



The Scottish Rite

# BULLETIN

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**The Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center Presents:**  
**Flag Retirement Celebration !!**

**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon**  
**At the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center**  
**Located at 1485 Grand Rd. Winter Park Florida 32793**  
**Refreshments will be served after program**



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## From the desk of the Personal Representative

This article was written prior to the spring 2011 Re-union, but I have every confidence that we had another successful re-union that was only possible with the support of each and every member who participated. Thank you all very much, your participation and continued support is making a difference!

I am sure you each read the Grand Commander's Message in the March/April 2011 edition of the Scottish Rite Journal. If not, please take the time to do so. You know that I have been sharing a single message since assuming the role of Personal Representative, which is summarized as "the Spirit of Fraternity!" It was concerning to read the Commander's message, and in particular the letters he referenced that he had recently received.

The word Brother is defined as: "a male having one or both parents in common with another. In our particular case the term "Parent" refers to our Fraternity – Freemasonry – more especially the Scottish Rite. Each of us, as members of this great Fraternity, have a responsibility as "Brothers," to look out for one another both in good times and when the challenges of life that we all experience from time to time, are in the moment. Please remember the obligation we all took and take time to offer assistance as liberally as his (or his families) necessities may require, and your abilities permit! During a future moment of reflection, your actions, words or deeds will be remembered by those to whom you have extended the hand of brotherhood!

Let's make sure the families of members in our Valley do not feel as was expressed in the letters our Commander referenced.

On another note, if you haven't already received a letter from our Deputy in Florida requesting a donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida Inc. keep an eye out for this request, as it will soon

be arriving. When received, please know that your financial support, regardless of the amount, is greatly appreciated; and is utilized to provide care for children in Florida who are challenged with language learning disorders, and who are served by one of the fourteen clinics the Foundation sponsors in this State. Please give as generously as you are able! Several of the clinics have a waiting list as a result of a shortage of funds to sponsor children who are in need of our assistance.

To improve our cash flow and financial position the "Seeding the Valley Campaign" was created, which offers you the opportunity to purchase and name one or more of the seats in the auditorium and remain a part of our Valley into perpetuity. Please look for the flyer in this newsletter and plant your "seat" today!

As we each travel our Masonic journey, please remember that – **"the spirit of fraternity reigns supreme"** - and is the essence of why we became and remain members of this great fraternity of Freemasonry, in which the Scottish Rite serves as its "University."

Until next time, be safe in your travels and remember to "whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother," and respect the dignity of all, as it makes you and our organization stronger one action at a time.

Fraternally,

ILL Chester A. King, 33°  
Personal Representative



"People forget what you say, and forget what you do, but forever remember how you make them feel!"



## A few words from the Master of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren. It has been a busy time at the Valley of Orlando. We have just completed another successful reunion and may I remind you once again that we are the only Valley of the 11 Valleys in Florida that put on all 29 degrees during the year in full Theatrical mode. It is something to be proud of but it only happens because of the hard work of you the Consistory members. As I've stressed since taking this office we have to concentrate this year on raising funds for the Consistory. This is especially true this year because of the large capital outlay for the new air conditioning system. This will save us a lot of money in the long run but we must cover the cost now. Our first fund raising project is being developed and will be starting imminently if not already by the time you read this. Please do your best to support it as a successful completion of this project will fund our shortfall for this calendar year.

However, we must not forget our obligation to the Scottish Rite Foundation and the funding for our children's clinics. This will require raising funds as well. We have several fun ideas to help augment the funds we normally raise. Among them are a Scottish Rite Cruise, which would be open to all the Valleys in the State, a possible weekend retreat at a resort here in Central Florida and a Dinner Dance and silent auction. The last one of these will take place in the late fall and will be an ideal opportunity to bid on and win great items either for yourself or for use as Holiday gifts, and they will be donations to the Foundation at the same time.

Another new project for the Valley is our

discussion/seminar group which will be dealing with the Degrees and the Master Craftsman programs. These will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month starting in May. We will meet at 6:30PM for a light bite (soup, sandwich, etc.) and then start the sessions. We will begin with the 4th degree and proceed each month with the next degree. Time will be allotted at each session for those working on the Master Craftsman Programs to get together and do some group work. We will meet monthly except in December. Ron Blaisdell will be helping me facilitate these sessions. If you are interested please contact me so we can get an idea of the numbers so Paul can plan accordingly for the food.

So with another successful Military Weekend behind us, the upcoming Flag Ceremony in June, another KSA Luau on August 27th, plus numerous other events the Orlando Consistory will be a busy and exciting place. Why not be part of it?

Harry V. Eisenberg, 32°  
Master of Kadosh



Having been asked by the Personal Representative of our Valley to chair a long range planning committee, I am seeking members who have skills in the areas of commercial real-estate, accounting and/or finance, and strategic planning.

If this describes you please call or email me. Thanks!  
Jack Leavitt, 32° KCCH at 407-739-1510 or email: [kf4wm@earthlink.net](mailto:kf4wm@earthlink.net)

**HELP  
WANTED**

Scottish Rite Foundation for Florida, USA, Inc.  
 Robert J. Morrow, 32° KCCH

As your newly elected trustee to the foundation I want to thank you for your trust and faith in me. It will be an honor to serve the foundation as our Valley's Representative. I attended the January Foundation meeting where Raymond-James, our investment group, presented their report on our investments. It was very interesting, but as a new trustee I can only say that they have a great plan for the future of our investments. As with most Valley's we are running behind in our donations. As of now we are only at 30% of our commitment. The Foundation Year runs from July 1 to June 30. We only have 4 months to make up the rest of our commitment. We all are aware that the economy has not been good to all of us. But these kids need our help. Please dig deep and help us obtain our commitment.

