

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SCOTTISH RITE!

by William B. Brunk, 33° SGIG in North Carolina

While traveling recently, I picked up a copy of USA Today, the most widely circulated newspaper in our country today. In the editorial section was an article that caught my eye. The article, written by Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason University, discussed the import of certain decisions of the United States Supreme Court-namely, decisions against presidential administrations that were decided by unanimous vote. Before anyone jumps to a political conclusion, let's be clear that the discussion involved decisions relating to actions of administrations of both of the major political parties.

The decisions discussed related to property rights (such as unjust compensation for confiscated property), abuse of eminent domain, undo invasion of privacy, and other abuses of governmental power. One example related to the government's seizure of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of raisins, claiming that the farmers could not even raise the issue in court without first enduring lengthy delays and paying a \$483,000 fine. In another case, the justices unanimously rejected the administration's claim that the Fourth Amendment does not restrict the government's authority to attach a GPS tracking device to a vehicle.

Mr. Somin noted, succinctly enough, that, "...constitutional restrictions on federal authority exist for good reason. They protect our lives, liberty, and property against overwhelming government power. When presidents routinely claim sweeping powers that every Supreme Court justice rejects, something is wrong."

Indeed.

Our forefathers, many (if not most) of whom were Masons, erected a governmental system that was in distinct contrast

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 14 Annual Cookout at Black Mountain (A)
September 27-28 NC Grand Lodge (WS)
October 5Fall Reunion (A)
October 6 Orient Golf Tournament Auction and Banquet at
Washington Duke Inn (R)
October 7Orient Golf Tournament at Washington Duke Inn &
Golf Course (R)
October 10Feast of Tishri (R)
October 12Fall Reunion (A)
October 25-26Fall Reunion (R)(C)
November 1-2Fall Reunion (W)
November 14
November 23Orient of NC Court of Honor (C)

to that which had controlled their lives previous to the founding of this country. With certain checks and balances, it is a system that has thus far prevented the abuse of power that has kept so many people under the iron fist of tyranny, both political and religious. Too many peoples of the world still live under such tyranny today.



The Scottish Rite teaches that men

should be free-free to govern themselves, free to worship as they see fit, and free to entertain whatever opinions they believe to be right and true. And they should be free from the abuses that over-reaching administrations seek to foist upon them. Thomas Jefferson (not a Mason) said it best when he noted that, "My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

It behooves us as Scottish Rite Masons to stand up for the rights of the people, to be vigilant of governmental abuses, and to help ensure that the extraordinary country given us by our forefathers does not devolve into another example of government that becomes tyrannical and despotic. Freedom is a right that is not easily attained. Nor is it one that is easily kept.

#### LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETINGS

Asheville, 2nd Thursday of each	h month	
(Advisory Council 5:00рм, Dinner 6:30рм and Sta	ted Meeting 7:30рм)	
Charlotte, 1ST Wednesday of ea	ch month	
(Advisory Council 5:30рм, Dinner 6:30рм and Sta	ted Meeting 7:30рм)	
Greensboro, 2nd Wednesday of e	ach month	
(Dinner 6:30рм & Stated Meeting 2	7:30рм)	
New Bern, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each	n month	
(Dinner 6:30рм & Stated Meeting )	7:30рм)	
Raleigh, 2nd Thursday of each	month	
(Dinner 6:30рм, Advisory Council 7:00рм, and Sta	ted Meeting 7:30рм)	
Wilmington, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of ea	ich month	
(Advisory Council 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Stat	ed Meeting 7:30рм)	
Winston-Salem, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month		
(SGIG Advisory Conference 6:30 PM, Refreshments & Master Craft	sman 7:00 PM, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM)	
For more information, call the General Sec	retary in your Valley	
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## THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

