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Celebrate the Craft

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Workshop—VMAP—CTC

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Lt. Grand Commander and S.G.I.G. in Virginia

The title is my focus in this article. Please read it again. The three things I need each reader to focus on are all in the title.

For literally decades, the Orient of Virginia has been meeting each spring for a half-day Workshop(see pages 3 and 10). This is a fraternal event, intended to be a time for us to eat, visit, learn, eat again, visit some more and go home after lunch. The event is on Saturday, March 21 at the Richmond Scottish Rite, beginning at 9:30AM (with the eating beforehand). We have interesting speakers and topics. Our Grand Master will provide us with inspiring words on how “Together We can Make a Difference” in the lives of those around us. In order to support him, we need to be “together” with him. Bro. Philip Bernard will speak on *The Illumination of Historic Masons’ Hall*, and Bro. Ned Mamula will discuss *The Pillars of Freemasonry*.

VMAP is the Valley Membership Achievement Project. This is to me the most fraternal membership effort ever initiated by any Masonic body. Last spring, I was blessed with the duty to serve as moderator at three jurisdictional workshops, where several hundred Scottish Rite Masons met in Portland Oregon, Biloxi Mississippi and Williamsburg Virginia. We asked attendees to tell us how to attract, engage and retain members in Scottish Rite. Our Brethren came up with four hundred suggestions. Those suggestions were boiled down into the VMAP effort. I hope every reader will go online to <http://scottishrite.org/vmap/> and read about the program. Imagine, in order to improve the membership experience, we asked the members! The VMAP resource book, available on the website indicated above, is a cookbook of recipes to help every Valley. I call it the most fraternal effort because we asked every Scottish Rite Mason to meet us “on the level” and “be square with us” about what was needed. Currently, EVERY Valley in Virginia is working on VMAP. If any reader of this article has not heard about the effort, please contact your Personal Representative, Valley Secretary, or me personally (jdcole2001@gmail.com).

CTC refers to *Celebrate the Craft* (see pages 14 and 15), an Internet-based fraternal celebration, held on May 16, 2015. Several Valleys from around the Jurisdiction, including a couple from Virginia, will be featured. More information is available at <http://>

scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/ . This event is an opportunity to learn about the Craft, our successes, achievements and how we have changed lives. I am asking every Valley in Virginia to have an event of some kind. Any money raised in Virginia will be used to support the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia, which funds four RiteCare programs in the Orient of Virginia and provides several scholarships annually to students in higher education. I want to personally ask every Scottish Rite Mason to either attend a Valley event on May 16 or invite a Brother to watch the event online, as a way of having even a two or three-person fraternal event.

Finally, each reader has probably noticed that this article is not written in my normal style. It reads like a television announcer. However, each “announced” item above has a common thread. It is the word “*Fraternal*.” We claim to be a *Fraternity*. We each joined a *Fraternity*. But it occurs to me that the word “*Fraternity*” ultimately “works” best only when we gather together. After all, if I were on a deserted island by myself, could I really establish a fraternity there?

So, let us be about the business of the *Fraternity* we joined. That means get involved, get together. For together, as our Grand Master says, we can make a difference.

When I see you at the Workshop, or at a VMAP event, or at a CTC event, please come up to me and say hello. Let’s be fraternal.

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Scottish Rite Spring Workshop

The Workshop is hosted by the [Valley of Alexandria](#) on March 21 in Richmond at the Richmond Scottish Rite Center.

Attendance at the Workshop is always an enjoyable opportunity to meet with our Scottish Rite friends from across Virginia – and make new friends from across the Orient.

Programs include:

Talks by Grand Master Reese Carroll

Comments by Most Worshipful James Cole,

the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia,

Brother Ned Mamula will speak on the Pillars of Freemasonry

Brother Philip Bernard will speak on early Virginia Masonry focusing on the historic Mason's Hall.

Let your Valley Secretary's know if you will be attending. The Richmond Valley needs a headcount by the March Stated Meeting. This will let the Richmond Valley plan for breakfast and lunch. If you will not be at the March meeting, please contact your Valley Secretary with your plans for the Workshop.

Location: [Richmond Scottish Rite Temple](#)

4204 Hermitage Road

Richmond, VA

Date: March 21, 2015

8:30 – 9:30 AM Coffee and pastries are available while we socialize at the Workshop.

9:30 – 12:00 PM The Workshop

12:00 PM Lunch will be served



Richmond Valley Friends Dinner and Auction



Enjoy dinner and bid on items for a
great cause at the 6th Annual Scottish
Rite Friends Dinner and Auction

Virginia This Morning airs LIVE Monday through Friday from 9am to 10am.

Ms. Robin Olivier, Director of Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center, along with Chair Herb Turner, invite you to the 6th Annual Scottish Rite Friends Dinner and Auction. For over 22 years, the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center has evaluated and treated children's disorders involving speech, language fluency, hearing, dyslexia, and audio processing.

The Scottish Rite Friends Dinner and Auction is Saturday, March 7th at the [Hilton Double Tree](#), located at [1021 Koger Center Boulevard](#) in Richmond, Virginia with doors opening at 4:30pm for the silent auction.

For more information visit <http://scottishrite.org/ritecare-center/scottish-rite-childhood-language-center-at-richmond-inc/>.

Saturday, March 7th

[Hilton Double Tree](#)
[1021 Koger Center Blvd.](#)
[Richmond, VA](#)

**Doors opening at
4:30pm for the silent
auction**



Centennial Jubilee

“New Additions | Old Traditions”

Join us in celebration of the 100th year that our House of the Temple has been open to the public. Here in our nation’s capital, we have begun laying the groundwork for a festive day full of merriment, brotherhood, and history.

