

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Myers



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 16th—6:30 p.m.

Consistory

Installation of 2019 Officers and Foundation Program Speaker

Wednesday, February 20th — 6:30 p.m.

Consistory

Vote on Candidates and 31° degree presentation

Wednesday, March 20th — 6:30 p.m.

Consistory

Double Eagle Awards Night and SGIG Visit

Saturday, March 23rd — 7 a.m.

2019 Spring Reunion Day 1

Saturday, March 30th — 7 a.m.

2019 Spring Reunion Day 2

Wednesday, April 17th — 6:30 p.m.

Chapter of Rose Croix (tyled)

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal & Reunion Banquet

Wednesday, May 15 — 6:30 p.m.

Consistory



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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Consistory



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Prelate	Bro. Phil Lever, 32°
Master of Ceremonies	III. 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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Prelate*	Bro. Jeff Taylor, 32°
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Turcopolier	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°, KSA
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*Elected Valley Officers

**Officers elected by the Group

MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Hello all. 2019 is about to be started!

TO THE OUTGOING OFFICERS: On behalf of the Valley of Ft. Myers, I thank you for your service to the AASR this past year. Your efforts on behalf of the Valley have not gone unnoticed, and our Fraternity is in better overall shape now than at the beginning of last year, due mainly to your efforts.

The Heads of our 4 bodies took charge of their respective meetings from the moment of arrival to the locking up of the building. Thanks to the other elected and appointed officers, as no meeting can be successful without many hands involved. The coordination, cooperation and communication between the Heads of the Bodies and the E-Board was excellent, as well as between the Heads of Bodies and the Program presenters.

Thanks to the Executive Board, which is intensely involved in the decisions made for the Valley. In the last few months the E-Board has recommended and presented the proposed officer list which was approved at the last Consistory meeting in December. The E-Board also passed the 2019 budget, and passed our Uniform Code of By-Laws recommended and required by the Deputy, Ill Rick Hoover, to be approved by him. Once again, the E-Board has verified that the reunion schedule for the next 4 years is approved and communicated to Tropical Lodge and the various Masonic and affected entities in the region.

The kitchen staff (chefs extraordinaire), have worked hard at generating a fine menu for meetings and reunions, have scrambled when challenges were faced, and communicated to the E-Board when needs were encountered.

Many of those needs were met by the KSA, who were indispensable in cleaning up the kitchen and dining areas, assistance with degrees during reunions, manning our cash register, and regulating the meal lines, enabling us to convert our meals from cash drains to sources of potential revenue for providing better sound equipment in the future, while covering the cost of meals.

Thank you to all who planned, prepared, performed, and presented our reunions, including degrees, meals, the classroom for candidates, and the backstage crew. Thanks also to Ill. David Wolff as our organist, and the sound and lighting crews. Thank you to all members and visitors, local and distant, who performed the many services we don't see because it all seems to run so smoothly.

TO THE INCOMING OFFICERS: Congratulations on becoming an elected or appointed officer in one of the four (4) bodies of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Fort Myers, Orient of Florida! Or in one of our other groups within this august body. Please make every effort to be at our installation of officers on 16 January, 2019 at 6 pm.

We already have almost all programs pre-set or already arranged for 2019.

All incoming officers will receive guidance on what it means to be an officer in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Ft. Myers. Our incoming Heads of Bodies will receive guidance on what their specific duties include. More guidance will be forthcoming in 2019 as the E-Board will be focusing on finalizing officer duties and communicating to the membership.

Your zeal for our institution and your attendance at the Scottish Rite meetings and functions are indispensable to the success of our organization, the enjoyment of our members and visitors, and your own advancement.

You have large shoes to fill, but we are confident that you can ably perform the duties to which you have assented. We are proud that you have stepped up to improve our Fraternity, and bring its light to others.

The Executive Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month, and the regular meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We have two (2) Reunions a year where we raise new members. These Reunions occur on specific weekends during March/April and September/October. As officers in these bodies, we expect to see you involved in our meetings and reunions.

Fraternally,

Clay W. Taylor, 33°
Personal Representative
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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings my Scottish Rite Brothers! I hope you and your family are doing well – God Bless. Please remember Albert Pike's words of wisdom, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Our Election of the 2019 Officers of the Valley was held (there were no missing ballots found in the trunk of automobiles). George Baliotis was elected Master of Kadosh for Consistory, John Herman as the Wise Master of Rose Croix, Peter Kolthammer as the Commander for Council of Kadosh, and Robert Zimmerman as Venerable Master for Lodge of Perfection. These officers were approved by the Executive Board.