by Art Fritog 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

rectings from the Valley of Asheville in beautiful West-Uern North Carolina. It is hard to believe that for all intents and purposes my year as Venerable Master is now half finished. I am extremely humbled to be the Master of the Valley and have found unbelievable support from the various members. Illustrious Marty Fischer 33°, our Valleys' Personal Rep., is continually challenging us to come up with better ideas and keeps us reaching for better brotherhood and fellowship with mini socials, dinners and picnics in the summer. The officers are giving me more support than I thought possible, and I thank each of you. Ill. Rick Patton 33°, our Valley Secretary keeps us all on the straight and narrow with great humor and gentle prodding. When the gentle prodding does not work he gets out his own private set of photographs and after receiving one of them we usually get the message. I could mention all the brethren that work so hard to keep this valley working that it would take the entire page, so I will just mention a few at random here and there. Past Venerable Master Bro. Ronnie Reese 32° KCCH, served for two years as Venerable Master to keep the Lodge on an even keel during some difficult times. We are also fortunate to have Bro. Bob Vance 32° KCCH as Almoner, and Ill. Todd Lancaster 33° our Treasurer, keeping us financially solvent. Brother Bill Black 32° is serving his second term as Knight Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew in the Valley and is doing a tremendous job as our KSA membership has increased. Our KSA Members in the Franklin Scottish Rite Club have also increased and conferred the 29th Degree during our last Reunion. This was under the leadership and guidance of Bro. Jim Dautel 32°, KSA's right arm in Franklin.

I mentioned in the beginning of the year that we were embarking on a program of Education based on the essays the members of the craft wrote for the Master Craftsman I

## THE VALLEY OF ASHEVILLE FROM THE S.G.I.G. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

By Ill. Martin J. Fischer, 33º S.G.I.G. Personal Representative

**D** rethren, in July we traveled to Franklin and fellowshipped with our Scottish Rite  ${f D}$ Club at Junaluskee Lodge. We had a wonderful meeting and enjoyed the hospitality that the club extended. Here is KSA member and Franklin Club President, Bro. Jack Williams 32°, (far right) along with the 1st Vice President and KSA Bro. Jim Dautel 32°, presenting the Venerable Master of the Valley of Asheville, Bro. Art Fritog 32º KCCH, with a new 13th Degree Apron. Our thanks to the club for their generosity and to these fine men for all that they do for the Scottish Rite. M





We also attended the nationally broadcast Web-a-thon on the 18th of April. During the web-a-thon the Valley of Asheville was honored to have a video segment aired about a real honest to goodness hero from World War II, Brother Howard Greene 32°. Brother Greene is now 94 years old and has over fifty-one years as a Scottish Rite Mason. Listening to his stories is a real treat, and an education. As we have been profiling specific veterans in our Valley's NC section of the Scottish Rite Journal, I want us to remember all of our Veterans. Through their sacrifice, we must never forget that our freedom is always a gift that is paid for in blood, sweat and tears by our service men, women and their families. By the time this gets to press Memorial Day will have passed, but our veterans must not be forgotten lest we sleep and let our freedoms and liberty pass in vain and we become sheep ready for the slaughter. Freedom is never free and we must always keep those men and women in our hearts and prayers as we must continually remember our promises and oaths of allegiance to our fraternity and each other. It is always easy to be 'right', but not so easy to forgive when we feel someone has hurt our feelings and forgive them as we are forgiven.

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better.

That is all for now. We would love to see you at our meetings and thanks to each of you for what you do for our great fraternity and the Scottish Rite. M

## THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE **CHARLOTTE SCOTTISH RITE BROTHER PENS A NEW MYSTERY NOVEL!**

by DC Heilman, 32° - KCCH - General Secretary

North Carolina's own Harvey Burgess, past master of **IN** Saint Andrew Lodge No. 702 in Charlotte and past District Deputy Grand Master of the 31st Masonic District, has penned his debut novel, won national writing recognition and watched it rise to the Top 100 Noir Mysteries on an international book site.

Worshipful Brother Burgess, a life member and Master Craftsman of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Charlotte, has launched Kiss Her Goodbye, a detective thriller set in Charlotte that has already been featured on a New York City talk radio show and has risen steadily on the Amazon. com and Barnes and Noble sales charts.

The Charlotte-based author has garnered multiple fivestar reviews for the book and has been compared to the likes of Mickey Spillane, Harlan Coben, James Patterson and Robert B. Parker. The book is listed in the top 100 noir mysteries on the GoodReads.com website, Burgess's internet blog has already won a national award and the book was a national finalist in the 2012 Indie Excellence Book Awards.

With Kiss Her Goodbye, Burgess introduced a new 'hard-boiled detective' to the mystery world in the form of ex-cop-turned-private eye Houston Cash, a colorful man with an interesting past and a wry sense of humor that should more than satisfy the cravings of those who mourn the passing of such greats as Parker and Spillane.

