

Fall EVENTS

OCTOBER

5 — Stated Meeting: Feast of Tishri

17 — Fall Reunion

26 — Knights of St. Andrews

28 — Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night

NOVEMBER

2 — Stated Meeting: Awards Night

5 — Football Watch Party for BU vs K-State

7 — 12 pm: Wives' and Widows' Game Day

29 — Knights of St. Andrews

DECEMBER

7 — Stated Meeting: Officer Elections

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Waco Scottish Rite Quarterly Communiqué



FALL 2015

Waco Valley Welcomes New Chairman



Ill. Greg McEwen, 33° IGH (left) officially became the 13th Chairman of the Valley of Waco on September 2, as the SGIG in Texas, Ill. M. Douglas Adkins, 33° (right), handed McEwen the reigns as his Personal Representative. Upon being officially announced, Bro. McEwen remarked, "Illustrious Sir, this is new territory for me, but I can assure you that I am not going to let you or the Waco Valley down." McEwen takes over for Ill. Jack Harper, 33° IGH, who

recently stepped down from the position for personal reasons.

In his first official action as the Waco Chairman, McEwen took the opportunity to recognize the office staff of the Waco Valley and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas. "We are a team and we are here to serve you," he stated as he introduced each staff member. (Pictured L-R, Jason Coffelt, 32° Brenda Light,

Martha Farris, and Brenda Haverkamp.)

In other news, Ill. Claude Ervin, 33° IGH was named the Valley's Chairman Emeritus. Bro. Ervin previously served as the Waco Valley Chairman from 2000 to 2013. Additionally, the vacancy of General Secretary was filled by the appointment of Mike Waldrop, 32° KCCH. Brother Waldrop previously served in the position from 1997 to 2002.



Watch Party Set Nov. 5th for Baylor vs. Kansas St.

Weeknight Baylor Bears football on the road means fellowship among Waco Masons and friends on Thursday, Nov. 5, with the Bears taking on the Kansas St. Wildcats. Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. and will be shown on the many video screens in the downstairs ballroom of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

According to event organizer Stan Parker, "We have

been wanting to get together more informally and invite friends interested in Masonry and the Scottish Rite, and the weekday away game is perfect."

The evening is sponsored by the Waco Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrews. A silent auction will be held to benefit the chapter's charitable projects.

Doors will open at 6:00, with a "concession stand" of hot dogs, hamburgers and snacks, served



until 8:30. There will also be activities for the kids. The free event is come-and-go, and families are welcome. (For more information, email Jason.Coffelt@srftx.org.)



III. Greg McEwen, 33° IGH, new Chairman of the Waco Valley.

Masonic Highlights:

- ◆ **Blue Lodge:**
Lockwood #1343
Raised: 1984
Master: 1993-94
- ◆ **Waco Scottish Rite**
Joined 1984
32° KCCH: 2005
Gen. Sec: 2005-07
33° IGH: 2009
VM, Lodge of
Perfection: 2010
- ◆ **Karem Shrine**
Joined 1984
Potentate: 2004
Pres. Of Texas Shrine
Assoc: 2004
Galveston Burn Center,
Board of Governors:
present Sec'y/Treas
- ◆ **York Rite: Waco**
Chapter & Council,
Commandery

Comments from the Chairman

In my 31 years as a Scottish Rite Mason I have had the good fortune of having three remarkable Brothers who set the Masonic Bar to the highest of standards as Chairmen of the Waco Scottish Rite Valley. Brothers George R. "Bob" Scott 33rd IGH, Claude O. Ervin 33rd IHG and Jack L. Harper 33rd IGH were and have been instrumental in striving for Masonic Excellence through positive examples of Brotherly Love, Truth and Charity, which affirm the oaths we have taken as Masons. All of these great men have in one way or another unknowingly prepared me to be your new Chairman; I am humbled by the thought that I follow in their footsteps.

I pledge to you to continue the proud traditions of our great Valley and will support our charities and programs that have positively affected so many people in our communities in so many ways. Programs such as Camp Success, the Scottish Rite Hospital, the Scottish Rite Dormitory, Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, Veterans Recognition Luncheon, the History Fair and Americanism activities deserve our continued support.

