



St. George Lodge #33
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Announcements

Scottish Rite Club of Southern Utah



On October 19th the organizational efforts made in behalf of the Scottish Rite Club of Utah finally came into fruition. The event was conducted by Illustrious Brother Frank Baker SGUC and Illustrious Brother John Liley who traveled from Salt Lake City. Among the activities of the open meeting were the election and installation of officers, to include WB James Baker 32° as President, WB Ken Gregory, 32°, KCCH as Vice-President, WB Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez, 32° as Secretary and WB Timothy Orr, 32° as the club's Treasurer, along with some heartfelt words for the group. The concept of forming a Scottish Rite club here has been batted around for quite some time. It wasn't until mid-2014 that organizational efforts directed actual formation of the club were begun. The objectives of the club - known as the Scottish Rite Club of Southern Utah are as follows:

- * Promote and practice the teachings, principles and policies of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, and advance the objectives of the Valley of Salt Lake, Orient of Utah and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy thereof, in Utah.
- * Promote true fellowship among their Members and instill their Membership a deeper understanding of the true dignity and worth of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.
- * Study and discuss the lessons of the Degrees of the Rite to further an understanding of the teachings inculcated in the Degrees.
- * Participate in such constructive activities that will advance the ideals, principles and influence of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Utah.
- * Function solely in the interest of Freemasonry and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and by practicing charity through it's programs.
- * Support the practices of the Symbolic Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

The Club Meets the first Saturday of each month at 1:30pm
For more information please call WB Jim Baker at 435-644-3428

Wor. David Reinitz



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The Trestle Board Project



In this month's Trestle Board is the first in a series of articles intended to fully chronicle the history of St. George Masonic Lodge #33. Information has been so far gathered with special thanks to Wor. Jim Baker and Brother Dick Rein.

Please submit any further information, special stories, anecdotes, and the contribution of brothers who should be recognized in future articles. In short, anything that would be helpful to make this project complete.

Please contact: Wor. David Reinitz (801)717-5782 davidsgml33@gmail.com

Birthdays

November Birthdays



3rd - Wor. Stephen Stout
10th - Wor. Keith Stout
11th - Frederick Jacobazzi
12th - Wor. Brian Hastings
29th - Evan G. Stevens



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Congratulations

Fred Maes retires from 24 years in Postal Service.



Congratulations to Brother FRED MAES on his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service after 24 years. Fred is working very hard with Wor. David Reinitz on his M.M. Proficiency and plans to be very active in the Lodge in the future. Great work!

Kent Berggraaf's Advancement



Congratulations to Sr, Warden KENT BERGGRAAF on his accepting a major advancement in his legal career. Kent and his family will be moving to the Salt Lake City area. Kent you will be missed.

Veterans Honored with luncheon & flag ceremony



On October 24th, St. George Masonic Lodge hosted a luncheon honoring Veterans from the V.A. Hospital and Home in Ivans, Utah. A flag ceremony and special tribute to these American heroes was given by Wor. Travis Christianson.

Victor Price to be raised a Master Mason



Congratulations to Brother VICTOR PRICE on being raised to the degree of Master Mason on October 24th.



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Lodge History

Chapter 1 - In the beginning



As Brother Dick Rein put it: "We were like a band of gypsy brothers." Those who came first in the waning decades of the past century. Those pioneers of Masonry in Utah's Dixie yearned for the brotherhood and fellowship they had left behind in their previous hometowns. They met whenever and wherever they could; at a Senior Center, a church, an Elks Lodge and along the way they found "The Annex:" a room graciously provided by Worshipful Bob Tomlinson. What started out in 1986 as the Dixie Masonic Social Club eventually grew into the Trowel and Star Social Club. Strong, stubborn and determined, they dreamed of the remote possibility of someday, someday, somehow having a permanent home and becoming a Constituted Utah Masonic Lodge. It didn't happen overnight. It took planning, organization, money of course and long hours of debate and discussion. Sometimes disagreement. Sometimes discouragement. Sometimes progress and sometimes great success.

Finally on June 14, 1993, after the requisite organizational paperwork and meetings with The Grand Lodge of Utah were completed, a Dispensation was granted. Four weeks later, on July 10, 1993 the Lodge was Instituted. It took until January 31, 1994 when this name-changing, ever-moving, wandering band of brothers officially were Chartered and although still homeless, became St. George Masonic Lodge #33. Brother Gregory Gunderson was elected and served as the first Worshipful Master for three challenging terms. By his side, among others, were Worshipful Jim Summers and Worshipful Bob Tomlinson.

