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**Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
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My Brothers,

First and foremost, I need to extend my heartiest thanks and congratulations to a truly remarkable Rose Croix team, led by Bro Joe, and supported by Bro Aaron and Bro Jim. They presented a truly inspiring Rose Croix memorial service for Ill Bro David Coberly.

Second, once again we are on the final stages of preparation for the Fall Reunion. As we often have, there are several vacancies within the various casts. I need each and everyone of our Brothers to reach out to Ill Bro Jerry Underwood, and make themselves known as willing to assist. We have small parts, we have large parts, we have leadership roles to fill, and we have a need for more Brothers to assist Bro JD Potter with the Supporting Departments.

Remember – these Reunions are just as much about our current members, as it is about our candidates. When we take the time to return to the Consistory Reunion, we always learn more about the degrees we have received, the lessons within them, and the practical application of those lessons in our everyday lives. A Reunion is also about friendship and the building of bonds among all of the Brothers.

Come and participate. Join the discussions in the classroom led by Bro Craig. Hear the thoughts and revelations of our soon-to-be Masters of the Royal Secret. Interact with the candidates at lunch. And of course, support our degree teams and the Supporting Departments.

I hope to see everyone of you at the Feast of Tishri observance in October, and at the Reunion in November.



**III Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder**

Secretary's Corner

I have mine. Do you have yours?

The 2024 dues cards have been sent out. I got mine in mid-September. Remember, if you are current with your 2023 dues, then the 2024 dues card is in the envelope with your dues notice. If you only got a dues notice then you are in arrears on your 2023 dues. It is easy to get your 2023 dues paid – online at Supreme (send me an email if you are confused about how to do this) or send your check to the Consistory office. Your 2023 and/or 2024 dues cards are in the Consistory office, and we can mail them to you – or better yet, attend the next stated meeting and we can present it in person.

Our membership headcount is currently 402, down again due to deaths. At this time, we have 179 members that do not pay dues each year (life members and other exempt members). That leaves us with 172 that are in arrears for 2023 and/or 2024. We have 51 members that have paid their 2024 dues. Our costs have continued to go up but our income from dues is lagging far behind. If you are behind in your dues and want to discuss the options to get caught up and remain in good standing, send me an email (bcooksc@gmail.com) or call the Consistory office (719/471-7966) and leave a message.

Our Fall 2023 Reunion is scheduled for November 2-4, 2023. We currently have one petition in the office. If you are working with a Brother that has an interest in the Scottish Rite, please contact the office if you need any material or help with the petition.



Here is the link for the online petitions.
Make sure your candidates know this is available.

URL for the online petition: <https://scottishrite.iotform.com/213205802575956>



Br. Zach Smith, 32°
1st Lt. Commander, Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

I was researching for my presentation on Military Monastic Orders and I took a small detour out of Masonic interest that I wanted to share with you. In our apron lecture, a reference is made to the Star and the Garter and I feel that most of us just read it and don't particularly understand it. I am going to attempt to remedy that.

The Order of the Star and Order of the Garter were both military orders in France and England respectively that were formed during the Hundred Years war and were both the highest honor a knight could achieve. I will break them down individually, beginning with the Order of the Garter, for reasons I will explain later.

The Order of the Garter was founded in 1348 by King Edward III of England. Legend has it that the "Countess of Salisbury", whose garter is said to have slipped from her leg while she was dancing at a court ball at Calais. When the surrounding courtiers snickered, the king picked it up and returned it to her, exclaiming, "Honi soit qui mal y pense!" ('Shame on him who thinks ill of it!'), which phrase became the Order's motto. Membership in the Order is strictly limited and includes the Monarch, the Prince of Wales, not more than 24 Companion members, and various supernumerary members. Appointments are at the Sovereign's sole discretion, typically made in recognition of national contribution, service to the Crown, or for distinguished personal service to the Monarch. The Order is still in existence and has had a total of 1,027 members, with Prince William of Wales being the 1,000th member. It is the world's oldest national order of knighthood in continuous existence and the pinnacle of the British honors system. It was the highest honor you could achieve until the Victoria Cross was established in 1856.

The Order of the Star (Ordre de l'Étoile) was founded in 1352 by King John II of France and was made to mimic the Order of the Garter. It was awarded to recognize (and inspire) bravery in battle. In part it was intended to prevent the disaster of Crécy and to this end only success on the battlefield counted towards a member's merit, not success in tournaments. By its statutes, members also received a small payment and the order provided housing in retirement. They were sworn not to retreat or move more than four arpents (about six acre's breadths) from a battle. While the Order is still technically in existence, it has not been awarded since 1364. It would be available to the King of France to award, however, due to a lack of a King of France, the order is defunct.