"Houston has surrounded himself with some interesting

## THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE **KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW**

by Todd Harrington 32° – Knight Commander

The Knights of St. Andrew for the Valley of Charlotte L are wrapping up our Temple beautification project of grinding, scraping and re-painting all of the exterior handrails. A group of very dedicated brothers have volunteered their time and efforts to completing this project. The Temple looks great because of their hard work. We have also kicked off our Memorial Brick fundraiser. We are offering personalized engraved bricks at a fee of \$50 per brick which will be laid in the area surrounding the flagpole. This will give Scottish Rite members the opportunity to create their own personal landmark within the Valley for generations of future brothers and visitors to enjoy. We will be taking orders at upcoming Stated Communications. Ŵ.

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Kiss Her Goodbye centers around the disappearance of two prominent women, a wealthy banker's young wife and the spouse of a popular televangelist. An enigmatic villain takes readers on numerous twists and turns, some of them deadly, before the case reaches an explosive climax.

"Books ought to be fun, and should offer the reader an escape into a world of excitement, danger and intrigue," Burgess said. "That's what I've tried to accomplish with Houston Cash."

Trethren, we are into the early throws of fall with a consid-**D**erable amount of work ahead of the Valley of Charlotte. Degree teams are practicing for the Fall reunion and the Orient Honors celebration. Below are practice dates for degree teams. Be sure and turn out to help polish our work and help our new cast brothers learn the floor work for a successful performance.

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people, doesn't hesitate to jump into the breach of a complicated case and does it with style," Burgess said of his main character. "I think people will enjoy the ride."

Cash is based in Charlotte, a city fast becoming one of the shining stars of American metropolises with its reputation for style, speed (NASCAR) and southern charm, not to mention hosting the 2012 Democratic National Conven-

"Houston works out of an unassuming office in Charlotte, but his cases tend to take him all over the map," Burgess said. "In his first adventure, he travels from Charlotte to Atlanta to Las Vegas and Malibu in pursuit of the bad

"And if you enjoy his first adventure, hold onto your hats, because his next case isn't far behind," he added.

For more information on the book and author go to http://kisshergoodbye.authorsxpress.com . M

### THE VALLEY OF CHARLOTTE **RITUALISTIC LABORS**

by Jack Husley, 33° – Director of the Work

PRACTICE SCHEDULES:

33° – 3:30p	Oct. 25 – Fall Reunion – 7:30a
Fall Casting – 1:30p	Oct 26 – Fall Reunion – 7:00a
-KCCH – 2:30p	Oct 20 – 33° – 3:30p
33° – 3:30p	Nov 17 – KCCH – 2:00p
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#### THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN **FAREWELL TO BROTHER "DON"**

by Ill Steve Burgess, 33°

The Valley of New Bern is sad to bid farewell to Illustrious Brother Don Manweiler 33° and his wife Nancy who left the Valley of New Bern for the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Brother Don moved to New Bern following his retirement from AT&T in 1987. He affiliated with Berne Lodge No. 724 from his home lodge, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 441 in Buffalo, New York. He wasted no time in making his presence known throughout the Valley of New Bern. He was active in Berne Lodge, the York Rite, the Eastern Star as well as serving in several capacities in the Scottish Rite. Don was a fixture here in the Temple. Whenever any activity was scheduled, Don was in the middle of it always lending a helping hand and a contagious smile.

## THE VALLEY OF NEW BERN **MASTER MASONS REUNION**

#### by Ill Steve Burgess, 33°

The Valley of New Bern is pleased to announce the Master Ma-**L** sons Reunion on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. The theme of this reunion will be: "Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite, working together to make a better place for all mankind". Brethren, this promises to an interesting reunion. We are sending a written invitation to each Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Valley inviting the members to dinner and our program on Friday evening. We have a special guest speaker and several dignitaries will be present. We have all heard the cliché from the movies "If you build it- they will come". Let me give you my take on that - We have built it - we have one of the most beautiful Masonic Edifices in the State of

He served the Valley on the Historic Masonic Theatre Committee, Valley Registration Committee, House Committee, and the Christmas Open House Committee. Don's many accomplishments here in North Carolina include: Invested Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1995; Coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33° in 2001; and serving as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of North

Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star 2001-2002. We are saddened to see such a hard-working and dedicated Brother leave the Valley and wish Don and Nancy all the best in their much deserved and long awaited retirement years in Pennsylvania.

