our financial situation. We had approximately 100 members in attendance for our general membership meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan and 2006 Budget. I had hopes for a larger attendance.

We are in the process of taking several steps in the implementation of the strategic plan and hopefully setting our Valley on a new course. It will be painful for many of us, but it is necessary, and I am sure we need to proceed at this time.

In this issue of the RiteWay you will find the 2006 budget. I am sure will be make small adjustments as we approach the end of the year. I am concerned about how the energy cost may affect us next year. We are also trying to keep the payroll in check and will depend on the membership to help defer cost this next year.

Our member fee structure has been revised. Adjusted for inflation our fees are still lower than the last time the dues structure was reviewed.

Our office staff is very busy just keeping up with the paperwork and developing a new customer base at prices which reflect the value of our property. We will not be able to support club activities as we have in the past. Clubs, committees, and bodies will have to do their own work with a minimum of support (both labor and money) from the office.

All that said we do plan to improve our communications to the membership. Brother Kurt Witzel has been appointed to organize the communications of the Valley. We will improve the information in the RiteWay, website and plan to increase the use of electronic communication. If you have an email address, please insure that the Scottish Rite office has it in your profile. You will receive up to date information on events and news without the additional cost to the Valley. If you ve email but have access to a computer visit the website, www.scottishrite-stl.org, where we will attempt to keep you informed of

On a more positive note, the kitchen and diningroom are well underway in their reorganization. Supplies and equipment are being inventoried and evaluated for their serviceability. The kitchen is mostly painted and the diningroom floors are almost clean enough to eat off of. The commissary committee will be preparing the meals for the next Reunion, with a small fee for the membership. We will still need additional personnel to grow this committee.

The Preservation Association is sponsoring the Scottish Rite Youth Wind Ensemble. This is in support of the public schools as well as getting the general public to see more of our beautiful Cathedral. Under the direction of Bro. Jason Harris and the Scottish Rite Brass they will be meeting on Wednesday evenings and we look forward to their first public performance in the spring.

The Air National Guard Band will be performing at the Scottish Rite on a regular basis. We expect three to four concerts each year. The first concert will be on December 11, 2005. They will be performing a holiday program for the general public and our members. It should be a wonderful concert. Tickets will be available at the Scottish Rite office.

The 33rd and KCCH Associations will be meeting during the next reunion to discuss new responsibilities for their organizations. I encourage all honor men to attend.

This October 15th evening is the KCCH Investiture. This ceremony is open to the public and I invite all members to support these new honor men by attending the Investiture as well as the dinner. Reservations must be made through the office. The cost for dinner is \$35.00 per person.

Finally, I want to thank the staff and volunteers and I would encourage you to stop in the office during the Reunion and say hello. They are working very long hours to make all of this possible.

Fraternally,
Mike Brooks

Current Total Membership: 4786
Current Un-Paid Membership: 598

KCCH ASSOCIATION



The KCCH Association will have an important meeting this during the fall reunion.

Our "Draft" By-Laws were mailed out to every member last month and I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to review them before our meeting. You will see that we have been given a challenge to develop programs Education and training programs for the Valley. This new direction is an important part of the Valley Strategic Plan. It is also a project we should be able to succeed at.

This year we will elect our officers for the next two years. Your vote is important. Please make an extra effort to attend this important meeting. Dick Smith, Ronnie Green and Tim Wangelin were appointed to serve on the nominating Committee.

Once again, each one of us to make a commitment of time, talent and energy to further the ideals and goals of the Scottish Rite. Your help will be needed in the commissary and to work as ushers during our winter and spring Dance show season. If you can volunteer a few hours during the weekend please contact the office and get on the schedule early. Don't make it any harder for our Executive Secretary, call him to sign up. God Bless you.

Please attend the KCCH Investiture on Saturday Evening October 15, 2006 and welcome our new members.

Fraternally:
James R. Fiete, Sec/Treas

CALENDER

October

- Oct 5-11 - Supreme Council
- Oct 10 - Columbus Day - Office Closed
- Oct 12 - Preservation Exec Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 14 - 15 - Fall Reunion
- Oct 15 - KCCH Investiture 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 20 - Feast of Tishri
- Oct 23 - Knights of St. Andrews Meeting, Lounge 3:00
- Oct 29 - Shrine Ceremonial - Moolah - See Camels' Tale

November

- Nov 4 - Legion of Honor Ceremony (Demolay)
- Nov 5 - 33° Coronation - Joplin
- Nov 9 - Preservation Exec Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- Nov 9 - Advisory Council 6:30 & 4 Bodies Meeting
& Election of Officers 7:30
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day - Office Closed
- Nov 19 - Moolah Auction (See Camels' Tale)
- Nov 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break - Office and Clinic Closed
- Nov 27 - Knights of St. Andrews Meeting, Lounge 3:00

December

- Dec 9 - Holiday Party
- Dec 11 - Air Force Band Concert
- Dec 14 - Preservation Exec Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- Dec 14 - Installation of Officers 7:30
- Dec 26 - 30 Christmas Break - Office Closed

SPRING REUNION
April 21 - 22, 2006

Grand Masters Breakfast
April 23

Fall Reunion
October 21 - 22, 2006

III. JAMES H. COCKERHAM

Illustrious Brother James H. Cockerham, 33° was hardly a stranger to any Master Mason or to anything related to Freemasonry. His father, grandfather and other family members have all been active members of our fraternity. Illustrious Brother Cockerham was born on December 13, 1921 in St. Louis. He was educated in St. Louis area schools, received an A.B. from Harris Teacher's College and an M.A. in Education from Washington University. In addition to his education credentials, he was also a specialist in foreign languages.

