

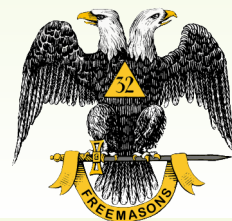
# ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY OF FORT MYERS



## NEWSLETTER—SPRING 2017 EDITION

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 25th—7am until 5pm  
*Day 1 of 2017 Spring Reunion*

Saturday, April 1st—7am until 5pm  
*Day 2 of 207 Spring Reunion*

Monday, April 10th—Executive Board  
Classroom, 6:30pm

3rd Wednesday, April 19th—6:30pm

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

Monday, May 8th—Executive Board  
Classroom, 6:30pm

Saturday, May 20th—6pm until Midnight  
*Celebrating the Craft*

3rd Wednesday, May 17th—Foundation Program by  
*Local Clinic, Mother's Day Celebration, 6:30pm*

Monday, June 12th—Executive Board  
Classroom, 6:30pm

3rd Wednesday, June 21st—Council of Kadosh (tyled)  
*Presentation of the 18th Degree, 6:30pm*

Monday, July 10th—Executive Board  
Classroom, 6:30pm

3rd Wednesday, July 19th—Guest Speaker TBA  
*Special Guest TBA, 6:30pm*

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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General Secretary for the Valley of Fort Myers

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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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



To all new and recent Masters of the Royal Secret, as well as all Members and Visitors to the Valley of Fort Myers, Orient of Florida, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) of Freemasonry. Welcome to the Valley! You have embarked or are re-embarking on a memorable journey. As Masons, we are taught many things, not the least of which is that a

Brother gets out of Masonry in proportion to his participation and attendance within it. With every meeting you attend, you can learn a bit more about what makes a man a Mason. The additional 29 degrees of the AASR are replete with lessons of life, re-creations which reinforce Masonic traditions, communication of Masonic ideals, and opportunities to improve yourself as a man and Mason.

Your Valley is poised to expand by supporting our Blue Lodges, creating a vision of where we want our Valley to go, and by utilizing our traditional strengths to expand the reach of the AASR to take advantage of the energy of youth, visions of charity, ideals of service, hope in the cooperation of our Brothers - all based in our faith in our Creator.

Remember the Celebrating the Craft program on Saturday, May 20th 6 pm 'til Midnight. It is a webcast that can be accessed through the Supreme Council Website: <https://scottishrite.org/> I encourage groups of AASR brothers to join together to view this entertaining event.

Ever been to Alaska? if you enjoyed a previous trip, or if you have never been, think about joining the 2017 Scottish Rite Foundation Cruise Sept 9-16, 2017. Call for more information or visit <https://flscottishrite.org/>

The beginning of this expansion and growth is communication with our members. Please note the Valley Happenings through July, 2017. Please accept this message as a personal appeal to join us. Come attend our monthly Communications on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Make plans to attend our Spring and Fall Runions. Let me know what you enjoy in the AASR, what you wish it to be, and what you think it represents. I am interested to learn what in the Scottish Rite is important to you. Please feel free to email or call me.

Fraternally

Clay W. Taylor, 32° KCCH  
Personal Representative  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST NIGHT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW



The Knights of St. Andrew is a Service Fraternity composed of Princes of the Royal Secret (32<sup>nd</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masons to foster the Masonic ideals of Friendship, Fellowship, and Brotherly Love.

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



## FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK



Greetings and good tidings, my brothers. I hope all is well with you and that you are enjoying this newsletter. Please try to help your Scottish Rite by getting a petition.

The spring reunion is just a few weeks away, dates are 03/25 and 04/01. We have plenty of petitions available. Call me at 239-675-6503 and I will get one to you. Also, there are some on the table by the information rack in dining room.

The Scottish Rite is known as the university of freemasonry. Please visit the library upstairs.

Thank you and may god bless you and yours.

