

*Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*

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**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017: TRESTLEBOARD (#131)  
LODGE OF PERFECTION DINNER AND PROGRAM  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE  
MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT**



1. **APRIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** April's EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of April (April 27<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), [goblak@comcast.net](mailto:goblak@comcast.net).

2. **SPRING REUNION 2017:** The Spring Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite



Center on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of petitions for this the Eric Fleishner Class. Please ask all non- Scottish Rite Masons in your lodge if they would like to become a 32<sup>o</sup> Mason. Cost is \$200.00 If you are interested in participating in the ritualistic work please contact the Director of Work, Jack Goldenberg.(706-832-0339) If you are willing to help in another capacity please contact the Secretary, Greg Oblak (706-829-1665). We need help with the stage crew, kitchen crew, cleanup, etc. The class will assemble at 4:00-5:00 P.M. on Friday, May

19<sup>th</sup>, light refreshments (sandwiches, etc) will be served from 5:00-6:00 P.M. with the degree work to follow. The Class will reassemble at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, donuts and coffee will be available with the degree work beginning at 8:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. with the conclusion of



the degree work at (hopefully) 5:00 P.M. All candidates and participants should wear a coat and tie (or suit) on Saturday for the Class Photo. Brethren; please try to attend, at least one of the days, and support the candidates and your officers.

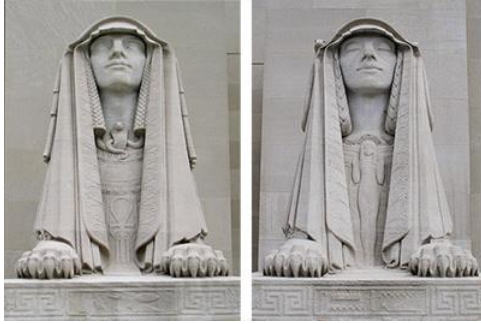
3. **QUESTIONS ASKED TO CHILDREN AND THEIR RESPONSES:** 1. **How do you decide who to marry?** Alan age 10 says, "You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports and she should keep the chips and dip coming." Kristen, age 10 says, "No person really decides before they grow up who they are going to marry. God decides it all way before and you get to find out later who you are stuck with." 2. **What is the right age to get married?** Camille, age 10 says, "Twenty three is the best age because you know the person forever by then." 3. **How can a stranger tell if two people are married?** Derrick, age 8 says, "You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids." 4. **What do you think your mom and dad have in common?** Lori, age 8 says, "Both don't want any more kids." 5. **What do most people do on a date?** Lynette, age 8 says, "Dates are for having fun and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." Martin, age 10 says, "On the first date they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." 6. **When is it okay to kiss someone?** Howard, age 8 says, "The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone then you should marry them and have kids with them, it's the right thing to do." Curt, age 7 says, "The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that." 7. **Is it better to be single or married?** Anita, age 9 says, "It is better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them." **AND MY #1 FAVORITE IS.....How would you make a marriage work?** Ricky age 10 says, "Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck."



4. **MYTH OR FACT:** The Sovereign Grand Commander's chair at the House of the Temple sits in the east in the Temple Room. *Sort of!* It sits in the symbolic "East"—but, in actuality, given the location and architecture of the building, the Grand Commander's chair actually sits in the geographic west, opposite the Temple Room's entrance. Sovereign Grand Commander's Chair in the Temple Room is "Carved entirely of walnut, the Grand Commander's chair sits in the symbolic East on a dais five steps above the Temple Room's mosaic floor. Hanging over the chair is a large canopy of purple velvet on the outside with white silk interior. The Cross of Salem with crosslets, the emblem of the Sovereign Grand Commander, is embroidered on the canopy that surrounds the Grand Commander's chair. The symbol represents the highest rank and responsibility within the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. "The dais upon which the leaders of the Supreme Council sit in the Temple Room is known as 'the East.' The origins of this term are indeed in the distant past. Many ancient civilizations, from the sun-worshipping Egyptians to the Israelites, revered the East as an emblem of light. Moses built the Tabernacle in the wilderness and placed the camp of the Israelites facing due east as a mark of distinction. "In Masonic lodges, the East is a place of honor and is distinguished from the rest of the lodge room by a raised platform, or dais. Only those who have 'passed the Chair,' or leaders of the lodge, are permitted to occupy this place of light. The East, from where the sun rises, is prevalent in ritual aspects of Masonry as well. For example, a new Mason is asked, 'What induces you to leave the West to travel to the East?' He answers, 'In search of a Master, and from him to gain instruction."



5. **THE SPHINXES FLANKING THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE REPRESENT THE COLUMNS JACHIN AND BOAZ:** The Sphinxes flanking the front entrance to the House of the Temple are adorned with inscriptions in both Phoenician characters and Egyptian hieroglyphs. The sphinxes symbolize the pillars that stood at the entrance of Solomon's Temple, named Jachin and Boaz. The Sphinx of Power (north side), with its eyes fully open, has the Hebrew name "Boaz" inscribed in Phoenician characters on each side of its pedestal. The Egyptian hieroglyphics carved on the front mean



Open eyes

Closed eyes

“in strength.” The Sphinx of Wisdom (south side), with its **eyes half-closed**, has the Hebrew name “Jachin” inscribed in Phoenician on each side of its pedestal. The Egyptian hieroglyphics carved on the front mean “to establish.” The sphinxes were sculpted on-site by renowned sculptor Adolph Alexander Weinman (1870–1952), best known for designing the Mercury Dime and the Walking Liberty Half Dollar. He sculpted these impressive sphinxes from two solid blocks of limestone from P-M-B Quarry of Indiana Quarries Company of Bedford, Il. in 1913. Each block weighed 165 pounds per cubic foot—*about 76 tons!*

**6. CELEBRATING THE CRAFT (CTC): Watch Celebrating the Craft LIVE via [scottishrite.org](http://scottishrite.org) on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 6 pm to Midnight (ET).** About CTC.

The CTC is an evening of entertainment and fellowship that is webcast live from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, to raise money for the [Rebuilding the Temple Campaign](#) and Orient charities. Our 2016 event focused on our [Rite Care SRCLP](#). Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more are included in the webcast. Each year, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple is converted into a television studio and becomes the stage for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. We build upon our previous successes to make each subsequent CTC the most exciting yet. You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in your Orient as directed by your SGIG or Deputy.



**7. REGISTRATION FOR THE BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL IS NOW OPEN; GO TO THE WEB SITE TO REGISTER; ([WWW.SCOTTISHRITE.ORG](http://WWW.SCOTTISHRITE.ORG))**



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