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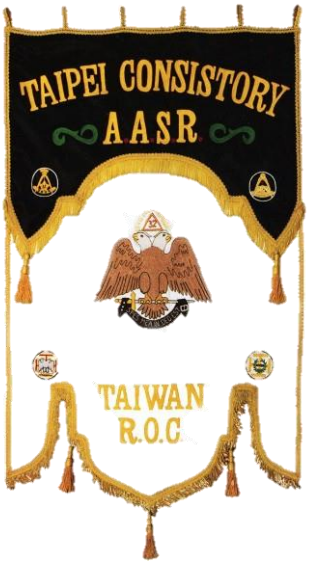

Welcome

Fall Reunion

Taipei, Taiwan, September 15 and 16, 2023

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Community

In our continuous quest to enrich our community and provide a forum for better communication among all our brethren, we are excited to announce the implementation of a new initiative. This initiative is founded on unity and connection, the values that tie us together as one big family. To foster this, we have meticulously curated a selection of links and platforms designed to facilitate and improve communication within our community. These platforms are more than just digital spaces; we come together, share ideas, solve problems, and celebrate our shared experiences.

These links are gateways to diverse virtual realms, each hosting unique features tailored to accommodate various preferences and needs. For our brethren who prefer real-time conversation, we have interactive chat platforms. These platforms enable text-based communication and voice and video chat, which can provide a more personal touch to our online interactions. Our goal is to mirror the dynamic and interactive atmosphere you would experience in a physical gathering or meeting.

We have links to various discussion forums for those who like to engage in meaningful conversations and delve deep into different subjects. These forums will enable you to initiate and participate in thought-provoking discussions. They offer a platform for you to share your insights, learn from others and cultivate your thoughts.

We also acknowledge that not all communication is verbal. Sometimes, the best way to express oneself is through creativity. Thus, we've incorporated platforms where our brethren can share their creative outputs, art, music, writing, and expression. These platforms will serve as our community's digital art gallery and concert hall, a testament to our shared creativity and talent.

Moreover, recognizing the value of information dissemination, we've prepared links to our news and updates channels. Here, you will be kept abreast of all our community's significant happenings and developments. These channels ensure that no critical news will slip Through the cracks, maintaining transparency and keeping everyone informed.

For our community members who are technologically challenged or prefer traditional methods of communication, we have also set up an email group. This group will deliver regular newsletters directly to your inbox, keeping you updated

while respecting your preferred mode of communication.

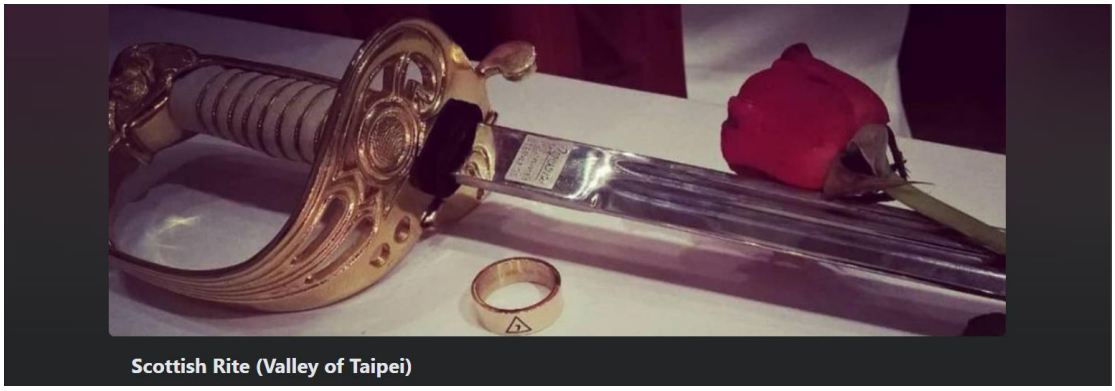
Finally, in this era of mobile technology, we also offer mobile apps, which provide the convenience of accessing these communication platforms right at your fingertips, anytime and anywhere. These apps promise to make your digital interaction experience as smooth and user-friendly as possible.

Each link is a testament to our commitment to bridging the communication gap among all brethren. In our community, every voice matters. We believe that fostering better communication can cultivate understanding, empathy, and unity. We offer These links to you, so you may find your voice within our community, express yourself freely, and connect more deeply with your brethren. It's not just about implementing better communication; it's about weaving a more robust, tighter-knit community.

We look forward to seeing all of you there in these virtual spaces where our community can grow and thrive together.

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/groups/265121538681730



LINE Group

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2023 Scottish Rite Honourmen

The following Brethren have been elected to receive the 33°, Inspector General Honorary and the 32°, Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, for the 2023 Biennium.
Congratulations, Brethren!