Preliminary Schedule for Saturday, August 22*

Time	Event
9–10:30 am	House of the Temple Dedication Reenactment
11 am–1 pm	Temple Garden Party
1:30–2:30 pm	Special Tour I (Future of the Temple)
2:30–3:30 pm	Special Tour II (Special Exhibits)
6–9:30 pm	Scottish Rite Friends Banquet†
6–7 pm	Scottish Rite Friends Banquet—SILENT Auction
8:15–9:30 pm	Scottish Rite Friends Banquet—LIVE Auction
10:30–11:30 pm	Temple Ghost Tour I
11:30 pm–12:30 am	Temple Ghost Tour II

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Additional Events on Sunday, August 23*

Time	Event
9–10 am	Special Tour I (Future of the Temple)
10–11 am	Special Tour II (Special Exhibits)
11 am–12:30 pm	Q & A with Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, GC, and S. Brent Morris, 33°, GC
11 am–1 pm	Ladies Only Fashion Show
2–5 pm	Temple Artifact Exhibit Opens (at Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC)

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are FREE and will take place at the House of the Temple but, due to limited capacity, will require reservations and tickets. Registration for the Centennial Jubilee and Biennial Session will open mid-February. Please stay tuned to our [web site](#) and [social media accounts](#) for updates.

* All event and pricing information is subject to change.

† Tickets for the Scottish Rite Friends Banquet are \$150/person.

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CENTENNIAL JUBILEE & BIENNIAL SESSION



Masonry and Health

From the New Age, December 1952 *
V. M. Burrows, KCCH

Introduction

From time to time, we will bring you articles that you may not have seen or may not remember, which are of interest and relevant today.

In 2013, a group of artistically inclined Brethren from the Valley of Alexandria wrote and produced a short video on the life and Masonic activities of Illustrious Robert South Barrett, who at his death was S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Virginia. He lived and was active in Masonry roughly during the mid-20th century, which was a time of peak growth and activity of the fraternity. His business and Masonic accomplishments were most impressive, but perhaps even more impressive were the philanthropic activities through which he exemplified our Masonic principles and Masonic obligations. We featured this distinguished Mason in our October – November 2013 Bulletin.

Illustrious Robert G. Watkins, Jr., 33°

Thinking about the life of Illustrious Brother Barrett, I would assert that an adherence to the philosophy of Freemasonry and a careful study of the lessons in its ritual have a positive psychological effect on the Mason himself and on those around him, and leads to an improvement in the larger society in which he lives. I would note, for example, the Charge given the Chaplain at Installation:

“The principles and precepts of Freemasonry are in strict accordance with the teachings of the Great Light in Masonry. These enlighten life and illumine love, and though Masonry is not a religion, it is essentially religious. In all her laws and teachings, she stands for whatever is good - a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night – pointing the way to a glorious immortality. In your hands may the badge of your sacred office prove a gospel of love, leading men to light and life everlasting by drawing them closer to the Great Architect of the Universe.”

I think these words make clear that the ideas and objectives of Masonic teaching are directed toward acting upon the mind and intellect, thus affecting the man himself. The proposition that regular encounters with Masonic ritual in Lodge ceremonies will help us become better and more moral was an idea that was prominent 50-60 years ago when Illustrious Barrett made his contributions to the Crafts and almost certainly were guide posts to his actions at that time.

These views were clearly reflected in the short article reproduced below, entitled *Masonry and Health*, which appeared in December 1952 in *The New-Age Magazine*, a predecessor to the current *Scottish Rite Journal*.

The method of operation of the mind has great influence on the physical health of the individual. A study of the ritual will bring out the fact that Masonry abounds with advice as to how the mind may be directed into proper channels of thought. These are conducive to the improvement of health, especially to the middle-aged man. Modern science has demonstrated that all thoughts and emotions, which do not build, which are not constructive, generate poison into the system by chemical change. It has been shown that multitudes of people suffer most of their lives from the auto-poisoning of their thoughts and emotions, their jealousies, envies, hatreds, and their unkind and uncharitable thoughts.

Nowhere in our rituals do we advocate fear, or the teaching of men by compulsion. We seek to eliminate hatred, envy, jealousy, selfishness, and cynicism by developing

When money doesn't really belong to you, you should try to do the most good possible with it.

Robert South Barrett

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What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike

brotherly love and, consequently, the love of all humanity. We teach that the greatest victory is the mental victory, which is achieved over a man's natural inclinations.

We teach that character can be developed only by mental and emotional discipline in the control of the thoughts, in the continual substitution of higher thoughts for those of a lower nature, and in constant attention to personal, religious instruction.

We recognize the fact that the mind does not unfold; the creative faculty does not mature, and that the spirit does not expand, save under the influence of reverence.

If, by self-analysis, we can discover and discard those traits which seem to lead us in the wrong direction, and at the same time cultivate those natural tendencies which point the way to higher achievement, then we have carried into effect one of the greatest principles of Freemasonry.

There is a beautiful personality lying latent within the animal life of every man. Masonry strives to aid in the unfoldment of that personality.

We should look for the good in Masonry. We should look for the basic psychological principles, which are inculcated in the rituals. They have come down to us from the ages by the medium of Masonry, not only for the inspiration of the soul, but also for the continuation of physical health within the body.

No man can have a pure, clean character who does not habitually have pure, clean thoughts. Character is built of the thoughts, which we allow to grow and multiply within our minds.

There is a small holy-of-holies within everyone's soul. In it is the shrine of individuality. It is the direct result of the feeling that some precious consciousness dwells within. A good reason for conscience and storing the mind with good thoughts is so a man may be *good company for himself*.

Good thoughts, deeply felt, will bring health, harmony, peace, power, ability and character. Wrong thoughts, deeply felt, will bring sickness, depression, discord, fear, weakness and failure.

Purposely rejecting one thought and allowing another to occupy the mind may be called the method of substitution. Exclusion of discordant thoughts will furnish an opportunity for harmonious ones to take their places. We may not be able to create thought, but we have the power to accept the good and reject the evil. That which we invite enters into our minds. By our choice of thoughts, we summon the good or evil that comes and dwells within us.

All true success is worth all that it costs, no matter what the cost may be. The satisfaction that comes from a rotten life is not worth the candle. Wrong is whatever hurts human life or destroys human happiness. Right is whatever helps human life and tends to sustain or increase human happiness. The satisfaction of right living and right thinking is valuable to the individual, for there is no finer sensation than that which comes with victory over oneself.

No one has ever done a great thing while his mind is centered upon himself. This is the psychological basis for our instructions in relation to the Five Points of Fellowship.

We should think every day how we can help someone. For that is the psychological basis of Masonic Brotherhood and thereby a road for improvement of mental health.