His military service was with the Army Air Force in the Central Pacific area where he served as a Navigator on a B-24 Liberator Bomber.

In 1944 he married Virginia Madeline Kerner. They had three sons: James, David and Robert. He and his family were always active members of the Presbyterian Church.

Illustrious Brother Cockerham followed his chosen field and served the St. Louis Public Schools for 38 years as a teacher, principal, budget director and as director on Special Assignments.

His Masonic career began on January 2, 1948, when he became an Entered Apprentice at Beacon Lodge No. 3. He was raised a Master Mason on March 19, 1948. He became a multiple member of Clayton Lodge No. 601, serving as Worshipful Master in 1989. He also earned all five Proficiency Cards within a year. In 1991, he served the Grand Lodge of Missouri as Grand Orator.

The York Rite degrees and orders quickly followed. He subsequently served as presiding officer of St. Louis Chapter No. 8, Hiram Council No. 1, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8. In 1960 he was elected Grand Warder and in 1967, he became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri. He later served as Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Missouri in 1991;

Illustrious James H. Cockerham 33^o Reunion

Cockerham continued

and was the Regional Deputy General Grand Master from 1993-1996.

He served on the Grand Encampment Committee on DeMolay for nine years and on the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Committee for over 20 years.

Masonic honors were also bestowed on James H. Cockerham by our Scottish Rite brethren. Illustrious Brother Cockerham served as the Venerable Master of Kadosh in the Valley of St. Louis in 1973 and as Director of Work from 1980 to 1991. He was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1969 and coroneted as Inspector General Honorary 33^o in 1975. The Ritual work was most important to Jim and he spent a lifetime sharing his time and talents while serving the Scottish Rite and all of Freemasonry.

He received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor in 1967 and the Cross of Honor in 1980. He served as a member of the Advisory Council of George L. Walters Chapter for over 30 years. He was a Charter Life Member of the DeMolay Alumni Association and in 1993 became an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

In 1976, he served as Puissant Sovereign of St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was a Past Sovereign Master of Ray Vaughn Denslow Council No. 102, A.M.D. In 1995, he served as Preeminent Governor of the Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College. He also served as the Very Eminent Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in 1997.

Other Masonic related affiliations include Royal Order of Scotland, Missouri Lodge of Research, Grand College of Rites, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Forty-Fivers Association of Past Grand Commanders, Sword of Bunker Hill, High Twelve, National

Friday, October 14, 2005

5:00 p.m.	Registration of Candidates
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	<i>No charge for candidates - \$5.00 for members</i>
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.	4 th Degree
7:45 - 8:15 p.m.	Class Orientation Break
8:15 - 9:15 p.m.	14 th Degree
9:15 - 9:45 p.m.	Class Orientation Break
9:45 - 10:45 p.m.	18 th Degree

Saturday, October 15, 2005

7:00 a.m.	Coffee and donuts
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	22 nd Degree
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Class Election/Building Tour
9:30 -	<i>KCCH Association Meeting in Small Dining Room</i>
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	30 th Degree
11:30 - 12 :00 p.m.	Class picture in auditorium
12:30 -	<i>33rd Association Meeting in Small Dining Room</i>
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
	<i>No charge for candidates - \$5.00 for members</i>
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	DeMolay Degree
1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	30 th degree (<i>New Version</i>)
3:00 p.m.	Close
5:30 p.m.	KCCH Honorees are to arrive at Scottish Rite for Investiture ceremony. <i>Do not be late.</i>
6:00 p.m.	KCCH Investiture
7:00 p.m.	KCCH Investiture Dinner

Honorees and one guest are no charge all others are \$35.00 Per person)

Cockerham continued

Sojourners, Educational Craftsman, Scottish Rite Club of St. Louis, York Rite Council Club of Greater St. Louis and Moolah Temple Shrine. He further held Honorary Memberships and was presented with various Honors in numerous Masonic organizations in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas,

Cockerham continued

Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Jim was known as a true Brother, Friend and Servant to All. He parted this earth on March 14, 2005, just a few months after his wonderful wife Virginia.

