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The Orlando Scottish Rite Bulletin July – August 2007

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

July 4th – Independence Day, Office Closed.

August 9th – Scottish Rite Visit to Deland Rainbow.

July 12th – Scottish Rite Visit to Landmark Lodge #383.

August 21st – Scottish Rite Visit to Eola Lodge #207.

July 14th – Knights of St. Andrew Bar-B-Q 4pm to 7pm.

August 24th – Stated Meeting.

July 23rd – Scottish Rite Visit to Mt Dora Rainbow Assembly.

September 3rd – Labor Day, Office Closed.

July 27th – Stated Meeting.

Changing for the Better!

I am proud to say, your Scottish Rite Valley is leading the Orient of Florida in many ways. With programs like the Passport Program, Mentors Program, 14th Degree Ring Ceremony, our Annual Flag Day Program, to mention a few. We are striving to try new things, reach outside of the box to make Scottish Rite Masonry interesting and inviting to all our members and guests. Of course membership is a concern, not just recruiting, but retaining those members who have joined and may not have realized or attained their full potential or expectations in Scottish Rite.

In a few short weeks, I will be mailing a letter to almost 313 Scottish Rite Masons who have not renewed their membership this year and another 164 Scottish Rite Masons who have not renewed their membership for the past 2 years. When you have almost 500 members are in jeopardy of losing their identity as a Scottish Rite Mason, I just have to ask, “Where have we failed?” Last year we initiated 81 new Masters of the Royal Secret and this spring, another 26. These new members are excited and proud to have become 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Many of those 500 Scottish Rite Masons were just as excited and proud when they joined and we owe it to them to find out why they are willing to lose their investment in Scottish Rite, possibly for ever!

In the next few months we will begin making plans for our 2007 Fall Reunion and I for think our goal of 100 new Scottish Rite Masons is attainable. Our Mentors Program will be completed by the time you read this message and we'll have launched it with “Full Steam Ahead”, excitement in bringing both mentoring and training to our new and existing members.

We are also going to begin hosting special Saturday Degrees, first on August 25, 2007 and again in December to allow for the repeated requests we are getting for better Educational sessions. This relaxed atmosphere in learning and sharing information about a certain Degree will be a great way to enjoy the Degrees. It will give the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the degree and its real meanings. This Saturday degree, 1 before lunch and 1 after, is designed to better learn, teach and discuss the true meaning of the Scottish Rite Degrees. You can watch the Degree and then be able to interact with the Orator, Cast and Characters to fully understand, ask questions about what was just seen and what the degree really meant or stood for.

Your Orlando Scottish Rite is on the go and we would love to have everyone involved in our success and programs.

Fraternally,

Zeb E Blanton, Jr.

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

Valley of Orlando

2007 HONORS ANNOUNCED

33° INSPECTOR GENERAL HONORARY

Raymond L. Bray – John N. Dickinson – Albert Isaacs – Chester A. King – Carl Ray – George L. Salis

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOR

Robert E. Burke, Jr. – John L. Hannah – William M. Hendrickson – Curtis F. Johnson – Robert M. Morris
Walter H. “Ricky” Ricks – Jose Saucedo – Gary L. Smith – Ralph M. Valido
William H. Word – Randy L. Ziegler

Check out our web site: www.srorlando.org



Bar-B-Q Fundraiser July 14 4pm – 7pm

We are having our first fund raiser of the year, July 14th from 4pm to 7pm and it is going to be a Bar-B-Q. So come out and enjoy good food and good fellowship. The price is \$6.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from any Knight of St. Andrew, in the office or the day of the Bar-B-Q. Look forward to seeing everyone there.
Steve Boring, 32°
Venerable Master

LODGE VISITATIONS

July 12th meet us at **Landmark Lodge No. 383**
Located at 720 N. Apache Circle, Deltona
August 21st meet us at **Eola Lodge No. 207**
Located at 3200 E. Grant St., Orlando
September 6th meet us at **Mount Dora Lodge No. 238**
Located at 535 N. Donnally St., Mount Dora
See You On The Road!
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KCCH Court of Honor

Brethren,
Our Fundraiser Dinner and Nostalgia Show on Oct. 13th are firmly planned and tickets have been available since our May Meeting.
The purpose of this event is to raise money for the Valley of Orlando while providing you and your guests with an evening of quality entertainment and outstanding fellowship. We have strived to keep the ticket price reasonable even though the cost for the entertainer and the meal will be on the high side. This means that ticket sales are imperative so let's each strive to sell as many as possible and try to attain a full house. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 for a couple. If you haven't picked yours up yet they will be available at each meeting throughout the summer. Hurry to get your own and pick up extras to sell.
This will be an excellent opportunity for you to bring non Scottish Rite Masons, as well as non Masons, to show them what Scottish Rite Masonry has to Offer, so be sure to either have these tickets with you to sell at any function you may attend.
All monies for tickets sold will need to be turned in to me or Ill. Keith by our meeting on September 28th 2007 in order for us to properly plan the amount of food to prepare.
Have a wonderful summer and please sell as many tickets as you can.
Fraternally
Jim Nash
32° KCCH
Commander

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A., Inc. TO HEAR – TO SPEAK – TO UNDERSTAND

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 Tavares Lodge #234 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.