Andre Arul	**Winston Chen**	**August Y.T. Chen**	**Dr. Venga G Suppiah Kalachulu**
Mun Wan Lai	**Ooi Beng Lim**	**Paulo Hsin Han Wu**	**Shin Cheong Yee**

Roy Chih-Wei Chan	**Khan Wei Chan**	**Tsung Kai Chang**	**Arthur Yi-Cheng Chen**
Lfred Chuah Teong Eng	**Edouard George**	**Ashok Gopalan**	**Peter Huang**
Subhash Chandran Jalabhay	**Yu-Feng Kao**	**Jason Wai Kok Lau**	**Andrew Jude Malanga**
Ho Keat Neoh	**Mupindra Singh**	**Shanmugam Subbiah**	**Areekara Narayanan Sujeesh**
Balakrishna Vikram			

Special Connection Between Taipei and Kuala Lumpur
A Masonic Feast Under the Eastern Sky

In the heart of Kuala Lumpur, amid the towering skyscrapers and bustling streets, sat a building, humble in its exterior but grand in its purpose. This was the Masonic Temple, home to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the District of Malaysia. Within its venerable walls, Illustrious Brother Roy Tan, a 33rd-degree Mason, and his brethren had been working tirelessly for days, preparing to host a meaningful event on July 23rd.

It was no ordinary occasion. The Scottish Rite brethren were about to welcome a distinguished guest, Illustrious Deputy Norman Pin, a respected Rite's Supreme Council figure. Deputy Pin's visit was eagerly anticipated, not just for the fellowship it promised but also for exchanging wisdom and insights to strengthen the local Masonic community.

Ill. Bro. Roy Tan envisioned making this event unique and memorable. To that end, he had arranged a grand dinner in honor of Deputy Pin's arrival. His meticulous planning was evident in every detail - the seating arrangements, the banquet menu, and the carefully chosen decorations that reflected the Scottish Rite heritage and the vibrant Malaysian culture.

They arrived on the evening of July 23rd, shrouding the city in twilight hues. The Masonic brethren in Kuala Lumpur buzzed with quiet excitement. As the brethren donned their regalia, there was a palpable camaraderie and anticipation. The night's proceedings began with a formal reception, the brethren lining up to welcome their esteemed guests.

Deputy Norman Pin was warmly greeted by Roy Tan, who was resplendent in his ceremonial attire. Exchanging a firm handshake and the traditional Masonic salutation, the two men reflected the deep bonds of brotherhood that the Scottish Rite nurtures across the globe. The assembly erupted in applause, an affirmation of unity and mutual respect.

Post the reception, they proceeded to the dining hall, a grand space adorned with Masonic symbols, the walls bearing the illustrious history of the fraternity. It was a sight to behold, the long tables set elegantly with gleaming silverware, fine china, and crystal glassware, a testament to the meticulous efforts of Ill. Bro. Roy Tan and his team.

An impressive array of cuisines awaited them, a fusion of local Malaysian fare and classic Western dishes, a symbol of the cultural amalgamation this evening was. The hall echoed with conversation, laughter, and clinking of glasses, fostering a warm, convivial atmosphere. The dinner was more than just a meal; it celebrated brotherhood, mutual respect, and shared wisdom.

The highlight of the evening was a series of speeches by Ill. Bro. Roy Tan, Deputy Pin, and a few selected brethren. They spoke about the values of Freemasonry, the importance of their work, and the bond that tied every Masonic brother, irrespective of their geographical boundaries.

The evening he concluded with Deputy Pin expressing his deep gratitude towards the brethren in Kuala Lumpur, incredibly Ill. Bro. Roy Tan, for his extraordinary effort to make this dinner a grand success. The night was a testament to the strong sense of fraternity that Freemasonry promotes and an excellent memory etched in the annals of the Scottish Rite's history in Kuala Lumpur.

Financial Statement

In an effort to enhance our commitment to transparency and trust, we have decided to introduce a new policy concerning our financial reporting. Starting from the next issue, our Newsletter will feature a comprehensive financial report of the preceding two months. We believe that this move will not only promote open dialogue and trust amongst all stakeholders, but also offer an opportunity for our members to better understand our financial health, strategic decisions, and overall operation. We are dedicated to maintaining a high level of transparency in our financial practices, and we see this as an important step towards that goal.

May

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Financial Statement NO.23 - 05
April 15, 2022 ~ May 15, 2023

1. US$ Portion		
A. Balance Carried Forward from 4/15/2023		12,754.48
B. Income		
Dues from Web-April 2023	1,606.18	
USD from Spring Reunion in Bangkok (Including Donation from Edward- USD 200, Initial Fee, Dues, and Exchange from Thai Bhat	11,075.00	
Dues from Web-May 2023	2,558.56	
C. Beginning balance + receipt		15,239.74
		27,994.22
D. Expenditure		
		0.00
E. Balance as at 05/15/2023		**27,994.22**
2. NT$ Portion		
A. Balance Carried Forward from 4/15/2023		330,182
B. Income		
Dues-Tsung Kai Chang	5,000	
Donation-Rich Yang	2,500	
Dues-Thomas Lin	2,500	
Dues-Thunder Chen	5,000	
Dues-Peter Huang	5,000	
Dues-August Chen	5,000	
Initial Fee-Tom Tsai	18,000	
		43,000
C. Beginning balance + receipt		373,182
D. Expenditure		
Secretary transportation fee (April 2023)	-18,000	
Flower Basket for York Rite	-1,000	
Flower Basket for Cheng Kai Wang	-2,000	
2022 Fall Reunion Lunch Box & Printing	-5,750	
Stationary @$99+$226+$80	-405	
Initial Fee US$899.00 to Supreme Council for new member by credit card	-28,015	
Postage to Supreme Council	-93	
		-55,263
E. Balance as at 05/15/2023		**317,919**
3. Almoner Collrection		
A. Almoner Collrection Forward from 3/15/2023		$11,359
B. Income		
Almoner collection Mar 2023	$1,350	
		$1,350
Almoner collection Balance as at 5/15/2023		$12,709

