

# C HATTIESBURG VALLEY COMMUNICATOR

October 2023

## Master Calendar

- 1.6.23 — KSA Meeting #1/ Ex. Bd
- 1.24.23 — Degree Team Conferral of MM (See Jason)
- 2.3.23 — Robert Burns Dinner / Meeting of 33rds
- 3.3.23 — 14th Degree
- 4.1.23 — Gulfport Spring Reunion
- 4.7.23 — Cerm. of Rem. and Renewal
- 5.5.23 — Black Hat Ceremony / KSA Meeting #2
- 6.2.23 — Fst. of Consist / Ex. Bd
- 7.7.23 — Gordian Knott Bus. Meeting / KSA Meeting #3
- 8.4.23 — Fst. of Manifesto
- 8.21-23.23 — Biennial Session — Washington DC
- 9.1.23 — Guest Speaker / Proposition Night
- 9.8-9.23 — Honors Weekend — Tupelo
- 10.6.23 — Feast of Tishri / KSA Meeting #4**
- 10.7.23 — Gulfport Fall Reunion**
- 11.3.23 — Election / Black Hat / Annual Awards
- 12.1.23 — Installation / Christmas

## Sickness and Distress

Bro. Freddie Zehner – arthritis and pain  
 Bro. Michael Baker’s wife - lung transplant  
 Unspoken Bro. - undergoing cancer treatment

*Please contact Chaplain Gerald Griffin with any reports. 601-543-7219*



## HIGHLIGHTS

# Feast of Tishri KSA Reunion

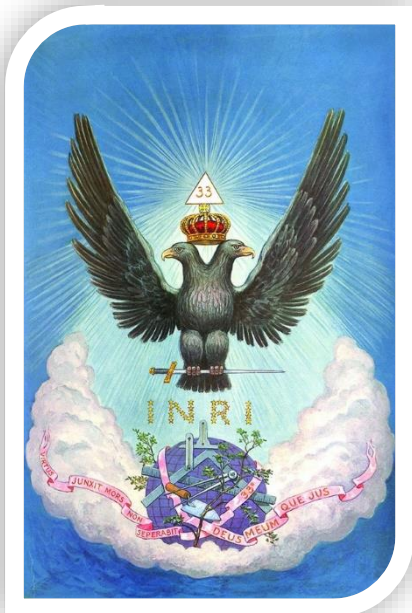
## Lost in the Quarry

We have not seen or heard from you and miss you! If you have any information about these Brethren, please contact the Secretary.

David Bassett	Victor Mann
Ryan Boyd	Joe Parkman
Wayde Byrd	Paul Jones
Brian Childs	David Schwandt
Mark Forte	Tim Schwandt
Joseph Galey	David Earl Stewart
Stacey Williams	Harold Whiteman

## Birthdays

David Schwandt	1-Oct
Paul David Runnels	2-Oct
Henry Roberts West	7-Oct
Robert Edward Boyce	9-Oct
Wade Jeffery Byrd	12-Oct
Daniel Lee Mc Millin	15-Oct
Charles Lane Crawford	17-Oct
Simeion Lane Langston	18-Oct
Earnest H Young	19-Oct
David Earl Stewart	19-Oct
Jackie Allan Bradshaw	20-Oct
Danny Paul Collins	20-Oct
Frank Coates	22-Oct
William Ducker	23-Oct
David Bassett	23-Oct
Dennis L. DeBar	25-Oct
Barry Lynn Borchers	25-Oct
Byron Lawrence Wells	26-Oct
Shelton Dickerson	31-Oct



### Education Presentations

January	Lamar Sullivan
February	Other Activities
March	Substitute
April	Christopher Rounsevell
May	Lester Ivy
June	Other
July	Other
August	Matthew Clark
September	Wayne Sirmon
October	Arthur Patrick
November	Mike McKenzie
December	Gabe Churchwell



### Message from the Venerable Master - The Bee Hive

While doing my morning Masonic research I found this interesting article on a very little discussed item in our ritual and Lodge and decided to share it.