We are also in the planning stages of several other events. A Salute to Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters is scheduled for the evening of October 28th and more details will soon be announced. Your attendance at this event will go a long way in showing our respect to those we salute for the unselfish job they do for our society, particularly as they appear to be so much in the limelight in

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unfavorable ways. In the late spring we will also be hosting an Educators Appreciation Day in continuation of those whose careers affect our youth and leaders for tomorrow. Our long-term goal is to take these "salutes" and appreciation events, with the help of our Scottish Rite clubs, to other communities within our large Valley.

In the months to come information will be forth-

coming on new endeavors planned for the near future. Opportunities for innovative Scottish Rite education, podcasts, and other programs are on the horizon. There will be plenty of avenues for fellowship and fraternity in ways which will open many doors for members and families with quality leisure and camaraderie in mind.

Brother Mike Waldrop 32nd KCCH has been appointed General Secretary and will be working on a part-time, as-needed basis. Many of you will remember him from 12 years ago when he left the General Secretary's position to enter the business world after serving the Scottish Rite for 5 years. Please welcome Mike to the Scottish Rite Team. His enthusiasm for the Craft has only grown stronger over the years and he is ready to work with you on your Masonic needs.

My door is always open and I stand ready to move the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies to the next level of Excellence. It is my humble honor to serve you in any way possible.

Fraternally,
Greg

Another Winning Season for *Camp Success*



(Photo left:) Camp graduate Mason Reynolds is recognized at the packed house graduation ceremony.

(Photo right:) Claude Ervin shares the stage with Dr. Mikaela Ritter, director of Camp Success.

Now in its 13th year, *Camp Success*, the flagship project of the Waco Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, continued its winning streak with another successful camp. The four-week summer program is conducted by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Baylor University and is targeted to children with reading and learning disorders. The 2015 event, held during the month of June, served 63 students and enlisted the assistance of over 30 graduate and upper-level students at Baylor University.

Since the program's inception in 2003, the Waco Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation has contributed over \$900,000 to its operation, with this year's donations totaling over \$87,000.

Camp Success is the name of the Waco Scottish Rite sponsored summer camp for treatment of children with language, dyslexia, and language-based reading impairments. The program is run the by Dr. Mikaela Ritter, who is the Director of Language Literacy Clinic at Baylor. *Camp Success* is only a part of a broader community outreach program run by the department, which treats a variety of voice, speech, and learning disorders such as stuttering, dyslexia, dysarthria, and articulation and phonological disorders; as well as disease- or injury-related conditions resulting from brain damage, laryngectomy, Parkinson's, ALS, Huntington's, MS, and cochlear implants.

In all of the programs, Dr. Ritter and



her team utilize the talents of Baylor students for their various community clinics, including those for neurorehabilitation, audiology, and language and literacy.

The collaboration with the Waco Scottish Rite was pioneered in 2003 by Ill. Claude Ervin, 33° IGH, who still maintains an active role in the program. For more information, contact Claude at claud_ervin@baylor.edu, or visit Baylor's website at <http://www.baylor.edu/csd/index.php?id=50610>

Mason Reynolds' Success Story

Despite the best efforts of teachers, parents, and family, Mason was struggling in school. His grandfather, Mike Reynolds (33° IGH Member of the Waco Valley), said they tried everything. "We even went back to the basics, 'See Spot Run,' books like that, but it didn't help him. He was to the point where he avoided playing games if there was reading involved."

Together with his son Marc, Mason's dad, they enrolled Mason in Camp Success. Mike had one

condition: "I told everybody that we are not doing this unless we are all in." The family drove their travel trailer from Cookeville, TX (near Mt. Pleasant) and parked it in Waco for the duration of the four-week camp. Various family members rotated taking time off of work to support Mason's education. He received his certificate in a ceremony on July 3.

"One thing they did was give him little shiny rocks every time he succeeded," continued Mike.

"Mason treasures those pebbles because he earned them."

After the school year started in August, Mason's teachers were so amazed at his improvement, that they contacted Mike to find out more about Camp Success. "Cookeville teachers have been calling me interested in the program," says Mike, who reports that several are interested in enrolling in the "First Flight" classes, which trains instructors in implementing the Scottish Rite reading program.



A proud Mason Reynolds receives his Camp Success certificate from Greg McEwen.

