

2016 EVENTS

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Dinner

20 — "Lunch & Learn"

25 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

27 — Masonic Golf

MAY

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6 — Membership
Appreciation Banquet

7 — One-Day Reunion

21 — "Celebrating the
Craft" Webcast Party

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25 — Masonic Golf

JUNE

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1 — Camp Success
Graduation

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Waco Scottish Rite Quarterly Communiqué

SPRING 2016



Excitement Building for Spring Reunion



The Waco Valley is abuzz with excitement as preparations continue for the Spring Reunion, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, with a full day of activities, preceded by a supper on the evening before. (See pages 4-5 for a petition and full schedule.)

The Reunion kicks off with a Membership Appreciation Banquet on Friday, May 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at which Masonic Widows will be honored, as well as candidates and their top-line signers for the Reunion. Everyone is invited and RSVPs are requested

by Monday, May 2.

Gen. Sec. Michael Waldrop has set a goal for 50 candidates at this year's reunion, and has provided the following incentives for non-endowed members who are top-line signers for new candidates:

- For three or more candidates in a calendar year, the member's dues will be remitted for the next year.
- For 12 or more candidates over any period, an endowed membership will be awarded.

In addition, several financial

incentives are being offered for new candidates, and for endowed memberships, with discounts for seniors, and retired military.

A new feature on Saturday will be the communication of the degrees not presented, in-between the terminal degrees, which will be held in the library. All members can attend.

"A reunion is for everyone," says Bro. Waldrop, "and we have a job for you." Contact the main office or email wsrb@wacoscottishrite.org to sign up.

WSR Guitar/Bagpipe Combo Headed to D.C.

Sometimes crazy ideas actually come to fruition.

This unlikely occurrence materialized when a guitarist and a bagpiper thought about songs that they might be able to perform together. "Mull of Kintyre," by Paul McCartney and Wings (1977), topped the list.

A group was put together, practices were organized, kilts were donned, and an audition video was recorded and submitted to the "Celebrating the Craft"

broadcast, which is produced by the Supreme Council as a fundraiser for the "Rebuilding the Temple" campaign in Washington D.C., to be held on the evening of Sat., May 21 from 5 to 11 p.m. (CDT).

The Cowboys of Kintyre were enthusiastically invited to perform and will join Rusty Garrett, 32° KCCH, on the stage, who will appear as emcee. For more info, visit the Supreme Council website at scottishrite.org.

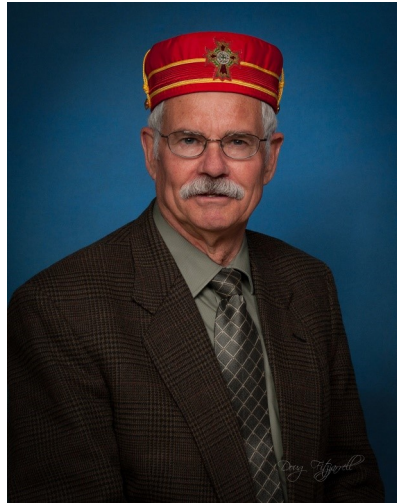


The Cowboys of Kintyre warm up for their audition. L-R: Casey Stanislaw, 32°; Bill Heridge; 32° KCCH, Greg McEwen, 33° IGH; Kermit Brock, 32°; and Jerry Casey.

Dispatch from the Quarries

Michael L Waldrop, 32° KCCH, General Secretary

Brethren, it is great to be back with the Waco Valley as General Secretary. First, I want to thank Ill. SGIG Doug Adkins, 33° and his Personal Representative, Ill. Greg McEwen, 33° IGH, for this opportunity to serve again. My ideal position for retirement was to be able to be in a Masonic Lodge at least 3 days a week, and sometimes we have to be careful what we ask for because the Supreme Grand Master hears our requests. God's plan is always the right plan even when we are not looking for it, and I never thought this opportunity would come my way a second time. Throughout my Masonic career, doors have been opened for me and I am very thankful for so many brothers helping me out along the way.



At a recent Lodge meeting a discussion was started about whether we need more "quantity" or "quality." I listened for a while, then was asked what I thought about that question. (As most of you know by now, if you do not want to know what I think then you had better not ask me.) I might

have stepped on some toes that night because I told the brothers that each Mason in the Lodge knew 3 to 5 men who would make good Masons, all of whom are Masons at heart already, but have yet to take the obligation. It is up to each of us to approach these good men and let them know just what Masonry is, what we are trying to accomplish, and how they can become a part of this great institution. Our country needs dedicated Masons to step up and enlist these other fine gentlemen into our fraternity. If we help get good men into our Lodges, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and the Shrine will all benefit. Masonry is not a secret and we as Masons need to start talking to these friends and let them know who we are and what we are about. If we as Masons do this we will get both quantity *and* quality.

Again, thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve as your general secretary. As my card says,

"If you need me, call me."

Chairman's Corner



**Ill. Greg McEwen, 33° IGH,
Personal Rep. of the SGIG**

Education is an important key in the continued growth and development of our fraternity, and the Waco Valley is currently promoting several initiatives to help us fulfill our mission to be "The University of Freemasonry."

