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ILLUSTRIOUS ROBERT W. COCKERHAM, 33° DEPUTY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL IN MISSOURI



Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33°, appointed Ill. Robert W. Cockerham, 33°, as Deputy in Missouri, succeeding Ill. Earl K. Dille, 33°, SGIG, who has retired. Ill. Bro. Cockerham was born May 28, 1958, and began his involvement with the Masonic family when he joined George L. Walters Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He served as Master Councilor in 1975, received the honor of Chevalier in 1976, presided as State Master Councilor of Missouri in 1978, and was honored with the Legion of Honor in 1986. He has given further service to DeMolay in Missouri by serving as State Ritual Director, 1979–1992; Deputy Executive Officer, 1987-1992; and Executive Officer, 2003 to present. Since 1991 he has been an Active Member of the International

Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and presently serves on the DeMolay International Foundation Board.

In 1976 Ill. Bro. Cockerham joined Clayton Lodge No. 601 and served as Worshipful Master in 1987-1988 and 1995-1996. He is also a Life Member of Rose Hill-Polar Star Lodge No. 79, and has served on the Jurisprudence and Appeals & Grievance committees of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He was appointed and served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1991. He is a member of St. Louis-Missouri Chapter No. 1, RAM, Hiram Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, KT. He also belongs to St. Louis Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162, the Royal Order of Scotland, High Twelve, Missouri Lodge of Research, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Moolah Shrine, and many other Masonic organizations.

With his many Masonic activities, Ill. Bro. Cockerham found time to be active in the Scottish Rite. He became a 32° Master of the Royal Secret in 1977 in the Valley of St. Louis and served as Master of Kadosh in 1987. He received the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989 and the 33°, Inspector General Honorary, in 2005.

Ill. Bro. Cockerham earned a BFA from Webster College in 1980, an MA from the University of Missouri in 1982, and a JD from St. Louis University in1984. He began the practice of law and soon distinguished himself in civil trial litigation and appellate advocacy. He is a Senior Principal of Brown and James, P.C., has tried more than 125 civil cases and is listed in the *Top 20 Defense Verdicts in Missouri*.

Robert and his wife, Stacy, have seven children: Erika, 21, Alicia, 19, Ryan, 17, Brandon, 14, Quentin, 11, Sabrina 9, and Abigail, 6. Stacy is a Leader for Bible Study Fellowship International. The Cockerham Family has been most active at Manchester United Methodist Church, especially with the Youth and Leadership programs. Robert enjoys wakeskating, wakeboarding, water and snow skiing, on and off road motorcycle riding and numerous other sports. He is an avid photographer, guitar and sword collector, and amateur magician.

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Looking Forward



It has been a pleasure to serve the Valley of St. Louis as Personal Representative these past two years. I would like to thank all of the members for their support, especially III. Bro. Earl Dille, our past S.G.I.G., and commend everyone for the accomplishments these past years. Your Executive Committee is working well, and is solving the problem of our financial needs. I wish everyone the best. I wholeheartedly want to thank our paid staff for their hard work, dedication and sacrifice in working through a very troubling period in our history. Thank you Paul, Curt, Lisa, PJ, Tony and Shane. I would ask all of our members to thank these individuals when you see them for their exceptional efforts and service to our great Fraternity. Our Committees have been rejuvenated and are functioning well, and we have a strategic plan which will set our future direction. Our long-term challenge is still ahead of us, and will require member participation and continued financial support to be true "Trustees of the Past" and a shared vision of all of our members as "Architects of the Future." I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to III. Bro. John Caraker, 33° on his appointment to the position of Personal Representative, and ask the membership to give him their support in the years ahead.

Musically Yours,

Michael Brooks, 33° Trombone Player



Ill. Bro. John C. Caraker, 33° PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE for the Valley of Saint Louis.