2015 Honors Recipients



J. Damon Fehler
33° I.G.H. Elect

- ◇ Joined Scottish Rite 1984. Home Lodge: McGregor #376
- ◇ Founding member of the Waco KOSA (2003), past VM
- ◇ Venerable Master of Lodge of Perfection, 2014
- ◇ Chairman of Legal Committee, Scottish Rite Foundation of TX
- ◇ Quote: *“How can I help?” This is the question that can change the world, which we must ask ourselves every day.*



Stanley C. Parker
K.C.C.H. Elect

- ◆ Joined Scottish Rite 2010. Home Lodge: Carolina #330 (Lott).
- ◆ Venerable Master of KOSA, 2013.
- ◆ Organizer of several WSR charitable activities, including Veterans’ Appreciation Luncheon and Ride to Recovery dinner.
- ◆ Quote: *Masonry is service. We have in our heart what we need to do, and Masonry provides us a vehicle. Service is our reward.*



John M. Sample
K.C.C.H. Elect

- ◆ Joined Scottish Rite in 1982 in Louisville, KY. Home Lodge: Big Spring #826, Kentucky.
- ◆ Moved to Texas in 1984. Past Master of Florence #338.
- ◆ 2015 Master of Kadosh, Waco Consistory.
- ◆ Longtime member of the Altar Committee, active in Killeen Scottish Rite Club.
- ◆ Quote: *I love the beauty of the Scottish Rite degrees and the overall history that they present.*



Larry J. Taylor
K.C.C.H. Elect

- ◆ Joined Scottish Rite in 1995. Home Lodge: Herring #1224.
- ◆ Current Lodge: Waco #92.
- ◆ Past Potentate, Karem Shrine.
- ◆ Chairman of “Meals on Wheels” Thanksgiving Day program, where his whole family volunteers.
- ◆ Quote (Concerning Meals on Wheels): *We are proud to be part of something that serves our community. Scottish Rite is about building a community, and it is a unique thing.*

2015 Waco Scottish Rite Slate of Officers

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ELECTIVE OFFICERS

VENERABLE MASTER.....WILLIAM S. HERRIDGE, 32°KCCH
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 ORATOR.....MICHAEL L. REYNOLDS, 32°KCCH
 ALMONER.....FRANK M. GENTSCH, 33°

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....STANLEY C. PARKER, 32°
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ELECTIVE OFFICERS

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Lockwood's Office

Library and Museum Notes

by Casey D. Stanislaw, 32^o

Chairman of the Collections Committee

The Hiram Clock

Among the many interesting artifacts in the collection of over 2000 items in the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, this piece is unique. The "Hiram Clock" is hand-made, one-of-a-kind, stands about three feet high and weighs approx. 25 pounds. It was donated to the museum in 1969 by John A. Mitchell, although it has been in a box in the basement for many years. Mitchell's grandson, John L. Reynolds of Fort Worth, says that the clock was made in 1905, and that his grandfather bought it at an auction in New York and spent 3 years restoring it.

To call it simply a clock is a disservice, as telling the time is only one of its features. The piece is actually divided into four parts, each of which fit together to represent several levels. Front-and-center is the piece representing the nigh-completed King Solomon's Temple, which has various symbols, tools and piles of stones around it, the most prominent of which is a Commandery Cross and Crown. This lighter-colored piece fits onto a framework that is backed by a darker colored structure that houses lights, mechanical figures that move with the time, and a small motor.

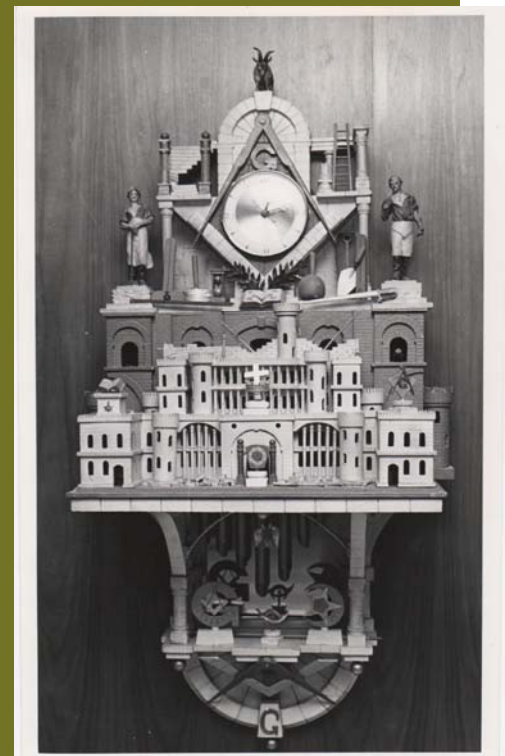
Resting on top of the Temple representation is an ornate piece with a large Square and Compasses, into which the actual clock fits. The timepiece itself, which is a separate part, has a Square and Compasses on its hands. Around the

clock opening are several items, including an open Bible, various Masonic working tools, a ladder, two columns, and two workmen on pedestals which flank the edifice on the sides.

