



Kansas City Scottish Rite

Two Hundred Ninety Second

Fall Reunion

October 17, 2015

Honoring

James L. Nathan, 33°

1924 - 2014



292nd REUNION CLASS HONOREE

Ill. James L. Nathan, 33°

1924—2014

James Ludwig Nathan, 33° was born August 29, 1924 in Kansas City, MO. Dedicated Brother, dear friend, mentor, and example of the fraternity for all, Jim Nathan represented the best of the Valley of Kansas City and we honor his memory with this Reunion. We fondly remember his presence among us and are grateful for his lifelong service to the craft.

Ill. Brother Nathan attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO for two years of high school from 1939 to 1941. He graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City in 1942 and returned to Wentworth for Junior College graduating in 1944. He graduated from University of Missouri Kansas City 1950 with a BA in Arts and Economics. James joined the Army in 1944 and served in Italy. After WWII he remained in the Reserves until 1959. He retired from Westvaco and continued working after retirement for The Scottish Rite in Kansas City until 2011.

A 50 year member of the Ararat Shrine and Past Master of Compass Lodge #120 in Parkville, MO, Ill. Brother Nathan became a Master of the Royal Secret in November of 1947. He was decorated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in October, 1981 and coroneted a 33°, I.G.H. in November, 2008.

Jim supported the Valley of Kansas City in many ways and earned the distinction of being a Key Member of the Valley in 2007, was a member of the College of the Consistory, and served on the Temple Guard for many years. His efforts as Valley Historian and Museum Chairman are appreciated by all visitors to our Temple and his years registering candidates at Reunions provided our newest members with a hearty welcome to our ranks.

Ill. Brother Nathan became a 50 year member of the Scottish Rite in 1997 and actively served the Valley for 67 years. The testament to his dedication was his determination to drive himself to Valley activities and be a part of things that would wear out much younger members. The rides he received from Brothers to those same activities in later years were evidence of the bond of fraternal fellowship he held with his Brothers, especially those of the Clay-Platte Scottish Rite Club.

The Valley of Kansas City will long treasure the memory of this departed Brother.

Virtus Junxit, mors non separabit

Saturday October 17, 2015

6:00 am.....Breakfast and Candidate Check-In

7:00 am.....Formal Opening in the Auditorium

Introduction of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Patrick D. West, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

7:25 am.....4° Secret Master

"Light and truth are within the reach of every
man that would he but open his eyes and see."

The Lesson of the 4° is that the teachings of Masonry are not to be taken lightly. The degree teaches that learning far outlasts physical monuments and that duties are not to be performed expecting reward but rather with the expectation of personal satisfaction. The fourth degree lays the foundation for all succeeding degrees.

Degree Director: _____ Alvin O. Griffin, 33°

8:45 am.....Candidate Instruction in Lodge Room

5° Perfect Master

"The noblest portion of humanity is virtue for virtue's sake"

6° Confidential Secretary

"Fidelity, loyalty, discrimination"

7° Provost and Judge

"All actions have consequences. Be just in judging other's motives."

8° Intendant of the Building

"Labor is honorable if done with sobriety, temperance,
punctuality and industry."

9° Elu of the Nine

"To enlighten our souls and minds"

10° Elu of the Fifteen

"To cause of toleration against fanaticism."

11° Elu of the Twelve

"Be true to all Men."

12° Master Architect

"Wisdom is a gift from God and should be preferred over riches."

13° Royal Arch of Solomon

"It is not enough for people to gain liberty, they must secure it.
They must not entrust it to the keeping nor hold it at the pleasure of
any one man."

9:45 am.....14° Perfect Elu

"Soldiers of Justice, Right and Truth"

The lessons of the 14° are that Perfect Elus are both bound and free.
They are bound by their obligation and free from prejudice, intolerance
and envy. Masons meet on the level because in their lives authority and
liberty are in equilibrium.

Degree Director: _____ Alvin O. Griffin, 33°

Introduction of the Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees

Donald L. Gilkerson, 32°, Wise Master

15° Knight of the East

"Liberty of Passage-Freedom of Thought"

16° Prince of Jerusalem

"Our Masonic labors end only when we close our eyes upon this world
to awaken in another and a better."

17° Knight of the East and West

"He that hath an ear, let him hear."

10:05 am.....18° Knight Rose Croix

"A new commandant I give unto you. That you love one another."

The lessons of the 18° teach us that we should have faith in God, mankind and ourselves. We should hope in the victory over evil, the advancement of humanity and a hereafter. Finally, we learn that charity is relieving the wants and tolerating the errors and faults of others.

Degree Director: Daniel E. Woehrman, 32° KCCH

11:30 am.....KCCH Investiture

Degree Directors: Tom Christopher 33°, and Bob Harman, 33°

12:15 pm.....Lunch

1:00 pm.....Class Photo

Introduction of the Council of Kadosh Degrees
William B. VanMeter, 32° KCCH, Commander

19° Grand Pontiff

"The true Mason labors for the benefit of those who
are to come after him."