Illustrious Bro. Robert W. Cockerham, 33°, Deputy for the Supreme Council in Missouri, has appointed Illustrious Bro. John C. Caraker, 33° as his Personal Representative with the resignation of Ill. Bro. Mike Brooks. Ill. Bro. Caraker was raised in Arts & Crafts Lodge #1017 (Bloomington, IL) in August of 1983, and received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Southern Illinois (NMJ) in 1986. He affiliated with Magnolia-Euclid Lodge #626 in 1991, and served as their Master in 1996. 1997-1998 saw our Illustrious

Brother serve the Grand Lodge of Missouri as DDGM for his district. III. Bro. Caraker joined the Valley of Saint Louis in 1991, received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1999, and was honored with the rank and decoration of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree - Inspector-General, in 2001. III. Bro. Caraker has always been active in the Valley. In addition to serving as its Treasurer since 2001, he is also Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. Despite his involvement in the administrative management of the Valley, III. Bro. Caraker somehow also found the time to work his way through the advancing line in the Lodge of Perfection, serving as Venerable Master in 2005/2006. He also served as a Grand Chaplain in 2005, under Grand Master Nations, and is a member of the Jurisprudence and Grievances Committee under Grand Master Berger.

Illustrious Bro. Caraker graduated from Bradley University in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Construction, from Illinois State University at Bloomington with an MBA in 1983, and received his Juris Doctor degree from St. Louis University in 1986. His law office is in the city of St. Louis, and he is licensed to practice law in both Missouri and Illinois. He also holds a CPA certificate from the State of Missouri.

III. Bro. Caraker lives in Fenton with his wife Sally and their two daughters, Katie, (17) and Colleen, (15). We wish III. Bro. Caraker the best in his new position in the Valley, and are excited about the changes ahead!



With the accession of Illustrious Bro. John Caraker, 33°, to the position of Personal Representative for the Valley, it is our pleasure to also introduce Bro. K. Trent Moreland, 32°, KCCH as the new Valley Treasurer. Bro. Moreland was elected and installed at the January 10th meeting of the Four Bodies. Trent is indisputably one of the most active Masons in the Saint Louis area, and any write-up that could even do justice to our Brother would exhaust more space than this newsletter has! Most notably, he served as Wise Master of St. Louis Chapter Rose Croix in 2004-2005 and is a member of the Rose Croix Funeral Team, Coordinator of the KCCH

Investiture Team since 2005, and has stepped in at the last minute on past occasions to help out with degree work. He lives in Hazelwood with his wife, Vicki and their sons Blaine (11) and Nathaniel (6). Trent is currently a Ph.D. candidate at St. Louis University, working on his degree in Pharmacological and Physiological Science, with an anticipated graduation date in 2008. We wish Bro. Moreland success in his new position!

2007 CALENDAR

Valley of Saint Louis

JANUARY

- 1 (Mon.) New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- 3 (Wed.) SRYWE Rehearsal
- 10 (Wed.) Executive Committees (10:30 a.m.) Preservation Association Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers (6:30 p.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 20 (Sat.) Strategic Planning Committee (9:00 a.m.)
- 24 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)
- 27 (Sat.) Clinic Trivia Night (Sm. Dining Rm. 6:00 10:00 p.m.)
- 28 (Sun.) Volunteer Appreciation Reception (Lounge TBA)

FEBRUARY

- 7 (Wed.) Executive Committee (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 11 (Sun.) Valentine's Function; SRYWE Concert
- 16-18 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 28 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)

MARCH

- 2-4 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 9 (Fri.) Mississippi Mass Choir (Outside Rental)
- 10-11 (Sat. & Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 14 (Wed.) Finance Committee (9:00 a.m.) Executive Committee (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (6:30 p.m.) Service of Remembrance (7:30 p.m.)
- 17-18 (Sat. & Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 23-25 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 28 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)
- 30-31 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental) (through 4/1)

APRIL

- 1 (Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 11 (Wed.) Executive Committee (10:30 a.m.)
- 13-15 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 20-21 (Fri. & Sat.) SR Spring Reunion/Youth Ball
- 22 (Sun.) Grand Master's Breakfast; SRYWE Concert
- 25-29 (Wed. thru Sun.) Shrine Circus
- 25 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)