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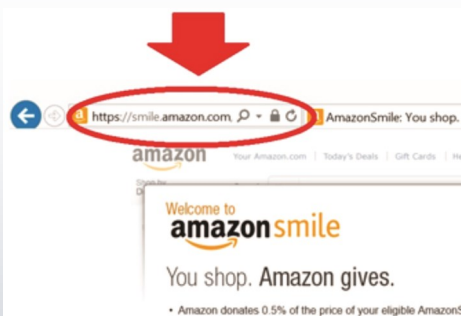
A Smile on the Valley

Brother James V. Cady and Brother Sean W. Watterson

Scottish Rite of Virginia

Masonic Brethren, their families, friends and businesses can now help their Valley at no cost to themselves and it's never been easier. When you shop on Amazon.com, you can direct a portion of your purchase price be sent to the RiteCare of your choice (see listing below), thanks to Amazon's charitable program called *Amazon.Smile*. This program, Amazon takes 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of the price of any item purchased and donates that money to the shopper's charity of choice at no additional cost.

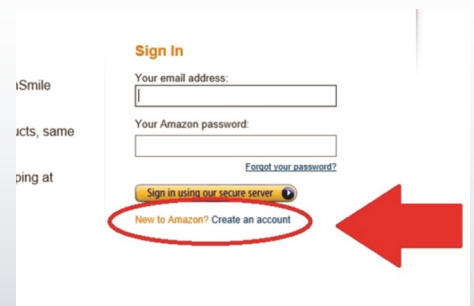
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- ◆ Scottish Rite Museum & Library Of The Valleys—Lexington
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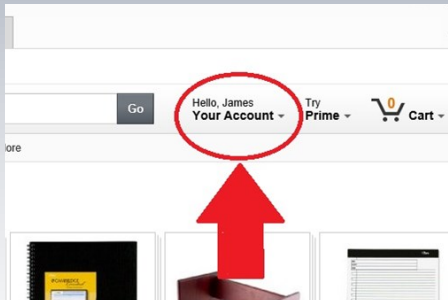
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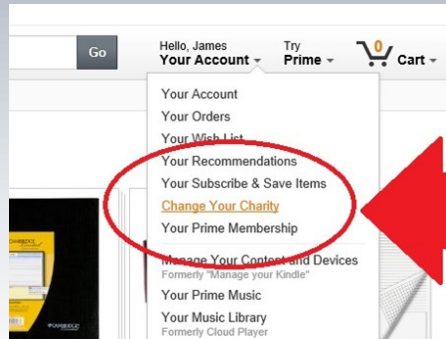
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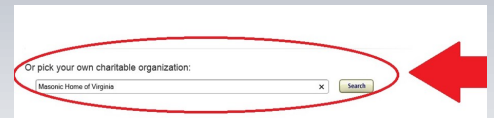
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The 2015 Virginia Scottish Rite Conference Spring Workshop

*III. William "Larry" Alexander, 33°,
Conference President*

I'm sure by now you know that the Valley of Alexandria is hosting the Scottish Rite Spring Workshop on March 21 at the [Richmond Scottish Rite Temple](#) , and the Scottish Rite Conference on September 25-26 in [Alexandria](#). We have an opportunity to put our best foot forward, and it would be terrific if we could have an especially large Alexandria Valley contingent in Richmond on Saturday, 21 March, dressed in our Valley blazers, gray slacks, blue button-down shirts, and Valley tie.

Attendance at the Workshop is always an enjoyable opportunity to meet with our Scottish Rite friends from across Virginia – and make new friends from across the Orient. But we also have an interesting program planned for you. In addition to talks by Grand Master Reese Carroll, and MW Jim Cole, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia, Brother Ned Mamula will speak on the Pillars of Freemasonry, and Brother Philip Bernard will speak on early Virginia Masonry, and focus on the historic Mason's Hall.

Coffee and pastries are available at 8:30 a.m., while we socialize. The conference begins at 9:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

We will take a headcount at the March Stated Meeting for those planning to attend so the Richmond Valley can plan for breakfast and lunch. If you will not be at the March meeting, please contact the Valley Secretary (secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org) with your plans.

It is always more fun to travel with your Brethren, so now is the time to start arranging carpools to travel to the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple (4204 Hermitage Road). Remember, lots of ritual has been learned in a car traveling up and down I-95.

