

# Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Myers

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 6th — 7 a.m.**  
Day 1 of 2018 Fall Reunion

**Sunday, October 7th — 7 a.m.**  
Day 2 of 2018 Fall Reunion

**Wednesday, October 17th—6:30 p.m.**  
Lodge of Perfection  
Reunion Banquet and Feast of Tishre

**Wednesday, November — 6:30 p.m.**  
Consistory, with R.:W.: Moises Gomez  
*Program Influences and History of AASR*

**Wednesday, December — 6:30 p.m.**  
Consistory  
*Election of 2019 Officers and Presentations*

**Wednesday, January 6th—6:30 p.m.**  
Consistory  
*Installation of 2019 Officers*



### 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.

# 2018 Elected and Appointed Officers for Valley of Fort Myers AASR

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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Expert	Bro. Jeff Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
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Captain of the Guard	Bro. Adam Saucier, 32° KSA
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2nd Deacon	Bro. Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA
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**MESSAGE FROM THE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**



Greetings Brothers! I hope the first half of your year was productive and pleasant. If you missed attending any Scottish Rite meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, you might have missed: the Installation of our 2018 officers, Dr. & Bro. Clint Cottrell - Chief Chaplain of Lee County Sheriff's Office, presentation of the 2017 Double Eagle Awards, The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, the Rev. Dr Terry Robertson, Retired Army Chaplain and Ill. Rich Hoover, Deputy of the Supreme Council to Florida, a Flag Day tribute by the National Sojourners, Bro. John Gavin on Masons in Space, and Ill. Ben Flynn on the AASR Book of Constitutions, not to mention the Spring Reunion and banquet, and the 2nd Annual Florida Freemason Night at Germain Arena - Everblades Hockey.

Please join us the rest of the year, as our programs are scheduled to be: Chief Ted Ross, Tice FD Chief on Fire Prevention and Memories of a Chief, The Feast of Tishre, Ill. Moises Gomez on program influence and history of the AASR, Elections of 2019 Officers and 2018 Presentations to members and Officers, and in Jan 2019, installation of Officers. Please come to the E-Board meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm as well.

Your Scottish Rite is busy, active, and interesting. Please come be a part of it. Don't forget the Fall Reunion on October 6 & 7. Help us spread the wealth of the Scottish Rite – One of the very best values in Freemasonry. The more you attend and participate, the greater value there is for you and for everyone!

Fraternally

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**FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK**



Gear up my Scottish Rite Brothers: It is coming! The Fall Reunion is rapidly here October 6th and 7th Saturday and Sunday, with light breakfast and lunch beginning at 7am each day. These back-to-back days filled with the other 29 degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry are extremely educational, and, with the amount of work by the back-stage crews and with the new Degree Director, Ed Lanham 32° KCCH in charge you will not be disappointed.

We have 10 candidates so far from various lodges:

- Michael Sinclair
- Kevin Nelmes
- Chris Geraci
- Aldo Vargas
- Parker T Wunderlich
- Clinton Larkins
- Kenneth Wingard
- Christopher DeHanas
- Stan Hunt
- John Troia
- Andrew Cochrane

Brothers who have passed since last Reunion are William Irvine, Russell King, Monty Sink, Joe Sweeney and Earl Bonnell., Alas, my Brothers.

The Valley Clubs will be starting back up soon. Please visit one near you or call me for more information. The meeting dates vary to make easier for you to attend. The locations are LaBelle, Naples, Punta Gorda an Englewood. We can carpool.

Ken Jordan is the new Scottish Rite Foundation Representative for the Valley of Ft Myers. Ken is a retired Motorcycle police officer from Miami-Dade County. He transferred to the Valley of Ft Myers from Oakland, California. Ken is very active and a neat Brother to talk with and have around, Thank you Ken for stepping up.

The Valley welcomes members that have dual membership or have transferred here: Harry Herrmann, Ken Jordan, James Kershaw, Agostino (Augie) Luce, Michael Rymer, Charles Walther, Gordon Paltza and William Mullins.

Please try to attend the Consistory \meetings which occur at the Masonic Center on 10868 Metro Parkway. Dinner /Supper begins at 6:30 then at 7:30 the meeting will begin in the Lodge room. Wives are invited a large percentage of the time to attend.

Please read the treasurer's article if you have any doubt regarding the financial structure of the Valley and where we are going. We hope you will enjoy the newsletter as we try to be informative to you-the member.

Thank you and God Bless-

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## CONSISTORY

### MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH



For this edition of our newsletter, I would like to share with you an article written by Arturo de Hoyos for the Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide, 3rd Ed.