Lodge of Perfection Budget 2006

INCOME	2006 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 YTD
Dues @ \$68.00 per Member	\$258,400.00	\$137,067.00	\$130,000.00	\$48,961.00
Petition Fees	\$9,000.00	\$11,400.00	\$11,250.00	\$7,760.00
Show Fees	\$180,000.00	\$188,108.80	\$140,000.00	\$126,362.00
Show Labor Income	\$22,000.00			
Commissary Committee Income	\$35,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$24,706.63
Kitchen Rental	\$9,000.00			
Lodge Activities Income	\$20,000.00			\$2,906.00
Jewelry & Hat Sales	\$3,000.00			\$2,478.00
Scottish Rite Clubs	\$0.00			
Donations	\$15,000.00	\$65,837.47	\$25,000.00	
Miscellaneous-sales of assets	\$5,000.00	\$30,981.25	\$5,000.00	\$5,096.00
Investments	\$20,000.00		\$18,000.00	\$86,059.12
Ins Reinb				\$13,647.00
Total Income	\$576,400.00	\$433,394.52	\$349,250.00	\$317,975.75
 Expenses:				
Per Capita @ \$10.00	\$45,000.00	\$28,899.60	\$29,000.00	\$29,370.80
Supreme Council Petition Fees	\$2,000.00			
Reunion Expenses	\$7,000.00			\$3,652.00
Show Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$19,276.36	\$15,000.00	\$500.00
Show Labor	\$22,000.00			
Commissary Committee	\$9,000.00	\$13,095.23	\$8,000.00	\$5,334.51
Kitchen Equipment Expenses	\$9,000.00			
Lodge Activities Expenses	\$35,000.00			\$77.61
Jewelry/Hat Purchases	\$2,500.00			\$3,691.71
Scottish Rite Clubs	\$500.00			\$258.60
Payroll	\$156,000.00	\$278,336.41	\$155,000.00	\$73,755.66
Payroll Taxes	\$11,500.00			\$34,183.94
Donations	\$5,000.00			\$2,833.65
Library Expense	\$1,000.00			\$182.78
Legal & accounting	\$8,000.00	\$16,282.75	\$8,000.00	\$1,860.50
Executive Committee Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$8,396.08	\$4,000.00	\$10,793.54
Office	\$6,200.00	\$44,194.27	\$20,000.00	\$13,686.91
Rite Way	\$4,750.00			
Postage Meter	\$2,000.00			
Postage	\$7,000.00			\$2,436.05
Copier & Supplies	\$7,500.00			\$849.48
Printing	\$2,500.00			
Insurance	\$70,000.00	\$54,095.59	\$48,932.12	\$62,525.70
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$25,000.00	\$46,263.20	\$40,000.00	\$15,267.98
Utilities - Electric	\$20,000.00	\$77,203.75	\$80,000.00	\$93,216.46
Utilities - Gas	\$80,000.00			
Utilities - Sewer	\$3,000.00			
Utilities - Telephone	\$4,300.00			
Waste Hauling	\$2,500.00			
Youth Programs	\$1,200.00			\$1,050.41
Pension & Health		\$21,773.73	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Total expense	\$565,450.00	\$607,816.97	\$412,932.12	\$358,028.29
 Gross Profit/Loss	 \$10,950.00	 -\$174,422.45	 -\$63,682.12	 -\$40,052.54

Scottish Rite Clubs

Capaha

Masonic Temple, Cape Girardeau, MO
Richard W. Allgood (573) 334-2728
Meets 2nd Wednesday of Month
(Except Jan, Jul, & Aug)



Crossroads

American Steakhouse, Dexter, MO
Elmer Wilson (573) 624-4448
Meets 2nd Monday of Month



Gasconade Valley

Jim Haddox (573) 437-3600



Meramec

John's Restaurant, St. James, MO
Charles Evans, Jr. (573) 265-8671
5th Monday as occurs 6:30 p.m.



Mineral Area

Rosener's Restaurant, Park Hill, MO
Steve Monrotus (573) 756-9020
Meets 3rd Friday of
Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec



NEMO

Don G. Bowers (573) 898-5627
Meets 2nd Wednesday of
April, May, June, Sept, Oct and Dec



St. Louis

Scottish Rite Cathedral Dining Room
Dave Vogler (314) 351-5544
Meets noon every Wednesday
Mar - Jun and Sep - 2nd week of Dec



South County

Fountain Cafeteria on Gravois
Jack Loomstein (314) 997-6687



Southeast Missouri

Rocky Jackson (573) 223-3052
Meets 2nd Tuesday of
Jan, Mar, May, Oct, & Dec



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Vacant
(314)



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October 15, 2006 6:00 p.m.
at the Scottish Rite
\$35.00 per person
Black Tie
Reservations Required
Scottish Rite Office
314-533-7410**



Second Annual Holiday Party

Friday, December 9, 2005 6:30 P.M. Till ?

In The Scottish Rite Dining Room

\$20.00 Per Person

All Are Welcome, Invite A Guest

Buffet Dinner

Beer, Soda, Music & Dancing Included

Tickets Available Thru Sponsors or PR Office.

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