<u>MAY</u>

- 4-6 (Fri. thru Sun.) S.R. Symposium (St. Louis)
- 9 (Wed.) Executive Committee Meeting (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 10 (Thu.) Ranken Tech. Graduation
- 11-13 (Fri. thru Sun.) Dance Competition (Outside Rental)
- 17-18 (Thu. & Fri.) SLU Pre-Commencements (Outside Rental)

MAY (CONT'D)

- 20 (Sun.) S.R. Picnic (2:00 p.m.)
- 21 (Mon.) Lutheran South High School Commencement
- 23 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)
- 28 (Mon.) Memorial Day (Office Closed)

JUNE

- 13 (Wed.) Finance Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m.) Executive Committee Meeting (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 24 (Sun.) St. John the Baptist's Day
- 27 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Sm. Dining Rm. Festive Board - Time TBA)

JULY

- 4 (Wed.) Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 25 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Sm. Dining Rm. 6:30 p.m.)

AUGUST

- 8 (Wed.) Executive Committee (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 22 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Sm. Dining Rm. 6:30 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER

- 7-9 (Fri. thru Sun.) 33rd Degree Coronation (St. Louis)
- 12 (Wed.) Finance Meeting (9:00 a.m.) Executive Committee Meeting (10:30 a.m.) Four Bodies Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 26 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)

OCTOBER

- 5-6 (Sat. & Sun.) Band Together (Outside Rental)
- 12-13 (Fri. & Sat.) Fall Reunion (KCCH on Sat. Night Info. TBA)
- 14 (Sun.) C2A @ Scottish Rite (Tentative)
- 24 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)

NOVEMBER

- 2 (Fri.) DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture (SR Cathedral TBA)
- 22 (Thu.) Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
- 28 (Wed.) College of the Consistory (Lounge 6:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER

- 7 Scottish Rite Holiday Party (Dining Room 6:30)
- 14 SLU Mid-Year Celebration (Outside Rental)
- 19 College of the Consistory (Lounge Festive Board)
- 24 Christmas Eve (Office Closes @ NOON)
- 25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)
- 27 St. John the Evangelist's Day
- 31 New Year's Eve (Office Closed)

The St. Louis Scottish Rite Library is open to all members and the public every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and other times by appointment. If you are visiting the Library outside our normal time, please call ahead at 314/533 - 7410 and we will accommodate you.

Running out of space on your bookshelf? Need more room to show off your stuff? Consider donating your Masonic books to the St. Louis Scottish Rite Library. The Library is part of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit under the Internal Revenue Code. Your generous contributions are therefore tax-deductible, and greatly appreciated by the Valley. You may leave your donations at the Scottish Rite office, or call if you have questions.

For their generous gifts to the John Black Vrooman Library, we would like to extend our grateful appreciation to:

III. Bro. Earl K. Dille, 33° Bro. Anthony J. Caruso, 32°



Scottish Rite Officers for 2007: (L to R) Richard Roesch, 32°, KCCH - Venerable Master, St. Louis Lodge of Perfection, R. Stanley Toelke, 32° - Wise Master, St. Louis Chapter Rose Croix, R. Michael Bickel, 32°, KCCH - Commander, St. Louis Council of Kadosh, and Jon B. Broyles, 32°, KCCH - Master of Kadosh, St. Louis Consistory. Congratulations and Good luck to the Officers of 2007!

The Good Old Days

David Swinney, 32°, KCCH

How many of us (and how many times) have said "remember the good old days"? And then we might add "when" and expound on some memorable event or person. Those were special times in our lives and we should, indeed, remember those days.

There were, of course, some down times also. There were disagreements (sometimes downright feuds), there were mistakes, things didn't always go the way they were planned, we lost some great and dear friends, and we had concerns. But, even in this, these were experiences and were a part of our past. Even in some of these situations from the past, we can think back on them and have a good laugh. Also, thoughts come in as to how they might have been different "if".....

