



# ScottishRiteNews

Valley of Davenport,, Orient of Iowa

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## Calendar and Newsletter

MEET OUR NEWEST SCOTTISH RITE MASONS  
Jeremy Begle, Sean Dittmer, Ty Jones and Scott Conklin



### LARRY JOHNSEN, TREASURER/TRUSTEE -

Good News! Our Net income for the past fiscal year,2022, was \$17,581.70. Our budget for 2023 was approved 20 December 2022 and projects a net income of -\$17,062.00. That's because we are buying some new computer equipment and ar planning for a more aggressive membership campaign. Our Carson Wealth account has held up well during the on-going financial environment and we should be able to continue to maintain our current stable financial

### New Officers of 2023



## Phil Corwin, 32° KCCH - Master of Kadosh

As we begin the 2023 year of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Davenport, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude of the honor of being elected to the office of Master of Kadosh.

Please, as Scottish Rite Masons do all you can, this year, to support your local Lodges. Attend meetings and volunteer in any way possible to help them grow. Master Mason's is where our growth will come from. As you work in your Lodge be on the lookout for any Brother that would like to experience the 4th thru 32nd degrees of the Scottish Rite Masonic Teachings. As a new and young Mason I heard that there was a lot to learn about Masonry beyond the third degree. I always looked up to a 32nd degree Mason. I am confident that there are many Brother Masons in our Valley that would enjoy our Reunions and the Ritual work that is done.

On another note, I would like to encourage all Scottish Rite Masons to attend the George Washington Dinner and pie auction on February 17th. Contact Brother Aaron Sharpe or Rick Koerner to make reservations. Your attendance will help the Valley in it's efforts to support our charity of Rite Care and the St. Ambrose Speech Clinic.

In summary, let me say that I am proud to be your Master of Kadosh and we want each of you to know that we are doing all we can to grow and make a difference in Masonry.

Happy New Year!!



## Rick Koerner, 32° KCCH Secretary/Registrar

Brethren – Happy New Year from the Scottish Rite Office! As the Secretary / Registrar, I am looking forward to a busy year with the leadership of Phil Corwin, our new Master of Kadosh. Phil has some exciting ideas for the Rite moving ahead and additional events to involve and engage our brothers will probably be added as the year progresses.

We have a good line of officers and a number of fun events planned including the George Washington dinner and Pie Auction charitable fund raiser for Rite Care and local Charities on February 17<sup>th</sup>! I personally plan to prepare 5 or 6 pies (sugar free of course) and hope that some of you will contribute additional pies or come to the event to bid on pies to make this event a ROUSING success! Remember that this event is open to all so invite your friends. All the auction money is distributed to Scottish Rite charities so please attend and bring your pies and be generous!

We have 2 reunions planned with the first on April 29<sup>th</sup> so reserve the date and start working on new candidates for the Rite. I am enclosing a copy of the SR petition with this newsletter for your convenience. Additional events including a Rite Care Murder Mystery in August will be highlighted via email or in our newsletters as the year progresses.

I am here to help you with any issues related to the Rite and hope that you will stop in to meet me if you do not already know me.

Rick



## Aaron Sharp - Venerable Master

"I am grateful to return to the Valley as an officer.  
As Venerable Master, I look forward to assisting with  
events and helping attract new members from the  
Blue Lodges."



2023 Officer Wise Master - Happy New Year



2023 Officer Personal Representative - Happy New Year



2023 Officer Commander Of Kadosh - Happy New Year

Monte Harris, the past Master of Kadosh of 2021 became the 2023 KAABA Potentate. He was installed on January 7, 2023 and Jeweled and Fezed by his 2 Ladies, Mary Coffin and Sheryl Kadel.





## SALUTE TO VETERANS DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

Open to the public

DAVENPORT MASONIC CENTER ~ 511 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY

### **Members, Ladies, Guests:**

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND

SALUTE OUR MILITARY VETERANS.

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and pay tribute to the soldiers, sailors,  
and airmen who continue to protect our freedom.