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North Carolina! - We've got it - Right here in New Bern, NC we put on the 4-32 degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite - They need it - who could not benefit from receiving the degrees of the Scottish Rite? The only thing left for our Field of Dreams is to make it known to the Master Masons of our Valley that we have built it, it's here in New Bern, and how they can be a part of it. That's the purpose of this reunion. We need to get the leaders of our lodges here to our facility and see for themselves what we have to offer. Let's pack the dining hall on Friday evening. Just ask the Master Masons of your Lodge to come and have dinner with us. If YOU don't invite them, they won't come. Make the effort!!

#### THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO REUNION

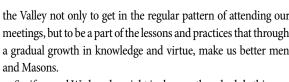
#### by Ill Gene Cobb 33° - Personal Representative

Tt is a word that strikes many feelings within the heart of a Scot-Ltish Rite Mason. Our reunion gatherings are not as frequent as our Blue Lodge gatherings, nor should they be. Our first and foremost devotion in Masonry belongs where we first felt the desire to be made a Mason. There begins our journey. We begin our labor in the Blue Lodge and without that work constant, continued, and true the edifice of our fraternity suffers and flirts with decay. Remember that from blue lodges come the Masters of the Royal Secret, Knights of St. Andrew, Knights Commander Court of Honor, and Inspectors General Honorary! We do not get them from other places.

For many years, I have listened to Scottish Rite Masons talk-even argue in the most friendly manner-about Reunions. Passion and zeal are such great things! Some say the four-day reunions are much to be preferred over the one day events like I attended in July 1993. While I see the value, dedication, and

commitment of those who came out and gave so much for so long to make us Scottish Rite Masons, I also understand how the culture has changed. Younger men guard their weekends with their families, particularly around holidays and they are right to do so. There is no greater regret in anyone's life than time lost with family. Sometimes because of the busy work week, birthdays for loved ones and even funerals are often delayed to the weekend making this a less than choice time to attend a Scottish Rite Reunion.

In recognition of this culture change, the Greensboro Valley is trying something different this Fall. It may work well-which we are all working to make happen-or it may flop miserably, but we are committed to making a positive difference, just like those who did the four-day reunions that gave us such great leaders in the past. In September, October, and November we will communicate and exemplify mandatory degrees at our Stated Communications. We hope this approach will secure commitment in the future to



So, if second Wednesday night is clear on the schedule this year for September through November, there is a wonderful opportu-

## THE VALLEY OF GREENSBORO FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

by Jesse Bowman 32° KCCH - Venerable Master e are now about to reach the end of summer and I trust that you have had a wonderful and joyous time with your family and loved ones. I hope that the summer months have been a restful and safe time for you. The year is moving along very quickly with the new schedule for the Fall Reunion, September 11, October 9, and November 13 at our Stated Meetings.

#### Anything that you plan on getting done during 2013

#### THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH **ECU SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING CENTER** by Michael May 32° KCCH

s a graduate student studying Communication Sciences and A s a graduate student studying communication Disorders at East Carolina University, I was

afforded the unique opportunity to work in a Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic dedicated to the values and philosophy of the Scottish Rite Foundation. The ECU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic, which is one of two RiteCare Centers in North Carolina, is committed to helping children with speech, language, and hearing disorders. I am particularly grateful that the Scottish Rite Foundation provides funding for the clinic's Dyslexia Program, devoted to evaluating children with language-based learning disorders, which affect reading comprehension and decoding, as well as oral and written expression. Having the opportunity to provide com-

prehensive language assessments, made possible by the Scottish Rite Foundation, has certainly enhanced my graduate school experience by providing me with some of the unique skills required to become a speech-language pathologist.

In the first year of my academic journey towards becoming a speech-language pathologist, performing language assessments through the Scottish Rite Foundation has taught me how to integrate my knowledge gained in the classroom with my clinical skills in a "real-world" setting. For example, I have certainly become more efficient in selecting, administering, and scoring a large selection of standardized tests in order to assess all domains of language: reading, speaking, and writing. In addition, learning to assess language in a RiteCare Center has allowed



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nity in Greensboro. Whatever happens, our passion and zeal for our Fraternity will only grow and be enhanced by the effort to best work and best agree.