The weight of the structure rests on a base that hangs on two hooks, which can be mounted on a wall or on a free-standing frame. The lower part of the base (shown inverted in the picture below) incorporate several carved wooden Masonic symbols, including those of the Scottish Rite, Shrine, and Eastern Star.

Topping off the structure is a goat with a Masonic saddle, peering down and presiding over the entire scene, which only proves that the clock's creator had a sense of humor about the Masonic fraternity.

(Want to help with this project and others in the library and museum? Contact Casey.Stanislaw@srftx.org.)



Widows and Wives Program Fulfills a Masonic Obligation



Ruby Krueger, mother of Ray Pugh, proudly displays her Masonic pin at the Widows and Wives Banquet.

To find the inspiration to create the Widows and Wives Program at the Waco Scottish Rite, Brother Guadalupe "Sonny" Juarez, 32° KCCH, did not have to look far: "When we took our obligations as Masons, we made a pledge, and we repeat that pledge every time we open Lodge: to help the widows of Master Masons."

Bro. Sonny got to work and put together a committee to organize the first annual Wives and Widows Appreciation Banquet, which was held on Feb. 21 in the library at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum. The highlight of the evening was the

presentation of Masonic Widow's pins to all widows present. Says Sonny, "This is just our way of saying that we will be there for them. One of the widows said to me that this is the first Masonic function she has been to since her husband died in 1972. We need to do a better job of reaching out to these ladies." The committee also consists of Elaine Parker, Barbara Santos, and Jim and Debs Herold.

In addition to an ice cream social in August, the committee has made connections with area Lodges, OES Chapters, and Job's

Daughters to provide one-on-one help assist ladies in various ways, including obtaining a recliner for back surgery patient, performing light handyman duties, and taking care of yard work.

"Our goal is to make these ladies feel like they are part of Masonry," continued Sonny. "Right now we are organizing the events, but eventually we would like our committee to serve in a steering capacity and help the ladies organize their own functions." To that end, a second banquet is being planned for the spring of 2016.

The next event will begin at noon on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 7 and will feature a taco and fajita buffet, with game playing afterward. Spouses and friends are invited, and attendees are invited to bring dominoes, card, or their favorite game. Attendees may also bring a dessert to share with the group. Please RSVP the number of guests to Elaine Parker at twinacam4647@yahoo.com, or call 254-713-4847.



The broken column in the Masonic Widow's pin recalls the memory of a fallen, departed brother.

New WSR Membership Chairman Urges Local Connections

Although the new Valley Membership Chair, Jason Attas, 32°, is a fresh face in the Waco Scottish Rite, (only joining in May 2012), he is a brother with a vision: "I want to get the word out to all the local Lodges that the Scottish Rite is a resource that they can all tap into to accomplish more within our local communities, through working together."

Jason contends that large Valley projects like Camp Success are great, but he also feels like there are lots of other goals that we can achieve if we collaborate and communicate. "For example, we have a great initiative begun by Brother Sonny Juarez (32° KCCH) in the Wives and Widows program, but Sonny and his committee should not have to do this alone. The

reason that Masonry is so powerful is because it is not only one man: if we all pull the same direction, we can move mountains."

Brother Attas is a Past Master of J.H. Lockwood Lodge #1343, and also a 1998 Baylor graduate with a major in Philosophy. Jason says he joined the Scottish Rite because of the "university" aspect, but that this appeal is not enough to increase our membership. "The community at large needs to know we are doing things, and one way to accomplish those things is to leverage the power of the Scottish Rite at the Blue Lodge level."

Says Jason, "I look forward to visiting Waco Scottish Rite Clubs and nearby Lodges,"



Waco Scottish Rite Membership Chair Jason Attas, 32°, can be reached at: membership@wacoscottishrite.org



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