One simple program we have begun is having an educational presentation at each stated meeting. We have also recently re-instated the "Lunch and Learn" on the third Wednesday of every month. At the next meeting on April 20 we will continue our four-part discussion on the Bodies of the Scottish Rite with a presentation by Casey Stanislaw, 32°, on the 18° Chapter of Rose Croix. These sessions are interactive and fun, and lunch is provided.

Masonic programs are available outside of the Scottish Rite for Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite Clubs, and community

groups, which can be tailored to suit tiled meetings, open meetings, or a public format. We have several gifted speakers who are willing to travel and speak on a wide range of Masonic subjects. Any of them would be happy to appear, with advance notice.

For those interested in taking a further step I recommend the Master Craftsman program. These self-paced courses have recently been re-vamped and updated, and I encourage you to visit the Supreme Council website and read about them, especially if you tried them in the past and never finished. We are looking to set up study sessions for this program and are currently seeking interested Brothers.

Above all, keep reading, and keep seeking More Light in Masonry!

Fiat Lux!

2016 Officer and Staff Portraits



George F. Posey, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master
Waco Lodge of Perfection (14°)



David W. Woolridge, 32° KCCH
Wise Master
Waco Chapter of Rose Croix (18°)



Michael E. Loudermilk, 32°
Commander
Waco Council of Kadosh (30°)



Ovie L. Webster, 32°
Master of Kadosh
Waco Consistory (32°)



Austin Parker, 32°
Venerable Master, Waco KOSA



Brenda Haverkamp
Office Manager



Martha Farris
Office Assistant

A very special "Thank You" goes out to Waco Valley photographer Doug Fitzjarrell, 32° KCCH, for the production of our annual portraits. For more information on Brother Fitzjarrell's work, contact him at doug@fitzjarrellphotography.com.

If you are **31 and under**
or an
E-5 or below
the initiation fee is \$250.00



PETITION OF INITIATION

A deposit of \$75.00 to apply on fees must accompany petition.

Fees for degrees 4-14, \$170.00; 15-18, \$110.00; 19-30, \$110.00; 31-32, \$110.00; Total, \$500.00.

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Petition Signed and Dated at _____, 20____
(City or Town) (Month Day Year)

I, the undersigned, respectfully petition to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees 4° - 32° and certify that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. _____ A.F.&A.M. – F.&A.M.

(Name of Lodge)

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Have you previously applied for these degrees? _____

Explain: _____

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(Please type or print) (First and middle names in full, not initials)

Sign here _____

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****This petition will be credited to the Top-Line Signer: ****

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If you answer this question in the affirmative, give particulars.

Address to: Secretary, Waco Scottish Rite Bodies,

P.O. Box 32508, Waco, Texas 76703, Phone (254)752-1618

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Waco Scottish Rite Reunion Schedule Fri.-Sat., May 6-7, 2016

Lee Lockwood Library and Museum

2801 W. Waco Dr., Waco, TX

Membership Appreciation Dinner

Honoring Scottish Rite Widows

Friday, May 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Lockwood Library

Please RSVP by Monday, May 2, 2016. wsrb@wacoscottishrite.org or 254-752-1618

One-Day Reunion

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Registration, Coffee and Donuts	
8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony — Flag Presentation by Waco Knights of St. Andrew and Waco Scottish Rite Pipes and Drums	
8:15 a.m.	4°	Waco Brethren
8:50 a.m..	5° – 13° communication	Waco Valley Education Team
10:00 a.m.	14°	Killeen Brethren
11:00 a.m.	15° – 17° communication	Waco Valley Education Team
11:20 a.m.	18°	Copperas Cove Brethren
12:20 p.m.	Class Picture	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch, with Program on Scottish Rite Hospital for Children	
1:30 p.m.	19°-29° communication	Waco Valley Education Team
2:30 p.m.	30°	Gatesville Brethren
3:15 p.m.	31° communication	Waco Valley Education Team
3:40 p.m	32°	Waco Brethren
5:00 p.m.	Capping Ceremony	
5:30 p.m.	Library and Museum Building Tour and Meeting with Waco Valley Chairman, Ill. Greg McEwen, 33° IGH	



Lockwood's Vault

Library and Museum Notes
by Casey D. Stanislaw, 32^o,
Collections Manager

“The Bible with a Hole In It”

Tucked away in a cabinet among Lee Lockwood's mementos is a curious pocket-sized New Testament with a metal cover, inscribed with the words “May this keep you safe from harm.” In the space between the words “safe” and “harm” is a bullet hole. Here is its story:

“A pocket-sized edition of the New Testament being in his shirt pocket saved the life of Felix Rosser, Abilene businessman, during World War II (April, 1943).

“Rosser was shot in the chest while trailing a company of tanks from the 20th Armored Infantry Division through a typical German town. Without warning, a rapid firing German “burp” gun bullet (that also killed Rosser's buddy) penetrated the Bible's double cover and thickness and lodged between Rosser's ribs. The bullet was removed with minor surgery.