The Executive Committee members are Kurt Wagner, Ted Adams, Rich Bayly, with Ken Jordan as the Foundation Representative. The appointed officers are Almoner Ben Flynn, General Secretary Fred Wright and Treasurer Peter Kolthammer.

Lt. Kevin Nelmes of Collier County Fire Department, a prospect for the Spring 2019 class, was the winner of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award for distinguished service. Congratulations Lt Nelmes!

All the Valley Club Officers have been installed:

Lake "O" Club President John Coates
Vice-President R.L. Marsh
Sect/Treas Bill Nordstrom

Punta Gorda Club President McKinley Mayes
Vice-President Ernest Rose
Sect/Treas Richard Erspammer

Myakka Club (Englewood) President Michael Short
Vice-President Mikie Mullins
Sect/Treas Jon Marston

Naples Club President Thomas Butzyn
Vice-President Tom Elliott
Treas. Doug Rankin
Sect. Frank Logan
Naples Meeting Organizer William Jones

Congratulations to John Troia who was chosen as President by the Fall Reunion Class of 2018. Their project for the class was new replacement wardrobes. The other class members were:

- Parker T Wunderlich
- Aldo Vargas
- Ryan Spooner
- Jerry Peavey
- Chris Dehanas
- Stan Hunt
- Clinton Larkins
- Andrew Cochrane
- Michael Sinclair
- Kenneth Wingard

Congratulations to all the new Masters of the Royal Secret!

The Executive Board has been very active with the approval of a Budget and the update of by-laws of all four bodies. Pending Consistory approval, copies will be available in the Secretary's office.

The final meeting of Consistory in 2018 brought thanks and praises with certificates of appreciation to all who stepped up and did more than their share to help the Valley of Ft. Myers succeed over the year. This was completed by the Personal Representative Ill. Clay W. Taylor. In addition, Ill. Chuck Morgan of the Main Donor Dept. of the AASR gave a very interesting talk about the rebuilding and preservation of the historic AASR Temple, with various methods how members can help. KCCH Edward Carl Behringer was presented a 60-year award by the Personal Representative and General Secretary for his outstanding achievement, followed by a standing ovation.

We hope all had a very Merry Christmas and wish everyone a very Happy New Year! God Bless the USA.

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CONSISTORY

MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH



I would like to thank our Personal Representative Clay Taylor, my officers, the Knights of St. Andrew, the great kitchen crew and the members of our Valley for assisting me & our Valley this year. We had some great speakers and hope we will continue to increase our membership and attract those members back that we have not seen in awhile.

I would like to congratulate George & his officers and know he will have a successful year. The officers of Kadosh wish everyone a Happy New Year, God Bless.

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



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER



It has been a great honor to serve the Chapter of Rose Croix this past year as Wise Master. I look forward to the 2019 year serving in the Council Of Kadosh, Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA), and wherever else I may be needed.

I want to give a special thank you to Commander George Baliotis and the rest of the KCCH for the outstanding Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal they performed during our meeting in April. It is a very solemn ceremony to behold.

As you have probably already seen, we brought in a good number of new Masters of the Royal Secret in 2018. I enjoy seeing interest in the AASR and our Valley growing. Hopefully everyone will continue to stay active. There are many parts to play here at the Valley of Fort Myers—from being a cast member in a degree to serving in the KSA..

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



THE KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST KNIGHT OF THE COUNCIL

Brother Knights, thank you for the great past two years. We are now 26 members strong and growing. I know that Bro. Jim Hogg – as First Knight – will do an outstanding job and I look forward to assisting him in any way that I can. Good luck to all and the best for a new and exciting upcoming year.

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



LODGE OF PERFECTION

MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER



I would like to thank all the Officers of the Lodge of Perfection for their hard work this past year. I was so proud of our presentation of The Feast of Tishri, well done my Brothers.

As we all advance to the next step on our journey in the Scottish Rite I wish you all the best.

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



COUNCIL OF KADOSH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



The year 2018 has now taken its place in the history books and a new year is upon us. In Florida Freemasonry, this usually means a new corps of officers takes over. The Scottish Rite is no different. Consequently, this is my last message to you as Commander of the Council of Kadosh. For 2019, I move on to become Preceptor in the Consistory and First Knight for the Knights of St. Andrew.