Therefore, beginning in Greensboro on the second Wednesday of this September, October, and November, it's not just a meeting. It is a Scottish Rite Reunion. Join us! M

must be moved to the front burner now along with the annual Pancake Benefit set in September . Our Knights of St. Andrew will stage this annual event to benefit our Children's Learning and Language Centers. In the past this has been a success with everyone's help. I am looking forward in seeing everyone at our Fall Reunion. We'll accept petitions up till September 11.

me a great deal of practice in learning how to compare results of different assessments and find patterns and relationships among the language domains. By upholding the philosophy of the Scottish Rite Foundation and the ECU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic to provide a comprehensive assessment, I highly value the way in which I have learned to address all potential areas of language and to interpret how the child's performance reflects his potential in the academic setting. Through proper administration of standardized tests, gathering of crucial information from parents, teachers, and psyco-educational testing, I have learned that information from a variety of sources is necessary to determine a

child's strengths and needs. In light of this, I am grateful that the Scottish Rite Foundation has enabled me to enhance my evaluation skills when assessing language thoroughly and accurately in order to make a difference in the lives of these

Working intimately with the patient and his family has also increased my awareness of the importance of my role in counseling those who are affected by the child's speech or language disorder. Informing parents that their child has a communication disorder is challenging, but given the advice and support of my supervisors, the ECU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic has provided me with experience in delivering delicate information, as well as offering educational resources regarding the Continued on 8

#### THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH **A THANK YOU**

by Michael May 32° KCCH

ropping your child off at school for 6 hours a day is tough. Dropping your child off at school for 6 hours and watching him struggle to keep up, make friends, understand simple directions, and always being left behind is in a whole other category of "tough." I don't know how many times a parent's heart can break. In walks ECU's Scottish Rite Dyslexia program. One night as I scoured the internet for ways to help my son I came across their site. At this point, we were homeschooling our son because he had digressed in every aspect of his life while attending a public school. I could only take him so far with his disability and needed help. The staff here has been a life saver. Not only is my son improving, he has gained self confidence and his social skills are also improving with each session. Their feedback and support have really helped complete our circle of learning.

In the past year Kobe's reading, writing, and speech skills have improved greatly. Under the direction of Laura Frye, each clinician that has worked with Kobe has done a superb job. They are creative and very enthusiastic. Kobe responds well to each of them. He even comes home and tries to implement what he has learned with his little brother. They have also been very attentive to my needs as not only a mom but as his teacher. They give

me ideas and encouragement all the time. Their positive feedback warms my heart. Kobe usually puts on the brakes in new situations and it takes a while for him to warm up. Here, he takes off around the corner without any hesitation. He loves the compliments he gets also. Coming from a school that only put him down, he feels like he's on cloud nine here. Words cannot express the lasting impression this program has had on our family. We will forever be indebted.

Thank you.

Gabrielle Vick - Winterville NC

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## THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON **ANNUAL FISH FRY**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

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ur annual Fish Fry was held at the Wilmington Temple on April 24, 2013 and was very successful. The funds raised Owill be used to support our Rite Care children's clinics. At this event, proclamations were presented to our Valley by two local public officials.

Pictured above from left to right: A.C. Everett, 33°, General Secretary; Charlie Rivenbark, City Councilman; Eddie Gaskins, 33°, Dir. of the Work; William Mathis, 33°, Personal Representative; : A.C. Everett, 33°; Tom Wolfe, County Commissioner and SR member of our Valley; William Mathis, 33°. M

#### THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON **STATED MEETINGS RETURN**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

 $\Lambda$  s we return from being dark for two months, it would  $\Lambda$  be a good time to reflect on what being a Scottish Rite Mason means to us and to also rededicate ourselves to the support of our Valley. There are many ways to participate in the work of the Valley and we invite you to stop by the office to see how you can get involved. Our office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and the coffee pot is always on. The next stated meeting will be held on September 12, 2013 and we the officers and staff would love to see all of you attend. I'm sure many of you have stories about what you did this summer and there is no better way to share them than by sitting down to a nice dinner with your fraternal brothers.



As usual, the Advisory Conference will meet at 5:30; dinner and fellowship at 6:30 followed by the stated meeting at 7:30.

Please report any address changes and or deaths of members as they become known to you. The office phone number is (910) 762-6452 or in NC 1-800-708-8680

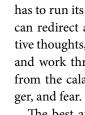
### THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON **FALL REUNION**

by Richard W. Knauss, 32°, KCCH

The Fall Reunion will be held on Friday Nov. 1 and Saturday Nov. 2, 2013. Petitions are available at the Temple or on the "Reunion" page of our website www.wilmingtonaasr.org Remember that the initiation fee is \$300.00 per can-



didate. Petitions will be accepted as late as 7:00AM the morn ing of the first day of the reunion. Up-to-date information can be found on our website or by calling the Temple at (910) 762-6452. M



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What do you think? Is there a right thing to say? What have you said or written to someone that meant a lot to that person? If you've ever experienced deep grief, what did someone do that uplifted you? M.

#### THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM **NEW MEETING PLACE & TIME** by Christopher Pearman 32°, Knight Master

The Winston-Salem Valley has begun meeting in a new place while we move out of our current building. In July we started meeting at Clemmons Masonic Lodge while our new building is being constructed. A special thank-you to Clemmons Masonic Lodge for their hospitality in allowing us to use their building during this time. We will continue to meet there until our new building is completed. Also, we have begun a new schedule. The S.G.I.G. conference will begin at 6:30 pm, and we will have refreshments at 7:00 pm before the regular Scottish Rite stated meeting. KSA will begin at 6:45pm and Master Craftsman will begin at 6:30pm. M

### THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM SALVE FRATER

by Ill Joel Black 33° - Personal Representative

TAThen someone you care about is suffering greatly, **V** What's the right thing to say to make him or her feel

There are all sorts of traumas that can send us to the darkest dungeons of despair - the death of a loved one, being raped, getting a divorce, losing a limb, seeing a child sent to jail or on drugs. Whatever the cause, when we become so despondent or depressed that we start wondering whether life is worth living, we need a real friend.

I'm no expert in conveying condolences, but one thing I've learned is that trying to command, cajole, or convince a broken person to repress, reject, or disguise his or her feelings is more harmful than helpful.

In the early stages, grief isn't just an attitude, it's an affliction. It can't be turned off or toned down. It often has to run its course. Yes, there may be times when we can redirect a friend to other matters and more positive thoughts, but generally he or she has to experience and work through all the natural emotions that flow from the calamity including self-pity, resentment, an-

The best antidotes to hopeless grief are sincere expressions of love and support that proves life is worth

### THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Christopher Pearman 32° – Knight Master

The Winston-Salem Valley recently held its third annual Masonic Charity Golf Tournament at Meadowlands Golf Club. This event raised over \$8,000 to be distributed to the learning disorders clinics at Appalachian State and East Carolina Universities. I want to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the brothers who played in, sponsored, and volunteered their time to help make this tournament such a great success for our charities. Also, I was very pleased to see how other Valleys and Brothers in the state came together to help us. Scottish Rite Brothers from the Valley of New Bern and Asheville, Ill. Dr. Brunk representing the Valley of Raleigh, Masons from numerous Blue Lodges, as well as North Carolina's very own Grand Master, Most Worshipful Dewey Preslar, supported our tournament. All of the support is most appreciated. It was great to see so many people come together for a great cause.



Left Photo: Ray Travis, Sparkie Travis, Mackie Travis, Bill Davis; Center Photo: Walter Hitch, Rick Patton, Jim Medlin, Tom Hoth; Right Photo: Todd Hildebran, NC Grand Master Dewey Preslar



#### THE VALLEY OF WINSTON-SALEM THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

by Christopher Pearman 32° – Knight Master

The Winston-Salem chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew will have their voting and elections of 2014 officers at the October Stated meeting at Clemmons Masonic Lodge. We will meet at 6:30 pm before the regular Scottish Rite meeting. If you are interested in joining the KSA or would like to be an officer next year, please contact me by phone at 336-601-5444 or by email at cpearman@triad.rr.com.

#### THE VALLEY OF RALEIGH ECU SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING CENTER

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child's specific needs based upon my assessment. The skills and experience I have acquired in counseling families whose children benefit from the Dyslexia Program will undoubtedly serve me well in the future by making me proficient enough to educate, comfort, and alleviate the grief experienced by those who are affected by communication disorders.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, working with the Scottish Rite Foundation has been rewarding to me because it has shaped my personal philosophy as a new speech-language pathologist. The culmination of my experiences while working in the ECU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic has provided me with valuable skills that I will use throughout my career. Indeed, as a result of these experiences while working in a RiteCare Center, I intend to provide as much hope and specialized treatment to my patients as the Scottish Rite Foundation has shown me possible through its enduring commitment to help children with speech and language disorders. *–Kathryn Waugh, Graduate Student, East Carolina University*