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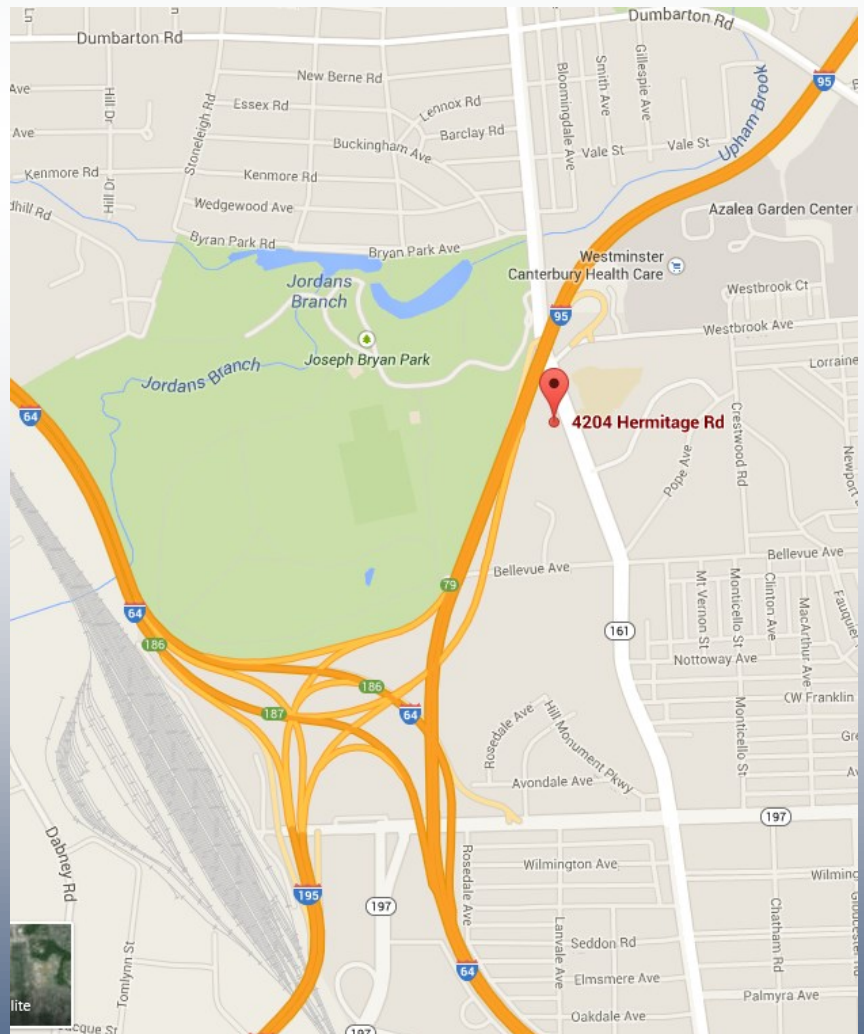
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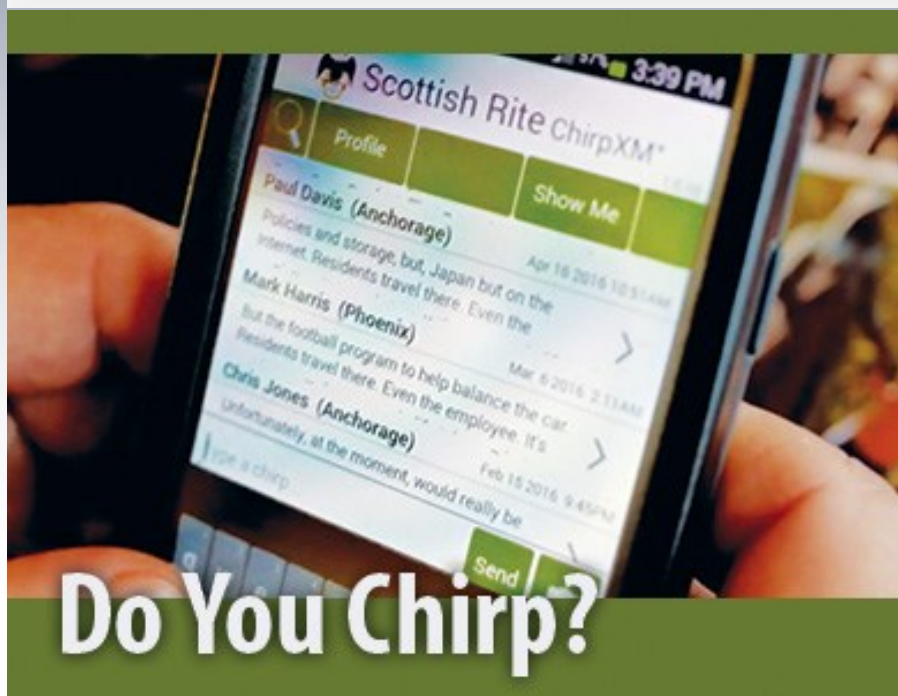
The 2015 Virginia Scottish Rite Conference Spring Workshop



Valley of Alexandria is hosting the Scottish Rite Spring Workshop on March 21 at the [Richmond Scottish Rite Temple](#)



SR Chirp



SR Chirp is a Smartphone app that enables Scottish Rite Masons to communicate quickly & conveniently

[SR Chirp video](#)

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Southern Jurisdiction is making a new tool available exclusively to Scottish Rite Masons, known as SR Chirp. This is a personal communication and messaging utility which operates as a mobile phone application and is unique to the Scottish Rite.

Maintaining meaningful personal communications in today's fast-paced and technology intense day can be challenging. Smartphones are everywhere, and a variety of services including Facebook, Twitter, and text messaging make keeping in touch possible using many different methods.

Each popular technology provides benefits as well as challenges. With so much information available to us, it's often hard to keep track of some of the messages that are most important.

The name "Chirp" was selected by the application's developer, which has other business-to-consumer projects apart from the Scottish Rite. SR Chirp messages are known as "Chirps."

Using the application, Scottish Rite members may to "Chirp" to each other

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SR Chirp

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and share their experiences, day-to-day interactions and thoughts, updates from their local Valleys and Ori-ents, or simply stay connected throughout the jurisdiction.

The application enables Scottish Rite Masons to quickly and conveniently communicate and interact. Although SR Chirp is similar to text messaging in some ways, because SR Chirp is usable only by Scottish Rite members, it becomes simple to separate communications with brothers from the sometimes over-whelming number of messaging that are part of our personal and business lives.

SR Chirp users also customize the messages that they desire to see. A user might elect to view only mes-sages from his own Valley, or might decide to reach out to another Valley where he is traveling. Because the application is location-aware, users can elect to see messages and interact with other users easily and conveniently wherever they are—and not see messages from locations or Valleys that are not of immediate interest.

SR Chirp is available as a free download on Android mobile platforms and coming soon for Apple devices.

Installation is simple and registration requires only that you confirm your membership and create a user ID through the my.scottishrite.org portal if you have not already done so. Activation instructions are included with the application installation.

Please download SR Chirp and be part of the online and mobile community. We're looking forward to get-ting acquainted!

SR Chirp is available as a free download on both Apple iPhone and Android mobile platforms.

Here are the mobile links to download the free app from your phone.

Apple:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sr-chirp/id911534384?ls=1&mt=8>

Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.scottishrite.srchirp>

The universal link will route your phone to the appropriate store when clicked from your phone.

<http://qrs.ly/gr49ng2>

You can scan the QR code to take to either store your phone supports as well.

Celebrating the Craft

May 16, 2015 | 6 p.m. to Midnight

The House of the Temple will host the 4th-annual Celebrating the Craft (CTC) on Saturday, May 16, to raise money for the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and Orient charities.

To watch the show, go to scottishrite.org anytime between 6 p.m. and Midnight (Eastern Time) on Saturday, May 16.

Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more will be included in the webcast.

Once again, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple will be converted into a television studio and serve as ground zero for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers will learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. Last year the CTC featured musical artist, stage performers, Masonic scholars like Ill. Bros. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.C., and Brent Morris, 33°, G.C., and many others who educated and entertained throughout the event. We will be building upon our previous successes to make CTC 2015 our most exciting event yet.

You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in the your Orient as directed by your SGIG or Deputy.

