

SCOTTISH RITE CLUB OF BARRIE
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Dear Fellow Member:

We hope this message finds you and yours in good health and life circumstances.

The club is now in its 5th year. We have enjoyed interesting presentations at each of our nine meetings: Albert Pike (Dale Graham); Alchemy (Scott Rowe); the Kaballah (Greg Quinn); demographics and strategic initiatives for the rite (Terry McLean, now Gr Sec'y General & Past SGC); Manley P. Hall (Scott Rowe); the early history of the rite (Brian Gilkinson, Deputy); Knights Templar (Scott Rowe) and meanings, myths and facts of the rite (Rory Jones of Hamilton valley).

We appreciate your input for possible speakers and topics of interest to you. Requested subject matter to date have been covered. Our speakers this year will be our valley's own Ill Bro Dr. Brad Dibble and R W Bro Wayne Anderson from Kingston.

Your seven directors for the next year are: Steve Barendregt (Treasurer;); Doug Crawford; Cam Goodman (President); Garry Perkins; Rob Murdock (Secretary); Scott Rowe and Chris Wiwchar (Vice President).

Our meeting dates have met with conflicts with other events for some members and in 2019 our regular meetings will be on the 5th Tue of Apr and the 5th Tue of Oct. Please mark your calendars for 6 p m on **Tue Apr 30th & Tue Oct 29th.**

Another "Fireside Chat" is scheduled for Fri Mar 29th with Garry Perkins making a presentation. Further details will be sent to you and be on the website in the new year.

A trip (including wives) is also being planned for 2019 - most likely Washington again. Details will be announced in the new year when Chris & Garry have further information.

Our Treasurer has completed the financial statement for the year Nov 1/17 to Oct 31/18 and Steve would be pleased to provide a copy to you on request. Our bank balance was \$4940.13 as of October 31st.

As announced at the meetings, club donations were made this year to Rainbow Girls and our Learning Centres via the Hamilton Peterborough & Barrie golf tournaments.

We thank Terry Anderson for managing our website. Do check it periodically for updates and ask other valley members to view it for information about the club. ie www.theriteclub.ca (you can also easily access the site via a link from our excellent valley website).

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.

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

Steve, Doug, Garry, Rob, Scott, Chris & I extend our sincere wishes to you and your family for a joyous festive season and the blessings of health and happiness in 2019.

Merry Christmas !

Cam Goodman
President, Scottish Rite Club of Barrie