**Fred Wright, 32° KCCH  
General Secretary  
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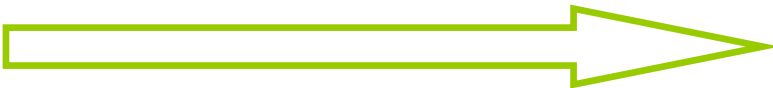
## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN SCOTTISH RITE

This was taken at Brother Jerome (Jerry) Deputy's place of work. He was presented with a certificate honoring his 25 years in Scottish Rite Freemasonry by the Valley Secretary, Brother Fred Wright.

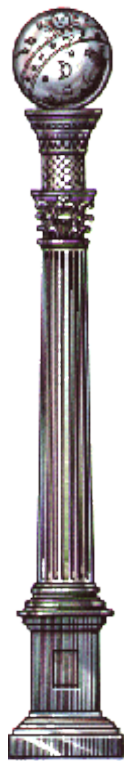


## NEW PERPETUAL MEMBER

Raymond Rubin receives his Perpetual Membership Card for Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry.



## 2016 FALL REUNION GRADUATING CLASS



(Left to Right) Fred Natoli, Trevis Steadman, Brad Myers, Adam Saucier, Ray Dalbec, Kevin Gourley, Tony Weems, RL Marsh, and Adrian Sanchez

# DOUBLE EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- ◆ Thomas Knafel
- ◆ Edgar Lanham
- ◆ Phil Leever
- ◆ Robert Cook
- ◆ Hugh Forrester
- ◆ Fred Natoli
- ◆ Adam Saucier
- ◆ Monty Sink
- ◆ Charles Tanner
- ◆ Jeff Taylor
- ◆ Kristopher Weber
- ◆ Fred Wright
- ◆ Chris Hill
- ◆ Robert Lippek
- ◆ Richard Keyes
- ◆ Ken Jordan
- ◆ Mike Hogan
- ◆ Al Greenwood
- ◆ Emilio Rodriguez
- ◆ Peter Kolthammer
- ◆ Jeff Zimmerman



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.



## SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBMASTER



It is an honor to serve the Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Myers as the Social Media & Webmaster. I hope this edition of the Spring 2017 Newsletter is helpful and informative.

You can stay in touch with what's new in the Valley throughout the year by visiting our Facebook page and Website:

- [www.facebook.com/ScottishRiteFortMyers/](http://www.facebook.com/ScottishRiteFortMyers/)
- [www.scottishritefortmyers.com](http://www.scottishritefortmyers.com)

**W.: Kevin Gourley, 32<sup>o</sup>**

**Social Media & Webmaster**

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## **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

## **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 / Buss Table /Cleanup: 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.LG. (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



## From the Representative to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, Inc.

The Scottish Rite Foundation is managed by Scottish Rite Masons, motivated by Masonic principles and administered with Masonic integrity. One of the two missions of the Scottish Rite Foundation is to support the many Scottish Rite Language Disorder clinics located in major cities throughout our beautiful State of Florida.

**Mission #1** is to provide adequate funding for our highly efficient and desperately needed clinics. Our Foundation support consists of furnishing the clinics with necessary funds to operate the facilities and to hire and teach speech pathologists on staff. With the scope of the foundation being statewide and its diligent Board of Trustees, infused with renewed spirit and vigor, there will be an ever-expanding number of children being reached for treatment in new clinics being opened.

**Mission #2** is to provide additional clinics, as they are required in the future. The persistent goal of Florida Scottish Rite Masons, through the Foundation, is to ensure that no child in the area of Florida, afflicted with a childhood language disorder goes without our help. It is important now that the vital needs and top priorities for the contribution of the program are in proper perspective for you. Years ago, we overcame the uncertainties of this huge, noble task.

Today Scottish Rite Clinics continue to provide children with state of the art breakthroughs in clinical diagnostics and therapies performed by professionals in their fields. One of the children's most precious human assets, their ability to communicate, is Scottish Rite Masonry's goal come true. A functioning Voice helps us get acquainted, get along; get ahead, and on occasions, helps us to survive.

But what of the 10 to 15 percent of children who suffer from a speech or language disorder, which have extraordinary difficulty forming even the simplest of words, what sort of future can they expect?

