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III.: Robert L. Goldsmith, 33° Honors Weekend

With the announcement of those brothers who will be receiving Scottish Rite honors this year, work is gearing up for a very successful Honors Weekend in the Orient of Florida. You will find below information that hopefully answers questions that may be asked by those who are planning to attend. If questions remain, please contact either John Drewett, 33°, General Secretary in Tampa.

VENUES

We have contracted with the Hyatt Regency Tampa for hotel rooms, ladies lunch and the Honors banquet. The hotel is located at 211 N. Tampa St. Many of you may remember the Hyatt hosted the Grand Lodge of Florida back in the 1980's and early 1990's.

A block of 100 rooms has been reserved for this event with the Hyatt. The room rate is \$109 per night plus tax (single and double occupancy) and \$134 per night plus tax (triple or quadruple occupancy). **These rates are good for Friday and Saturday nights (November 11th and 12th).** Hotel check in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12 noon. To be assured of receiving this discounted rate, the Hyatt suggests that reservations be made online. The web address is <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/scottishriteoftampa>. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 813-225-1234 and mentioning Scottish Rite of Tampa. **The online system has been tested and I can assure you that it does work.** The Hyatt is also providing complimentary valet and self-parking for those attending.

The Coronation and Investiture will both be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa as will the Men's lunch. More details on these events are below. The Hyatt is 8 miles southeast of the Scottish Rite. Travel time is estimated at 15 minutes.

CEREMONIES

We have scheduled the 33rd Degree Coronation to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Scottish Rite. To accommodate this schedule, there will be a bus leaving the Hyatt at 7:30 a.m. to transport the Tableau and 33rd Degree candidates to the Scottish Rite. So that there is no delay in getting the day's events started, we ask that all Tableau members and candidates take the bus to the Scottish Rite. This will prevent anyone from getting lost. It also insures that the Degree Master can make sure that his team is there and ready to go on at 9:30 a.m. In addition, we will be assured that all of the candidates are at the Scottish Rite at 8:00 a.m. to assemble for their orientation and signing of the Book of Gold.

The KCCH Investiture will follow that afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. There will be a bus leaving the Hyatt Tampa at 10:30 a.m. to take the KCCH candidates and Degree team to the Scottish Rite. The KCCH candidates will assemble at 12:30 p.m. for their orientation and signing of the Red Book

Following the Coronation and Investiture, time will be allotted for the Valleys to present the white and red caps to their new honors men. In addition, there will be a Class photograph taken with the members of each class and the Deputy and Grand Commander.

Both the Coronation and the Investiture will take place in the Scottish Rite auditorium with the orientations being held in the Lodge Room.

MEALS

We have arranged for the ladies to have a lunch on Saturday at the Hyatt at 11:30 a.m. They will have their choice of either a Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad or a Croissant Club Sandwich (roasted turkey breast and Havarti Cheese on a fresh croissant) with a Greek Pasta Salad. The price per plate is \$30, which includes dessert (Key Lime pie) and Iced Tea.

The Men's lunch will be held at the Scottish Rite. Lunch will be a freshly made Cuban Sandwich with the appropriate sides. The cost is \$15 per person. The Men's Lunch will be served in two seatings. The first seating will begin at 11:00 a.m. for the KCCH candidates, KCCH Investiture team, and anyone else who is ready to eat at that time. The second seating will begin as close to 12 noon as possible based on the availability of tables in the Dining Room. We are estimating that the Coronation, together with the cap presentations and Class photograph will be completed around 12 noon so those attending the Coronation should be able to walk right in and have lunch. Also, as stated above, the KCCH candidates will have their orientation beginning at 12:30 p.m..

Finally, we will finish the Honors Weekend with our Honors Banquet at the Hyatt Tampa. The entrée choices for the banquet are Flat Iron Steak or Salmon. Both entrees will be accompanied by a Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Swirl Cheesecake for dessert, coffee and hot and iced tea. The price of the banquet is \$65 per person. We are planning to open the banquet up to all Scottish Rite Masons and their families to give everyone the opportunity to hear from our Grand Commander.

With all the meals, if there are dietary or health restrictions, please let us know in advance. We will be able to accommodate everyone provided we have knowledge prior to the events.

REGISTRATIONS AND DEADLINES

A Registration Form is provided for your use to register to attend these events. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed.

Please note that the Hyatt's deadline for hotel registrations is **October 14, 2011**. Any reservations received by the Hyatt after this date will be accepted at our Group rate, up to the room block if rooms are still available.

The deadline for reservations for all meal functions is **November 1, 2011**.

As we have done in the past, Registration packets, nametags, programs and meal tickets may be picked up at the Hyatt on Friday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Any Scottish Rite member who has not picked up their packets on Friday may pick them up on Saturday at the Scottish Rite. If their wife is attending the Ladies lunch on Saturday, her nametag and lunch ticket will be available at the Hyatt from a member of the Knights of St. Andrew. Banquet tickets may also be picked up Saturday night at the Hyatt prior to the banquet.

We look forward to everyone being in Tampa this year and enjoying your weekend. It promises to be a great event in memory of Ill.: Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(subject to change)

Friday – November 11, 2011

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Registration at the Hyatt Regency Tampa
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
??? p.m. - ??? p.m.	Coronation and Investiture Practice – Scottish Rite (please contact Ill.: Patrick Palmer and Ill.: Chet King for exact times.)

Saturday – November 12, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Bus leaves the Hyatt with 33 rd Degree Candidates and Tableau
8:00 a.m.	Thirty-third Candidates assemble at Scottish Rite for orientation and signing of the Book of Gold
9:30 a.m.	Supreme Council is Opened for the purpose of Conferring the Thirty-third Degree
10:30 a.m.	Bus leaves the Hyatt with the KCCH Candidates and Investiture Team
11:00 a.m.	Lunch is served at the Scottish Rite for KCCH Candidates, Investiture Team and other KCCH Scottish Rite Masons in attendance.
11:30 a.m.	Ladies Lunch at the Hyatt Regency
12:00 p.m.	Lunch served at the Scottish Rite for Thirty-thirds and members of the Tableau
12:30 p.m.	KCCH Candidates assemble for orientation and signing of the Red Book
2:00 p.m.	KCCH Investiture
7:00 p.m.	Honors Banquet at Hyatt Regency