### **Scottish Rite Worker Recognition Event Recap**

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7:00 AM Doors Open	Master of Ceremonies - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Apt. Director</b> - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH
	Expert - Chris Soebbing, 32°	Supreme Judge - Randy Coleman, 32°
7:30 AM Class Orientation	Assistant Expert - Lewis Prather, 32°	Chaplain - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH
	Standard Bearer - Bill Matthews, 32°	2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge - David Kauffman, 32°
8:00 AM	Temple Guardian - Matt Buckley, 32°KCCH	3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge - Duncan Bell, 32°KCCH
Opening of the Scottish Rite Bodies	Tyler - Mike Chapman, 32°KCCH	A Judge - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH
<b>LODGE of PERFECTION</b>	11:45AM	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Apt. Director</b> - Dennis Soebbing, 33°
Ineffable Degrees: 4°-14°	Lunch and Class Photo	Master of Ceremonies - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH
		Preceptor - Dennis Soebbing, 33°
<b>4th Degree “Secret Master”</b>	12:45PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Sub Preceptor - Monte Harris, 32°
Director - Monte Harris, 32°	<b>Conclusion of the 18th Degree</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sub Preceptor - Matt Buckley, 32°KCCH
Venerable Master - Monte Harris, 32°		Orator - Lynn Broughton, 33°
S. Warden - Duncan Bell, 32°KCCH	1:15PM	
J. Warden - Phil Corwin, 32°KCCH	Class Communications	3:15 PM
S. Deacon - Rob Myers, 32°KCCH		Class Communications
J. Deacon - Mike Chapman, 32°KCCH	<b>COUNCIL of KADOSH</b>	<b>CONSISTORY</b>
Orator - Dennis Soebbing, 33°	Philosophical & Chivalric Degrees 19°-30°	3:30 PM
		<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Degree “Master of the Royal Secret”</b>
9:00 AM	2:00PM	Director - Dennis Soebbing, 33°
Class Communications	<b>30th Degree “Knight of Kadosh”</b>	Master of Kadosh - Monte Harris, 32°
	(Knight of the White and Black Eagle)	Prior - Loren Stein, 33°
9:45 AM		Master of Ceremonies - Phil Corwin, 32°KCCH
<b>14th Degree “Perfect Elu”</b>	<b>1st Apt. Director</b> - Steve Connelly 33°	Master of the Guard - Dennis Soebbing, 33°
Director - Lynn Broughton, 33°	Preceptor - Steve Connelly, 33°	Preceptor - Rick Koerner, 32°KCCH
Venerable Master - Lynn Broughton, 33°	Expert - Rob Myers, 32°KCCH	4° Venerable Master - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH
S. Warden - Phil Corwin, 32°KCCH	1st Deacon - Duncan Bell, 32°	14° Venerable Master - Lynn Broughton, 33°
J. Warden - Lewis Prather, 32°	2nd Deacon - Mike Chapman, 32°KCCH	Wise Master - Christopher Soebbing, 32°
Orator - Steve Connelly, 33°	Departed Spirit - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH	Cmdr of Kadosh - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH
Prelate - Phil Haan, 32°	Captain of the Host - Lynn Broughton, 33°	Minister of State - Loren Stein, 33°
Master of Ceremonies - Dennis Soebbing, 33°		Officer Chosen - Matt Buckley, 32°KCCH
Expert - Mike Chapman, 32°KCCH	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Apt. Director</b> - Dennis Soebbing, 33°	
Captain of the Host – Bill Matthews, 32°	Hierophant - Monte Harris, 32°	<b>Cap &amp; Ring Ceremony</b>
	Captain of the Host - Lynn Broughton, 33°	Personal Rep - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH
10:45AM	Preceptor - Dennis Soebbing, 33°	Shane Harshbarger, 33°G.C.
Class Communications	Orator - Tom Francis, 32°	
	Chancellor - Matt Buckley, 32°KCCH	
<b>CHAPTER ROSE CROIX</b>	Sacrificer - Mike Reschly, 32°KCCH	
Historical & Religious Degrees: 15°-18°		4:30 PM
		CLOSING
11:15 AM		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Degree “Knight Rose Croix”</b>		5:30 PM
Director - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH		Reception /Dinner Thunder Bay Grille
Wise Master - Robert Myers, 32°KCCH		honoring our new members
S. Warden - Dennis Soebbing, 33°		
J. Warden - Tom Francis, 32°		
Orator - Steve Connelly, 33°		

## WELCOME

The Valley of Davenport welcomes you to our 261st Reunion, dedicated to the memories of Martin Homer (Bud) Ashcraft 33° and William (Bill) Reid 33°. Please join us for as much of the day as you are able and please greet our newest Scottish Rite Masons during the Reception following the 32nd Degree.

