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**MARCH 1ST, 2018-----TRESTLEBOARD #142
DINNER, & PROGRAM : FRIENDS &
FAMILY INVITED**

LODGE OF PERFECTION

LOP DINNER AND PROGRAM: Our March LOP Meeting is Thursday, March 1st, 2018. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the program and Guest Speaker beginning at 8:00 PM. Our program will begin with the capping and ring ceremony for our 2017 Fall Reunion Candidates. The following brethren will receive their black caps, rings, patents, and photo cd's: **Mathew A. Coleman, Richard M. Garner, Marshall P. Knox, Corey R. McLaughlin and Aaron G. Walden.** Congratulations to these brethren on completion of this part of their Masonic journey. Brethren; if you are interested in contributing your talents to the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite please see Brother Jack Goldenberg, 32° KCCH who is in the process of completing the Valley's Organization Chart which consists of 35-40 positions. We need your help and hope that you will become an active member. Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Dayton L. Sherrouse. Since 1998 Mr. Sherrouse has served as the executive director of the Augusta Canal Authority and the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area. Prior to that he was the President of Planning, Research and Management Associates, a Georgia planning firm. He was also the vice president of Augusta Tomorrow and Executive Director for the Augusta Richmond County Planning Commission. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Florida State University. We hope that you will join us for a great dinner, to welcome our newest SR Masons and to hear our guest speaker.

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MARCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: March's EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of March (March 29th) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), goblak@comcast.net.

A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice.

ELECTIONS 2018: The following brethren were either elected or appointed to the following offices in the four bodies of the Scottish Rite as well as the Executive Committee;



AUGUSTA LODGE OF PERFECTION: Venerable Master: Charles Gay, Senior Warden; Roy Stampley, Junior Warden; Will Dozier; Expert; Lloyd McCoy, Assistant Expert; Brian Coffey, Master of Ceremonies; David Pierson; Captain of the Host; Milton Steinberg; Tyler, Ricky Bouchard. General Secretary, Gregory Oblak; Prelate, Charles Johnson; Almoner, Larry Davis; Treasurer, Richard Williamson; Orator, Steven Fishman.

AUGUSTA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX: Wise Master, Billy Childress; Senior Warden, Gary Leazer; Junior Warden, Richard Lamarre.

AUGUSTA COUNCIL OF KADOSH: Commander, Gerald Wuchte; 1st Lt. Commander, Jimmie Kirkland; 2nd Lt. Commander, Jamie Figueroa.

AUGUSTA CONSISTORY: Master of Kadosh, Kenny May; Prior, Pete Coffield; Preceptor, Eric Milks.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Ronny Lanham, Chairman; Gregory Oblak, General Secretary; Richard Williamson, Treasurer; Charles Gay, VM LOP; Billy Childress, WM, Chapter Rose Croix; Gerald Wuchte, Commander, Council of Kadosh; Kenny May, MK, Consistory; At large members; Jack Goldenberg (2019), Charles Johnson (2020), Larry Davis (2021), Will Dozier (2022), John Eckenroth (2023).

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION: It has been said that the secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known by those who seek it, serve it, and live it. Like all things most worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no one can know it alone. Fellowship, rapport and communication are necessary. Membership in the Scottish Rite offers many things. Its Degrees make clear the symbolism of Blue Lodge Masonry – appealing in the eye as well as in the ear. It will enlarge the circle of one’s acquaintances and provide opportunities for congenial fellowship. Why not share this good thing we have? All of us have Masonic friends who are not sharing the “further light” and fellowship we enjoy. Personal contact is the key to success in the securing of Candidates. Talk to that Brother – get him interested and enthused – then, GIVE HIM A PETITION! He needs the Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite needs him. A Scottish Rite Reunion is exactly what the term implies. It is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming get-together of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity as new members are made welcome. The days of the Reunion are rich in a comradeship among those of like mind and purpose. We have recognized stability and strength, and feel proud to be part of a program of such magnitude and worth. Within this fellowship the horizons of our own lives are lifted. We see anew Freemasonry is big with a bigness that keeps life itself big. The Reunion is a time of renewing our interest and devotion to the purposes and program of the Scottish Rite. The Reunion is a time of sharing the significance of the teachings of the Scottish Rite Degrees once again. One who embarks upon the Scottish Rite Journey will find a strong force acting upon him which will compel him to revitalize his life. A man cannot sit through the degrees without feeling the

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excitement of discovery – the discovery of one’s own self! From self-discovery comes self-renewal, and from self-renewal comes a better man. This is, of course, the essence of Masonry – to make a good man a better man. Scottish Rite Freemasonry challenges no man’s political creed, leaving that to his country and himself; it does not interfere with any man’s religious opinion, leaving that matter between his God and his conscience; and yet it does seek to impress by the most sublime and beautiful lessons, enforced by the most profound reasoning the almighty power of truth appealing to the higher and purest sentiments of the human soul for the enforcement of its principles. Ignorance, tyranny and fanaticism are its foes; liberty, equality and fraternity are its watch words. The Scottish Rite is based upon Blue Loge Masonry and in this country it does not confer the first three degrees. This is recognized as the unquestioned prerogative of the Symbolic Lodges. The Scottish Rite Bodies confer only the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive. Many questions raised by Blue Lodge Masons, but left unanswered are indeed answered in the Scottish Rite. Largely, it bears the same relation to Craft Masonry that the university does to earlier grades in education. At all times it recognizes supreme authority of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master. It teaches that there is no higher rank than that of Master Mason, and no Masonic symbol more significant than the Master’s Apron, but it elaborates and emphasizes the great principles enshrined in Craft Masonry. The Scottish is a rite of enlightenment. Its purpose is to spread the light of Masonic truth by revealing and explaining concealed or only hinted at in Craft Masonry. Knowledge is power and the Scottish Rite seeks to arm its votaries with moral and spiritual understanding. “As the bees do not love or respect the drones, so Masonry neither loves nor respects the idle and those that live by their wits; and least of all those parasites that live upon themselves. For those who are indolent are likely to become dissipated and vicious; and perfect honesty, which ought to be the common qualifications of all, is more rare than diamonds.”

Mission Statement of VMAP: (By Brian Coffey, 32°KCCH)

VMAP Corner – The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) is a grassroots-developed and driven project with the mission of helping each Valley ensure that every Scottish Rite Brother is provided with the best possible member experience and value for his membership. The degree work, education, and member activities of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite represent the heart, soul, and product of our great International body of Freemasonry. Therefore, every brother has a right to expect that the purpose of the Scottish Rite is carried out to the fullest extent possible by each Valley, and with the quality expected of an enlightened Masonic Fraternity. The intent of VMAP is to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best experience for its members.

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