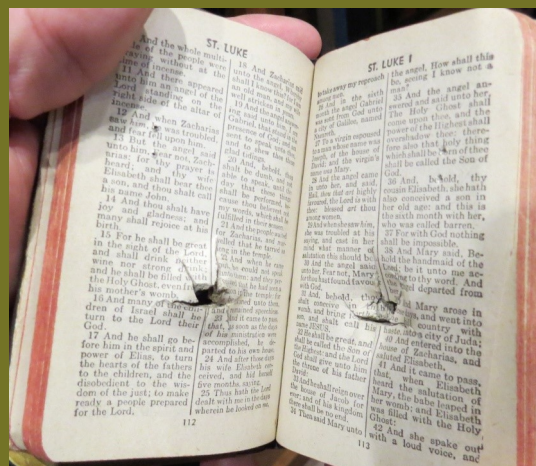
The New Testament, a gift from a girlfriend to him when he left the United States to go overseas, was an inexpensive book but was a popular gift to combat servicemen during World War II. Over its paper cover was a thick gold plated steel cover engraved with, ‘May this keep you safe from harm.’

“When the bullet slammed into his chest, it hit the Testament almost dead center, thus drilling a hole through it. The thickness of the book slowed the speed of the bullet, preventing it from hitting Rosser's heart.

For his meritorious service during the War with Germany, Rosser received seven decorations, including three Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, and two Bronze Stars.”

Rosser's Bible was personally presented to Brother Lockwood during his tenure as SGIG and remains on permanent display among his mementos in the Main Atrium of the Library and Museum, along with other items, such as a signed picture of the Apollo XI astronauts. The desk and office items of Lee Lockwood were recently relocated from the upstairs office to the southernmost alcove of the Main Atrium in an effort to better promote our collections and expose more people to the history and legacy of the building's namesake.

(Want to lend a hand at the library and museum?
Contact: Casey.Stanislaw@LeeLockwood.org.)



Top: The exterior of Rosser's Bible. **Middle:** Rosser's pocket NT, penetrated by a German bullet. **Bottom:** Felix Rosser presents the Bible carried by him in combat to Ill. Lee Lockwood, 33^o, SGIG in Texas, for the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum.

Waco DeMolays Relocate to Lockwood



Waco DeMolays outside the State Capitol on Government Day.

Although Jason Coffelt, 32°, had participated in and enjoyed his involvement in DeMolay while attending Waco High School, he realized that eventually he would get too old to continue, as the cut-off age is 21. By 2010, the Chapter had begun to struggle. Coffelt was 20. "I realized that, for DeMolay to go forward, I was the one who would have to take the lead, so I joined the Lodge," being raised to the Degree of Master Mason that year in J.H. Gurley Lodge #337 (where he currently serves as Worshipful Master). During that time he also took over the Chapter leadership.

At a DeMolay function in Austin in 2012, Coffelt was approached by J. Weldon Clampitt, Grand Master of DeMolay International, and asked to be the Chapter Dad. "Bro. Clampitt made it clear to me that for us to keep our charter, we would have to form an advisory team and have them properly trained." Aided by support from his high school history teacher, Tony Uzzell, 32°, and China Spring HS Band Director Mike Loudermilk, 32°, the Chapter was reinvigorated and today boasts a membership of 15 boys. Also joining the team was his long-time friend and fellow Gurley member, Xavier Wiley.

Beginning in 2016, the Waco DeMolay Chapter began meeting in the Lodge room of the Lee

Lockwood Library and Museum and have started participating in Masonic functions there. Their stated meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursdays (in suit and tie), and on the other Thursdays they practice or have social events. Says Coffelt, "Our big project is *Relay for Life*, but we want to assist with anything going on at the Scottish Rite, like special banquets, watch parties, or just helping with event setup and cleanup."

A big occasion every year for the Waco DeMolays is Government Day, held in February, where they join with other chapters at the State Capitol in Aus-

tin. There they participate in a mock legislature, and present and debate bills in the House and Senate chambers. 15 Waco-area DeMolays attended this year (see above photo).

When asked about the mission of DeMolay, Coffelt states, "We want the boys to fellowship and have fun, but our goals are to teach a young man how to conduct himself in a businesslike manner in a professional setting, using the proper leadership skills and teamwork."

For more info, please see texasdemolay.com or the international site at demolay.org.



Chapter Dad Jason Coffelt, 32°, provides leadership for Waco Demolays.



"Brethren of the Links"

It was a windy Wednesday, but Masonic golfers assembled nonetheless at Cottonwood Golf Course in Waco to put the old saying into practice: "A bad day golfing is better than a good day working."

Monthly golf outings are planned on the fourth Wednesday of every month, with tee-times around 10 a.m. Check the website for the next scheduled round, and RSVP to Mike Waldrop, the Gen. Sec., to reserve your spot. Fees at Cottonwood GC are \$35, which include greens fees, a cart, lunch, and a small bucket of practice balls.



As evidenced by this motley crew, there is no actual golfing skill required to participate.

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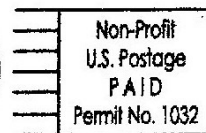
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