But, we, hopefully, embrace the good times because they are more comforting. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." We remember the times when the hallways of the Scottish Rite were teeming with industrious people; everyone was involved and exchanging pleasantries. And, it wasn't just for Reunions – something was always going on. If you had to find a place to go to have a good time and be around people you enjoyed being with, Scottish Rite was the place to be. Where else could you go to have a good healthy debate with someone with whom you disagree but depart as friends? Where else could you go to rub elbows with the pillars of the community and not feel out of place (the same feeling as at our Lodge level)? Where else could you go and, in the spirit of good-natured Brotherly fun, flip a dig at someone and they to zing something back to you and neither one be offended?

And, with a little understanding and commitment, we can be there again. We (every one of us) can make a difference. There is some place within the Scottish Rite that has a need for "you". I know everyone will not agree with me but I am getting a good feeling about the way we are going: There is a new progressive approach, involvement and openness which have not existed for some time. Keep coming back and with you, Brother, we can be TO-DAY the Scottish Rite we remember. In other words, these can be the "GOOD OLD DAYS" of tomorrow.

2007 HONORS NOMINATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2007!!

Brethren:

If you have a candidate that you would like to submit for honors, we must have your nomination in hand no later than Feb. 28th, 2007. They have to be in to the Honors Committee on March 1st this time!! Any brother can nominate another for honors - you do not have to hold a KCCH or 33° in order to nominate someone. If you have a candidate, please write a letter explaining why you think they are deserving of the honor, and *confidentially* submit the honor-nominee's Masonic resume and your letter to the Secretary-General no later than February 28th!

Brethren:

It has come to my attention that several brothers have passed away without making it known to their families whether or not they would like a Masonic funeral service performed. So far, the Blue Lodges I have contacted for families have been extremely accommodating and understanding, as has our Rose Croix funeral team. Please make it known to your family whether or not you prefer to have this service performed. My own personal suggestion is to do what I have done - keep an up-to-date list of services which you would like performed, along with a telephone list of who to contact in the event of your passing. Not only will this eliminate additional and unnecessary stress on your families in their time of grief, but it makes your wishes unquestionably known. - AJC



Scottish Rite Clubs

Capaha

Masonic Temple, Cape Girardeau, MO Richard W. Allgood 573/334-2728 Meets 2nd Wednesday of Month (Except Jan., Jul., & Aug.)

Crossroads

American Steakhouse, Dexter, MO Elmer Wilson 573/624-4448 Meets 2nd Monday of Month

Mineral Area

Rosener's Restaurant, Park Hill, MO Steven F. Perkins 573/756-9268 scperkins@sbcglobal.net Meets 3rd Friday of Mar., Jun., Sep. & Dec.

NEMO

Fred Statler 573/898-3209 Meets 4th Wed. of Month in April thru June, and

Sept. thru November @ 7:00 p.m.

Saint Louis

Scottish Rite Cathedral Dining Room
Larry McLees 636/394-5598
Meets @ Noon on the 2nd & 4th Wed.
Of March thru June and
September thru 2nd Wed. of December

Interested in starting a club? Have a club question? Call or e-mail:

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2007 LODGE OF PERFECTION BUDGET