There are children standing behind a locked gate. And we, of the Scottish Rite hold the key with continued program funding through your voluntary donations. With the outstanding and unparalleled treatment being provided by concerned and dedicated professionals, these children can achieve remarkable verbal improvements, sometime in the matter of months, they can attend school and grow up to be productive citizens rather than being seriously handicapped for life.

I know you are impressed with the Scottish Rite Language Disorder Program and would like to help to ensure that will always be available for the treatment of these youngsters. I urge your continuing donations and that you give as generously as you can that these deserving children can share in the precious gift of voice.

What a great opportunity to put into action the word of our Florida Scottish Rite slogan:

**“TOTAL INVOLVEMENT EVERYONE”**

Join with us and extend a helping hand. Your tax deductible contributions will brighten the future of a child at a time when it is needed the most. Remember your gift keeps on giving forever.

Each Scottish Rite Valley has a member represented on the Foundation Board of Trustees. If you desire more information, your General Secretary will be delighted to put you in touch with your Trustee. Thank you for sharing the gift of voice.

If you would like to help, you can make a tax deductible contribution to "The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A., Inc.™" by mailing your donations to: The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida PO Box 5736, Winter Park, FL 32793

**Ill. Barry Thrasher, 33°**  
**Foundation Representative**



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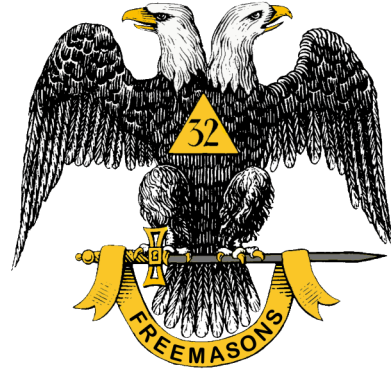
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### 2017 Spring REUNION (Day 1)

#### WHEN

**March 25th**

**7am – 5pm**



#### WHERE

### Scottish Rite Masonic Center

10868 Metro Parkway, Ft. Myers, FL

- 7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast
- 7:45 AM Classroom Instruction: Ill Ben Flynn, Director
- 8:30 AM 4th Degree: Charles Tanner, 32° KSA, Director
- 9:15 AM Classroom Instruction
- 10:00 AM 5th Degree: James Landrum, 32° KCCH, Director
- 10:45 AM Classroom Instruction
- 11:15 AM 8th Degree: Bill Jones 32° KCCH, Director
  
- NOON Lunch  
(Introductions)  
(KSA / Double Eagle Award - George Baliotis, 32° KCCH)
  
- 12:30 PM Classroom Instruction
- 1:30 PM 14th Degree: Ken Wellborn, 32°, Director
- 2:45 PM Classroom Instruction
- 3:30 PM 18th Degree: Sam Scardina, 32° KCCH
- 5:00 PM End of first day



# ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

## Valley of Fort Myers

### 2017 Spring REUNION (Day 2)

#### WHEN

**April 1st**

**7am – 5:45pm**



#### WHERE

### Scottish Rite Masonic Center

10868 Metro Parkway, Ft. Myers, FL

- 7:00 AM Breakfast—Dining Room
- 7:30 AM Classroom Instruction: Ill Ben Flynn, 33°, Director
- 8:00 AM 22nd Degree—John Herman, 32°, Director
- 9:30 AM Classroom Instruction
- 10:00 AM 24th Degree—Charles Tanner, 32° KCCH, Director
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- NOON Lunch  
(Introductions)  
(Class Pictures)
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- 12:45 PM Clay Taylor, 32° KCCH and Personal Representative Addresses Class
- 1:15 PM 29th Degree—George Baliotis 32° KCCH
- 2:00 PM Classroom Instruction
- 3:00 PM 30th Degree—Clay Taylor, 32° KCCH, Director
- 4:00 PM Classroom Instruction
- 4:30 PM 32nd Degree—Ted Adams, 33°, Director
- 5:45 PM Election of Class President / Best Degree Selection—Classroom

