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## Announcement from Ill.: Hugh W. Gill, III, 33° SGIG, Orient of Kansas

### Brethren:

After fifty years of dedicated service to our Fraternity in many important and varied capacities in the Valley of Salina, most recently as Personal Representative since July, 2012 and three separate terms of office as Secretary beginning April, 2010, Ill.: Brother Don Hamilton has chosen to retire. His support to our Orient and the Valley has been unflagging, and to me with wise council much appreciated. In his letter of resignation, Ill.: Don said his future plans are to serve Masonry and the Scottish Rite in any way he can. I certainly plan to hold him to that commitment.

Effective July 1, 2015, Bro. John Reynolds, 32° KCCH is appointed Personal Representative. Bro. John was in law enforcement, local, state and federal, before obtaining his law degree and being admitted to the Kansas Bar, establishing his own practice. He has served Salina and surrounding environs as Municipal Judge. Bro. Reynolds is a member of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce. Elected to the Saline County Commission in 2007, he was Chairman in 2011. His dedication to law enforcement continues serving as a member as member of Adjunct Faculty of Criminal Justice at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Please join with me thanking Ill.: Don for his long and distinguished service, and in welcoming John to our Kansas leadership team.

WFR,  
Hugh

**John A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH**  
**Personal Representative**

Hello all! I take great pride in the honor to represent the Valley of Salina as Personal Representative to the SGIG of Kansas, Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°. More importantly, I am doubly honored to represent you.

A big Thank You to Ill.: Donald F. Hamilton, 33° for all of his efforts and service to the Valley of Salina. Ill.: Don stepped in and provided a steady hand in steering out the ship of fraternity. We all wish him well in his retirement. He says he wants to stay involved and I intend to hold him to that.

Being appointed in July gives us time to prepare for the next year. I ask for your support and assistance in this endeavor.

I also ask you to plan to attend the honors event at the Wichita Scottish Rite Building on November 21, 2015. The Brothers being honored have worked tirelessly for the fraternity. They deserve our support now.

**[Website:valleyofsalina.org](http://valleyofsalina.org)**

Please also put our Spring Reunion on your calendar. This is scheduled for March 5, 2016.

Membership is a major concern. Please attend and support your Blue Lodge. This is where our new members come from. Help your Blue Lodge in their membership efforts.

Working together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

## REUNIONS

The brain trust has come up with a plan to assist our brothers in areas far from Salina in recruiting new members. We want to bring the reunion to you.

Illustrious Sir Hugh Gill, III, SGIG, has approved our idea. Therefore, if we can get a core of candidates in an area, we will bring the reunion to that area. Say, for instance, there are 4 or 5 candidates in Western Kansas (West of Hays), we would like to come out there to do the ritual in a lodge of your choosing. Not all candidates need come from any one Lodge. However, if there are candidates in a radius of a Lodge, we would come to you. This applies anywhere in the jurisdiction of the Valley of Salina, east, west, north or south.

We know time is precious. This will accommodate your time and distance issues. Neither do we wish to deny you a full blown Reunion. Therefore, a full Reunion would be held each spring.

Please let us know your thoughts on this concept. You may write or email us at P.O. Box 1274, Salina, Kansas 67402-1274 or [scottishr@yahoo.com](mailto:scottishr@yahoo.com).

### **Dear Brothers and All:**

Sometimes it's difficult to determine the difference between "Old Age" and "Experience". Nonetheless, it is time for me to again "retire". When I accepted the position of Personal Representative it was temporary; I would fill the position until someone could be hired. John A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH, emerged as a candidate for the position and began serving in his new position July 1, 2015. He is

worthy and well qualified. I am confident that he will serve admirably.

So, thank you to everyone for volunteering, assuming responsibility, and providing leadership when called upon. I will continue to be present from time to time, so we can still work together, as needed. Good luck and God Bless.

