

Valley of Fort Myers Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

ORIENT OF FLORIDA

WINTER 2025-2026



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MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Hello Brothers all. I hope your Holidays went well, and I also hope that your New Years plans are carried off smoothly and effortlessly. 2026 promises to be a great year for the Scottish Rite. We have new elected and appointed officers with great plans for the year. It all starts with installation of our new elected and appointed officers at the January Consistory meeting. Come meet the new leaders of the Valley of Fort Myers!

We will also have some changes in the SGIG appointed Valley Leadership, with the appointment of Assistant Personal Representative, Hon. Jeff Nowak, 32° KCCH as my successor at some point within the year. We are still looking for a Treasurer capable of running QuickBooks as III. Peter Kolthammer has stepped down as Treasurer. III. Peter will continue helping as acting Treasurer until we find a replacement.

We will be sending out Quarterly Newsletters which will include programs for the following 3 months, important news for the Valley, and reminders of Reunions. Remember my Brothers, the Scottish Rite Reunions are not called Raisings. They are established so that Brothers who have not visited the Valley in a while can become acquainted with new members and reacquainted with some of our Brothers who we may not have seen in a while.

Tropical Lodge's new sound system was installed in October 2025, the Scottish Rite new microphones and headset mics have been obtained and used, and we are training sound and lighting teams to run it during meetings and reunions. It has been terrific! Come join us, and you will hear what the Valley has been doing and what it will be doing. We are working on finding out what you want in a Valley meeting - what is important to you, our members! You are the reason the Scottish Rite exists. Come be a part of it!

We intend to have a social gathering at **Lakes Park** on **Saturday, 21 March 2026**, at pavilion A-1. The Pavilion has been reserved for us. Come out and join us in a gathering of Brothers and families. More detail will be sent by valley email as it develops. Put it on your calendars and join us!

Clay W. Taylor, 33°
Personal Representative—Valley of Fort Myers AASR



The Mission of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Orient of Florida

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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday, January 21 7:30 pm | Consistory 2026 Officer Installation |
| Wednesday February 18 7:30 pm | Consistory TBD |
| Sat & Sun March 14 and 15 7:00 a.m. | Spring Reunion 4th-32nd Degrees |
| Wednesday March 18 7:30 pm | Consistory Double Eagle Awards |
| Saturday March 21 Time: TBD | Valley Picnic Lakes Park in Fort Myers Pavilion A-1 |

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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2026 Officers for the Valley of Fort Myers

APPOINTED ELECTED



CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH

Prior John Herman, 32° KCCH

Preceptor Jeff Zimmerman, 32° KCCH

Chancellor Bill Maddox, 32° KCCH

Minister of State Mike Meehan, 32° KCCH

Prelate Kevin Gourley, 32° KCCH

Master of Ceremonies Robert Graham, 32°

Expert Rafael Morales, 32°

Assistant Expert Bob Bennett, 32°

Captain of the Guard Luis Tulier, 32°

Color Guard George Benjamin, 32°

Tyler Keith Carrington, 32°

APPOINTED ELECTED



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Wise Master Gary Marvel, 32°

Senior Warden Rick Pennewaert, 32°

Junior Warden Chris Purdy, 32° KSA

Orator Kenny Vince, 32°

Prelate George Bاليotis, 33°

Master of Ceremonies Ed Lanham, 33°

Expert J. Champion, 32° KSA

Assistant Expert Tim Eckert, 32° KCCH

Standard Bearer Rafael Morales, 32°

Guardian of the Temple Ed Aiello, 32°

Tyler Luis Tulier, 32°

APPOINTED ELECTED



COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander Ed Sanchez, 32° KCCH

