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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 31st—Second Annual Freemason Night—Hockey at Germain Arena—7pm

Wednesday, April 19th—6:30pm

- ◆ Spring Reunion Banquet
- ◆ Chapter of Rose Croix (tyled)
- ◆ Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal (open)

Wednesday, June 20th—6:30pm: Council of Kadosh is hosting an special program for Flag Day, presented by the local chapter of the National Sojourners.



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.

Elected and Appointed Officers for 2018

Executive Board voting members: Elected Valley Officers, Foundation Representative (unless otherwise included), and 4 elected general members including KCCH Commander (unless otherwise included) and KSA First Knight (unless otherwise included)

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Minister of State*.....Bro. Harold Simpson, 32° KCCH
Prelate.....Bro. Phil Lever, 32°
Master of Ceremonies.....Ill. Augie Luce, 33°
Expert.....Bro. Jeff Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
Assistant Expert.....Bro. Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA
Captain of the Guard.....Bro. Adam Saucier, 32° KSA
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Valley of Fort Myers Chapter of Rose Croix



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Master of Ceremonies.....Bro. Jeff Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
Expert.....Bro. Trevis Steadman, 32°
Assistant Expert.....Bro. Neil Morales, 32°
Standard Bearer.....Bro. Adam Saucier
Guardian of the Temple.....Bro. Adrian Sanchez, 32°
Tiler.....Bro. Richard "Dick" Keyes, 32° KSA

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Knight Chief of Staff**.....Bro. Brian Myers, 32° KSA
Knight Bursar**.....Bro. Alan Goldstein, 32° KSA
Knight Keeper of the Realm**.....Bro. Bobby Lippek 32° KSA
Knight Grand Orator.....Bro. Hugh Forrester, 32° KSA
Keeper of the Watch.....Bro. Tom Elliott, 32° KSA
Keeper of Merriment.....Bro. Tom Knaffel, 32° KSA
Keeper of Heraldry and Regalia...Bro. Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA
Sentinel.....Bro. Adam Saucier, 32° KSA

Valley of Fort Myers Council of Kadosh



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Prelate.....Bro. Jeff Taylor, 32°
Marshall of Ceremonies.....Bro. Adam Saucier, 32° KSA
Turcopilier.....Bro. Ed Lanham, 32° KCCH
Draper.....Bro. Tom Knafel, 32°
1st Deacon.....Bro. Brian Myers, 32° KSA
2nd Deacon.....Bro. Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA
Bearer of the Beauceant.....Bro. Tom Elliot, 32° KSA
Bearer of the White Standard.....Bro. Richard "Dick" Keyes, 32°
Bearer of the Black Standard.....Bro. Neil Morales, 32°
Lieutenant of the Guard.....Bro. Ray Navor, 32°
Sentinel.....Bro. Wilhelm Llianillo, 32°

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Expert.....Bro. Neil Morales, 32° KSA
Assistant Expert.....Bro. Richard "Dick" Keyes, 32° KSA
Captain of the Host.....Bro. Kevin Gourley,
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Secretary & Treasurer.....Joan Martin

MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Welcome to the Valley of Ft. Myers, AASR. We are always trying to find knowledgeable and interested Brothers for our degrees, officer positions, and administrative duties within the Valley. If you are interested in transmitting your knowledge of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite, or if you are interested in learning more of the ritual that makes

our Rite so valuable, or if you have a desire to be of service to your Brother Masons in our area, please come to our E-Board meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Masonic Center, or.... Come to our official Valley meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Center, or.... Contact me, our Secretary, our KSA First Knight, our Director of Work, or other officer and express your interest in helping.

We have been having entertaining and informative meetings, with good food, great fellowship, and maybe a little Masonic or other education. It is a wonderful time to be a Mason, and Scottish Rite Mason. Our 4 bodies are more active than in recent memory. Our clubs are filled with interesting Masons and guests. Find a part of Scottish Rite that you truly enjoy, and be a part of it. As in other portions of Masonry, you will get out of it what you put in. With Scottish Rite, you may get more than that!

