

THE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB OF BARRIE
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Dear Fellow Member:

We hope this message finds you and yours in good life circumstances. For those with health or other challenges or dealing with a dear one's illness, we extend our thoughts and prayers.

To those members who joined the club in 2019 - welcome !

The Scottish Rite Club of Barrie is now in its 6th year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for our first 5 years and I congratulate and thank Chris Wiwchar for assuming this leadership role. At our October 29th election, the following were elected as our directors for the ensuing year: Steve Barendregt (Treasurer); Doug Crawford; Cam Goodman; Garry Perkins (Vice President); Rob Murdock (Secretary); Scott Rowe and Chris Wiwchar (President).

The big news in 2019 was our participation in the purchase and installation of a video projector in the Greer Room. Chris and Steve were the catalysts and leaders for this project which was funded by the temple corporation, the valley, pig roast committee, learning centre and this club. We thank them for their vision and efforts in achieving this wonderful innovation which is now in full use at our reunions and available to all groups who use the facility.

The Scottish Rite Club of Barrie also funded the purchase of a designated pc for the operation of the video projector.

Once again, we donated to our Learning Centres through hole sponsorship of fundraiser golf tournaments.

Our speakers this year were R W Bro Wayne Anderson from Kingston (maintaining balance in our lives) and our own Ill Bro Dr Brad Dibble (heart health) – we thank them for informative and interesting presentations.

Our meeting dates in 2020 are on the 5th Tuesday of March and the 5th Monday of November. Be sure to mark your calendar for **Tue Mar 31st & Mon Nov 30th.**

At our next meeting, we will hear about forensic science in policing by our secretary who is a metro police retiree and former law enforcement instructor.

Event (short trip) ideas are under consideration for next year. You can keep current on club activities via facebook or checking our website. We encourage you to refer newer members of the rite to the website for information about the club.

We are grateful to Terry Anderson for managing our website. ie www.theriteclub.ca (you can also easily access the site via a link from the valley's excellent website).

We also thank Mark Linnemoller who continues to work with the executive in the operations of our club.

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.

Steve, Doug, Garry, Rob, Scott, Chris & I extend our sincere wishes to you and your family for a joyous and healthy Christmas season and God's grace in the coming year.

Cam Goodman - Past President