

2016-17 EVENTS

DECEMBER

19-30 — Offices Closed.
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

JANUARY

2 — Stated Meeting and
Officer Installation;
GL Sr. Warden Candidates

9 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

16 — Degree Practice

18 — "Lunch and Learn"

23 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

25 — Masonic Golf

FEBRUARY

6 — Stated Meeting:
Advisory Committee

13 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

15 — "Lunch and Learn"

20 — Degree Practice

22 — Masonic Golf

27 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

MARCH

6 — Stated Meeting

13 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

15 — "Lunch & Learn"

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27 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

29 — Masonic Golf

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Waco Valley Welcomes 30 New Members in October Reunion



The 30 new "black hat" members of the Oct., 2016 Reunion Class, together with Mike Waldrop, 32° KCCH, Gen. Secretary (far left), Greg McEwen, 33°, Waco Valley Chairman (2nd from left); Jim Rumsey, 32° KCCH, Reunion Coordinator (2nd from right); and Sonny Juarez, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman (far right).

The 241st Reunion of the WSRB was held on Sat., Oct. 8, 2016, at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum, and was dedicated to the memory of L.E. "Cush" Reeves. The Reunion also marked the first time in many years for the presentation of "extra" degrees, with the inclusion of the 6th and 29th. "The Chairman and myself would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and thanks to all the new members, to the degree teams, stage crew, education team, and to everyone who participated in making both of our reunions this year a tremendous success," said Gen. Secretary Mike Waldrop, 32° KCCH. Together with the spring reunion, a total of 82 new members were inducted in 2016.

Brother Waldrop also announced an exciting new membership promotion for 2017: "The member who brings in the most candidates for 2017 will be treated with an all-expense paid trip to Scotland

which we will be taking with the group in 2018." Details of the trip are still being worked out, but will be available for participation by all members, and will be announced in the spring.

The Scotland incentive is in addition to the existing promotions extended to current members, with the goal of initiating 100 new brothers in 2017:

- 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.

Looking ahead to 2017, work has begun on the improvement of the ritual, with the appointment of Ed Brown, 32°, as Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee. Practices will be held on the 3rd Monday in the auditorium, with emphasis on a different degree each month.

Congratulations to the newest 32° Masters of the Royal Secret, (in alpha order, with home Lodge):

Bonner, Randell W. (Joaquin #856); Bragg, Curtis A. (Mt. Hiram #595); Brown, Brandon T. (Brownwood #279); Devery, Edward M., III (Brownwood #279); Escobar, John L. (Brownwood #279); Floyd, Danny L. (Gatesville #197); Goree, James C. (Jacksonville #108); Green, Richard D. (St. Johns #53); Herring, Dallas L. (Dixie #272); Hill, Curt C. (St. Johns #53); Hutto, Morris L. (Garrison #670); Ismaili, Arben "Benny" (King Solomon #1427); Jenkins, John W. (Crawford #585); Jones, Seth J. (Gary #1101); Jordan, Leland V., Jr. (Joaquin #856); Keeling, John K. (Pine Hill #95); Kennedy, Eric R. (Old Ocean #1284); Lomax, Dustin R. (Palestine #31); Marmino, Anthony D., Jr. (Bellmead #1329); Massey, Bennett E., Jr. (Thorndale #978); McKeand, James W. (Springfield #74); McMurtry, Fred W., Jr. (Rambo #426); Nall, Denton T. (May #574); Terrill, Michael B. (Brownwood #279); Thompson, Vernon D. (Mt. Hiram #595); Todd, Jeffrey W. (Jacksonville #108); Tyson, Kelly L. (Crawford #585); Waller, Zachary W. (Brownwood #279); Willson, Michael S. (Spur #1023); Zepp, Franklin A. (Knob Creek #401)

**2017
Reunion
Dates:**

**April 21-22
Sept. 29-30**

Chairman's Corner: New Year's Reflections



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

As we close this year and look forward to 2017, I would like to reflect on the many great blessings and accomplishments that we have been able to enjoy this year. We added 82 new members to the Valley in two reunions, in the course of which we have grown in participation and ability in of all our committees: ritual, stage, floor and altar, sound, and education, to name a few. In 2017 we plan to expand to two-day reunions, where we have a dinner on Friday night and perform the first degrees afterward, followed by a full day on Saturday. Last October, for the first time in many years, we added the 6th and 29th degrees to the program, and we hope to add a few more by the April reunion. Our goal is to initiate 100 new members in 2017, and we can do it!

Outside of Waco, the activities of the Rite have also been expanding. We are extremely proud to announce the formation of the Ballinger Ancillary Lodge of Perfection, and in the first few months of 2017 we will move toward establishing a KOSA chapter there as well. Over on the other side of the state the brothers in the Tyler area recently reactivated the Smith County Scottish Rite Club. There are over 600 Scottish Rite Masons in the

Tyler area who have been underserved by the Valley and we are excited to have this organization back on its feet. For information on contacts and meeting times for both of these bodies please see the website at wacoscottishrite.org.

2016 also saw the end the tenure of SGIG M. Douglas Adkins, 33°, after 10 years of service. We appreciate the leadership and the example set forth by Bro. Adkins and sincerely thank him for his service to the Scottish Rite and to Masonry in Texas. In his place we welcome the appointment of Ill. and R.:W.: Michael L. Wiggins, 33° and PGM, as Deputy for the Orient of Texas, and we look forward to meeting with him during the first quarter of next year to discuss the goals and vision for Waco.