Remarks: Balance as at 5/15/2023 cash on hand with Secretary
Winston- NTD 126,823
NTD 120,813+NTD 6010(Almoner collection)
Jili- NTD 30,942
(Paid Secretary transportation fee April 2023 18,000)
NTD 48,942-18,000=30,942

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3. Life Membership Funds

Cathay United Bank Cert. No. 201-20-108975-7	06/Aug./2022	1.145%	NT$837,752.00
Cathay United Bank Cert. No. 201-20-108973-1	06/Aug./2022	1.145%	NT$800,000.00
Cathay United Bank Cert. No. 201-20-108316-3	06/Jan./2022	1.395%	NT$170,944.00
			NT$1,808,696.00

Respectfully Submitted,

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Treasurer

Approved by,

Paulo Wu
Venerable Master

June

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Financial Statement NO.23 - 06
May 15, 2022 ~ June 15, 2023

1. US$ Portion		
A. Balance Carried Forward from5/15/2023		27,994.22
B. Income		
Dues from Web-May 2023	1,860.26	
C. Beginning balance + receipt		1,860.26
		29,854.48
D. Expenditure		
Invoice 41079, Check #1021(opened 9 May 2023)		($22,320.00)
		($22,320.00)
E. Balance as at 06/15/2023		**7,534.48**
2. NT$ Portion		
A. Balance Carried Forward from 5/15/2023		317,919
B. Income		
Dues-Frank Ngan(2022, 2023)	5,000	
Exhanged THB2,600 to NTD with Jili	2,300	
		7,300
C. Beginning balance + receipt		325,219
D. Expenditure		
Secretary transportation fee (May 2023)	-18,000	
Stationary	-645	
Postage to Thailand, Singapore & SriLanka (NTD515+495+180)	-1,190	
Cost for Honoray Cap (USD49.95*25+120.00 "Shipping Cost"= USD 1,368.75= NTD 42,686, exchange rate 1:31.186)	-42,686	
Postage to Malaysia	-335	
Postage to India	-187	
Downpayment for Fall Reunion's Welcome Party & Banquet at ILLUME Taipei	-38,000	
		-101,043
E. Balance as at 06/15/2023		**224,176**
3. Almoner Collrection		
A. Almoner Collrection Forward from 5/15/2023		$12,709
B. Income		
Almoner collection May 2023	$1,076	
		$1,076
Almoner collection Balance as at 6/15/2023		$13,785

Remarks: Balance as at 6/15/2023 cash on hand with Secretary
Winston- NTD 52,156
NTD45,070+NTD 7,086(Almoner collection)
Jili- NTD 12,942
(Paid Secretary transportation fee May 2023 18,000)
NTD 30,942-18,000=12,942

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The Scottish Rite Taipei Bodies

The Scottish Rite is a Masonic organization that is known for its symbolic degrees and teachings, focusing on moral and philosophical aspects. While I couldn't find specific information on the history of the Scottish Rite bodies in Taipei, Taiwan, I can provide you with a general overview of the Scottish Rite's history and its presence worldwide. The Scottish Rite traces its roots back to the early 18th century and the development of Freemasonry. The origins of the Scottish Rite are often associated with the creation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the 18th century, which was formalized and expanded upon by the notable Masonic figure, Frederick the Great, King of Prussia.

The Scottish Rite consists of a series of degrees or degrees within a system that builds upon the three symbolic degrees of Craft Masonry (Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason). These additional degrees of the Scottish Rite provide further exploration of moral and philosophical concepts and are conferred upon Freemasons who choose to continue their Masonic journey beyond the basic degrees. The Scottish Rite spread globally over time, establishing bodies in various countries, including Taiwan. The exact history of the Scottish Rite bodies in Taipei would be specific to their establishment and development within the region. If you are interested in the history and specific details of the Scottish Rite bodies in Taipei, reaching out to local Masonic organizations or contacting the Grand Lodge of China, which can provide more specific information about the Scottish Rite's presence in Taipei.

On 22 October 1957 the Supreme Council issued the Permanent Charters for all four coordinated bodies.

Meetings	Date
Lodge of Perfection	Monthly on the 4th Tuesday except in July, August and September
Chapter Rose Croix	January, March, May, and November
Council of Kadosh	February, April, June, October, and December
Consistory	March, June, and December
Spring Reunion	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 27 and 28, 2024.
Fall Reunion	Taipei, Taiwan, September 15 and 16, 2023.

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