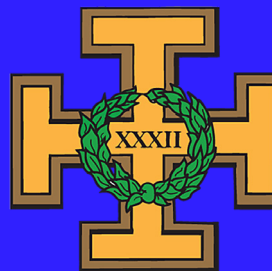
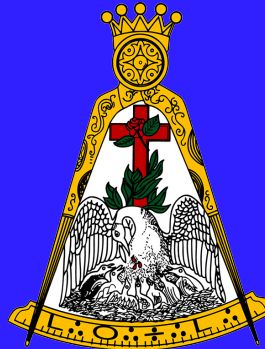




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## Venerable Master's Message

How has the landscape changed over the last 70 years?  
And what has changed over the last three years?

I was at the Scottish Rite building when the new Home Depot held its employee "soft" opening. Home Depot management invited the Scottish Rite management to attend, so I tagged along. It was nice to see the new facility and listen to the inspirational talks designed to motivate the employees just before the grand opening.

It truly is a beautiful store. And that is saying something coming from a tool junkie who buys "stuff" whether I need it or not. You could say that purchasing tools and other things has become somewhat of a hobby for me and many other men and women.

As I stood there looking around, I started thinking about the landscape, the buildings, and what was here before the Scottish Rite and Home Depot. That got me wondering whether our membership might have questions about the property and the buildings that now occupy it.

Most everyone knows the old Scottish Rite building was originally a bowling alley called Bowlero. Before that, the property was agricultural land.

Bowlero was built by the Skirball brothers in 1958. The

Skirball brothers, primarily Jack H. Skirball and his brothers were prominent American theatrical, film, and real estate entrepreneurs. Best known for operating movie theater circuits, producing Hollywood films and developing major Southern California landmarks like San Diego's original Bowlero and Vacation Village, now Paradise Point. Reports differ on the exact number of lanes Bowlero had, with some listing 56 lanes and others 80. The building itself was approximately 64,000 square feet.

From approximately 1964/65 through 2023, the property served as the Scottish Rite event center. It was used for Masonic events, but the facility was also rented for a wide variety of other activities, including gun shows, bead shows, bodybuilding events, and many other gatherings.

Then came another major change.

In 2024, Home Depot leased 7.92 acres of the Scottish Rite property. The original building was demolished, and today a brand-new Home Depot occupies that portion of the property.

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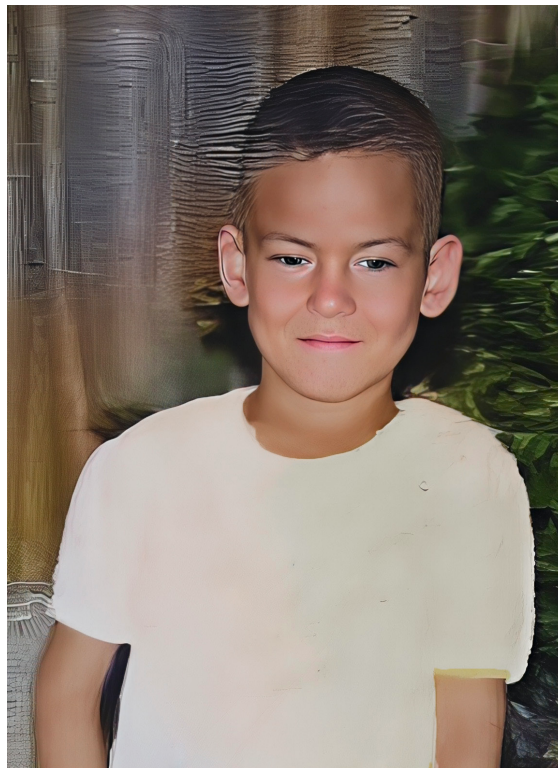
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*Soft and safe to thee, my Brother,  
be thy resting place!*

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**Can you name this  
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Last month's picture was:  
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*News From the Center*  
From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

## Back to School

As summer comes to a close, the RiteCare Childhood Language Center is excited about the work done to prepare children for a successful return to school. Through our "Back to School" therapy theme, we have been incorporating school-themed books, games, and activities into therapy sessions to build the communication skills children will use in the classroom. We are also celebrating eight children who graduated from our program this summer. Through their hard work, family support, and dedication, they are beginning the new school year with speech and language skills that are on track with their peers and the confidence to continue learning and growing. Throughout the summer, we were also pleased to provide therapy services for several children who receive speech-language services through their public school district during the school year, helping them maintain and strengthen their skills while school was out of session.