We should all be like the bee, working together towards a common goal, no envy, no favoritism, but with cooperation and everyone doing their part.

Thank You Brothers for all you do for our Valley and Masonry.



S&F,  
Arthur Patrick  
Venerable Master

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The Beehive is a Masonic symbol of the brotherhood. The hive is symbolic of society, in which members work together to create unity and prosperity. The bees themselves are symbols of industriousness, harmony, and cooperation.

The Masonic Bee or The Beehive is also a Masonic symbol of hard work and diligence. Masonic Bees represent the Masonic virtues of industry, order, and prudence. These bees are often seen on Masonic rings as well as other Masonic jewelry such as Masonic pendants and cufflinks.

As a Masonic symbol the Beehive receives very little attention in the Masonic ritual though it is part of the Master Mason's degree. The Beehive is one of the many symbols on the Master's Carpet described in this degree. Unfortunately, it is part of the monitorial work, and its explanation is rarely presented as part of the Master Mason's lecture.

No one knows when the Beehive entered the Masonic ritual as a symbol. However, the bee in Masonry is mentioned as early as 1724 in an expose printed in Ireland. In The Early Masonic Catechisms, it is said, "A Bee has in all Ages and Nations been the Grand Hieroglyphick of Masonry, because it excels all other living Creatures in the Contrivance and Commodiousness of its Habitation or Combe."

While reading this article I found the following could relate to the individual Brother:

The bee is a hard and tireless worker, not for himself but for the swarm. The bee works in complete cooperation with the other bees and does so without dissension. The bee protects the queen, refuses admittance to enemies, builds, makes honey, and lives in a society ruled by order. Man must work as a unit to accomplish great things. The builders of old worked as a unit to build the great cathedrals. He could not work alone and expect to build the mighty edifice. Every man had to do his part, take pride in his assignments, and work in cooperation to complete the cathedrals.

The following description of the Beehive is taken from the Monitor of the Lodge:

The Beehive is an emblem of industry and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest seraph in the heavens to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us that, as we come into the world endowed as rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.

When we take a survey of nature, we view man in his infancy more helpless and indigent than the brute creation; he lies languishing for days, months and years, totally incapable of providing sustenance for himself, or guarding against the attack of wild beasts of the field or sheltering himself from the inclemencies of the weather.

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 dependent upon each other for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy 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; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons.



#### Conclusion

The Masonic bee has been a symbol for Freemasons for hundreds of years. It is a symbol of strength, industry, and frugality. The bee is also used to represent the fact that Freemasons should be good citizens and be prepared to work for the public good. Freemasons like their symbols like they like their virtues: simple, without adornment.

## Educationally Speaking



## New Academy of Freemasonry Courses

### Ordo Ab Chao - \$0.99

A mini-course on the Circular Throughout the Two Hemispheres, the foundational document of the Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite.

Ordo Ab Chao- literally Order from Chaos; though often misunderstood, this phrase is synonymous with the Supreme Council Circular Throughout the Two Hemispheres. Also called the Manifesto of 1802, this document presents both a Romantic and Authentic history of high degree Masonry and announces the Supreme Council to the Masonic world. The phrase Ordo Ab Chao is in direct reference to the idea that high degree Masonry was in a state of chaos and disorder prior to the formation of the Supreme Council, with various detached degrees being conferred with little or no oversight from Symbolic Grand Lodges or Sublime Grand Lodges. By assuming jurisdiction over these degrees, the Supreme Council was literally attempting to create order from chaos.



This course features:

1. A conversation about this document with Bro. Arturo de Hoyos, 33° Grand Cross and Maynard Edwards, 33°.
2. An scan of the original printing of the document.
3. A full transcription, including a Latin glossary and biography of Frederick Dalcho, primary author of the Circular.
4. A 30-question quiz.

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**Message from the Personal Representative to the SGIG,  
Hattiesburg Valley, Lane Dossett, 33°**



On October 21, 2021, I called and emailed the Supreme Council and began a project that ended this week, two years later. Due to covid related shutdowns, retirement of Council staffing members, and other logistical issues, I am happy to report that we finally have dually authorized charters for all four Scottish Rite Bodies hanging on the wall!