Pier Trevisan  
Master of Kadosh

**Gary Sissel 33° - Grand Secretary General &  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Iowa**

Rob Myers, 32°, KCCH  
Personal Representative of the SGIG

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Pier Trevisan, 32° - Master of Kadosh  
Phil Corwin, 32° KCCH - Commander of Kadosh  
Rob Myers, 32° KCCH - Wise Master  
Brian Huff, 32° - Venerable Master  
Rick Koerner, 32° KCCH - Prior  
Jason Delzel, 32° - 1st Lt. Commander  
Jim Moffit, 32° - Sr. Warden Rose Croix  
Chris Soebbing, 32° - Sr. Warden Lodge of Perfection  
Robert Francois, 32° KCCH - Almoner  
Russ Risley, 33° Assistant Almoner

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Rick Koerner, 32° KCCH - Secretary/Registrar  
Larry Johnsen, 32° KCCH - Treasurer

### DIRECTOR STAFF

Ritual: Dennis Soebbing 33°  
Stage: James Goetsch, 33°  
Pier Trevisan, 32°  
Lighting: Bruce Thoene, 32° KCCH  
Video & Sound: Rick Koerner, 32° KCCH  
Wardrobe: Roger Kadel, 32°

Communications: Harold Black, 32°

Registration: Paul Jones 32°

and Sherman Rudnick, 32°

This Reunion is dedicated to Brothers  
Marlin Homer Ashcraft, 33° and William Edward Reid, 33°



"BUD" Ashcraft, 33°

Born: 06/06/1925 in Davenport, IA  
Died: 03/16/2022 in Davenport, IA  
Received 32° 11/13/1965  
Invested KCCH 10/16/1989  
Coroneted 33° 12/04/1993  
Member of Davenport Lodge No. 37 Davenport, IA



Bill Reid, 33°

Born: 9/27/1947 in Washington, IA  
Died: 06/02/2021 in Iowa City, IA  
Received 32° 5/04/1974  
Invested KCCH 10/9/1995  
Coroneted 33° 11/10/2007  
Member of Roosevelt Lodge No. 626 Bettendorf, IA

**A BIG thank you** to all participants - Cast members, guest, stage crew, planners and developers, side-liners, observers and especially to our candidates, for making this a very special day.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED  
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

261ST REUNION  
VALLEY OF DAVENPORT

FALL REUNION 2022

VALLEY OF DAVENPORT

DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORIES OF

MARLIN HOMER (BUD) ASHCRAFT 33°  
and  
WILLIAM EDWARD (BILL) REID 33°

**Saturday-October 29, 2022**  
The Masonic Center  
511 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
Davenport, Iowa



REMEMBER THE ALMONER

The Almoner is an officer of the Scottish Rite Bodies not found in Blue Lodges. He receives free-will offerings which he uses to assist those who have fallen in distress. The fund meets a real need, but being maintained from voluntary gifts, it is limited by the extent of the gifts received.

## 2023 Calendar Highlights

Executive Meeting-Dav  
**January 23, 2023**  
 Spaghetti Dinner-Dav  
**February 4, 2023**  
 George Washington Pie Sale  
**February 17, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**February 27, 2023**  
 Kaaba Fish Fry (Fridays)  
**Feb 24, Mar, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**March 27, 2023**  
 Remembrance and Renewal  
**April 4, 2023**  
 Degree Practice  
**April 15, 2023**  
 Dress Rehearsal Degree Practice  
**April 22, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**April 24, 2023**  
 Set up for Reunion  
**April 28, 2023**  
 Spring SR Reunion  
**April 29, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**May 22, 2023**  
 SR Grant Award & Recognition Event  
**June 15, 2023**  
 Stated Meeting  
**June 26, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**July 24, 2023**  
 SR Worker Recognition  
**August 11, 2023**  
 Mystery Dinner at the Fountains  
**August 26, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**August 28, 2023**  
 KCCH Degree Practice  
**September 10, 2023**  
 KCCH Recognition  
**September 24, 2023**  
 Stated Meeting  
**September 25, 2023**  
 Dress Rehearsal Degree Practice  
**October 7, 2023**  
 Fall Reunion -  
**October 14, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**October 23, 2023**  
 Executive Meeting-Dav  
**November 27, 2023**  
 Annual Meeting/Elections  
**December 19, 2023**  
 Feast of the Holy Saints John (Non SR)  
**December 27, 2023**



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## Principal Officers of the Valley

Gary Sissel, 33°  
 Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of Iowa  
 Grand Secretary General, Supreme Council

\*Rob Myers, 32° KCCH - Personal Representative

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- Prelate (Consistory Chaplain)

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\*Larry Johnsen, 32° KCCH - Treasurer/Trustee

\*Russ Risley, 33° - Almoner

Robert Francois, 32° KCCH - Assistant Almoner

Rick Koerner, 32° KCCH - Assistant Almoner

\*Pier Trevisan, 32° - Stage Director

\*Dennis Soebbing, 33° - Ritual Director

\*Bruce Thoenes, 32° KCCH - Lighting Director



Sovereign Grand Inspector General,  
 Orient of Iowa Grand Secretary General,  
 Supreme Council



Personal Representative



Master of Kadosh



Commander of Kadosh



Wise Master



Venerable Master



Secretary / Registrar



Treasurer



Prior



Ritual Director