Worshipful Bob was always willing to open his home for meetings and coaching. Brother Dick Rein served as the Lodge's first Chaplain. Some of these beloved brothers are gone now, some have moved far away. A precious few remain.

Walking through and enjoying this beautiful Lodge building standing so proudly on Mall Drive in St. George, it's easy to take for granted it wasn't always there. Once it was only an empty lot. Now it stands as a testament to the collective energy, passion and Masonic spirit of those who would not rest until they could finally end their wandering, put down stakes and create their own Masonic home in the desert.

Thank you dear brothers.



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Masters Notes

The Acacia Tree



The Acacia tree is found in the area known as Palestine during ancient times, today it is found all over Africa. Acacia looks like the mulberry tree, can grow to well over one hundred feet high and is a hard wood.

The gum obtained from it is known as Arabic. Acacia is a sacred Hebrew wood known in the scripture as "Shittah." The ark of the covenant was made from it. Acacia is part of our initiation as Master Masons and represents the immortality of the soul, as the soul lives on after our bodies have been put to rest.

Acacia can be a bush, tree, or a grove of trees. If you cut it down it grows back, if you burn it, it grows back. If you try to dig it up and leave one root it will grow back. Acacia can live through floods, droughts, and bad soil conditions. There is little doubt to the reason Acacia is our symbol of immortality.

When I was going to sit in the east I had my uncle who is a master wood turner and carver make me a gavel out of acacia. Of all the symbols of Masonry this is one that has really resonated with my soul.

Wor. Travis Christiansen



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Calendar of Events - November 2015



	Wed.	Nov 4	<p>ST. GEORGE LODGE #33 6:00pm - Pre-Meeting Dinner 7:00pm - Stated Meeting</p> <p><u>ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u></p>
	Sat.	Nov 7	<p>ST. GEORGE YORK RITE St. George Chapter Royal Arch Masons 9:00am - 10:00am Zion Council #7 Cryptic Council 10:00am - 11:00am Golotha Comm. Knights Templar 11:00am - Noon</p>
	10:30sm Sat.	Nov 14	<p>SCOTTISH RITE CLUB OF SOUTHERN UTAH</p>
	2:00pm Sat.	Nov 14	<p>SILVER REEF CHAPTER #26 Order of the Eastern Star</p> <p><u>ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u></p>
	7:00pm Wed.	Nov 18	<p>ST. GEORGE LODGE #33 MEET UP MEETING</p> <p>Public gathering for brothers and those considering petitioning to become a Mason. Family welcome.</p> <p>Refreshments served</p>
	11:00am Sat.	Nov 21	<p>SILVER REEF CHAPTER #26 Order of the Eastern Star</p> <p><u>ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</u></p>



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Secretary	M.W., Dean D. Rein (Edie)	dean@infowest.com	435-680-2604
Treasurer	Wor. Ronald Amland (Dottie)	rda4142@gmail.com	435-673-7448
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Trustee	Wor Timothy P. Orr(Tina)	timmcsquared@gmail.com	435-868-8823

PAST MASTERS

1993, 1994 & 1995	Gregory D. Gunderson, PM
1996 & 2003	* James A, Summers, PM
1997	*Robert C, Tomlinson, PM
1998 & 1999	Dean D. Rein, PGM
2000, 2001 & 2002	Matt R. Robertson. PM
2004 & 2005	* James A. Leone, PM
2006	Keith A. Stout, PM
2007	Stephen B. Stout, PM
2008	Terry D. Lee, PM
2009	Ronald D, Amland, PM
2010	* Ernest T. Therrault, PM
2011	Christopher C. Young, PM
2012	Stephen A. Prows, PM
2013	James R. Baker, PM
2014	Timothy P. Orr, PM
2015	Travis R. Christiansen

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

1965	Arthur I. Kriss, PM
1975	David Williams, PM
1976	Ken Pigeon, PM
1976	David Reinitz, PM
1984	David H. Nelson, PGM
1985	Larry A. Fairclough, PGM
1991	William A. Powell Sr., PGM
1993	Donald K. Nicklas, PM
1997	Joseph S. Lambert, PM
1997	Jim Etling, PM
2000	Aric M. Cramer. PM
2003	Brian J. Hastings, PM
2008	Wendell G. Shallenberger, PM
2009	Lawrence R. Rodriguez, PM
2011	Justin A. Kennard, PM
	* (Deceased)