Fraternally,

Donald F. Hamilton, 33°

### **Greetings Brothers:**

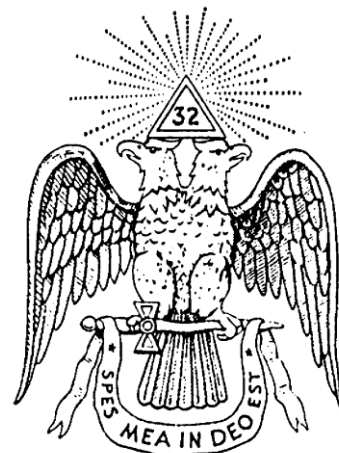
The one day Fall Reunion will be September 12, 2015 at the Masonic Temple, Salina, Kansas. This one Reunion offers an opportunity to become a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. The leadership of the Salina Bodies urges each Scottish Rite Mason to contact their Blue Lodge brothers and York Rite Masons and encourage them to become Scottish Rite Masons. Also we need to do more than just signing up a candidate, we need to accompany him to Salina for the Reunion and work with him until he is comfortable with being a Scottish Rite Member. September 12 will be an exciting day for new candidates. Our cast members and stage crew are eager to perform their best for the candidates. All degrees will take place in the Blue Lodge Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. I urge all members to attend.

Quotation: Tact is the ability to make a point without making an enemy.

Let all of us remember our military here and abroad.

James R. Winn, 32° KCCH

Director of the Work



# **Fall Reunion Followed**

**By**

## **Feast of Tishri**

## **Toasts of Obligation**

## **Installation of New**

## **Personal Rep.**

**John A. Reynolds, 32°KCCH**

## **Introduction of New Secretary**

**James R. Winn, 32° KCCH**

## **Fellowship with your**

## **Fellow Scottish Rite Brothers**

The Feast of Tishri is a feast of thanksgiving. The feast of Tishri an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree and eludes to the symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing, and decoration as the metaphorical temple of Freemasonry built in the hearts of every brother. We learn to recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men and among nations." The consecration of the Temple teaches the equality and unity of all members of the Rite. In the Feast of Tishri, all Perfect Elus and those of higher Degrees can join at the banquet table and share the bond of fraternal unity. The law, legendry, peace, quality, unity, and fellowship of the Feast of Tishri combine to make this the Masonic Feast of Feasts.

Reunion are the most important event that the Scottish Rite holds each year, and in the fall we have the Feast of Tishri after the Reunion, as a form of Thanksgiving for the members and what we have achieved. If you did not get to attend last year, get

your reservations in so that you will not get left out this year. Cost will be \$20.00 per person, payable at the door. R.S.V.P. are a must, by September 8, 2015. Call 785-827-9006. We are in the office 8:00 AM to noon. If you call when we are not in the office please leave a message, and we will get back to you. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M.

In a world where fraternal organizations are struggling to survive we are calling on each and every Scottish Rite Member to do his part to keep Freemasonry alive. Scottish Rite does not want to only survive we want to strive and become a strong influence on the communities that we live in. The only people that can make that happen are you the members. We need to find the strength to do this from within ourselves. John A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH has taken over as Personal Rep. John is open to any ideals that you might have as to how to move forward and strengthen our Scottish Rite, Valley of Salina.

# **FREEMASONRY**

## **A WAY OF LIFE**

Freemasonry is:

Kindness in the home;

Honesty in business;

Courtesy in society;

Fairness in work;

Pity & Concern for the unfortunate;

Resistance toward evil;

Help for the weak;

Forgiveness for penitent;

Love for one another;

And above all

Reverence and Love for God.

News From:

## Fort Hays State University

### Herndon Clinic

Although there were fewer courses for graduate students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department this summer, the sounds of footsteps, both big and small, filled the hallways of the Herndon Clinic throughout the summer months. The Herndon Clinic provided intervention services for approximately 40 children in seven different groups and some in individual sessions. Young children and their parents were able to attend language and literacy groups which targeted the improvement of receptive and expressive language, reading, writing, spelling, and phonological awareness skills. Groups were comprised of children ranging from toddlers through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When asked about her experience, graduate student clinician Chelsea Ernstmann shared, “Summer groups provided great opportunities for growth in collaboration with other clinicians and managing the needs and behaviors of more than one client at a time.”