20° Master of Symbolic Lodges

"Truth, Justice, Toleration as the rule of life, conduct and conversation."

21° Noachite or Prussian Knight

"A free and independent Judiciary is indispensable to Human
Progress."

22° Knight of the Royal Axe

"Labor is the greatest merit."

23° Chief of the Tabernacle

"God is beyond human comprehension."

24° Prince of the Tabernacle

"Better Action will make a better World."

25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent

"One is prepared to overcome the mysteries by overcoming
the fear of death."

26° Prince of Mercy

"Truth is eternal and Universal."

27° Knight of the Sun

"Learn that you might Live."

28° Knight Commander of the Temple

"Virtue and duty have been the same in all times."

29° Scottish Knight of St. Andrew

"Toleration is the protection of freedom."

1:50 pm.....30° Knight of Kadosh

"Vengeance is Thine O Lord! Thou wilt repay."

The lessons of the 30° teach us that we should arm ourselves with faith in God, love toward our fellow men and knowledge. We also learn that great examples are the noblest legacies from the past; they enrich a nation more than wealth or power.

Degree Director: _____ Pat West, 32° KCCH

3:00 pm.....Candidate Instruction in Lodge Room

Separation of Church and State

Introduction to the Consistory Degrees

D. Brent Marchant, 32°, Master of Kadosh

31° Inspector Inquisitor

"Let us inspect our inner self and inquire unto
our own acts and motives."

3:50 pm.....32° Master of the Royal Secret

"Be one who loves wisdom and covets knowledge
That you may hereafter be a benefactor of men."

The lessons of the 32° teach us that the human is ever interlaced with the Divine, that only doctrines, faith or knowledge which bear fruit in action are of value and that to work is to worship.

Degree Director: Daniel R. Quesenberry. 33°

CAP PRESENTATION

CLOSING

The Officers and members of the Valley of Kansas City are proud to present the degrees of the Scottish Rite to you. If you enjoyed your Scottish Rite Experience and would like to participate in any aspect of a reunion please feel free to contact any of the following:

Degree Operations and Committee Support

Director of the Work.....	Mike Lockwood, 32° KCCH
Director: Lodge Degrees.....	Alvin O. Griffin, 33°
Director: Chapter Degrees.....	Dan Woehrman, 32° KCCH
Director: Council Degrees.....	Pat West, 32° KCCH
Director: Consistory Degrees.....	D. Brent Marchant, 32°
Class Coordinator.....	Chris McBride, 32°
Credentials.....	A. Freeman Stanfill, 33°
Registration.....	Don Moore, 32°
Auditorium Lighting.....	Ronald M. Hickey, 33°
Make-Up.....	Herb Harris, 32°
Music.....	James H. Snyder, 32° KCCH
Properties.....	Ted Harrison., 33°
Sound.....	Aaron Rose, 32°
Stage.....	Bill Dean Jr. 33°
Technical Director	Michael Mack, 33°
Wardrobe.....	Bill O'Neil, 32°

If you would like more information, please refer to the calendar book (candidates will receive one at the conclusion of the reunion).

You may also contact the Valley Secretary at(816) 561-2277 or email -
secretary@srkc.org

Support and Preserve

The following groups are IRS registered non profit 501(c)(3) Organizations. Your tax deductible gifts can be in the form of cash, property and securities and are used to fund the activities of these organizations.

The Kansas City Scottish Rite Foundation

The foundation's purpose is maintaining the beautiful historic structure that serves as home to our Valley.

The Childhood Language Disorders Clinic



The CLDC, now known as the Rite Care Clinic, is run in partnership with Children's Mercy Hospital and is part of the major charitable arm of the Scottish Rite. The Valley offers scholarships to those children whose families can not pay for services. It also offers various scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees for studies in the field of children's speech and language disorders.

For more information on either organization contact:

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE

1330 Linwood Blvd. Kansas City, Mo. 64109-1935

816-561-2277

Join in Helping Us Eliminate
Language Problems for Children.

WHAT IS A REUNION?

A Scottish Rite Reunion is exactly what the term implies. It is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming get-together of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity.

The days of the Reunion are rich in the comradeship among those of like mind and purpose. We here recognize stability and strength, and feel proud to be a part of a program of such magnitude and worth. Within this fellowship, the horizons of our own lives are lifted. The reunion is a time of renewing our interest and devotion to the program and purpose of the Scottish Rite.

The sheer beauty of Masonry enthralls and amazes as the panorama of centuries passes by. It is a time of sharing the significance and sacredness of the Scottish Rite Degrees together.

INVOLVEMENT BRETHREN

We invite you to get involved in our Reunions. The Valley is always in need of people to work "behind the scenes". Talk to any brother about available jobs; there is a position just waiting to be filled.

SCOTTISH RITE REFERENCES

Your mentor is a good start, but you can also try going to:

scottishrite.org,

kcsr.org,

freemasonry.org

If you are interested in Masonic History visit: phoenixmasonry.org

You are welcome to call, write or stop by the

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OF WHAT DO THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES DEAL WITH?

