#### 2018 EVENTS

#### **OCTOBER**

I — Stated Meeting / Feast of Tishri

9 — Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

13 — One-Day Reunion

22 - KOSA Stated Mtg.

26 & 27 — "Fright Night At The Rite"

#### **NOVEMBER**

5 — Stated Meeting

16 — "Food for Families"

22 — Thanksgiving "Meals on Wheels"

26 — KOSA Stated Mtg. & Officer Elections

#### **DECEMBER**

3 — Stated Meeting and Officer Elections

20 — WSRB Offices close for the holidays, until Jan 2, 2019.

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# Waco Scottish Rite Quarterly Communiqué



FALL 2018

# 2018 Biennial Gathering of the Knights of St. Andrew in Waco A Huge Success!



To quote one visiting dignitary, "This was the best Masonic event I have ever been a part of." If you missed it, you should be disappointed! Attendees from around the world converged on Waco in July for the Biennial Gathering of the Knights of St. Andrew. Guest speakers included III. Mike Wiggins, 33°, SGIG in Texas; III. Reese L. Harrison, 33° Grand Cross; Bro. Robert L. Cooper, noted author and Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Library and Museum; and III. S. Brent Morris, 33° Grand Cross, also a noted author, and editor of The Scottish Rite Journal.

The above team (with others not pictured) worked tirelessly to make the event a great success. We would like to offer thanks and gratitude to the volunteers from the Waco Valley, and also those visiting from other Valleys, who pitched in to help. Thank you! See page 4 in this newsletter for more pictures from the event.

## The Chairman's Corner



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

The bagpipe and drumming lessons which began in May have brought a considerable amount of interest to the halls of the Scottish Rite Building. The class primarily meets in the Library at 6:30pm on Wednesdays and now consists of fourteen piping and three drumming students, along with three instructors. There are both men and women as well as youth who are participating. There are plenty of spaces available for more students if anyone is interested in helping to keep Scottish piping and drumming alive in the Central Texas area.

Piping students begin their lessons learning the nine notes on a practice chanter. Then after learning grace notes and one or two other embellishments they start their breathing exercises on a modified set of bagpipes. This helps to build lung capacity and lip strength. Eventually, everyone masters the bag, and playing this noble instrument becomes a reality. It takes less air than you think.

Drumming students begin their lessons with sticks and a pad. Scottish drumming is a little different, but, can be learned with practice and tutoring. Drums are essential to the band in order to keep the pipers with their timing.

We are also in need of a Drum Major. This position is the field leader, and band members take cues from him or her. The Drum Major carries a mace which is used to issue commands. We also would like to have one or two Highlanders to carry Claymore swords during performances. The first performance has been scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Stars Over Texas Veteran's Appreciation Show at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

All lessons come at no cost to the students. Costs associated with belonging to the band is what you pay for your uniforms and band instrument. An effort is made to keep costs to a minimum so you can get the most from your dollar.

If you have any interest in learning to pipe or to drum you might consider coming to practice on Wednesday evenings to see what it is all about. It is exciting to say the least and you will see that enthusiasm is quite high for this endeavor. To quote Pipe Major Bill Herridge, "You haven't lived until you put on a kilt and blow into a goat skin bag in front of an audience."

If anyone is interested in joining the Scottish Rite Pipes and Drums, please call me at 254-749-0505.



## 2018 Orient of Texas Scottish Rite Legacy Convention

September 7 & 8

## "A New Era of Texas Scottish Rite Masonry"

The Valley of Waco and the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum were honored to host this year's biennial Scottish Rite Legacy Convention. Ill. Mike Wiggins, 33° SGIG in Texas welcomed more than 100 Scottish Rite Masons from across the state to the two-day gathering, which featured addresses from the following noted speakers:

- M.W. Tommy F. Chapman, 33° IGH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas
- III. Robert G. Davis, 33° IGH Grand Cross, Masonic Author and Speaker from Guthrie Consistory, Orient of Oklahoma
- Hon. Richard Nowacki, 32°, Portland Consistory, Orient of Oregon

The Master of Ceremonies for the event was III. William L. "Rusty" Garrett, 33° IGH, Waco Consistory. The "Arch of Steel" during the opening ceremonies was staged by the Waco and Fort Worth Knights of Saint Andrew. A great time of fellowship was had by all!



These dignitaries (L-R) all hold the title of **Illustrious 33° Inspector General Honorary**: Brack Jones, Galveston Chairman.; Brian Vance, Austin Chairman; Steve Cross, Lubbock Chairman; Greg McEwen, Waco Chairman; M.W. Tommy F. Chapman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas; Brian Dodson, Houston Chairman; Dan Turner, Secretary of the Orient of Texas; Robert Madison, San Antonio Chairman; Donny Broughton, Dallas Chairman; and Kenneth Curry, Fort Worth Chairman.

# 2018 International KOSA Gathering, Waco, Texas



### Our Newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons



The Waco Scottish Rite Bodies would like to recognize the members of our Spring 2018 Reunion Class. Welcome, brothers!

Steven Craig Ash — J.H. Gurley #337
Brian Keith Broadway — Waco #92
Kenneth Scot Brown— James F. Taylor #269
Stacy Glenn Cranford — Gary #1101
Justin Ty Curtis — Crawford #585
Justin William Estredge — Maples #791
Matthew Russell Freeman — Mt. Hiram #595
Neal Jay Haskin — Cedar Creek #300
Denny B. Lessman — Marlin #152
Michael Andrew Lucio — Killeen #1125
Eric Lyn Mitchell — James F. Taylor #269
Thomas Gregory Nickson — Killeen #1125
Jonathan Hal Reynolds — Salado #296



# Lockwood's Vault

Library and Museum Notes by Sam Moody, 32° Librarian and Curator

### **50th Anniversary**

#### **Here We Come!**

In September 2019 we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. Everything we have been doing the last two years and will continue to do into next year has been leading up to this celebration. We have started to gather the "Committee for 50", which will work with the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, the Museum Association of Waco, and the City of Waco to make this event the best it can possibly be. This will act as the first of many updates to keep everyone in the loop moving forward.

The "Committee for 50" will consist of Masons and non-Masons alike, the core of which are members who executed the immensely successful Knights of Saint Andrew International Gathering. These projects ahead of us include a museum redesign, exhibit changes/updates, gift shop creation, web and social media presence, Robert Burns Supper, 50th Anniversary Dinner and Presentation, and many more.

Our beautiful facility is facing some financial challenges over the next few years and fund raising is becoming an important necessity. The Library and Museum is owned and operated by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Texas (SRFTX), and managed directly by a local Executive Committee, chaired by Ill. Claude Ervin, 33° IGH. This committee is currently putting together five-, ten– and 20-year plans to insure the facility's long-term viability.

We have several events and fundraisers planned over the course of the next year, with all proceeds going to the Library and Museum. Our building has been called "The last great Masonic temple built in America." It has fallen to us to preserve this legacy and insure that it will be available for many years to come. We all are looking forward to the challenge and are excited by the possibilities. Stay tuned!

Want to join us? We need your help! Contact: Sam.Moody@LeeLockwood.org or Casey.Stanislaw@LeeLockwood.org.



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