If you live in the DC area or will be in town during the event we invite you to come and be part of the in-studio audience or volunteer for the phone bank.

Scottish Rite has Talent!

The show will focus on Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and a variety of talents and accomplishments from Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction.

[Click here](#) to find out how to submit a video audition to be part of the evening's entertainment.

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**Volunteer your time
with us during the
CTC Contact:**

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Celebrating the Craft

May 16, 2015 | 6 p.m. to Midnight

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Want to Volunteer for the CTC?

Live near D.C.? Volunteer your time with us during the CTC! Contact us at edixon@scottishrite.org or 1-866-448-3187. We would love to have you!

[Click here](#) for more information on volunteering for the CTC webcast.

What Can YOU do?

- ◇ Mark May 16 on your calendar.
- ◇ Plan on watching at your Valley or at your home.
- ◇ Let all of your Masonic friends know about CTC.
- ◇ Coordinate an event with your Valley to watch CTC and support the House of the Temple
- ◇ Plan on making a gift to help us preserve and restore the House of the Temple and also benefit your Orient.
- ◇ Donations can be made online or by calling our phone bank during the evening. During the broadcast we will be announcing “up to the minute” updates on the funds raised.

What Can Your Valley Do?

- ◇ Host a Celebrating the Craft (CTC) party during the web event. Serve snacks and invite friends and family to join the members. Consider using a wide-screen television or an LCD projector for the group
- ◇ Raise the stakes and provide a dinner with your CTC Party.
- ◇ Have your Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) hold a fundraiser before the CTC and issue a challenge gift to other KSA chapters live during the broadcast on May 16.
- ◇ Share information about the CTC web event in your Valley bulletin. Encourage members who cannot attend the special event at the Valley to watch it from home.
- ◇ Plan a Backyard Event: Picnic, BBQ, with burgers and dogs and all the side dishes. Coordinate a silent auction, raffle gift baskets, or hold a pie sale. Find yard space for outdoor events with horseshoes, bocce ball, or badminton.
- ◇ Hold an open house for Masons who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite. Use the event to generate interest in the Rite and to raise funds for the House of the Temple and your Orient charity.
- ◇ Promote CTC at ALL meetings and activities between now and May 16.
- ◇ Set a goal amount for your Valley to raise and make a donation as a collective group. We will recognize your Valley on air—a challenge could spur on other Valleys!
- ◇ Coordinate a Valley-to-Valley competition to help support our House of the Temple, through friendly competition.
- ◇ Engage in our CTC Social Media campaign.

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about Celebrating the
Craft, contact:**

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A Different Delivery System

Brother Gerald L. Frey, K.C.C.H

With Masonic education, the Craft often seems to be spinning one of the giant game show roulette wheels, trying the latest in a long line of methodologies, each new, improved, modern, and of the age. When it comes to Masons, it is easy to overlook that this is adult education. Sound too academic? Adults learn differently than children for a variety of reasons: experiences, occupations, changing careers, relationships, etc. And straight lesson plans require more, or perhaps less depending upon your point of view when it comes to adult education. Education of adults is as much about information as education.

Team might not have an "I" in it, but almost everything in education does (history, science, mathematics, English, philosophy, etc.). For adult-Masons, education is a personal expansion, or should be distinct, and conscious decision to learn about the Fraternity. However, that is only the first step in Masonic education. Next is selecting from a wide array of materials, some being formal (correspondence courses) and others self-directed. Why wide array? For those that under take the self-directed way, and at some point you will if you choose to advance in knowledge of yourself and Masonry's many facets.

Let us begin with the formal pathway, which courses do you choose from? Must you choose from your Grand Lodge or Research Lodge within your Grand Jurisdiction? How about appendant bodies, Scottish Rite comes to mind with the Master Builder program. How about colleges and universities? Not quite so clear. And let us say you take anyone, where next?

As muddled as these prospects are the self-directed is even more fraught with twists and turns. Why it seems that everyone has written about Freemasonry, Mason and profane, pro and con, with and without an agenda, the picking, here is not a matter to be taken lightly.

Still there are a few places to go for the calibration of your Masonic compass (the direction finder). Scottish Rite has taken a noteworthy approach, one which has put method to the daunting task of educating and informing Masons about the Craft. As I already mentioned the Master Craftsman courses (I, II, and III) provide a formal and structure environment for learning about Masonry in general, and Scottish Rite in particular. Before these courses were developed there was and is the Scottish Rite Research Society, with both the *Plumblin* and *Heredom*, and the Scottish Rite Journal (book reviews), and a number of other publications either directly or indirectly managed by the Supreme Council. Not a dud in the bunch.

No doubt this seems like a long introduction to something exactly the same, but different. One of the questions being reviewed by Scottish Rite is how to deliver this material to its membership and subscribers in a cost-efficient way. Part of the problem with having a knowledgeable group dealing with publications and the library is that when they come up from all of the work, they look for different

Getting our compass out again, where do we head with this technology? Masonry already has a wealth of material in print, much of it in digital form. Why digital form?

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Let us begin with the formal pathway, which courses do you choose from? Must you choose from your Grand Lodge or Research Lodge within your Grand Jurisdiction? How about appendant bodies, Scottish Rite comes to mind with the Master Builder program. How about colleges and universities? Not quite so clear.

ways of presenting the same thing. Now it is paper. Does anyone in Scottish Rite know how to write a book, other than by the pound? That is not a complaint; their work is voluminous because of the incorporation of relevant pictures, translations (with the original, even if we cannot always translate it ourselves), indexes, glossaries and references. Having read many of these works, and more on the way, being able to look up a point that sticks in the mind is a relief, sort of like one-stop shopping. If it were not for their efforts, you have to have any number of books to reference just in arms reach.

Husbandry as a word is not much in fashion. In this case it does not have anything to do with farm animals, plowing or the rest agriculture. Husbandry is the combination of science and art in the management of resources or conservation by thrift.

Husbandry and e-books may at first seem worlds apart; however, they are not as far apart as they seem. The world of publishing: books and periodicals, has grown up knowing little more than paper and ink. In the past few years, digital books have come into their own, and in a big way. Amazon, the largest seller of books in the world, has recently stated that digital books are outselling paper books. There are a number of e-readers on the market; Sony, Apple, Barnes and Noble, and Amazon. If that were not enough, there are free applications (apps) for your phones, computers and tablets to turn them into e-readers.