Unfortunately, somewhere in the process of moving out of the old building in downtown Hattiesburg and officer changes, our original charters have been lost to posterity. I have heard a legend of another Masonic item being lost, so this was no surprise.

The new charters were framed with the highest quality. They honor both our forebearers that gifted us with their legacy and future generations that will benefit from the authority they bestow.



### RAPID GROWTH OF THE BODIES AT HATTIESBURG, MISS.

The Scottish Rite Brethren at Hattiesburg received Letters Temporary for a Lodge of Perfection October 1, and they held their first Initiatory Ceremony October 26. There were one hundred and four Master Masons who received the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection during this meeting, which proved to be the largest Initial Class in the history of Scottish Rite Masonry in Mississippi. The name adopted by the Class was "Hub City Alpha Class."

Letters Temporary for a Chapter of Rose Croix were received November 6, and the degrees of that Body were conferred December 8. There were fifty-four members of the "Hub City Alpha Class" who received these degrees on that date.

The Brethren now have Letters Temporary for the Council and the Consistory. The degrees from the 19th to the 32nd will be conferred some time in the spring. In the meantime, however, there will be a reunion held at Hattiesburg, when the degrees from the 4th to the 18th will be conferred. It is reported that the Class at this Reunion will exceed in number the Class held on October 26.

The Brethren in South Mississippi are highly elated over the progress being made at Hattiesburg, and are well pleased with the manner in which the degrees are being conferred. With the excellent start they have made there is every reason to believe that much good work will be done in that section, and that the future of the Hattiesburg Bodies will be very bright.

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### RESOLUTIONS GRAND

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### Links

GroupMe Group Texting:

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/68986319/OI4jIKX2](https://groupme.com/join_group/68986319/OI4jIKX2)

Valley Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hattiesburgsr>

Orient Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/msscottishrite>

Orient Website

<https://scottishrite.ms.org/>

Online Petition

<https://scottishrite.jotform.com/212843415672961>

### Volunteer Help Wanted

Social Media Manager / Content Creators  
Articles for Communicator

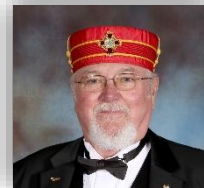
### Candidate Proposals

SEC. 7. Any qualified person residing within the territorial jurisdiction of this Supreme Council may be **proposed** at any Stated Meeting of a Body under its jurisdiction by proposition in writing, signed by one member and seconded by another, also in writing. Such proposition may be made without the knowledge of the person proposed. A Body may, by its bylaws, require candidates to apply for Degrees by petition in writing.

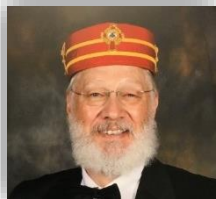
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## Upcoming York Rite Activities

- ~~2.11.23 – Festival in Tupelo~~
- ~~2.18.23 – Festival in Laurel (cancelled)~~
- ~~3.16.23 – Grand Lodge~~
- ~~4.29.23 – St. Jude RCC~~
- ~~5.19.23 – Grand York Rite~~
- ~~6.10.23 – SE YR Conference~~
- ~~(postponed) – Festival in Meridian~~
- ~~7.8.23 – Knight Masons in Gulfport~~
- ~~7.15.23 – YR College in Byram~~
- ~~7.23.23 – St. Jude RCC~~
- ~~8.23.23 – Festival in Gulfport~~
- ~~5.19.23 – Grand York Rite~~
- ~~6.10.23 – SE YR Conference~~
- ~~6.24.23 – Festival in Meridian~~
- ~~7.8.23 – Knight Masons in Gulfport~~
- ~~7.15.23 – YR College in Byram & St. Leonard RCC~~
- ~~8.23.23 – Festival in Gulfport~~
- ~~9.23.23 – Festival in Meridian~~
- ~~9.30.23 – St. Jude RCC~~
- 12.2.23 – St. Jude RCC
- 12.16.23 – St. Leonard RCC

