

2017 EVENTS

JUNE

30 — Camp Success
Graduation Ceremony

JULY

10 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

17 — Degree Practice

26 — Masonic Golf

AUGUST

14 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

20-22 Supreme Council

21 — Degree Practice

23 — Veteran's
Appreciation Luncheon

28 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

SEPTEMBER

9 — Statewide Honors,
Dallas Scottish Rite

11 — Ballinger 14° Lodge

18 — Degree Practice

25 — KOSA Stated Mtg.

29—30 Fall Reunion

30 — "The Blackwoods"

OCTOBER

2 — Stated Meeting

7 — Texas SR 150th
Anniversary, Galveston

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Waco Scottish Rite Quarterly Communiqué

SUMMER 2017



49 New Brothers Join Waco Scottish Rite in April Reunion



The 49 new "black hat" members of the April 2017 Reunion Class, together with Greg McEwen, 33°, Waco Valley Chairman, Jim Rumsey, 32° KCCH, Reunion Coordinator (2nd from left); Mike Waldrop, 32° KCCH, General Secretary (3rd from left); Casey Stanislaw, 32°, Education Chairman (2nd from right); and Sonny Juarez, 32° KCCH, Membership Chairman (far right).

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

Marcus L. ALLISON (Chandler #993), Robert E. BAIN III (Crawford #585), Matthew BARKSDALE (James F. Taylor #169), Clay J. BARRON (Henry Marsh Bell #1371), Joseph P. BODINE, III (Boggy #739), Steven C. BROOKS (T.R. Bonner #764), John W. CARTER, Jr. (Starr #118), Robert S. DAVIS, Jr. (San Andres #170), Jordan D. DRISKELL (Lawn #1230), Randall P. DOUGLAS (Chandler #993), Randell FARLEY (St. John's #53), Thomas M. FULLER, III (Mt. Creek #511), Justin G. GUNNELS (Athens #165), William E. HAMILTON (Belton #166), Bruce D. HUGHES (Dixie #272), Alfred L. JAMISON

(Timpson #437), Javey T. JAMISON (Sam Houston #32), Carlos Don JOHNSON (Goldwaite #694), Kelly D. JOHNSTON (Dixie #272), William V. JORDAN, IV (Fidelis #1127), Jerry A. KINSEY (Henry Marsh Bell #1371), Jeffery P. KUNZE (John Armstrong #291), Randell S. LAMBRIGHT (Henry Marsh Bell #1371), Darrel W. LAREY (Starr #118), Matthew S. LEE (Bullard #785), Frank W. LESLIE (Mt. Hiram #595), David W. LONG (Brownwood #279), Matthew D. MESSINGER (Belton #166), Samuel D. MOODY (Gurley #337), Mark L. MANLY (Crawford #585), Jonathan B. OWEN (St. John's #53), Jay B. PATTERSON, Jr. (Lawn #1230), Jason O. PHELPS (T.R. Bonner #764), Carl J. ROBERTSON, IV (Fairfield #103), Celedonio SANDOVAL, Sr. (Fidelis #1127), Gary L. SAPP (St.

John's #53), William M. SELLARS (Starr #118), Patrick S. SMITH (Blum #607), Kyle S. STOWERS (Dixie #272), John M. THREADGILL (T.R. Bonner #764), Seth M. TATOM (Lawn #1230), Allen F. TURNER (Lawn #1230), Dale WALLACE (John Armstrong #291), David A. WATSON (Corsicana #174), Robert D. WATSON (Waco #92), David L. WELLS (Henry Marsh Bell #1371), Charles E. YOUNG (Groesbeck #354), Michael T.J. ZAWACKI (Fidelis #1127)

**Fall
Reunion:
Sept. 29-30**

Chairman's Corner: Reunions and Events



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

2017 has been very fruitful indeed, with the initiation of 49 new Masters of the Royal Secret in the April reunion. Thanks and congratulations to all the new 32° Masons, as well as all of the members of the degree teams, the stage and altar crew, the education team, the office staff, and everyone who helped make the event a huge success.

For several years now, our focus has been on “jump-starting” the Valley; as we experience success and continue to grow, the challenges before us now take on a more organizational nature: how to manage our committees and clubs, how to improve our degree work, how to better educate the members on the many esoteric lessons in the Scottish Rite degrees, and how to provide more opportunities for participation in the increasing number of events that we are conducting on behalf of the Waco Scottish Rite and our unique facility, the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

The next big event on the schedule is the annual Veterans’ Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd. Everyone is invited, but especially those of you who are Veterans — an impressive set of speakers are scheduled for that

day. Additionally, the Valley will host its annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner in October, a banquet attended by many of the Law Enforcement in the area. Hon. Stan Parker, 32° KCCH, spearheads these important events and we are grateful for all of his efforts. Volunteers are needed to help on both of these occasions, and we invite you to participate.