The newest addition to the clinic’s summer groups included a parent centered approach. Parents with children aged two to three who presented with language delays were asked to attend sessions with their child two times per week for one hour. According to clinical supervisor Breanna Taylor, “Evidence suggests that parent training can lead to greater outcomes for early intervention, so the Herndon Clinic wanted to provide tools and resources the parents could use when they went home with their children.” The program proved to be a great learning experience for not only children and their parents, but also for the student clinicians providing services. Graduate student clinician Kylie Gaughan explained, “It gave me the unique opportunity to work with both parents and their children to teach the parents how to maximize communication with their children. I feel that this program definitely benefitted the clients, as well as

their parents, because we gave them strategies to practice during the session, then apply at home.”

Another group of children participated in a Preschool Summer Literacy Camp to target pre-reading and phonological awareness skills. Peer modeling allowed the children to learn from their typically developing peers. Graduate student clinicians also incorporated an “*I do, we do, you do*” approach in which they first modeled an activity for students, then together the small group completed the same activity, and finally, the children completed the activity with a partner while the clinicians observed.

Children ages 1st grade through 6th grade participated in the language and literacy summer groups. They worked on spelling, decoding, comprehension, and writing through the use of books. The children practiced telling stories or summarizing what they had read ensuring that they incorporated important story grammar elements such as character, setting, complication and feelings. They also had the opportunity to write their own stories using the same story grammar elements; this also allowed them to incorporate spelling patterns that they were learning. Many of these children struggle with reading, writing, and spelling; these are not preferred activities for most of them! The graduate student clinicians worked hard to make learning fun, meaningful, and challenging at the same time. Over the course of the summer, the children increased their spelling abilities and ability to answer comprehension questions about books that were read. Besides the specific language and literacy goals that were established, the children in the groups also showed improvement on working together as a group and supporting one another.





## Knights of St Andrew News

### What is the Knights of St Andrew?

It is a Black Hat group designed to get new Scottish Rite members involved within the Valley and is based on the 29th Degree. You must be a Black Hat to join and if you ever receive KCCH or 33rd Degree you can still be a member but no longer can Vote or be an Officer.

As many of you know we have a Chapter of Knights of St Andrew in the Salina Valley. When we first started it was very active but as the original leaders have advanced to KCCH and 33 Degree. The active membership has dropped off and the Venerable Master of the Chapter passed away so it has been dormant for a few years.

If anyone is interested in reviving the Chapter and is willing to be an officer or member please contact Tim Fowler 32nd Degree 785-313-7222 or [tfowler@kansasmason.org](mailto:tfowler@kansasmason.org)

## Knights of Saint Andrew 3rd Biannual National Gathering in Omaha, Nebraska

On Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2016 Chapters of Knights of St Andrew will be holding the 3rd National Gathering in Omaha. This is done every two years and has become a huge event. It would be great if our active members would do some fundraising and take a group of officers and members to this National Event. With registration and hotel rooms the cost per person would be approximately \$500.00. There will be many

activities for Ladies but if only guys went we could split the cost of the rooms.

I believe this trip could add a much needed Spark to our Chapter and show us some ideas of how to move forward. Please see the below information and contact Tim Fowler 785-313-7222, [tfowler@kansasmason.org](mailto:tfowler@kansasmason.org)

### Details from Website

It will be held at the Doubletree Inn, downtown, Omaha, Nebraska- Rooms \$110/night (which includes breakfast, parking, and Wi-Fi). Banquet to be at the Omaha Scottish Rite building.

Tentative Agenda - Rap-Around Session (mixer) Thursday evening. Registration and Opening Friday morning followed by Break-Out sessions and special activities for the Ladies. Dinner at the hotel Friday evening. Saturday morning sessions and a luncheon speaker. Break-out session on Saturday afternoon followed by a banquet at the Omaha Scottish Rite Center. More agenda information will be available as planning is completed.

Cost - Gathering Registration cost will be \$125, which will include the Friday reception/dinner, Saturday opening, breakout sessions, lunch and keynote speaker, afternoon sessions, and the closing banquet at the Omaha Scottish Rite Center.

Ladies' Activities - Special Break-Out session; shopping in the Old Market; tickets to the Joslyn Art Museum or Lauritzen Botanical Gardens or the Zoo. Most of these activities are within comfortable walking distance from the hotel.

Topics during the conference will include.