1st Lt. Commander Jonas Seda, 32° KCCH

2nd Lt. Commander Joe McArthur, 32° KCCH

Chancellor Bob Sweet, 32° KSA

Orator J. Champion, 32° KSA

Prelate Charles Machell, 33°

Marshall of Ceremonies Bruce Rivera, 32°

Turcopolier George Bاليotis, 33°

Draper Rick Pennewaert, 32°

First Deacon Kenny Vince, 32°

Second Deacon Noah Parry, 32° KSA

Bearer of the Beauseant Chris Purdy, 32° KSA

Bearer of the White Standard Rafael Morales, 32°

Bearer of the Black Standard Guy Henning, 32°

Lieutenant of the Guard Miguel Aguilar, 32° KSA

Sentinel Reuel Rivera, 32°



LODGE OF PERFECTION

APPOINTED ELECTED

Venerable Master Noah Parry, 32° KSA

Senior Warden Rafael Morales, 32°

Junior Warden Brian Ferdon, 32° KSA

Orator Miguel Aguilar, 32° KSA

Prelate Phil Harris, 32°

Master of Ceremonies Christ Purdy, 32° KSA

Expert Jim Jones, 32° KSA

Assistant Expert Mickey Mullins, 32°

Captain of the Host Guy Henning, 32°

Tyler Colin McLaughlin, 32°



Recent Happenings in the Valley



Lodge of Perfection October 2025's Feast of Tishri



Scottish Rite Honourmen

Our newest red and white hats for 2025:

- Honorable Joe McArthur, 32° KCCH
- Honorable Mike Meehan, 32° KCCH
- Illustrious George Bاليotis, 33°
- Honorable Bill Maddox, 32° KCCH
- Honorable Tim Eckert. 32° KCCH

CONGRATULATIONS 22nd Degree Team



They were chosen as the Favorite Degree at the 2025 Fall Reunion.



Bro. J. Champion, Bro. Luis Tulier, Hbn. Bob Zimmerman, Hbn. Jeff Nwak, Hbn. Tim Eckert, Bro. George Benjamin, and Ill. Ed Lanham

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| ELECTED | 2026 |  |
| | KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW | |

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| First Knight J. Champion, 32° KSA Knight Grand Council Noah Parry, 32° KSA Knight Chief of Staff Brian Ferdon, 32° KSA Knight Bursar Gary Marvel, 32° KSA Keeper of the Realm Miguel Aguilar, 32° KSA Knight Grand Orator Bob Sweet, 32° KSA Knight of the Watch Chris Purdy, 32° KSA Knight of Merriment Daniel Larson, 32° KSA Knight of Heraldry and Regalia William Mullins, 32° KSA Sentinel James Jones, 32° KSA |
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| LODGE | STATED COMMUNICATION |
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| Tropical No. 56 | First & Third Tuesday |
| Moore Haven No. 61 | Second & Fourth Thursday |
| Peace River No. 66 | Second & Fourth Tuesday |
| Punta Gorda No. 115 | First and Third Thursday |
| Sugarland No. 281 | First and Third Thursday |
| Cypress No. 295 | Second and Fourth Thursday |
| Noah No. 357 | Second and Fourth Monday |
| Englewood No. 360 | First and Third Tuesday |
| Fort Myers Beach No. 362 | First and Third Thursday |
| Cape Coral No. 367 | Second and Fourth Thursday |
| LaBelle No. 379 | Second and Fourth Tuesday |

Social Media & Web / Digital Communications



Brothers: Sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances we need to make last minute program changes. I try to make sure the most up-to-date information about our monthly programs is posted on the main page of our website at ScottishRiteFortMyers.org. In addition, we also have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ScottishRiteFortMyers where we are always posting information and promoting special occasions. Be sure to visit either of these options to stay informed on the current happenings in our Valley.

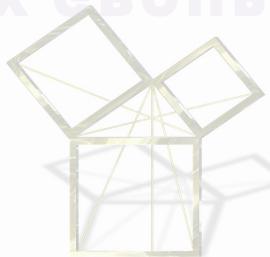
Also, if you are not receiving our quarterly newsletters, please send me a message at my email address below so I can add you to the distribution list. We put out a Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter newsletter. These can also be found on our website above — including past issues.

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ESOTERIC STUDY GROUP

There is an esoteric study group on the fourth Wednesday every month at 5:00 p.m. It is held upstairs in the classroom. All 32° Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend. Hosted by James Record, 33° and Ed Lanham, 33°.



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| APPOINTED | 2026 |  |
| | KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOUR | |

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| Commander Kevin Gourley, 32° KCCH 1st Lieutenant Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH Secretary John Herman, 32° KCCH Chaplain Kurt Wagner, 32° KCCH |
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| ELECTED | 2026 |  |
| | Naples Scottish Rite Club Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road in Naples. President: Tom Budzyn, 32° Email: budzyn32@gmail.com | |

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| Punta Gorda Scottish Rite Club Meets 2nd Monday at 6 p.m. at Punta Gorda Lodge. President: Noah Parry, 32° KSA Email: noahsark24@gmail.com |
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| NEXT REUNION DATES |
| 2026 Spring Reunion: March 14 & 15 |
| 2026 Fall Reunion: October 3 & 4 |