The question remains, "how does this affect us as Masons?" While this is now obscure knowledge to us as modern Masons, to the Brothers that wrote our ritual, both of these Orders would have been well known and highly regarded. The authors of our ritual would have heard legendary feats of members of these Orders and, at least in England, would have known that the Order of the Garter was the highest honor a man could receive. To say that a Mason's apron was more esteemed than the Star or Garter at that time would be akin to saying a Mason's apron was more esteemed than the Congressional Medal of Honor to us.

With that knowledge in mind, I hope that you all wear your aprons a little straighter and hold your heads a little higher when you put them on. You are wearing an honor that was beyond the wildest dreams of most men, when worthily worn.



Br. Joe Surek 32°

Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

'In every rough ashlar of marble is hidden the perfect cube' – 24th degree

What is hidden within you? Are you chipping away at that rough exterior? Looking back since our last reunion or further, how have you changed? Have you changed?

I think that sometimes we can feel pulled in different directions in life. We may feel out of balance and can feel discouraged if we are not reaching some ideal end goal of progress and growth. It is often far easier to see how far we've come by looking back to where we have been, and earning to accommodate the 'opposites' of our lives - that is how we truly find balance.

**“Let us drink together, fellows, as we did in days of yore.
 And still enjoy the golden hours that Fortune has in store;
 The absent friends remembered be, in all that’s sung or said,
 And Love immortal consecrate the memory of the dead.”**
 — Albert Pike

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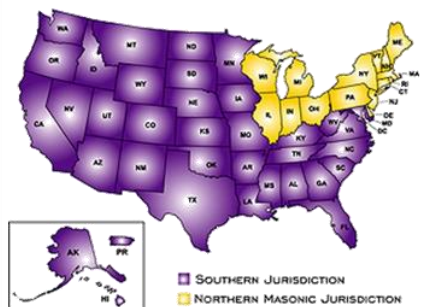
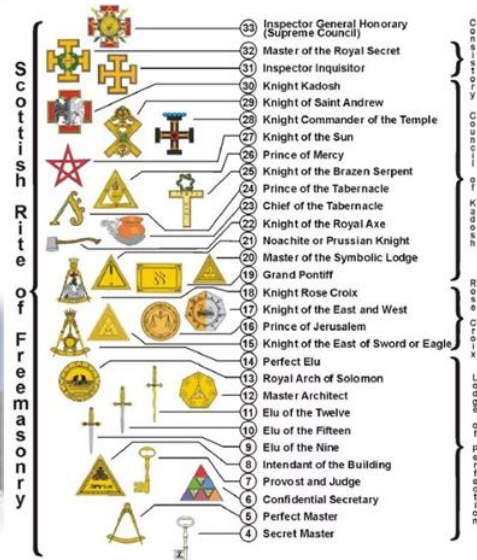
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CALENDAR

October 4, 2023

Open Meeting – Lodge of Perfection in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Pulled pork, BBQ sauce, brioche buns, baked potato salad, house tossed salad and dessert tray.

Dinner cost is \$20.00/person (cash or check). To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message. Reservations required before 4:00 PM on Friday, September 30, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: This open meeting will include a presentation of patents for the new Master of the Royal Secret and the Feast of Tishri presented by the Lodge of Perfection, as required by the Supreme statutes. Discussion to follow the presentation.

November 1, 2023

Closed Meeting – Council of Kadosh in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

Dinner cost is \$25.00/person (cash or check). To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message. Reservations

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: TBD based on needs for the reunion

November 2-4, 2023

Fall Reunion –information will be available in future newsletters

December 6, 2023

Open Meeting – Consistory in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

Dinner cost is \$25.00/person (cash or check). To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message. Reservations required.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Election (closed) and Installation (open)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

SORRY, THIS WAS LEFT OFF OF LAST MONTH

Roscoe A Ake

Marc J Appiano

Ralph B Baumer, Jr

George A Benson

Gordon Bevill

Wm Keith Book

Dailey G Broaddus

Franklin A Clark

Robert R Cook

Richard B Cranford

James S Eaches, Sr

Luis R. Flores

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Michael P Garman

Donald L Hansen

Jerome L Hansen

John J Harrington

Michael Edward Hattaway

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John O Larson, III

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Frank E Meacham

Robert C Miller

Larry G Moore

Barry D Nightingale

Larry E Page

Randall L Pieper

Paul D Ray

Denton R Roberts

Steven J Roshek

Nicholas F. Ruybalid

Ralph Singmaster

Noble Spencer, Jr

Dale E Spradley

David L Tennis

Bailee J Velasquez



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Chad Ivy Chaddick

Donald R Clowers

Eric L Ellithorpe

Jededia V Ellithorpe

D Duane Esarey

Todd E Gould

Joseph E Hadad

Arthur S Hagan, Jr

Robert W Harper

Arthur D Jones

Otis E Littlepage

Larry J Neu

Stephen Glen Pease

Wray S Pedro

Michael T Perez

Sumner W Pressey, III

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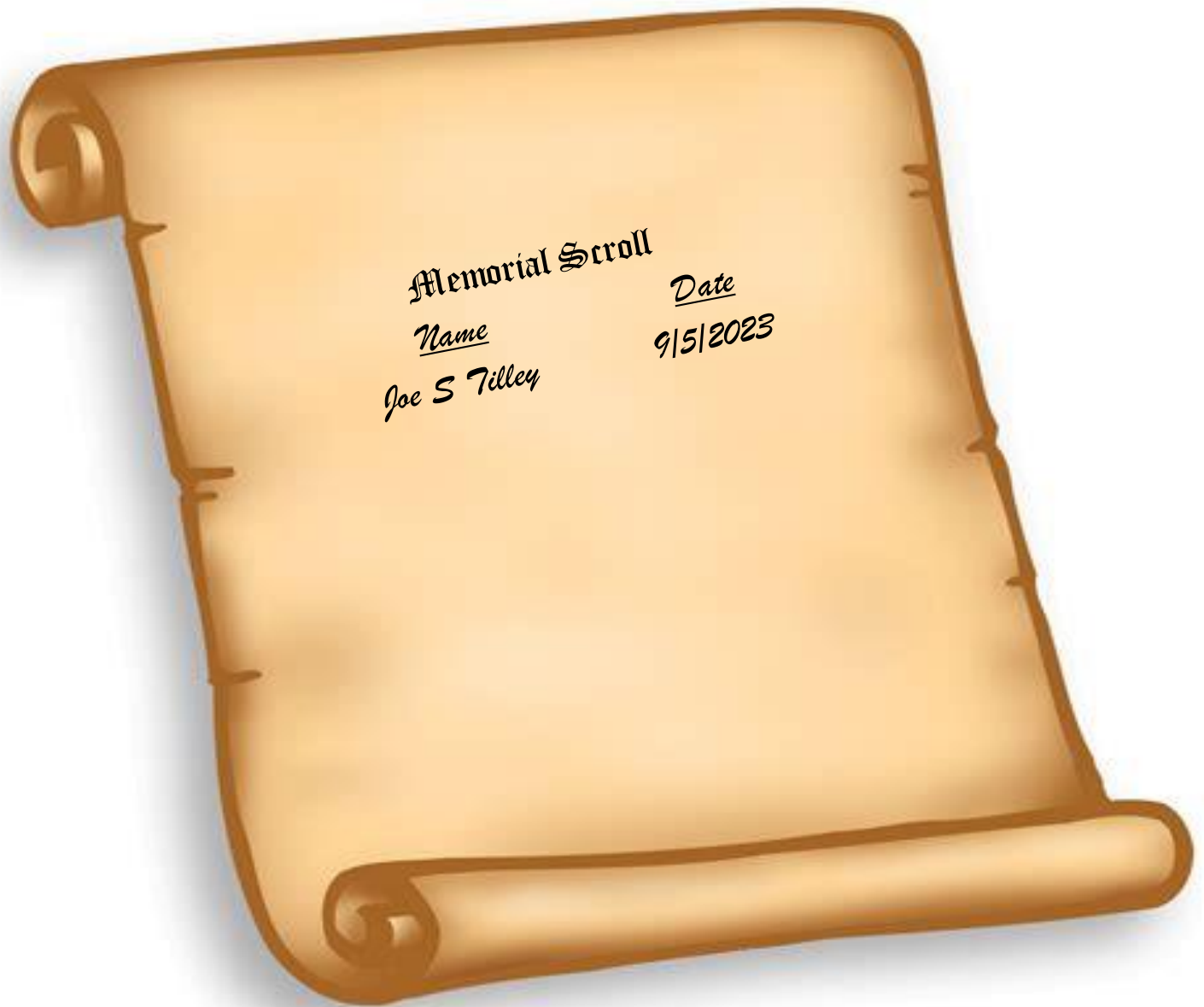
Christopher B Simmons

Douglas F Smith

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James C Warren, III



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We constantly work to *develop* meaningful Degrees and Programs
We endeavor to *create* opportunities for our Members
We *believe* in Fellowship
We *encourage* in Personal Growth
We *care* for our Members
We strongly *support our charity* RiteCare
(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

We *cherish* in our Historical Presence
We *honor, respect and promote* Patriotism and support our Troops / Veterans

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