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

November 17th Stated Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers for 2007.

November 20th Youth Visit at Lake/Sumter DeMolay.

November 23rd & 24th Thanksgiving. The Office will be closed.

November 27th Lodge Visitation to Palm Bay Lodge #397, Melbourne.

November 29th Budget Meeting 6:30pm.

November 30th Feast of St. Andrew.

December 25th The Office will be closed.

OUR FUTURE LIES WITH PUBLICITY

Interesting enough, I would have believed that with the national attention Masonry received with the blockbuster movie, "National Treasure" and "The Da Vinci Code", Masonry would have had a lot more inquiries from the general public. I have had several calls and received several email from people wanting information about becoming a Mason from our Web Site recently, but not in the numbers we had anticipated we would from the movies.

Over the years, in the Scottish Rite Journal, I have read many articles telling me what is wrong with Masonry, the cause of decline, where our problems are and what the future holds for us and it's not too encouraging! The Strategic Plan offered by The Supreme Council is a great tool we can use to not only turn around our loss of membership, but revitalize our Valleys to meet the needs of the future. We need to evolve and steer our organization past meetings and minutes! Move towards providing an interesting, intellectual and valuable social institution people would aspire to belong to. It does however lack one key point...How do you motivate an organization who's membership is made up of 99.999% volunteers to first recognize we are failing to meet the needs of today's society. How do you create their desire to take ownership of one of those key strategic points and then build a program that will attract new and retain current members.

While they all have an important role in the overall plan, one cannot work without the other and unless we focus on the positive aspects of Masonry and begin a Public Relations campaign to bring the value of Masonry to the eye of the general public, we'll always be viewed with cautious skepticism. I am trying to focus some of our Valley resources to implement the Strategic Plan and finding motivated people to do more than just attend a meeting can be difficult. With so many people involved in other organizations as well as Scottish Rite, it's their time and experience we need to capture for Scottish Rite activities, programs and committees. To do this we MUST build an organization that provides a superior environment for networking with other Masons. Not only socially but professionally. We MUST build an organization that offers a First Class presentation of our Fraternity and then live and breathe that status in the community. Only then will our Masonic Lodges begin to reap the benefits of people again seeking membership.

We need to SELL the Fraternity to the general public with the highest Masonic ideals, actions and participation in community events as well in Masonic events. The more positive publicity the Fraternity receives, the higher our organization will be held in the public eye. If you would like to join our team and be a part of the future of Scottish Rite Masonry, call me (407) 782-3781 or our General Secretary Keith Albright (407) 657-4550. There are plenty of opportunities for people wanting to own a small piece of our Valley's future.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Zeb E Blanton, Jr.
Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.
Valley of Orlando

Youth Visitations

The Orlando Scottish Rite will be visiting all of the Youth organizations that meet within the Valley of Orlando. Come join us and show your support for the Youth.

November 20th Lake/Sumter DeMolay at 7:30pm they meet at Eustis Lodge #85 128 N. Bay St. Eustis.

☉Kitchen Corner ☉

Don't Miss Our Holiday Extravaganza!

DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

It is not necessary to bring a dessert.

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

Check out our web site: www.srorlando.org

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

November 17th Stated Meeting 5:45pm.
Election of officers for 2007.
November 30th Feast of St. Andrew.
December Dark.

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From the Master of Kadosh:

Dear Brothers:

Tempus Fugit, or, have you noticed how fast this year has gone by.

Thank you: to our great kitchen crew, the officers of each of our Scottish Rite Bodies, our members, our Ladies Club and a very special thanks to our General Secretary III. Keith W. Albright, 33° and our office secretary Lee Baynes and certainly to our Personal Rep. III Zeb E. Blanton, Jr., 33°. I am grateful that we have been able to support Mrs. Rhonda Hemphill and her staff at the Orlando Clinic.

My wife Laverne and I want to wish you all a safe, joyous and Happy Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Charles E. Frost, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh

KCCH Court of Honor

My Brothers,

This being my final article, I would like to thank Ill. Zeb Blanton and Ill. Keith Albright for their assistance this year. Thanks also go to the many Brothers who traveled with us during 2006.

On Monday, September 18th, we visited Umatilla Lodge No. 65 with 18 in attendance. We had dinner and fellowship at the Mason Jar Restaurant. On Friday, September 22nd was our KCCH meeting. On Tuesday, September 26th, we visited Rainbow Assembly No. 134 at Apopka Lodge No. 36. This was our first youth group visitation sponsored by our D.D.G.M. Wor. Bob Morrow and the Orlando Scottish Rite. We had 15 attending and we ate at the Catfish Place in Apopka. On Thursday, September 28th, we visited Bahia Demolay Chapter at Composite Lodge No. 293 with 12 attending. Dinner was at the Lodge served by the Demolay Chapter.

The youth visitations have been appreciated by the youth and I am sure it will grow as our other visitations have. I have had a wonderful year as Commander of the K.C.C.H. and again thank you all for your traveling and dedication.

Carl Ray° 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.

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.

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

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.