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Calendar of Events – *What's Happening Around Here?*

January 1st The office will be closed.

January 24th Executive Meeting 6:30pm. Dinner before the meeting.

January 26th Stated Meeting 6:30pm.

February 6th Scottish Rite Visit to Bunnell Lodge #200.

February 21st Executive Meeting 6:30pm. Dinner before the meeting.

February 26th Stated Meeting 6:30pm. Knight of the Double Eagle award program.

March 12th Scottish Rite Visit to Volusia Lodge #77.

March 23rd Stated Meeting, Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal.

April 24th Scottish Rite Visit to Sirius Sunshine Lodge #402.

What's New At Scottish Rite?

First, I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. This time of the year is a busy one for all of us and we should all be thankful for our family and friends, especially our Brother Masons. 2007 will present several challenges for us and I am working hard to meet these challenges and find brothers who will step up to the plate and take ownership of a few of our projects this year.

I am looking to re-invent Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Orlando. For many years we have suffered declining membership (not like our Lodges) and implementing the Strategic Plan from the Supreme Council is one way to turn this around. In order for this to work though, we need Scottish Rite Masons to help build our plan within the Valley and bring new ideas, thoughts and programs to our membership.

Last year, we anointed 81 new Masters of the Royal Secret and this year we hope to double those numbers. We have set a Goal for the Spring Reunion of 100 new members and with the appointment of our "Aides to the Personal Representative". I feel this will be easily done. Membership needs to be our focus for renewing our resources for future needs in the Valley. Change is also needed for us to evolve into the New Year. I'm not talking about anything drastic, just enough for us to create a little excitement in Valley activities.

This year we are going to try Open Meetings for our monthly meeting. The Executive Committee will meet on the Wednesday before the Friday meeting and all matters important to the operation for the Valley will be posted at the meeting on Friday. We will also allow the Heads of the four Bodies, Knights of St. Andrew and KCCH showcase their perspective organizations at one of the monthly meetings, chose the program for the evening and get involved in the format for all attendees.

Our Long Range Planning Committee has identified an immediate need for the Valley, the need to establish and maintain a Valley Mentoring Program and will focus on establishing this program, training Mentors and educating our new members about Scottish Rite to encourage involvement in Valley activities, committees, degrees and more.

I look forward to our January 26th meeting and hope everyone comes out to experience the new meeting format.

Fraternally,

Zeb E. Blanton, Jr.

Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.

Youth Visitations

The Valley of Orlando will continue to visit the Youth of our Valley. Keep an eye on the Bulletin or e-mails from the General Secretary for time and place of the next visit.

🍴Kitchen Corner 🍴

A New Year – A New Program!

6:30 P.M. Is The Start Time

It is not necessary to bring anything but your appetite.

Good Food and Good Fellowship – It doesn't get any better!

Check out our web site: www.srorlando.org

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Stated Meetings Start at 5:45pm.
January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd.



LODGE VISITATIONS

February 6th meet us at **Bunnell Lodge No. 200**

Located at Court Street & S. Bay St. Bunnell

March 12th will we be at **Volusia Lodge No. 77**

Located at the Corner of Pine St. and Route 40, Barbersville

April 24th meet us at **Sirius Sunshine No. 402**

Located at 109 South Bay St. Barbersville.

This will finish our first round of visitations to all of the Lodges that make up the Valley of Orlando.

See You On The Road!



From the Master of Kadosh:

Dear Brothers:

I wish to thank everyone for your confidence in electing me Master of Kadosh. I look forward to a new year of new things for the Valley of Orlando. 2007 is the year for honors and I hope that each of you who will be invested with the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and coroneted an Inspector General Honorary will rededicate yourself to the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Valley of Orlando.

Fraternally,

Ill. Ray T. Cox, Jr., 33°

Master of Kadosh

KCCH Court of Honor

My Brothers,

First I want to thank you for the Honor & Privilege of electing me to serve as your Commander this year. I hope that I will be able to fulfill my obligations honorably and with enthusiasm.

Whatever our Club accomplishes this year will be directly proportional to your efforts and participation. I serve as the clubs leader and hopefully I will be able to inspire and encourage each of you to be a more active participant in our Beloved Scottish Rite. I can not accomplish anything alone. I will need the help of each of you, and as a team we can accomplish great things and inspire others to follow our lead.

I encourage each of you to attend meetings, travel to the Lodge and Youth Group visitations and to do whatever is necessary to assist Illustrious Zeb and Keith in their continuing efforts to improve our Scottish Rite and increase attendance and participation.

Remember Brothers the success of the Scottish Rite is up to each of us as an individual and collectively as a team. Let us make every effort to succeed.

James A. Nash 32° KCCH Commander

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A., Inc.

To Hear ----- To Speak ----- To Understand

How do you identify Language Disorders and Associated Learning Disabilities? Children who have these problems are sometimes hard to detect. There is a wide age range for children to begin talking. Parents may become concerned later than desirable, may not recognize, or may misinterpret the symptoms. These children are often slow in developing a vocabulary or are difficult to understand, using incomplete or incorrect sentences or gibberish. They may have difficulties with attention, memory, or word retrieval. They may be slow in processing auditory information. There are many technical diagnostic terms for these problems, and some of them can sound terrifying to parents. However, parents must remember that many of these dysfunctions do not mean mental deficiency or emotional distributions.

Make a difference in a child's life support the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida

Scottish Rite Clubs – Valley of Orlando

Central Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Thursday each month at Brevard Lodge #113 at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Deltona Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Monday each month at Landmark Lodge #383 at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Halifax Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Monday each month at Daytona Beach Lodge #270 at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Wednesday each month at Eustis Lodge #85 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations required.

New Smyrna Beach Scottish Rite Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the New Smyrna Beach Shrine Club 7:00 p.m. for covered dish dinner.

Osceola Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Friday each month at St. Cloud Lodge #221 at 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner.

Sanford Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Wednesday each month at I-Hop Orlando Ave (US 17-92) south of the 417 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner meeting .

South Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 4th Thursday each month at Melbourne Lodge #143 at 6:30 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Titusville Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Tuesday each month at Indian River Lodge #90 at 6:30 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

The MISSION of the SCOTTISH RITE of FREEMASONRY in the ORIENT of FLORIDA

Is to be the premier fraternity of men of integrity and good character by providing opportunities for personal growth, leadership skills, education and social interaction based on the values of Friendship, Charity, Patriotism, Tolerance, Integrity and a belief in a Supreme Being. To that end we commit to making a positive impact on mankind, promoting our community and providing value to the Masonic Fraternity.