

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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AUGUST 3rd , 2017: TRESTLEBOARD (#135) ANNUAL AWARDS & CAPPING CEREMONY



(Who is the brother in the golden ring? Hint: X- Fire Chief)

- 1. AUGUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The August EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of August (August 31st) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), goblak@comcast.net.
- 2. 2017 KCCH STATEWIDE INVESTITURE:** The 2017 KCCH statewide investiture will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on August 26, 2017. The Valley of Augusta will again be the host for this statewide investiture. This will be the first year that the investiture will be open to everyone, (all Masons, spouses and friends of the recipients). There are a total of 34 new KCCH red caps (Knights Commander of the Court of Honour) for the 6 valleys throughout the state. Augusta was awarded 5 such honors to **Brothers Roy Stampley, Steven Purvis, Billy Childress, John Smith and Milton Steinberg**. I would again like to congratulate each of these Scottish Rite Brothers on attaining this Masonic Milestone. Since this is the first year the complete investiture is open to everyone reservations are on a first come first served basis due to the capacity of our dining room. We will accept the first 220 reservations. The lunch is a ribeye steak, baked potatoe, salad and dessert luncheon at a cost of \$30.00 per person. **Your Check is Your Reservation**. The deadline for reservations is August 14, 2017. The Scottish Rite Center will open at 7:30 am , Registration will be from 8:00-9:30 am with coffee and donuts being served at 9:00 am. The cast will practice from 9:30am until around 11:00 am. The Investiture will begin promptly at 11:00 am. The lunch will follow the Investiture and capping ceremony. Get your reservations in early if you would like to participate. I have received many reservation already.



3. **AUGUST LOP MEETING & PROGRAM:** The Valley of Augusta Lodge of Perfection will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Thursday, August 3RD, 2017. This is our Annual Awards Night which will consist of the following;

First on the Agenda: Four 50 Year Scottish Rite Awards: (Blue Caps, Pins and Certificates) Brothers: **Thomas England, Richard Williamson, James Drew and Joseph Taylor** will receive their 50 year awards. Presented by Illustrious Brother Ronny Lanham.



Second on the Agenda: The Ralph Studdard Award will be given to the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year for 2016. Plaque to be presented by Illustrious Brother Ronny Lanham. (It's a surprise, who will it be ???)

Third on the Agenda: Four \$1000.00 Scholarships will be given to those students who have met all the criteria. Presented by Illustrious Brother Gregory Oblak, 33°, General Secretary. The following will each receive a \$1000.00 scholarship: **Tori Langham, Chelsea Stewart, Emily Bass and Jacob Knight.** Congratulations to these fine students.



The Scottish Rite Foundation awarded 50 scholarships this year across the state of Georgia

Fourth on the Agenda: Ring and Capping Ceremony for all 6 who attended our 2017 Spring Reunion (Eric Fleishner Class): Brothers: **Robert Thomas Davies III, Carl Eugene Douglas, Daniel Glen Eaton, Clarence Owen Jackson, Michael Boyd Sauls and Jerry Wayne Wood.** Rings, caps & cases, dues cards, patents and photographic CD's will be presented by Venerable Master, Richard Lammare, 32° KCCH and his officers..

Fifth on the Agenda: The awards for the **Knight of the Double Eagle** will be presented to those who Have acquired enough points over the last year for their contributions to the fraternity. Brother Kenny May (Director of the Program) will make the presentations.

Sixth on the Agenda: Master Craftsman Awards: Illustrious Brother Eric Milks will present all Master Craftsman awards to those who have completed all of the course work.

Seventh on the Agenda: Educator Awards: There will be two educator awards: The first is for Educator of the year which will be presented by Illustrious Brother John Eckenroth to **Brother Arthur Smith, 32° KCCH.** There will also be the establishment of another annual educator award by the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite. Be there to see who it will be named for and who the first recipient will be. This will be presented by Illustrious Brother Eric Milks.



Come join us for one of the best meetings of the year where we highlight those Scottish Rite Masons and others who have made a difference and contributed to the fraternity and community.



4. **UPCOMING EVENT:** Put December 7th, 2017 on your calendar now. The LOP meeting for December will be open to the public and will consist of the Columbia County Orchestra performing a Christmas Musical Program. There will **NOT** be a dinner at this lodge of perfection meeting. The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will conclude around 8:00 P.M. Everyone will then be invited into



the dining room for a dessert & drink(ice tea, water and coffee) reception. Please advertise this to your friends and family. We would like to see a packed house so that we may expose the public to our beautiful facility. Hope to see all of you there.

Good Works are seeds that, after sowing, return to us a continual harvest; and memory of noble actions is more enduring than monuments of marble.
(Albert Pike)

5. **THE PET 10 COMMANDMENTS** (Author Unknown, maybe it is George Shearer??) 1. My life is likely to last 10 to 20 years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me. 2. Give me time to understand what you want from me. 3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial to



my well-being. 4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment, and friends. I have only you. 5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice. 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it. 7. Please don't hit me. I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch and I really don't want to do that. 8. Before you scold me for being so uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food or I have been out in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak. 9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old. 10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch," or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.

God: God is mightiest in power, fairest in beauty, immortal in existence, supreme in virtue; therefore, being invisible to every mortal nature, he is seen through his works themselves. (Aristotle)

6. **2017 BIENNIAL SESSION:** The 2017 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA, will be held **Saturday–Tuesday, August 19–22**, at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited and encouraged to attend!



Membership Dues

7. **DUES:** Brethren: It is almost that time of the year again to start thinking about paying your 2018 dues. They are due by December 31, 2017. Several of you are in jeopardy of being suspended since you owe for the last two years, (2016 & 2017) Many of you have not paid your dues for 2017, which were due

December of 2016. Please remit your dues as soon as possible or if you cannot afford to pay them please contact the office and notify me of your situation. We will be able to work out some type of remedy. It is all of our responsibilities to pay our dues on time if we can. .

8. **SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE:** Brethren: Please support the SR Foundation of Georgia Raffle with proceeds benefitting both our statewide scholarship program and our Rite Care Clinics. (Speech Therapy for Children) **When:** May 1-September 30, 2017. (Drawing is November 2, 2017 at the LOP meeting here in Augusta) **Cost:** is \$100.00 per ticket. (Only 1000 tickets sold statewide) **Prizes: First: \$10,000---Second: \$3000.00---Third: \$2000.00.** Many members have tickets to sell or please mail your check for \$100 to the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia 30904 and I will send you your ticket or hold it on will call for you here at the SRC until the night of the drawing. This would make a great birthday gift for a family member. Please support this worthy cause.



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