- Leadership Development
- Fundraising
- Membership Engagement
- Woman's Breakout Session
- Recruiting and Retention
- How to motivate volunteers
- Officers Responsibilities

## In Memorandum

“As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest  
deep,

So one by one, in each of you must come the touch  
of sleep;

As one by one, the rose burst into the morning light,

So one by one, your soul shall wake again beyond  
the night.”

Jerry D, Brown	07/21/2015
Robert W. Allen	03/18/2014
Charles R. Carmicheal	04/05/2015
Thomas E. Shotwell	08/15/2015
Francis V. Weis	05/30/2015

### Delinquent

### 2015 Dues

There are still a number of you who have not paid their 2015 dues. The 2015 Dues are now payable, and you will be suspended on December 31, 2015, if you have not paid the 2015 dues. The grace period is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year that they are due. If you have questions call the office: 785-827-9006.



### Virgil Christiansen Celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday

**August 5, 2015**

He was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1941. He served in the jungles of New Guinea and was honorably discharged in 1945.

During his life he has farmed, worked in a cheese factory, raised cattle and worked at a brokerage firm. He married his second wife Myrna on January 9, 1990.

Virgil has been a member of Lincoln Blue Lodge for 72 years and has been a member of the Salina Scottish Rite since 1994, He is a member of Isis Shrine and has been a faithful member of Legion of Honor for 18 years.

Scottish Rite Valley of Salina, Orient of Kansas wishes Virgil many more good Years.

### A Mason and a Man

My brother, Masonry means more  
Than the wearing of a pin,  
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt  
So the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat,  
from your finger flash a ring.  
But if you're not sincere at heart  
this doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show,  
The world that you belong,  
To this great fraternal brotherhood  
that teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep,  
Within the human breast  
.Till Masonic teaching brings it out,  
and puts it to the test.

If you practice out of Lodge,  
The things you learn within,  
Be just and upright to yourself,  
and to your fellowmen.

Console a brother when he's sick,  
and assist him when in need.  
Without a thought of personal reward,  
for any act or deed.

Walk and act in such a way,  
that the world without can see.  
That only the best can meet the test,  
laid down by Masonry.

Be always faithful to your trust,  
and do the best you can.  
Than you can proudly tell the world,  
You're a Mason and a Man.

Poet Unknown

Submitted by James R. Winn, 32° KCCH

## September 2015

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6	7 Labor Day	8 <b>SOOB 1:00 PM</b> <b>Eastern Star</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	9	10	11	12 Reunion Feast of Tishri 6:30PM Installation of New P.R. Reservations a must call 785-8279006 More information inside newsletter. Bean Feed 11:00 to 1:00 OES
13	14	15 <b>Scottish Rite Stated Meeting</b> Masonic Center Meal in Patrol Room : 6:30 PM Meeting to follow	16	17	18	19 Book Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, contact Donley Jones for more information 785-823-7518
20	21 <b>Salina Lodge #60 7:00 PM</b>	22 <b>Eastern Star 7:30 PM</b>	23	24	25	26 <b>Last Saturday Breakfast:</b> 8:00 Am Masonic Center in Salina, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor, Cost: Donation
27	28 <b>York Rite 6:30 PM</b>	29	30			

## October 2015

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4	5 <b>Salina Lodge #60 7:00 PM</b> <b>SOOB 1:00 PM</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <b>Eastern Star 7:00 PM</b>	14	15	16	17 Book Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, contact Donley Jones for more information 785-823-7518
18	19 <b>Salina Lodge #60 7:00 PM</b>	20 <b>Scottish Rite Stated Meeting</b> Masonic Center Patrol Room : 7:00 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>York Rite 7:00 Pm</b>	27 <b>Eastern Star 7:00 PM</b>	28	29	30	31 <b>Last Saturday Breakfast:</b> 8:00 Am Masonic Center in Salina, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor, Cost: Donation

November 2015

1	2 <b>Salina Lodge</b> #60 7:00 PM <b>SOOB</b> 1:00 PM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>Eastern Star</b> 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16 <b>Salina Lodge</b> #60 7:00 PM	17 <b>Scottish Rite</b> <b>Stated Meeting</b> Masonic Center Patrol Room : 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21 <b>Book Club</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, contact Donley Jones for more information 785-823-7518
22	23 <b>York Rite</b> 6:30 PM	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 <b>No Last Saturday Breakfast</b>
29	30					