This summer also marked the launch of our very first Pre-Literacy Skills Camp, led by Jenn. Three different groups of children met throughout the week to strengthen phonological awareness, letter knowledge, and other foundational pre-reading skills through engaging, early literacy activities. The program was a great success and provided children with a strong foundation as they prepare to enter the classroom and begin learning to read.

We wish all of our RiteCare families a wonderful school year and look forward to continuing to support their communication and literacy growth throughout the year.



## Scottish Rite Scholarship Night



(L to R) Singing for the Crowd that evening was Ill.: Mel Stein, 33°, PGM, Bro. Mike Singer, 32°, Ill.: JoJo Quimpo, 33°, and Bro. Rod Cuevas, 32°; Members of Black Mountain Lodge No. 845 was extremely generous in donating \$1,000 to the RiteCare CLC. Ill.: Keith Meeker, 33° acted as the MC for the scholarship presentations. The first presentation was given to Trent Brooks.



(L to R) Trent Brooks spoke to the audience, expressing his gratitude for the scholarship and sharing his goals for the future. The next presentation went to Jasper Gough as he delivered a heartfelt speech to the room. The next scholarship went to Ariana Heninger. She thanked the committee for making her future education possible.



(L to R) The next scholarship went to Aliya Landes who stepped up to the microphone to honor the donors behind her scholarship, reflecting on how their investment will shape her path forward; and the final scholarship went to Marely Montejo, who stood before the audience to offer a passionate thank-you for her scholarship. Ill.: JoJo Quimpo, 33° addressed the crowd and the scholarship recipients.

## Venerable Master's Message

Here are some interesting numbers that help put the changes into perspective:

The entire Scottish Rite property encompasses approximately 13.65 acres.

The former Bowlero building was approximately 64,000 square feet.

The new Home Depot occupies approximately 7.92 acres.

The Home Depot's main building is approximately 106,880 square feet.

The garden center adds approximately 17,916 square feet.

The parking garage is approximately 155,013 square feet and provides 459 parking spaces.

New turn lanes have also been added, so please pay particular attention when entering or leaving either the Home Depot or Scottish Rite property.

Meanwhile, the new Scottish Rite building is a modern, two-story facility of approximately 40,000 square feet. It sits on just under 7 acres and has approximately 123 parking spaces.

When you stop and think about it, the property has gone through quite a transformation—from agricultural land to a major bowling center, to a Scottish Rite event facility, and now to two modern facilities serving very different purposes. A lot can change in seven decades and even more can change in just three years!

The Scottish Rite event for the month of September will be the Feast of Tishri. This event will be held at the September Stated Meeting and will be led by Il. John McQuown. The Feast of Tishri is an annual event commemorating the harvest, the wandering of the Israelites in the wilderness, and the dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

We hope you will join us for this special evening.

And lastly, please RSVP for all events. Remember, if you RSVP and do not attend, you will still be charged for the meal.

On the level, my brothers,  
Michael J. Singer, 32°  
Venerable Master

# Masonic Trivia

1) The marble and glazed terra-cotta Masonic Temple in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, New York, was designed by renowned architect James Monroe Hewlett in 1909. By 1912, it was the home to thirty-five local Masonic Lodges.

The 1200 seat concert hall on the ground floor is quadruple height. Through the decades, the Masons have kept current with the changing trends in entertainment.

Their auditorium has been the progressive scene of vaudeville acts, rock-n-roll concert performances, and professional women's boxing matches. Talk about rolling with the punches.

2) Prior to 1895, each US Postmaster was permitted to design and make the hand stamps used to cancel letters at his individual post office.

It was common for Freemason postmasters to create cancellation stamps depicting a square and compass, Masonic working tools, officer's jewels or York Rite and Scottish Rite symbols. Modern philatelists prize envelopes bearing postage stamps adorned with these unique cancellations as part of their collections.

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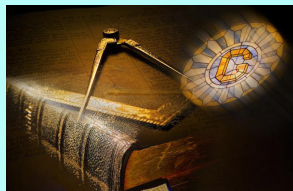
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### PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Great Architect of the Universe,

The heat of summer slowly fades into autumn as we continue our journey through the life You have given us. We pray for the guidance and direction that You offer to illuminate our path.



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