So, what can we do to have an enjoyable and productive year? Self improvement, helping those around us who ask for our assistance, and becoming more involved in Masonic activities are just some things that come to mind. Let us focus on Masonic activities for a moment. When was the last time you attended your Craft Lodge? Or, Scottish Rite? Your Brothers would like to see you visit. Even if it is not for every meeting -- but some meetings. For those of us in Scottish Rite: We have our monthly meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the month (6:30 pm dinner, meeting to follow), and we always have a good meal and an associated program. We would love to have you come out and enjoy our hospitality and fraternalism. And, we could always use visitors and help at our twice yearly Reunions where we welcome our new members to Scottish Rite and see them receive the degrees. Brothers, it's only twice a year. Surely we can get you all to come out for at least one day for each of our two Reunions. Our various degree casts and all our Brothers who work at our Reunions would love to see more of you come to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Remember, we are building for the future: Our Scottish Rite Bodies and the continually growing and maturing lives of those who are receiving the Degrees and our Brothers learning from our teachings. In closing, I leave you with this:

On the Archives Building in Washington there is carved in stone the following motto:

THE HERITAGE OF THE PAST IS THE SEED THAT BRINGS FORTH THE HARVEST OF THE FUTURE.

Let us together, my Brothers, harvest that future!

Kindest Fraternal regards to all,

Jim Hogg, 32° KSA
Commander—Council of Kadosh



From the Representative of the Scottish Rite Foundation



"What's the matter", is a phrase often used to ask someone who seems to be experiencing some type of problem whether it be physical or mental. The definition of matter is anything that has mass and occupies space and takes up volume, i.e. Material stuff, substance which refer to that of which physical objects are composed (though all these terms are used abstractly).

"Matter", as distinct from mind and spirit, is a broad word that applies to anything perceived or known to occupying space.

So, what does it mean when someone asks us, "what's the matter" with you or a problem, etc.? "something's the matter", "nothing's the matter", 'subject matter', "does it really matter"? Phrases commonly spoken and used to ask or talk about someone who seems worried, troubled, unhappy or ill. Maybe there is a situation that seems wrong with a machine or equipment which seems not to be working properly. Maybe something is in one's mind that's troubling that person, whatever it may be.

You may be wondering about now, what the heck is wrong with brother ken? Has he lost it? "what's the matter with him"?

The "matter" of achieving our goal, has entered into my head and my mind and continues to "occupy space". Daily, I ask myself, how do we approach our brethren to assist the Foundation of Florida in further helping support the children's clinics?

Well, the fact of the "matter" is we are at 23% of our goal of \$18,285 set by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. We are behind in our contributions by not receiving monthly donations as we need be to obtain this year's goal and quota of \$18,285, meaning that we are 77% away from our goal. We need to step up!

Now, "the truth of the matter is", we all need to get to work and raise some donations. No "matter" how small the donations are. Think about this, if 41 of us could get two people to commit just \$20.75 per month for the next 7 months, we would achieve \$14,525. Boom!! We've made our goal. Would you be one of the 41?

Do you know at least one person who would commit to \$20.75 per month for the next 7 months to help the children? Sure, you do. Just try asking a friend, neighbor, co-worker, relative or a business. Just ask! I will guarantee you that no one will hit you. Don't be embarrassed to ask for the kids. Ask anyone for any type of donation. Trust me, they will give to the kids. Below are four formulas for donations. Please pay attention to the below address to ensure that the valley of Fort Myers receives credit for the donation. Please do not send donations directly to the foundation as the Valley of Fort Myers may not get the credit. Let's not fail. Please, no cash, checks only.

How much does it really "matter" to you to remember our obligation to help the kids?

Suggested pledge:

Brethren, we need your help. You can help by making a pledge of a suggested amount for the next 7 months toward our goal of \$18,285.

- \$25 per mo. For 7 months = \$175
- \$20 per mo. For 7 months = \$140
- \$10 per mo. For 7 months = \$70
- \$5 per mo. For 7 months = \$35
- Any other amount

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 create by not donating. Give back what you can afford. However, give back.

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

Make checks payable to the [Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida](#).

Send check(s) to the [Valley of Fort Myers, P.O. Box 60691, For Myers, FL 33906](#).

God bless you all and God bless the children.

Thank you!

Ken Jordan

Representative—Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida

