

SCOTTISH RITE CLUB OF BARRIE
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Dear Fellow Club Member:

Everyone is now thinking about the upcoming year and the blessings we enjoy. It is also a time to reflect on the ending year. Our club is now in its 4th year with seven meetings in our history where we have enjoyed excellent presentations: Albert Pike (Dale Graham); Alchemy (Scott Rowe); the Kaballah (Greg Quinn); demographics and strategic initiatives for the rite (Terry McLean, SGC); Manley P. Hall (Scott Rowe); and, the early history of the rite (Brian Gilkinson, Deputy) at our most recent meeting.

Our October 4th meeting was also our annual elections where seven directors were elected: Steve Barendregt (Treasurer); Doug Crawford; Cam Goodman (President); Mark Linnemoller; Garry Perkins; Sean Snow (Secretary) and Chris Wiwchar (Vice President).

This year's highlight had to be the Nov 17th & 18th trip to Moore Sovereign Consistory organized by Steve & Chris. A wonderful fraternal, social and educational time was enjoyed by 12 club members and a valley member. We had a full tour of the incredible facility (including a trip to the roof for those less faint of heart!). We witnessed exceptional ritual - 20th, 24th, 29th, 30th, 31st & 32nd degrees along with the WW1 two part drama (only done in Hamilton) after the 31st & 32 degrees. The entire weekend was fun and a terrific experience for each of us.

Steve & Chris are now experts with our special events and are working on another cash friendly trip next year !

We have found early Oct to be a hectic time and the 1st week of Apr to be both busy and a worry about weather so have changed our meeting dates to the **2nd Wed of May and October**. We hope these dates will be better for all. Please mark your calendars for **May 9th & October 10th in 2018**.

Our Treasurer has completed the financial statement for the year Nov 1/16 to Oct 31/17 and Steve would be pleased to provide a copy to you on request. Our bank balance was \$3816.33 as of October 31st.

Your founders formulated a framework for the club of which I remain very proud:

- i) Mission Statement: "To provide and maintain a stimulating social environment promoting individual enlightenment".
- ii) Motto "Sapientia Pax Fraternitas" (Wisdom Peace Fraternity) – this summarizes our objectives and mission statement in three powerful words.
- iii) Purposes/Objectives
 - To enhance the experience of being a Scottish Rite Freemason through social assemblies and events.
 - To create an atmosphere for personal growth – learning, understanding and enlightenment.
 - To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and knowledge in a social environment.
 - To create enthusiasm and a desire to be included and participate in the Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite activities.
 - To provide a medium for participation where members otherwise may find a void.
 - The Club is focused on 21st century living and technology for its communications and records maintenance.

In regards to governance, I refer you to our Constitution and Operating Procedures on the website www.theriteclub.ca

Terry Anderson has volunteered to create a new website and maintain same for the club. Thanks Terry ! The executive also sincerely thanks James Greaves for creating and generosity maintaining our website for 3 years. We are also grateful to Jim Anderson for updating our original website in the summer and early fall.

Your club has approximately 60 members. I say approximately as there are some o/s dues resulting in uncertainty of the count.

We congratulate our sister clubs, Victoria Scottish Rite Club (founded 1945) and Muskoka Scottish Rite (founded 1971) on their many years of success and generous charity endeavours over the decades.

Steve, Doug, Mark, Garry, Sean, Chris & I extend our sincere wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Cam Goodman
President, Scottish Rite Club of Barrie