Scottish Rite Degrees are a continuation and expansion of the three Blue Lodge Degrees, and enable the initiate to grasp with greater significance the real purpose and meaning of Masonry. They are an extension of the Masonic search for knowledge and truth and give one a better understanding and appreciation of his Blue Lodge.

The breadth and scope of Masonry, down through the ages, is so extensive that few men have the time or opportunity to investigate, analyze and understand its symbolism.

Herein lies largely the value of the Scottish Rite to the ordinary busy Mason. In the Scottish Rite that investigation and analysis of hidden meanings has been done for him and the substance and thought made clear. Men of great minds and talents have delved into these hidden mysteries of the past, and the fruits of their research are embodied and presented in the twenty-nine beautiful and impressive degrees of the Scottish Rite. These Degrees are exemplified dramatically, reproducing, in so far as scenery and costumes, lighting effects and music permit, the actual theme and historical habitat.

VACANCIES

Vacancies are occurring from time to time in the degree teams of the Scottish Rite, and there are always opportunities for new workers. If we know who are willing and competent to take the parts, we can plan to have an alternate for every part, and so distribute the the work as widely as possible. Our ambition is to present the degrees with a finish and excellence that shall give the Scottish Rite Bodies a reputation far and wide; and we are seeking the cooperation of all who are in any way willing to assist. If you are one of these please write or phone the Secretary and your name will be added to the list.

**SOMEWHERE OUT THERE IS A MASTER MASON
JUST WAITING TO BE ASKED TO JOIN THE
KANSAS CITY VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE.
DON'T DISAPPOINT HIM,
SPONSOR HIM!**

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

The Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Kansas City are an integral part of the success we enjoy. They not only provide a time of fellowship for those members unable to attend the regular meetings of the Valley, but they also provide degree teams for reunions and support the Valley in other ways by actively seeking out those Master Masons who have not yet joined the Rite. The most important activities do not take place at our Masonic Center, they happen to be with other Scottish Rite members near your home. You are invited to become involved. Check your Calendar of Events booklet for the club nearest you, then plan to visit. The President of the Club will be more than happy to welcome you.

What are the 33° and KCCH?

The Thirty-Third is a Degree conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite in recognition of outstanding service to the rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the Degrees. The 33° cannot be asked for and if asked for must be refused. At its biennial session the Supreme Council elects members of the Rite who have been Knights Commander of the Court not less than four years to receive the Degree. These 33° Masons are Inspectors General Honorary and Honorary members of the Supreme Council. The active members of the Supreme Council are chosen from among them. At its biennial session certain 32° Masons who have rendered significant service to the Fraternity or mankind, are chosen to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour. The decoration is conferred in a very impressive ceremony of investiture in the local Bodies. This is a rank and decoration and not a Degree. The members who hold it are designated "32° KCCH". A member must be a KCCH for at least four years before he can be nominated for election to receive the 33°.

SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL

Every member receives the **SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL** which is published bimonthly by the Supreme Council. It has a message from the Sovereign Grand Commander as well as a variety of Masonic topics for your reading pleasure. We encourage you to take a few moments and enjoy the publication.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please report promptly to our Secretary any change of address, transfer of Blue Lodge membership, illness or distress of any member.

ALMONER'S FUND

The Almoner's Fund is a free-will, tax deductible, offering of Scottish Rite Masons. It may be sent with the payment of dues or given when the Box of Fraternal Assistance is presented during a meeting. Its use is for the relief of the needy and distressed and it is disbursed by the Almoner without any publicity so as to not embarrass the recipient.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL FAVORS

1. The American public school: non-partisan, non-sectarian, efficient, democratic, for all the children of all the people.
2. The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and undying loyalty to the constitution of the United States of America.
3. The compulsory use of English as the language of instruction in the grammar grades of our public schools.
4. Adequate provision in the American public schools for education of the alien population in the principles of American institutions and ideals of citizenship.
5. The entire separation of Church and State and opposition to every attempt to appropriate public moneys—federal, state or local—directly or indirectly, for the support of sectarian or private institutions.

ALLEGIANCE

The Four Co-ordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Kansas City, Orient of Missouri, derive their Charters from, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina.

Ronald A. Seale, 33°
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Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Missouri

Ben C. Kenney, 33°
Personal Representative of the SGIG for Missouri

William G. Snyder, 33°
Executive Secretary, Coordinated Bodies

TO THE CANDIDATE

You are about to begin your pilgrimage through the Scottish Rite degrees and it may become for you one of the greatest and most inspiring experiences of your life. If you become a Prince of the Royal Secret by receiving the Thirty Second Degree and are no better or wiser than when you began your journey, your investment of time and money will have been in vain. If, however, you bring a receptive mind and sensitive heart to these Degrees you will be a wiser and better man. It is the hope and prayer of the Masters and the Brethren that your experiences may be rich and significant.