| INCOME | 2007 Budget | 2006 Actual | 2006 Budget |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dues @ \$75.00 per Member | \$233,625.00 | \$272,000.00 | \$258,400.00 |
| Petition Fees | \$9,000.00 | \$3,750.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Facility Rental Fees | \$275,000.00 | \$240,000.00 | \$180,000.00 |
| Event Labor Income | \$25,000.00 | \$15,500.00 | \$22,000.00 |
| Commissary Committee | \$25,000.00 | \$23,584.00 | \$35,000.00 |
| Kitchen Rental Fees | \$9,000.00 | \$5,500.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Lodge Activities Income | \$20,000.00 | \$643.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Jewelry & Hat Sales | \$7,000.00 | \$1,850.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Scottish Rite Clubs | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Lodge Donations | \$27,500.00 | \$5,955.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous/Sale of Assets | \$5,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Investments | \$20,000.00 | \$23,855.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Perpetual Membership Fees | \$10,000.00 | \$9,656.00 | \$0.00 |
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| Total Income: | \$666,125.00 | \$604,293.00 | \$576,400.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | · |
| Per Capita @ \$10.00 | \$42,000.00 | \$42,130.00 | \$45,000.00 |
| Supreme Council Petition Fees | \$2,000.00 | \$780.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Perpetual Fund Contributions | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Masonic Youth Programs | \$5,500.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Other Youth Programs | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Community Donations | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Facility Event Expenses | \$7,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Kitchen Equipment Expenses | \$9,000.00 | \$9000.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Lodge Activities Expenses | \$30,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$35,000.00 |
| Community Programs | \$4,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Scottish Rite Clubs & Committees | \$21,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Scottish Rite Store | \$5,000.00 | \$4,800.00 | \$500.00 |
| Payroll | \$139,750.00 | \$165,794.00 | \$167,500.00 |
| Insurance & Professional Fees | \$100,000.00 | \$80,255.00 | \$70,000.00 |
| Executive Committee Expenses | \$10,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$38,750.00 | \$29,750.00 | \$29,950.00 |
| Marketing & Sales | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Building Repair & Supplies | \$60,000.00 | \$53,630.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Utilities - Electric | \$20,000.00 | \$20,121.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Utilities - Gas | \$50,000.00 | \$45,557.00 | \$80,000.00 |
| Utilities - Sewer & Waste Hauling | \$5,500.00 | \$5,582.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| Utilities - Telephone & Internet | \$5,000.00 | \$4,614.00 | \$4,300.00 |
| Capital Expenditures | \$16,500.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expense: | \$592,500.00 | \$525,713.00 | \$515,950.00 |
| Gross Profit/Loss: | \$73,625.00 | \$78,580.00 | \$45,450.00 |

DeMolays to Assist Scottish Rite Clinics Nationwide

New Deputy of Supreme Council for the Orient of MO, Bob Cockerham, announced at the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic's "KidTalk Celebration" that a new initiative had recently been adopted nationally by the 1000 chapters of the DeMolay. Each chapter has accepted a commitment to raise funds for their local Scottish Rite clinic(s). DeMolay members will be educated about the services provided and needs of the clinics to better prepare them for their fundraising efforts. Our Clinic will be working with chapters in the St. Louis Valley. We look forward to this exciting new collaborative effort.

As Bob Cockerham noted, "God has blessed this world with Children and the right people to take care of Children in need. Our Scottish Rite Care Clinics are blessed to have dedicated professional people who work with and help Children with speech and language difficulties. I have been blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of this incredible charity and tremendous cause for Children. The Scottish Rite teaches Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth, while embracing God, Family and Country. It is an honor and privilege to be a Scottish Rite Freemason and to help Children, who are our future."

The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders of St. Louis, Inc. welcomes the brother-hood and involvement of our DeMolay as well as all our Masonic and Scottish Rite families. We firmly believe that together, we can make a difference in a child's life. Feel free to contact Sheri Mistretta, Executive Director of the Clinic anytime by calling 314.533.7415 or via e-mail at smistretta@srclinic.org.



Bob Cockerham, Scottish Rite Deputy and Missouri DeMolay leader, announces new initiative to Earl Walker and attendees at the KidTalk Celebration in November, as Sheri Mistretta, Clinic Executive Director, looks on.



Scottish Rite Valentine's Social **February 11, 2007**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In the Small Dining Room Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments Followed by a pops concert by the

SCOTTISH RITE YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

In the Auditorium at 3:15 p.m.

FREE for the Ladies, \$5.00 for the men.

Parking is **FREE** for everyone at the Scottish Rite Garage.

Enter via the skywalk on 3, and take the elevator To the Dining Room level.

> **RSVP** by February 5, 2007 By calling 314/533-7410

BULLETIN:

We have re-designed the petition for the Valley of St. Louis. If you are in need of new ones, please call the office, and we will get them to you.

Additionally, the next issue of the "Rite Way" will see the return of the Sound Off Board. All com-

ments will be held anonymously, but no inflammatory material will be published. If you have a comment, send it to exec@scottishrite-stl.org, or drop me a note. Appropriate commentary will

be published as "Anonymous."

Deadline for submissions for the next Rite Way is **Feb. 28, 2007**.

Also - look for a new column in the next issue: "The Rumor Mill"