We could not have accomplished our remarkable achievements without the leadership that we have. Their dedication to advanced planning, execution, follow-through, and follow-up are what make the Valley of Waco unique, and what will bring us continued success in 2017.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Greg

R.:W.: and Ill. Michael L. Wiggins, 33°, Named New Deputy for Texas

The Valley of Waco Scottish Rite wishes to welcome and congratulate R.:W.: and Illustrious Michael L. Wiggins, 33°, upon being appointed Deputy of the Orient of Texas of the 33rd and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, effective January 1, 2017. He is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and an endowed member of the Houston, Guthrie (OK), and Dallas Scottish Rite Valleys. He was honored with the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1995, and coroneted as a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2005. He is also a charter member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. His home Lodge is Liberty Lodge No. 48, where he served as Master in 1984-85, and from which he received a Golden Trowel in 2007.



Knights of St. Andrew Dream Big WACO TO HOST 2018 INT'L GATHERING

As the Waco Scottish Rite continues to grow, the "black hat" service organization known more commonly as "The Thistle" continues its surge in activity as well. In addition to assisting with various projects and functions at the Scottish Rite, the group has been awarded the privilege of hosting the semi-annual International Gathering, at a date to be set in the summer of 2018, for which KOSA members worldwide will be traveling to Waco. According to Stan Parker, 32° KCCH, former VM of the Thistle and conference organizer, the event will take place over two days and will be conducted at the Lee Lockwood SR Library and Museum and the Grand Lodge of Texas, with tentative speakers to include Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33° GC; and Scottish Masonic

historian Robert Cooper. The organization's web site has been set up and will be updated with the latest information at:

kosa.wacoscottishrite.org.

The mission of the Waco KOSA is to serve the Valley and the Rite, actively participating in stated meetings, reunions, or any other activity, as directed by the General Secretary. Its voting membership consists exclusively of "Black Hat" 32° Masons, although brothers with higher ranks may serve in advisory or honorary capacities. The Thistle operates as its own Lodge within the Scottish Rite, with monthly meetings held on the 4th Monday. Prospective members must submit a petition and be elected, with an Initiatory fee and annual dues of \$25.



Under the leadership of 2016 Venerable Master Austin Parker, 32°, the Waco KOSA recently conducted a raffle fundraiser, garnering over \$2000 for the "Camp Success" program conducted every summer by the Waco Scottish Rite. Elected officers for 2017 are: Casey Stanislaw, VM; Shen Thornton, Prior (SW); Jason Coffelt, Preceptor (JW); Jimmy Gatlin, Treasurer; and Ed Brown, Secretary. For more information please contact Bro. Brown at caplo@hot.rr.com, or Bro. Stanislaw at c.d.stanislaw@gmail.com.

Lockwood's Vault

Library and Museum Notes
by Sam Moody, Librarian and Curator

Re-Focus on Gildersleeve



A recently scanned photo of the laying of the 2nd Grand Lodge Cornerstone in 1908 by Waco Commandery #10. Many originals in the collection capture amazing details only recently equaled by modern digital cameras.

One of the first things I discovered upon being given access to the museum vault was our incredible collection of over 3000 unpublished photographs, many of which were taken by Fred Gildersleeve, a master photographer who worked in Waco in the first half of the 20th Century and who documented many important events in the history of Waco, including Masonic events. The Gildersleeve collection was donated to the museum by Roger Conger, who had acquired them from the photographer's estate upon his death. Its companion collection is a set of Gildersleeve's glass negatives in the Texas Collection at Baylor University.

The collection had lain dormant for many years until an enthusiastic photographer brother came along to assist with the project, Dick Brown, 33° IGH, from the Valley of Dallas. Bro. Brown acquired a high-quality scanner and has begun a project of scanning the photographs a few at a time. Bro. Brown reports, "In one photo of the old Waco City hall, you can see the water in the fountain out front. In another photo of the old suspension bridge, you can zoom in and read the ads posted on the gateposts and see people completely on the other side of the river. The sharpness of the prints is simply amazing and rivals the best digital cameras available today."

While Bro. Brown continues his scanning work, we have also begun to build a new photographic display in the Main Atrium showing the history of the Scottish Rite in Texas. This display will consist of photographs in our collection (Gildersleeve's and others), which also include many from the Scottish Rite Valleys all around Texas. I invite all of you to come lend a hand if you are so inclined — good things are happening, and we need your help!

Ballinger Ancillary Lodge of Perfection, No. 3

Charter officers: Rick Trogdon, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master; Jerry Pingle, 33° IGH, Sr. Warden; Hubert Smith, 32° KCCH, Jr. Warden; Glen McCandless, 32° KCCH, Orator; Jonathan Carroll, 32°, Treasurer; Charles Martin, 33° IGH, Secretary; Gary Gallaway, 32°, Almoner; Brandon Poehls, 32°, Prelate; Kenneth Williams, 32°, Master of Ceremonies; Anthony Strawn, 32°, Captain of the Host; Larry Lusby, 32°, Equerry; Chad Locker, 32°, Expert; Joe Harris, 32° KCCH, Tiler. Stated meetings, 2nd Mondays.

ESTABLISHED:
OCTOBER 10, 2016



Left: Ballinger Lodge set up for the officer installation and the first 14° meeting.
Above: Charter officers of the Ballinger Ancillary Lodge of Perfection, No. 3.

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"Brenda H." Retires After 25 Years of Service



The membership and staff of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas, extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Office Manager Brenda Haverkamp, who retires after twenty-five years of service to the organization. She has served under five different Chairmen and numerous General Secretaries. We owe much of our success over the last quarter-century to Brenda's dedication and hard work, and her contributions will be sorely missed.

Congratulations and best of luck, Brenda!



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