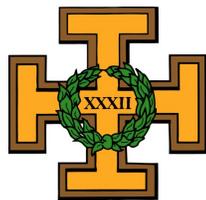
### Meaning of the Scottish Rite Cap

“In the Scottish Rite, the caps [indicate] the consecration of one’s physical and spiritual (material and intellectual) attributes to the betterment of humanity. On the one hand, the caps are an inheritance from our chivalric tradition, as similar ones were associated with European Orders of Knighthood, where they evolved from the Arming Bonnet, worn under the helmet. On the other hand, they are also worn as a type of prayer cap, a tradition which also survives in some religions. Thus, the caps are a constant reminder that the physical must be subject to the spiritual and that, like knights, we must valiantly endeavor to maintain honor and virtue by applying the Moral Sense and Reason.”

The above article can be found on Scottish Rite website at <https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-myths-and-facts/scottish-rite-caps/>.

Fraternally,

Kurt W. Wagner, 32 KCCH  
Master of Kadosh—Consistory



## LODGE OF PERFECTION

### MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER



It’s hard to believe that this year is already past the halfway mark. The Fall Reunion, October 6th and 7th, is quickly approaching and the Lodge of Perfection is looking forward to another excellent reunion.

Also remember that the Consistory meeting October 17th, will be the Feast of Tishri hosted by the Lodge of Perfection with Rabbi Diamond once again giving instruction and thanks.

Please stay safe, my Brothers.

Acey Edgemon, 32° KSA  
Venerable Master—Lodge of Perfection



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## 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

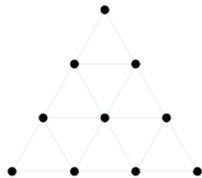
## MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER



There is an old saying, “that which is easily earned is little appreciated.” The 15th through 18th degrees, the Chapter of Rose Croix degrees, are rather complex. Each degree explores a different part of history (historical & religious), different avenues of thought (moral & philosophical), and an opportunity to further one’s knowledge. Although comprehending everything in these degrees may be challenging, there is always something that can be learned.

Did you know that the Second Temple of Solomon was larger than the first, but less magnificent than the original? Have you heard about the numerology of the Kabbalah, that Hebrew letters were given numbers so each word itself was also a number? Did you know St. John the Baptist may have been considered the patriarch of Freemasonry in the sixteenth century before sharing the honor with St. John the Evangelist? Reading “A Bridge to Light” and “Morals & Dogma” will provide you additional insight into these four degrees.

Remember the Pythagorean Tetractys?



Like the other degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the 15th-18th degrees are filled with symbolism.

I encourage every Valley of Fort Myers member to not only attend the monthly meetings, but to also delve into understanding more about the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of which you are a part. If you are able, look into becoming a degree cast member.

Remember: You are a part of something special – only a small percentage of the world’s population has had the honor and privilege to personally witness the elaborate beauty and mysteries of the Scottish Rite degrees.

Fraternally,

Kevin Gourley, 32° KSA  
Wise Master—Chapter of Rose Croix



# COUNCIL OF KADOSH

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



Dear Brothers all,

Welcome to September and the Fall season. This signals the upcoming Fall Reunion, Halloween, the holiday season, and election of new officers.

Yes, we are now into the latter part of 2018. Where did the time go?

We have had a good year for activities so far and have plenty more in store. Our September meeting will bring voting on candidates for the Fall Reunion, followed by Chief Ted Ross from the Tice Fire Department. In October, we will have the Fall Reunion banquet, Feast of Tishri, and a Reunion class report on the project/degree they chose to take on at the last reunion. November brings back to our midst R.:W.: Moises Gomez, this time with a presentation on influences and history of the AASR. He is a Past Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. And last but not least, our December meeting brings us to our annual election of officers, accompanied by thank you appreciations to those who have rendered service to our Valley this year.

So, if you haven’t been out to see us in a while, please consider coming to visit us at our meetings. There are old friends here, as well as some new faces from our recent classes. And, our master chefs always manage to provide us with dinners that are quite enjoyable. Dinner is at 6:30 PM, and we meet on the third Wednesdays of the month. We would love to see you and welcome you to enjoy fellowship and a meal with us.

And, do not forget: The first weekend of October brings us our Fall Reunion. Please come out to visit -- even if it’s just to have lunch with us and see a degree or two. Our Degree Casts work hard to provide enjoyable and meaningful degree work. It would be great if you all would come out so they have a nice audience for their work. Please consider it -- our degree casts would enjoy your company. I look forward to seeing more of you at Scottish Rite soon.

Kindest Fraternal regards to all,

Jim Hogg, 32° KSA  
Commander—Council of Kadosh



## Important Financial Notification from the Executive Board



Brothers: The Executive Board is recommending raising of the 2019 annual dues to \$135.00.

This is due to the Supreme Council's increases in the Per Capita Tax. In 2016 the Valley was notified of the impending increases and given a schedule of the yearly increases.

The Supreme Council scheduled yearly increments of \$2.00 per year through 2021 when the Per Capita will reach \$30.00 per Valley member.

The Valley has endeavored to maintain the Valley's Dues at the current rate of \$125.00 and absorb the increases for the past 8 years.

The Executive Board now realizes the Valley can no longer sustain these Per Capita increases and has determined to increase the annual membership Dues to \$135.00.

### To our Perpetual Brothers

The Executive Board would like to reach out to the Perpetual and Life Members of the Valley at this time, who undertook the initiative and prepaid their Valley Dues and Per Capita Taxes. which has been much appreciated over the years.

This last year the Executive Board has cashed in a substantial amount from one of our saving accounts to balance and maintain this current year's operations. The Valley has operated in a negative cash flow and can no longer maintain our operations on the annual membership alone.

For us to maintain the Valley of Fort Myers, the Executive Board is asking the Perpetual Members of the Valley to consider assisting the Valley by contributing at least 50% of the year's Per Capita Taxes. This would be a minimum payment of \$12.00 for 2018, \$13.00 for 2019, \$14.00 for 2020 and \$15.00 for 2021.

### A little history of the Per Capita Tax increases and membership:

2002 through 2004 the Per Capita Tax was \$6.00 per member. The Valley membership averaged 1236 members.

2006 through 2009 the Per Capita Tax was raised to \$10.00 per member. The Valley membership averaged 948 members.

2010 & 2011 the Per Capita was \$14.00 per member. The Valley membership averaged 793 members.

2012 the Per Capita Tax was \$16.00 per member. The Valley membership was 752 members.

2013 the Per Capita Tax was \$18.00 per member. The Valley membership was 795 members.

2014 through 2016 the Per Capita Tax was \$20.00 per member. The Valley membership averaged 645 members.

2017 the Per Capita Tax was \$22.00 per member. The Valley membership was 670 members.

2018 the Per Capita Tax is \$24.00 per member. The Valley membership projected at 640 members.

### Comparison:

2002 the average Per Capita Tax for the Valley was \$7,416.00 for 1236 members.

2018 the Per Capita Tax for the Valley will be \$15,360.00 for 640 members, of which 305 members are Perpetual Members.

Peter Kolthammer—Treasurer



## From the Representative of the Scottish Rite Foundation



Being the newly and duly appointed trustee, I come to you for your support and help in achieving our financial goal set by the supreme council of the Scottish Rite foundation of Florida, a 501 (c) (3) organization. The foundation supports 14 Children's clinics in Florida. We have the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital here in Ft. Myers.

We are one of 11 valleys in Florida. Our financial goal has been set at \$18,285. For 2018 – 2019. With the number of members in our valley (575) this equates to approximately \$32 a year for each member. However, being realistic, we know that everyone is not going to contribute. Knowing this to be the case, the Executive Board has determined that we may be able to set up a few formulas for members to choose from that would allow members to adjust their financial budget. See below.

We have 11 months to achieve our goal. We should note at this time, 97% of all Funds donated to the Scottish Rite Foundation's clinics are used to support the children and 3% goes to administrative fees.

As Master Masons, Scottish Rite Members and Shriners, we have an obligation to uphold and assist our fellow man and support medically-challenged children, whatever their needs be. This is what it's all about.

Suggested formulas:

- \$5 per mo. For 11 months = \$55 per yr. X 332 members = \$18,260
- \$10.50 per mo. For 11 months = \$115.50 per yr. X 158 members = \$18,249
- \$20 per mo. For 11 months = \$220 per yr. X 83 members = \$18,260
- \$25 per mo. For 11 months = \$275 per yr. X 67 members = \$18,425

Please step up and commit to a donation of any kind or choose one of the formulas above that mat fit your budget. Please do not wait for someone else to take up the slack that you may have created. Give back what you can afford.

Make checks payable to the *Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida* and send to

**Scottish Rite Valley of Ft. Myers**  
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**Ft. Myers, FL 33966**

With great teamwork we all can make this happen and achieve our goal. It's all about the kids. Remember your obligation.

God bless each and every one of you and god bless the kids.

*Ken Jordan*

Representative—Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida



# Presentations



**Bill Jones, Fred Wright, and Frank D.R. Logan**

Brother Bill Jones is given a presentation for his generous donation to the House of the Temple.



**Fred Wright and Norris Clark**

Brother Norris Clark is presented a certificate for his generous donation to the House of the Temple.

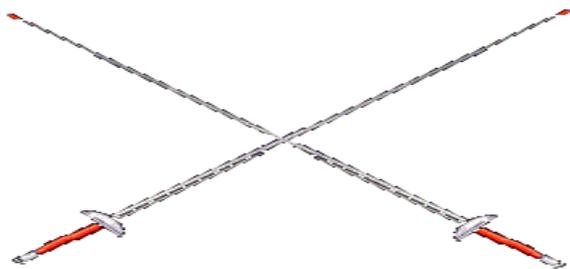


**Fred Wright, Cecil Akin, and Ed Lanham**

Brother Cecil Akin is presented a certificate for his generous donation to the House of the Temple.



**BELOW:** A beautiful plaque displaying a gold, double-headed eagle was presented to Bro. Fred Wright by Bro. Chance Wunderlich.



**The Personal Representative and Four Heads of Bodies Meet with  
Illustrious & Most Worshipful Richard G. Hoover, 33°  
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