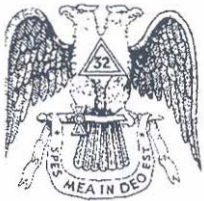


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Calendar of Events – *What's Happening Around Here?*

January 1, 2004 – Happy New Year! The Scottish Rite Masonic Center will be closed January 1st and 2nd.

January 23, 2004 – Regular Meeting Night and the first Knighting Ceremony of the Knights of St. Andrew.

February 27, 2004 – Regular Meeting Night and the first Knighting Ceremony of the Knight of the Double Eagle.

March 26, 2004 – Regular Meeting Night and the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal.

From the Master of Kadosh:

First, my Brothers, I want to express my thanks for the confidence you have placed in me for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as the Master of Kadosh for 2004. I assure you that I will do my utmost best to serve you and the Scottish Rite in an honorable manner and in a manner that you expect, but I need your help.

As you are very much aware, there are two things that deserve the attention of each of us: **MEMBERSHIP** and our **CHARITY OBLIGATION** (*the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinics*). If we do not have the membership involvement, the Clinics **MAY NOT** survive. Remember, our obligation when we became a Scottish Rite Mason was to support our Charity.

I am asking each of you to look deeply into your heart and support our **MEMBERSHIP REUNIONS** with a petition for a new member and remember your obligation by supporting our **CHARITY**.

I would like to do something a little different at our monthly dinners. We will have a number on each table and as we begin the dinner, a designated person will draw a table number and the table with that number will proceed to the serving line first and so on until all tables have received their food. Once each table receives their serving and proceeds back to their table, they may then proceed to the salad and dessert table if they so desire. So when you come in, have a seat and we will put a little different twist in the dinner.

Fraternally,
Thomas E. Embree, 33°
Master of Kadosh

LOOKING AHEAD

2004 is here and so many things will be going on here at the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center. There are a lot of first going on this year. **First**, the knighting ceremony of the Knights of St. Andrew – this new Black Hat organization – is off and running. The officers were installed in November and they had their first Feast of St. Andrew on November 30, 2003. Their first meeting of 2004 will be 4:00 pm on January 18th at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1840 E. Colonial Drive in Orlando. Their February meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center on February 15th at 4:00 pm. All 32° Masters of the Royal Secret should be a part of this important organization; it's yours be a part of it and enjoy it.

Second First, the Knight of the Double Eagle award program will be held during our February dinner and meeting. There are a lot of Brothers who have earned enough points to receive their starter set and some even more. This will be a special night. We will have our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, here to perform the knighting ceremony and hand out the awards. Are you going to be one of those to receive an award?

Supreme Council Changes

Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, has stepped down as the Sovereign Grand Commander and Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, from the Orient of Louisiana, is our new Sovereign Grand Commander. With this transition came other changes – Ill. Curtis N. Lancaster, 33°, from the Orient of Utah, is the new Lt. Grand Commander; Ill. John E. Moyers, 33°, from the Orient of Kentucky, is the new Grand Secretary General; and our very own Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Florida, is the new Grand Minister of State. We offer our congratulations to all these deserving Brothers, especially Ill. Goldsmith.

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SPRING REUNION
March 20 & 21, 2004

More good stuff on the back →

Spring Reunion

The Time is Now!!! The Spring Reunion is almost here, March 20th and 21st, and we need to be working on our prospect lists. Don't let another Reunion go by without asking one of your Masonic Brothers to become a Scottish Rite Mason. It is up to all of us to find a new member. You know who they are. Now go talk to them and put a petition in their hands. But don't stop there. Follow up with them to make sure the petition is filled out and the proper fees are included. We can no longer sit around waiting for the other guy to do this. We are the other guy! We must do this. Please put forth your best effort and let's have a great Spring Reunion. **Remember, my Brothers, that everyone is a member of the Membership Committee.**

Robert W. Moyer, 33°
Membership Chairman



Dues ... Dues ... Dues

Do you have a 2004 Dues Card in your pocket? There are still Brothers who have not paid their 2003 Dues. If this is you, please don't let paying your dues fall to the wayside. Now you have to pay for two years instead of one. **WHY NOT BECOME A PERPETUAL MEMBER?** Normally your perpetual membership should cost \$1,100.00 (20 times your dues), but you can purchase one for only \$750.00, a savings of \$350.00. If you came through the Fall Reunion, you have until the end of March to buy one for only \$500.00. Are you 75 or older? You can purchase your perpetual membership for only \$200.00.



KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOUR (KCCH)

KCCH Brothers:

Your support at the various meetings, programs, and visitations throughout 2004 is what will make a difference. I will do all that I can to represent us in the highest tradition of fraternal brotherhood, doing all that I can to ensure we have a successful year.

As I indicated in my letter, Membership; Affiliation; and Reinstatement is our purpose. While it is everyone's responsibility to grow membership in the Scottish Rite Bodies, our by-laws provide a clearly defined charge naming this as our purpose. Toward that end, Ill. Keith Albright, 33°, General Secretary of the Valley of Orlando, will be scheduling monthly visits to various Masonic Lodges within the 16th, 17th, 18th and 26th Masonic Districts throughout the 2004 calendar year. This schedule will be posted in the bi-monthly newsletter we each receive. To fulfill our purpose, **I would request each of you to make an extra effort to join us at these visits**, particularly when the lodge visit for the month is within close proximity to your home. Your support is requested and appreciated!

Remember please mark your calendar on the **27th of March** for the KCCH Court Fund Raising Dinner. More details will follow, but this is an important event for all KCCH members in the Valley of Orlando and your attendance is earnestly requested.

Fraternally,
Chester A. King, 32°, KCCH
Commander

Kitchen Corner

JANUARY

Ridin' the Rails

Come join us for our own version of a Hobo Dinner. Did you know that one of the greatest hobo's ever, Red Skelton as Freddie the Freeloader, was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

FEBRUARY

Hail To The Chef!

We will celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Did you know that George Washington served as the Worshipful Master of his lodge at the same time he served as President of the United States? *I think I smell cherry pie baking.*

MARCH

Did You Say Buffet?

Did I hear you ask what was going to be on it? Well, you will just have to come to find out. How would you like to take a break from bringing a salad and just bring a dessert? So let it be written, so let it be done.

Oh, yes . . . we have a surprise for you, but you will have to come for dinner to find out.

LODGE VISITATIONS

It's time to hit the road again. *Why not join us?*

On January 15th, you will find us at **Mount Dora Lodge No. 238** located at 535 N. Donnally Street, Mount Dora.

On February 16th, we travel to **Merritt Island Lodge No. 353** located at 247 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island.

On March 8th, we will be at **Oviedo Lodge No. 243** located at 534 King Street, Oviedo.

Hope to see you at any or all of our visits.



SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS – VALLEY OF ORLANDO

Central Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Thursday each month at Brevard Lodge #113 at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Deltona Scottish Rite Club meets 3rd Monday each month at Landmark Lodge #383 at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Halifax Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Monday each month at Club House Restaurant, 600 Wilder Blvd. at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Wednesday each month at Eustis Lodge #85 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations required.

New Smyrna Beach Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Tuesday each month at New Smyrna Beach Shrine Club at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Osceola Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Friday each month at St. Cloud Lodge #221 at 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner.

Sanford Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Wednesday each month at Colonial Room Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Dinner meeting. Reservations required.

South Brevard Scottish Rite Club meets 4th Thursday each month at Melbourne Lodge #143 at 6:30 p.m. Covered dish dinner.

Titusville Scottish Rite Club meets 2nd Tuesday each month at Indian River Lodge #90 at 6:30 p.m. Covered dish dinner.