

Valley of Fort Myers Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite



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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 Quick-Books as Ill. Peter Kolthammer has stepped down as Treasurer. Ill. 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



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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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.

2026 Officers for the Valley of Fort Myers



CONSISTORY

ELECTED

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

APPOINTED

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°



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

ELECTED

Wise Master Gary Marvel, 32°
Senior Warden Rick Pennewaert, 32°
Junior Warden Chris Purdy, 32° KSA
Orator Kenny Vince, 32°

APPOINTED

Prelate George Baliotis, 33°
Master of Ceremonies Ed Lanham, 33°
Expert J. Champion, 32° KSA
Assistant Expert Tim Eckert, 32° KCCH
Standard Bearer Rafel Morales, 32°
Guardian of the Temple Ed Aiello, 32°
Tyler Luis Tulier, 32°



COUNCIL OF KADOSH

ELECTED

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

APPOINTED

Prelate Charles Machell, 33°
Marshall of Ceremonies Bruce Rivera, 32°
Turcopolier George Baliotis, 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

ELECTED

Venerable Master Noah Parry, 32° KSA
Senior Warden Rafael Morales, 32°
Junior Warden Brian Ferdon, 32° KSA
Orator Miguel Aguilar, 32° KSA

APPOINTED

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



2025 Lodge of Perfection Officers



Lodge of Perfection October 2025's Feast of Tishri



Rabbi Diamond (center) with Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master Rick Pennewaert, 32° (left) and Ill. Clay Taylor, 33° (right).



Scottish Rite Honourmen

Our newest red and white hats for 2025:

- Honorable Joe McArthur, 32° KCCH
- Honorable Mike Meehan, 32° KCCH
- Illustrious George Baliotis, 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, Hon. Bob Zimmerman, Hon. Jeff Nowak, Hon. Tim Eckert, Bro. George Benjamin, and Ill. Ed Lanham

2026



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

ELECTED
APPOINTED

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

2026



KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOUR

ELECTED

Commander	Kevin Gourley, 32° KCCH
1st Lieutenant	Bob Zimmerman, 32° KCCH
Secretary	John Herman, 32° KCCH
Chaplain	Kurt Wagner, 32° KCCH

Naples Scottish Rite Club

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6 p.m.
at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road in Naples.

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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
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NEXT REUNION DATES

2026 Spring Reunion: March 14 & 15
2026 Fall Reunion: October 3 & 4

BLUE LODGES IN THE VALLEY OF FORT MYERS

LODGE	STATED COMMUNICATION
Tropical No. 56	First & Third Tuesday
Moore Haven No. 61	Second & Fourth Thursday
Peace River No. 66	Second & Fourth Tuesday
Punta Gorda No. 115	Second & Fourth Friday
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.

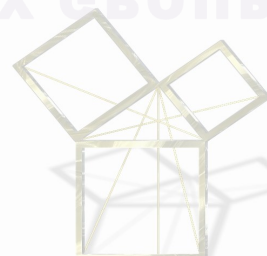
Also, if you are not receiving our quarterly newsletters, please send me a message at my email address below so I can add you to the distribution list. We put out a Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter newsletter. These can also be found on our website above — including past issues.

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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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