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MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



I hope you all are planning for a wonderful Christmas. This time of year, we are reminded to be grateful for all our blessings. One of the blessings we have as Masons and Scottish Rite Masons is having the ability to assist others in their time of need.

Towards that end, our "For the Children" event will be held **11 January 2024 - 5 pm to 9 pm** at the Masonic Center in Fort Myers. Tickets for this event will be \$50.00 each, and ALL ticket proceeds go to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, which supports 15 children's clinics in the State of Florida, including the local Johns Hopkins All Children's Clinic in Fort Myers. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida is a 501(C)(3) organization, so all your ticket purchases qualify for charitable deduction status. Please RSVP as soon as possible, as the total number of tickets are limited, and the entire state has now been notified of this event. We would like to see our local members be well represented.

Special guests include:

- Children and parents serviced by the Johns Hopkins Clinics.
- Johns Hopkins clinicians and administrators.
- Ill James D Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
- Most Worshipful Glen B Bishop, Grand Master of Masons in Florida, and 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason.
- Ill Richard G Hoover, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Florida
- William L McDaniel, Collier County Commissioner and 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason.
- Carmine Marceno, Lee County Sheriff (or his representative, depending on availability)
- Bro. Brian Apfel, guest magician.

This is not a tyled event, so bring your wife and kids. You could also bring a friend who might be interested in Masonry. If you know a Brother who doesn't normally use email, contact them and invite them out as well. Dress is business casual.

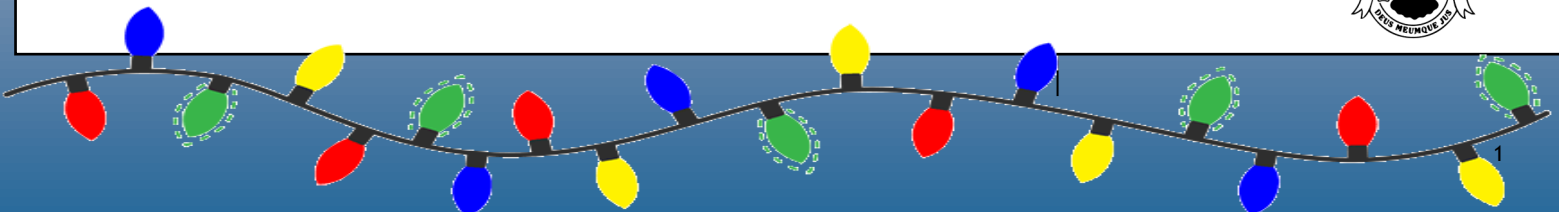
At 5 pm, the children will receive an Honorary Submariner ceremony and certificate. At approximately 6:15 pm dinner will start, and around 7 pm we will introduce the John's Hopkins representatives, who will introduce us to the children helped by the Clinic.

This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to see, hear, and meet the Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, and the Grand Master of Masons of Florida, together in the same location, which has not been done in Florida in a very long time. Grand Commander Cole is a treat to hear, and is our keynote Masonic speaker. Our Grand Master has graciously volunteered his time to attend this benefit, and will be interested to see the turnout. You will also have a unique opportunity to meet some of the community leaders in our area.

If you haven't given your donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, please take this opportunity to not only benefit some needy children, but be entertained and enlightened as well! If you have donated, Thank you, and please find a way to join us in January.

The RSVP form is attached to this email, and it is also be available on the [Valley of Fort Myers Website](#).

Ill. Clay W. Taylor, 33°
Personal Representative
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Ft. Myers, Orient of Florida



FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK



Brothers: If you have not done an RSVP for the "For the Children" dinner and event on January 11th. Now is the time. You can download and print the RSVP form directly from the front page of the [Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Myers website](#).

To the "For the Children" attendees: God Bless you for being a part of the biggest fund-raising event in Southwest Florida for the Scottish Rite Foundation. Thank you for helping honor and support the Children of the Johns Hopkins All Children's Clinic. The guests that you will listen to, and some of the children that are being helped by the clinics here in Florida will be in attendance. Be prepared to be enlightened and enjoy the informative talks of the special guest speakers and enjoy the dinner.

I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Be good and kind to each other. God Bless,
Ill. Fred Wright, 33°
General Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Jan 11 5:00pm	For the Children Dinner & Event
Wednesday, Jan 17 7:30pm	Consistory Officer Installation
Wednesday, Feb 21 7:30pm	Consistory
Sat & Sun, Mar 16 & 17 7:00am-5:00pm	Spring Reunion
Wednesday, Mar 20 7:30pm	Consistory

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Ill. Ed Lanham, 33°



Ill. Peter Kolthammer, 33°



Hon. John Troia, 32° KCCH



Hon. Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH





Hon. Jonas Seda, 32° KCCH





2024 Elected 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)

	CONSISTORY
Master of Kadosh*	Hon. John Herman, 32° KCCH
Prior*	Hon. Acey Edgemon, 32° KCCH
Preceptor*	Hon. Bobby Lippek, 32° KCCH
Chancellor*	Hon. Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
Minister of State*	Bro. Adam Saucier, 32° KSA

	COUNCIL OF KADOSH
Commander*	Hon. John Troia, 32° KCCH
1st Lt. Commander*	Hon. Jeff Nowak, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander*	Bro. John Reilly, 32° KSA
Chancellor*	Bro. Mike Meehan, 32°
Orator*	Hon. Ed Sanchez, 32° KCCH

	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
Wise Master*	Hon. Jonas Seda, 32° KCCH
1st Lt. Commander*	Bro. Bob Sweet, 32° KSA
2nd Lt. Commander*	Bro. Wilhelm Llanillo, 32° KSA
Orator*	Bro. Joe McArthur, 32° KSA

	LODGE OF PERFECTION
Venerable Master*	Bro. Andy Silvia, 32°
Senior Warden*	Bro. Jay Champion, 32° KSA
Junior Warden*	Bro. Gary Marvel, 32°
Chancellor*	Bro. Rick Pennewaert, 32°

	KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW
First Knight**	Bro. Bob Sweet, 32° KSA
Knight Grand Council**	Bro. Wilhelm Llanillo, 32° KSA
Knight Chief of Staff**	Bro. Joe McArthur, 32° KSA
Knight Bursar**	Bro. Jay Champion, 32° KSA
Keeper of the Realm**	Bro. Corbin Kidd, 32° KSA

	KNIGHT COMMANDER COURT OF HONOUR
Commander**	Hon. Robert Lippek, 32° KCCH
1st Lieutenant Commander**	Hon. Jim Hogg, 32° KCCH
Secretary**	Hon. Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
Treasurer**	Hon. John Herman, 32° KCCH
Chaplain**	Hon. Kurt Wagner, 32° KCCH

*Elected Valley Officers
**Officers elected by the Group



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