Join us March 31 at 6 pm under the blue Masonic flag at the German Arena, as we congregate to go watch the Florida Everblades at 7 pm, eat some food and watch some hockey, all with great company – Although Scottish Rite has organized and promoted this event, it is open to all Masons, family and friends. Please see this newsletter and the WEB site for more information, and make sure to use the code MASON to get our ticket discount. Each ticket sold under this group will generate \$5.00 for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, our charity. Our Valley's responsibility for our charity averages about \$28 a member, and every ticket sold will help us reach our charitable goal.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events and meetings!

Fraternally

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK



As our newsletter comes to you this quarter so comes the Spring Reunion on March 24th and the 25th. The Reunion is in honor of Brother Lawrence (Larry) Gavin. His two sons are members of the Valley, Ron and John. Both days started at 7:30 am with a light breakfast. Thank you to all those who came out and support the candidates, as well as the degree cast members.

The 4th thru 32nd degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry is a couple of centuries old here in the Southern Jurisdiction. If you are interested in becoming a cast member in any of the degrees, you may contact our new Degree Director, RW Ed Lanham.

The Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction along with the Southern Jurisdiction will be hosting an online Masonic Education series beginning on March 21 at 7pm. The series is titled, "How Fraternalism transforms Character" and is FREE for any Mason that wants to attend. Go to <https://scottishritenmj.org/livestream-series> to sign up.

The club meetings of the Valley are in full swing :

- 1st Tuesday Punta Gorda 6pm at Punta Gorda Masonic Lodge
- 2nd Wednesday Naples at 6pm Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd (Naples)
- 4th Monday Lake "O" at 6pm LaBelle Don's Steakhouse
- 4th Friday Myaaka/Englewood at Englewood Masonic Lodge

Please try to attend a club meeting in your area

Our most recent Consistory meeting hosted Rev. Brother Clinton Contrell. He was a previous air traffic controller during the 9/11 terror attack and told the story from his perspective.- the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania passed directly above his air traffic control tower.

Kurt Wagner is the Master of Kadosh this year. Please come show him your support.

So Mote it Be and God Bless the USA ,

Fred Wright, 32° KCCH
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CONSISTORY

MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH



As most of you know, we lose approximately 25 members each year due to deaths and NPDs. If you want Scottish Rite to continue to help our kids you have to step up.

Always carry some petitions in your car. When you attend lodge, pass them out. Explain the great work we do. And, in addition to helping our kids, they will improve their journey through Masonry.

We have some great speakers lined up this year. Be sure to invite your friends. Several of our meetings are open to the public.

Remember the phrase "Only you can prevent forest fires?" Well, only you can help us grow.

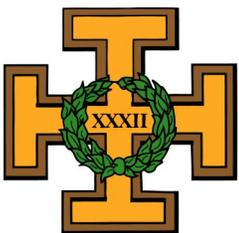
Don't forget our second annual Florida Freemason night on Sat. March 31st at the Germain Arena. Scottish Rite will receive \$5 for every ticket sold!. This is open to anyone; invite your family, friends, and neighbors. There is a link on our website at www.scottishritefortmyers.com where you can get tickets. Last time we were fortunate to have 120 people in attendance; let's see if we can do even better this year.

Fraternally,

Kurt W. Wagner, 32 KCCH

Master of Kadosh

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Ft. Myers, Orient of Florida



LODGE OF PERFECTION

MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER



I would like to thank the 2018 Officers of the Lodge of Perfection for stepping up and assuming the responsibilities of their respective offices. Thank you to those who participated in the Spring Reunion this year.

In October the Lodge of Perfection will once again host the Feast of Tishri, with Rabbi Diamond, to coincide with the Reunion Banquet.

Please stay safe, my Brothers.

Acey Edgemon, 32° KSA

Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection
Valley of Ft. Myers, Orient of Florida



THE KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST NIGHT OF THE COUNCIL



The Knights of St. Andrew is a Service Fraternity composed of Princes of the Royal Secret (32nd Degree Masons) who are members in good standing in the Valley of Fort Myers, Orient of Florida, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The purpose of the organization is to provide 32nd Degree Masons an organization to better express their desire to work diligently for the Brethren, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and the various committees of the Valley of Fort Myers, by providing the personnel resources needed to more effectively carry out their objectives; further, the organization also provides an additional outlet for the 32nd Degree Masons to foster the Masonic ideals of Friendship, Fellowship, and Brotherly Love.

Acey Edgemon, 32° KSA
1st Knight of the Council

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER



I want to thank the Brethren for the opportunity to serve as Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose Croix this year. It is truly an honor for me and am very humbled to have been elected.

First, here is just a little bit of re-education. The Chapter of Rose Croix encompasses the 15th-18th degrees in Scottish Rite freemasonry and each degree has its own motto as follows:

- ◆ 15th Degree: Liberty of Passage – Freedom of Thought
- ◆ 16th Degree: Our Masonic labors end only when we close our eyes upon this world.
- ◆ 17th Degree: He that hath an ear, let him hear.
- ◆ 18th Degree: The Power of Knowledge is Transformative.

While the 15th, 16th, and 17th degrees are communicated at our Valley here in Fort Myers, the 18th is exemplified. In my opinion, it is one of the more elaborate degrees that Scottish Rite Freemasonry has to offer. I hope everyone enjoyed it and the other degrees that were exemplified at our recent Spring Reunion. A lot of work goes into practicing and setting up for each degree.

On April 18th the Chapter of Rose Croix will host the meeting for that evening. As is customary, the KCCH will perform the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal that night.

Fraternally,

Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA
Wise Master—Chapter of Rose Croix
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Fort Myers, Orient of Florida



COUNCIL OF KADOSH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



Now that our Spring Reunion is over, we now have seven new Masters of the Royal Secret. Also, our Knights of St. Andrew "team" did a good job of exem-

plifying the 29th Degree at the reunion. We would, however, have liked to see more members come out to visit us at our Reunion. It is an excellent opportunity to come back and see that degree and renew those friendships you made years ago. Please keep this in mind when we do our Fall Reunion. We'd love to see more of you come out and visit with us.

The next major event for the Council of Kadosh will be the Wednesday, June 20th, Scottish Rite meeting. We will be having an Americanism program for Flag Day presented by the local chapter of the National Sojourners. Of course, there will be a dinner beforehand, which will begin around 630pm. Please consider coming out to this meeting to have dinner with us and witness this Flag Day program. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,

Jim Hogg, 32°
Commander—Council of Kadosh
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Fort Myers, Orient of Florida



DOUBLE EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Detailed List of Points:

- ◇ 1st line signer: 100 points
- ◇ Creating a restoration of membership: 75 Points
- ◇ Dues paid before the 1st of the year: 50 Points
- ◇ Elected Officers: 100 Points
- ◇ Appointed Officers: 50 Points
- ◇ Committee Chair: 100 Points
- ◇ Committee Member: 50 Points
- ◇ Called Work Party: 75 Points
- ◇ Work all day in kitchen at Reunion: 50 Points
- ◇ Prepare SR dinner / Bus Table / Clean up: 25 Points
- ◇ Work all day stage crew: 50 Points
- ◇ Degree Director: 100 Points
- ◇ Degree Cast: 50 Points
- ◇ Degree Practice: 25 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Valley Stated Meetings: 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Valley Executive Board Meetings: 25 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Scottish Rite Club Meeting, KSA meeting: 25 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Reunion (Per Day): 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Official Visit of the S.G.I.G. (March): 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Remembrance and Renewal (April): 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Flag Day (June): 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Feast of Tishri: (October): 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance at Veterans Day (November): 50 Points
- ◇ J.O.R.O.T.C. Scholarship Presentations: 50 Points
- ◇ Attendance as Honor Guard at Shrine Ceremonial: 50 Points
- ◇ KCCH Investiture / Coronation Ceremony: 50 Points
- ◇ Fundraising (1 Dollar): 1 Point Fundraising (per hour): 5 Points



Points for the Award are accumulated on a continuing basis with a cutoff date of December 31st each year for the level of recognition to be presented at the following annual Double Eagle Awards Nights, the regular monthly Consistory Meeting held in January or February. Because points required for Neck Ribbon advancements usually take longer than a year, these are awarded in a timely fashion throughout the year.

It is the responsibility of each participant to sign attendance sheets by printing in a legible manner your name for each qualified event, at the time the event takes place. Names must be legible for points to be issued.

Organization leaders are responsible for reporting attendance at their respective meetings and special events to the secretary.



Knight of the Double Eagle Levels of Recognition:

- ◇ Basic Medal = 150 - 1,499 Points
- ◇ Red Bar = 1,500 - 1,999 Points
- ◇ White Bar = 2,000 - 2,499 Points
- ◇ Blue Bar = 2,500 - 2,999 Points
- ◇ Gold Bar = 3,000 - 4,999 Points
- ◇ Red Ribbon = 5,000 - 7,499 Points
- ◇ White Ribbon = 7,500 - 9,999 Points
- ◇ Blue Ribbon = 10,000 - 14,999 Points
- ◇ Red, White & Blue Ribbon = 15,000 Points

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| ◆ George Baliotis | ◆ Allan Goldstein | ◆ Brian Myers |
| ◆ Vincent Banta | ◆ Kevin Gourley | ◆ Manny Perez |
| ◆ Al Barnes | ◆ Ken Herald | ◆ Bruce Rivera |
| ◆ Harry Barnett | ◆ John Herman | ◆ Steve Rizza |
| ◆ Beau Bearce | ◆ James Hogg | ◆ Adam Saucier |
| ◆ William Boyer | ◆ Peter Kolthammer | ◆ Sam Scardina |
| ◆ John Brewer | ◆ Kurt Laser | ◆ Gabe Sedloff |
| ◆ Ray Dalbec | ◆ Philip Leever III | ◆ Trevis Steadman |
| ◆ Acey Edgemon | ◆ Robert Lippek | ◆ Donald Sutter |
| ◆ Tom Elliot | ◆ Willie Llanillo | ◆ Kurt Wagner |
| ◆ Hugh Forrester | ◆ Augie Luce | ◆ Fred Wright |
| ◆ John Gavin | ◆ Neil Morales | |

Congratulations to all of the Double Eagle Award Recipients this year!

2018 Spring Reunion Class



Feb 21st—Reverend Brother Clinton Cottrell, Chief Chaplain for LCSO, retired FAA employee, and long time 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason gave a unique presentation about aviation and his perspective from working with the FAA during the events of 9-11-2001. He was also given a Certificate of Appreciation by Kurt Wagner and Fred Wright. PHOTO CREDIT: Kevin Gourley

2018 Valley of Fort Myers Heads of Bodies



(Left to Right)

- Kevin Gourley, Wise Master—Chapter of Rose Croix
- Jim Hogg, Commander— Council of Kadosh
- Ill. Clay Taylor, Personal Representative—Valley of Fort Myers
- Kurt Wagner, Master of Kadosh—Consistory
- Acey Edgemon, Lodge of Perfection—Venerable Master

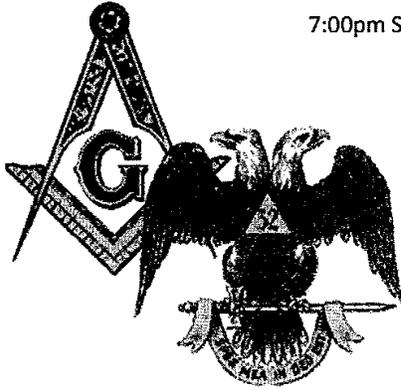


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2nd Annual Florida Freemason night

7:00pm Saturday March 31st 2018 @ Germain Arena

Florida Everblades Hockey



Please join the Brethren of South West Florida for a hockey game! Tickets are \$16 a person. \$5 from each ticket sold will be donated to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. Germain Arena will be making this donation within 2 weeks following the game. Tickets can be purchased from our Valley website – link is in the lower left corner of the home page : <https://scottishritefortmyers.com/> or by using this QR Code:



Contact Brother Jeff Zimmerman if you have any questions or need help, 1.jeff.zimmerman@gmail.com. Please bring your friends, family, neighbors, Brothers, Sisters, and anyone who might have a good time! The last time we gathered at a hockey game 120 people purchased tickets. Please help us meet our goal of 200 this year! Buy your tickets as soon as possible, you don't want to be left out of the fun.

LETS GO BLADES!!