There are also two big events scheduled to benefit the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum: a performance by the renowned gospel group “The Blackwoods,” on the evening of Sept. 30; and the first annual (we hope) Robert Burns Night, on Feb. 3, 2018. We are in the planning stages for these initiatives, and we welcome your participation.

Finally, we are in the midst of “Camp Success,” our annual language and literacy camp conducted in conjunction with the Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Baylor University. All Scottish Rite brethren are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 30, where we honor the students, teachers, and families participating in this year’s program. We invite all of you to come and participate, and we need your help! Have a great summer! —Greg

Dispatch from the Quarries

As I get out and visit the Lodges in the area, I am reminded of the strong bond of fellowship that exists between all Masons. It is very rewarding to be able to participate in degree work in Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, and the Scottish Rite.

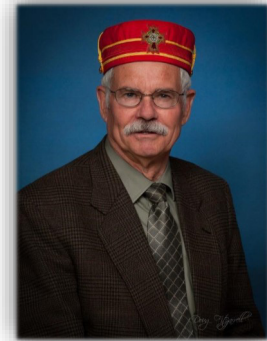
I invite you to further your Masonic experience by taking on one or more roles in the Scottish Rite degrees for the upcoming reunions in September, and in the Spring of 2018. There are 29 degrees in the Scottish Rite (4-32) that we can confer, and in recent years we have conferred only the minimum “terminal” degrees: the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd. In the last two reunions we have added the 6th and 29th degrees, and the 31st degree team is ramping up to confer that degree—the “Inspector Inquisitor”—for the first time in many years at the fall

reunion. We have a place for you on one of these degree teams, or on one of the committees responsible for staging these degrees.

The Waco Scottish Rite encompasses an expansive territory, from San Angelo to the Louisiana border, and there are many clubs and groups of brothers who could take on one or more degrees not currently being performed. Want to see the 20th degree? Why don’t you take the initiative and form a degree team!

Our Chairman of Work is Ed Brown, 32°, and he would be glad to talk to you. Contact him at caplo@hot.rr.com. Regular practice sessions are set for every 3rd Monday for degree teams, and we invite all of you to attend.

Keep recruiting! We need 51 new members this fall to reach our goal of 100 candidates for 2017.



**Mike Waldrop, 32° KCCH,
General Secretary**

Annual History Fair Winners Announced

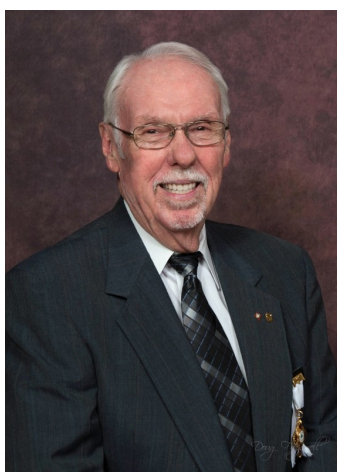
On Monday, May 22 a small crowd gathered in the atrium of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum for the announcement of the winners of this year’s History Fair, sponsored by the Waco Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Pictured (L-R) are Claude Ervin, 33° IGH (Chairman Emeritus), Mya Richardson, Emily Muslovski, Neal DuPuy, Gloria Conatser, and Tommy Grusendorf, 33° IGH (History Fair Committee Chairman).



2017 Officers and Staff



Robert Bickett, 32°
Venerable Master
Waco Lodge of Perfection (14°)



Larry Taylor, 32° KCCH
Wise Master
Waco Chapter of Rose Croix (18°)



Casey Stanislaw, 32°
Commander
Waco Council of Kadosh (30°)
Venerable Master, Waco KOSA



Edward Brown, 32°
Master of Kadosh
Waco Consistory (32°)

New Look in the Office



Marsha Fitzjarrell
Office Assistant

The Waco Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas welcomes two new members to the office staff in 2017. They are **Marsha Fitzjarrell** and **Marilee Prewett**. Please stop in and meet those responsible for keeping the wheels turning on the Scottish Rite on a daily basis. We are glad you are here!

We extend a very special "Thank You" to the photographers whose work appears in this quarter's newsletter: Doug Fitzjarrell, who produces our high-quality portraits; Stan Parker for his candid shots, and also Sam Moody.



Marilee Prewett
Office Assistant



III. William T. Martin, 33° IGH Honored in April Reunion

The 242nd Reunion of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies was dedicated to the memory of our late brother Martin, whose commitment to Masonry and the Scottish Rite was remembered during the lunch portion of the Reunion. Brother Dean McDowell, 33° IGH spoke on memories of Bro. Martin, and family members were honored and recognized. A framed copy of the program was presented to family members, pictured at left.

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Local Masons Serve Widows and Wives

According to program coordinator Sonny Juarez, 32° KCCH, "All is good and getting better" in the Widows and Wives program in which Local Masons team up to mow lawns, trim hedges, cut down dead trees, perform handyman work, and paint the houses of area Masonic widows. Says Sonny, "We are so excited that we are starting to get calls and being allowed opportunities to be of service to our lovely widows." Contributions of time and money are gladly accepted!

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