Interestingly in an age of technology, the ability to have books literally at your fingertips is, well at hand. As already pointed muddled goes with this discussion, so it continues with details. E-books and their readers have options that have only just begun to be explored for Masons. For this discussion let us focus, using only one device since many of the features of the Kindle are available on other devices.

- ◆ Portability is a big item, 5,000 books or more on an e-reader.
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- ◆ Most books are indexed and searchable
- ◆ Built in dictionaries

Many of us are long time hard copy types, printing like vinyl records is safe for the fore seeable future, but digital is here to stay, make no mistake. Like so many things in our lives, it is not an either or option. For me, cable is not TV, but the Internet and digital video recording, and therefore, my wife can have the remote. It is not an either or option.

Getting our compass out again, where do we head with this technology? Masonry already has a wealth of material in print, much of it in digital form. Why digital form? For decades, printing has relied upon digital formatted publications to quickly and accurately set up and run the printing presses. Much of this material can be converted into e-books, with the cost being the time a human is involved in the conversion not the writing. Formatting or converting is simplified by a number of desktop publishing add-ones, and e-reader sponsored free applications. Amazon does not have any fees for creating and publishing an e-book, although there are requirements for handing the back end matters though these are also without cost.

For some Masons, they have come late to the party. Trying to find the first volume of *Heredom* is daunting, but if it were digital. Carrying around *Albert Pike's Lecture on Masonic Symbolism* is not as heavy as is odd sized, while the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* are weighty, but if it were digital...

Now let's talk warehousing, packaging and shipping, then shipping nationally and internationally. With an Amazon Kindle the download time is less than sixty seconds, at no cost. No warehousing, packaging, and shipping nationally or internationally. With both ways the reader gets the information, one with less waiting and that must, at some point, be worth a discount on the book itself.

Most of the e-readers allow for other formats: books, series, dictionaries, magazines, newspapers, blogs, and reader applications. And again many of these are without cost to create or publish, which begs the question, "Why no cost?" They want content, the more, the better. Free is an attractive price for entry into this new arena for writers and publishers, which in turn benefits the reader.

By utilizing the option of e-publishing, e-books and e-readers, husbandry combine's science and art in the management of our Masonic resources with thrift. For some Masons, there is more than one delivery system.

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Scottish Rite Research Libraries

For Masonic Researchers, the Scottish Rite, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, make their libraries available to remote users. Both make their catalogues available online, and both make this service available to anyone choosing to use it. The value to the researcher is that both libraries are outstanding, and open a whole new avenue for remote research.

To reach the Southern Jurisdiction call (202) 232-3579.

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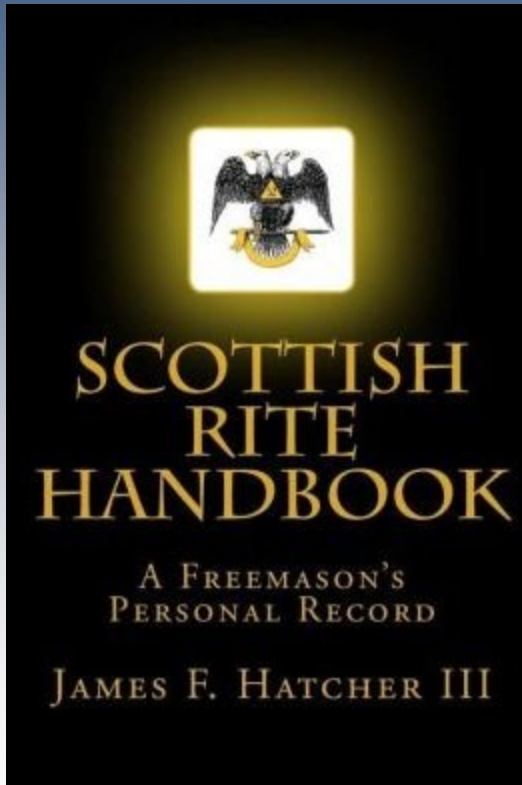
Supreme Council Library Receives Generous Book Bequest

Our staff recently completed the first stage of cataloging a generous bequest of 529 pieces we acquired from the estate of Dr. Claude H. Harris, Jr., 33°. Among the collection, are some 489 Masonic works—301 books, 186 periodicals, one facsimile, and one manuscript.

The next steps in the cataloging process include protecting and preserving damaged books in the collection and determining where most appropriately to place these materials in our library. For now, the entire collection resides the second floor of our main stacks.

III. Harris served as Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A.F. & A.M., and was a dual member of the Scottish Rite Valleys of Alexandria, Va. and Taipei, Taiwan.

Thanks to the generosity of members like III. Harris, our Masonic library continues to grow. If you are interested in donating materials, please visit <http://scottishrite.org/headquarters/library/librarian/> for contact information.



*Scottish Rite Handbook: A
Freemason's Personal
Journal*

By James F. Hatcher III

Masonicpress.com, 2014,
\$10.68

Review by
Illustrious William A. Parks, Jr.

Nice cover, eh?

Freemasons have missed boat after boat in failing to insist that "Masonic" books undergo some kind of review process before publication. Censorship, enforcement of dogma, and enforcement of some kind of Masonic purity have absolutely nothing to do

with it. Masonry does include some information that is indisputably factual. But we continue to be enticed, lured, and seduced by slick shiny covers that disguise poor editing, lack of content, verifiable errors of fact and other deficiencies that embarrass the Craft and make us look like suckers, sub-literates, and purveyors of ignorance.

This one has nice shiny front and back covers, acknowledgements, looks good on a shelf, and its text takes about twenty minutes to read. And it costs more than a movie ticket.

With a back cover blurb proclaiming itself in capital letters to be "The perfect Gift for new initiates to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or those currently working in it," this 170-page book includes:

- ◆ Ten pages otherwise blank headed "Notes."
- ◆ Seventy-nine pages headed either "Body," "Degree, or "Work" with eighteen blank lines
- ◆ Thirty two pages, each headed with a Scottish Rite "Degree" from the 4th to "Grand Cross of the Court of Honor" with twelve to eighteen blank lines for "Personal Reflections on this Degree," including KCCH and GCCH, which are not "Degrees"
- ◆ Forty-nine pages of actual text, with lists, some text and more empty space

It purports to list among the Scottish Rite Degrees for the Southern Jurisdiction "32* Master of the Royal Secret, or Knight Commander of the Court of Honour,"* but omits Inspector General Honorary. It labels SGIG "Inspector General." The Northern Jurisdiction "Court of Honor" is said to include KCCH. It even quotes the "Scottish Rite Motto" as: "*Virtus junxit, Mors Non Separabit.*"

And so forth.

Previously, Brother Hatcher has assembled such "handbooks" for Lodge Officers, and York Rite Masons.

**Scottish Rite Hand-
book: A Freema-
son's Personal
Journal**

*Which might cause some Mas-
ters of the Royal Secret to won-
der where their red hats are,
especially in the Northern Juris-
diction.

***Historical Inquiry
into the Origins of
the Ancient and
Accepted Scottish
Rite***

*Historical Inquiry into
the Origins of the An-
cient and Accepted
Scottish Rite*

By James Foulhouze

Michael R. Poll, [Corner-
stone Book Publishing](#),
New Orleans LA, 2012
[originally published
1859.], xvii, 192 pages,
\$18.95

Reviewed by
Brother G. Mark Walsh

All of Freemasonry is indebted to publishing houses like Cornerstone Book Publishing that specialize in Masonic and related titles. This is especially true in the publication of prima-

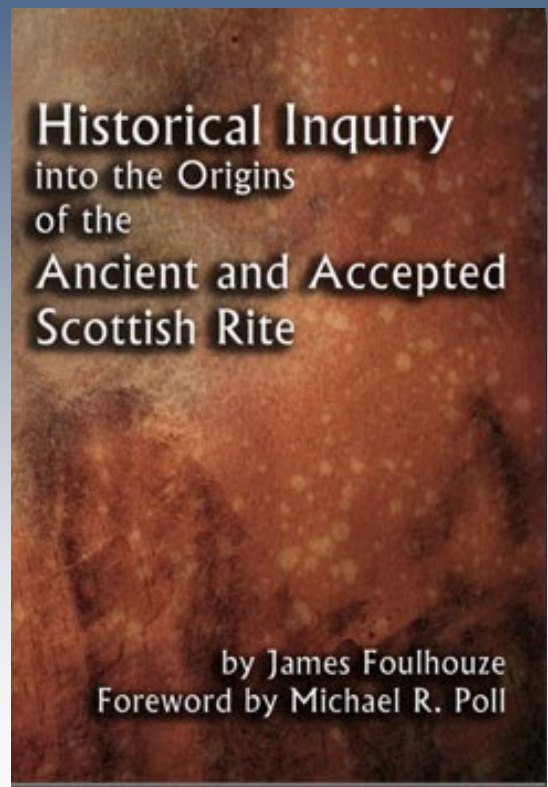
ry source Masonic materials. Trouble is, without understanding the historical context of the work, the reader can be left adrift in a sea of easily misunderstood nuances and that which is perspective can appear to be a fact.

We start here with the re-publication of James' Foulhouze's *Historical Inquiry into the Origins of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite*. Originally published in 1859, the 2012 reprint includes a Forward by publisher Michael R. Poll, the Inquiry itself, and Foulhouze's five appendices. While Brother Poll's Forward does an excellent job in setting the stage for the battle between Foulhouze and his opponents in Louisiana Scottish Rite Masonry (principally Albert Pike and Albert Mackey), and the relationship with the Grand Orient of France, the uninitiated reader is left with many questions.

The reasons for this quandary may be multiple. Perhaps not familiar with the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States, or not completely in tune with the clash of cultures in the region that was only acquired by the United States in 1803 and admitted into the Union a mere nine years later, the reader wonders at the vitriolic employed by Foulhouze against Pike and Mackey.

In his Inquiry, originally published in French in 1858, Foulhouze goes back over the establishment of the Scottish Rite in Europe and the United States, and details his reasoning for the Supreme Council of Louisiana being usurped by the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The information supplied by Foulhouze is interesting but needs to be read within the context of the Americanization of Louisiana. To be fair to Brother Poll, he does give some of this information in his Forward. He gives further delineation of the problems and processes in



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another book, *In His Own (w)Rite: Papers on the Scottish Rite and Philosophy of Freemasonry* (reviewed in the February 2012 Virginia Masonic Herald Web Supplement on page 22).

This is where the title of this review comes into play. How do we make sense of primary Masonic sources? By understanding the context in which they were created. Brother Poll gives this to us in two of the articles in the second publication just referred to, and by reading *Albert Pike's Address before the Grand Consistory of Louisiana* and *James Foulhouze: A Biographical Study* the reader may better understand the milieu in which the two Masonic legal minds battled.

But there is more work to be done by the reader. The Louisiana Supreme Council under Foulhouze was headed by a laisized Roman Catholic cleric, and those Spanish or French-speaking Scottish Rite subordinate lodges came with a European and Roman Catholic influence. The old distrust that made the Quebec Act of 1774 one of the Intolerable Acts was still present in some more Protestant mindsets. In the same way that the Monroe Doctrine warned the Old World to stay out of the New, Pike sought to make Louisiana Freemasonry more American and less European. Elucidation on this is found in Brother Poll's article on Pike's address to the Louisiana Consistory already referred to; further, in his *Forward*, Brother Poll discusses problems with the Grand Orient of France, including the issue of race.

Consider the conditions in the United States in the mid-nineteenth century. The very fact that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was divided into Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions reflects the co-existence of two very different cultures within one nation at that time.

The singular good of states' rights, which one might have expected the man who would be Confederate general to maintain, had to be balanced off against the greater good of what would become known as the "melting pot" or Americanization of peoples, churches, schools and cultures and ultimately Masons.

So in order to read primary Masonic sources, the reader still has to school himself in more general areas of history to understand the context in which the original publication was developed. Thanks to Brother Michael Poll and Cornerstone Book Publishing, we have such treasures to dilate upon.



**Illustrious Albert Pike in
Scottish Rite regalia**

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Eighteenth Degree

Knight of the Rose Croix Summary

This degree teaches that, in reality, what causes us to be immortal is affection; is love. Only if one loves is he conscious that he lives, and that he therefore loves life.

As Masons, we should practice virtue that it may produce fruit. We should have faith in God, mankind and ourselves. And we should be loving men. Masonry teaches that, so long as a man is loved, so long as he is remembered with love; he continues living in this way even in his grave. And a brother who conveys this image and this message.

DUTIES:

Practice virtue that it may produce fruit. Labor to eliminate vice, purify humanity. Be tolerant of the faith and creed of others.

FOR REFLECTION:

Do evil and calamity exist to provide an opportunity for the practice of virtue? Do your attitudes and actions reflect faith, hope and charity.

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS:

The constellations called Faith, Hope and Charity, the punishments and terrors of Hell, the rose, the cross, the pelican, the eagle.



Jewel, apron, and cordon of the 18th Degree
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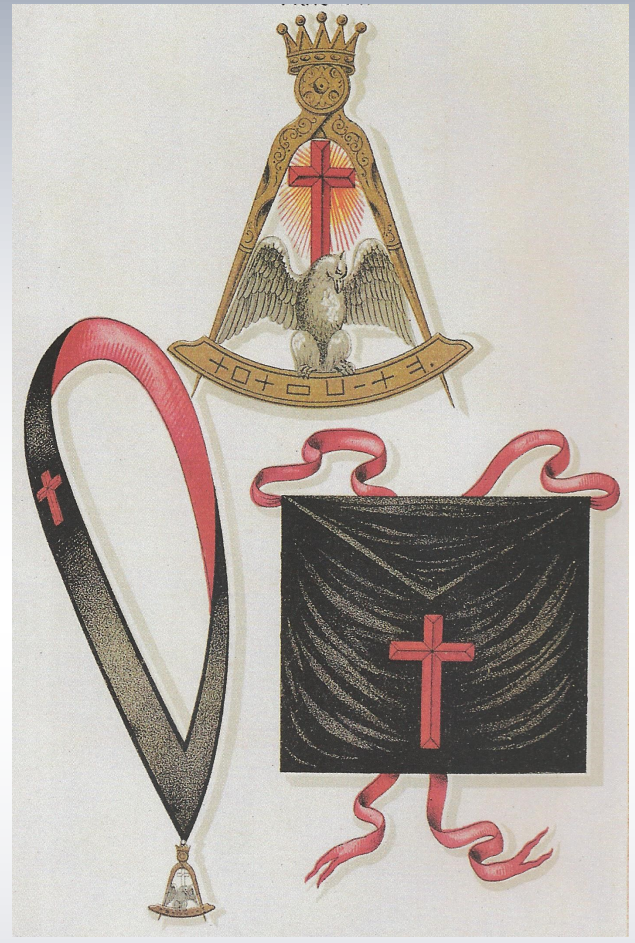
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The jewel is the compasses with points opened to sixty degrees and resting on the segment of a graduated circle. On the lower part, on one side, is an eagle, with his wings extended and head lowered. Among the Egyptians, the eagle was the emblem of a wise man because his wings bore him above the clouds into the purer atmosphere and nearer to the source of light, and his eyes were not dazzled with that light. Since the eagle also represented the great Egyptian Sun god Amun-ra, it is a symbol of the infinite Supreme Reason or Intelligence. On the other side is a pelican, piercing its breast to feed its seven young in a nest under it. The pelican symbolizes every philanthropist and reformer who has offered up his life for the benefit of humanity, and so teaches us an exhaustless munificence toward all men, especially the needy and defenseless. It also represents the large and bountiful beneficence of nature, from whose bosom all created things draw their sustenance. Thus, the pelican and eagle together are symbols of perfect wisdom and perfect devotedness.

There is a crimson cross showing on both sides; at the intersection of its arms on the pelican side, is a crimson rose in bloom. The cross, pointing to the four cardinal directions, and whose arms, infinitely extended would never meet, is an emblem of space or infinity. The cross has been a sacred symbol in many cultures from the earliest antiquity. The rose was anciently sacred to the sun and to Aurora, Greek Goddess of the dawn. As a symbol of the morning light, it represents resurrection and the renewal of life, and therefore immortality. Together the cross and rose symbolize immortality won by suffering and sorrow. On the summit of the compasses is an antique crown. On the segment of the circle, on the pelican side, is the word of this degree in special cipher. This jewel is of gold; the pelican and eagle upon it of silver.

"This degree sets forth the coming of the New Law, the Law of Love, proclaimed in unmistakable terms by Jesus of Nazareth after centuries of spiritual and intellectual darkness in the world when the Sacred Word was again lost. The supreme message brought to the world at that time was the proclamation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This proclamation, though presented by a specific historical figure, is not to be taken as an avocation of a particular religious belief.

Tolerance is also taught as we are led through a myriad of examples from the many and diverse beliefs of the ancients, which teach us that, neither the cross as a symbol nor the notion of a messiah are uniquely Christian. They are manifestations of religious truths appropriate to the people who perceived them. From these examples, we may conclude that tolerance is not simply a duty, but an inescapable conclusion. The instructions on the concept of a messiah are suggestive only and are not to be taken as official doctrine or dogma of Freemasonry in general, or the Scottish Rite in particular; the religious test of Masonry is far too universal to admit of such a demand. As Pike says in the lecture of this degree, "No Mason has the right to interpret the symbols of this degree for another, or to refuse him its mysteries ..." (p. 290)." ([A Bridge To Light](#), pp. 143-144)



Jewel, apron, and cordon of the 18th Degree
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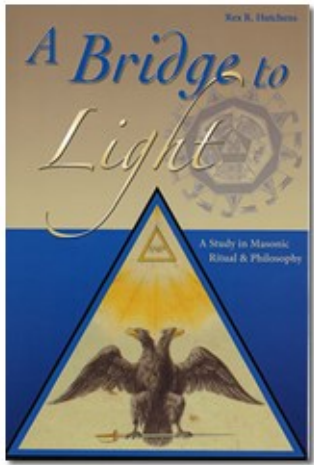
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Eighteenth Degree

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Lessons of the 18th Degree

**"We should have faith in God, mankind, and ourselves.
We should hope in the victory over evil, the advancement of
humanity, and a hereafter.
Charity is relieving the wants and tolerating the errors and
faults of others."**



A Bridge to Light

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