Become a "Millionaire" by donating \$100.00 or more and for those that cannot come up with the \$100.00 all at one time you can start a Million Dollar Bill by contributing \$10.00 or more each month at our stated meeting. The tree by the entrance to the dining room has our Million Dollar Bills on it. Every time you donate \$10.00 a star is added to your Bill and when you get to \$100.00 your name will be added to the Millionaire Plaque. When you arrive at the \$1000.00 level your name will be added to our Billionaire Plaque.

Only with your help can we reach our commitment!

Thank You  
 Bob Morrow, 32° KCCH

Here is my charitable donation to the SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.  
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This is another great avenue made available to the members. You can contact the office by phone at 407-657-4550, e-mail at osrb@juno.com or mail the form to P.O. Box 5736, Winter Park, FL 32793-5736.

The long awaited Master Craftsman II is now available, it can be ordered online from the Supreme Council or directly through the Orlando Scottish Rite. Master Craftsman II is only available to those who have completed the original Master Craftsman course. The cost is \$35.00.



## Calendar of Events – What’s Happening Around Here

ILL Keith W. Albright, 33°, General Secretary

May 27th	Stated Meeting	August 26th	Stated Meeting
June 11th	Flag Retirement Program	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Meeting, Feast of Tishri
June 24th	Ring Ceremony Knighting Ceremony	October 15th & 16th	Fall Reunion
July 22nd	Official Visit of Deputy	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Service Awards & Radio Show

### Membership is a Privilege

Brothers,

Our news on membership is nothing new. We all know that our membership has been declining and ageing for quite a few years. We need to increase the size of our classes at our reunions.

Even though we have Membership Chairmen in each District and Ambassadors in each Lodge every member of the Scottish Rite is a member of the Membership Committee. We each need to make every effort to try your best to interest quality non-Scottish Rite Mason in petitioning to join our Valley.

When talking about the Scottish Rite with Brother Masons who are not yet members of the Rite stress the fact that we are considered the University of Masonry, and relate to them the vast amount of Masonic Education available in the study and contemplation of symbolism of our Degrees. Also tell the about the Fellowship that we enjoy at our meetings and reunions.

When you find someone that you think will make a good Scottish Rite Mason invite him and his wife or girlfriend to join you at one of our open meetings. This will let them see our Temple and get to know some of our members and hopefully ask for a petition.

Remember it is the responsibility of each member to bring in new members an increase our membership. This we should be working on at all times and not just when the Reunion is near. Please make sure that you have petitions available to pass out and make every effort to attract quality Masons to join us and keep our Rite strong and healthy.

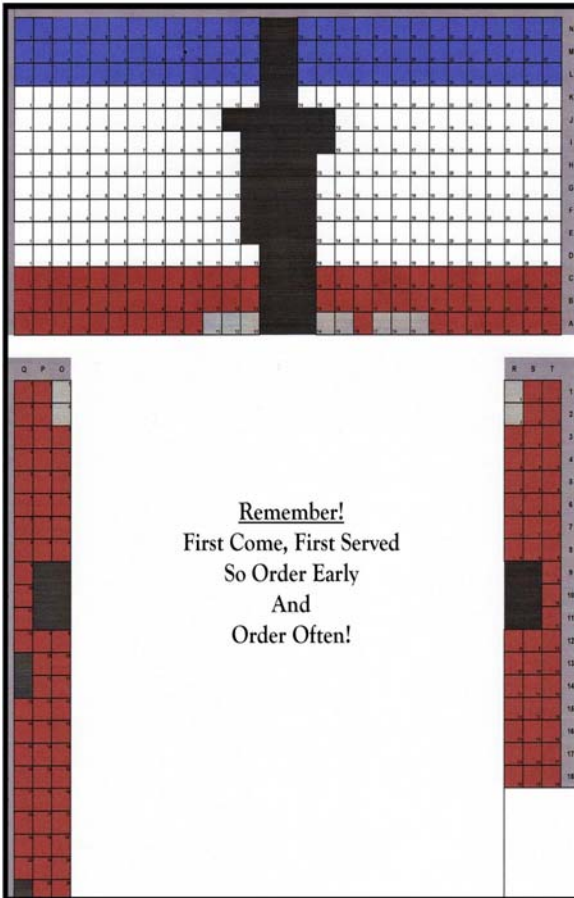
Fraternally,

James Nash 32° KCCH  
Valley Membership Chairman

# Seeding the Valley Campaign!



“Plant a seat for the Valley and watch the bountiful Harvest of the Future”



**Remember!**  
 First Come, First Served  
 So Order Early  
 And  
 Order Often!

Red Sections..... \$250.00 each  
 Blue Sections..... \$200.00 each  
 White sections..... \$150.00 each

*Please give 3 choices in order of preference:  
 (Please see magnified print of seating layout)*

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Things you need to be aware of: These will be sold on a first come, first served basis in the order that they are received. Seats will be assigned when payment is made in full. This is a fundraising effort to assist the Orlando Scottish Rite Valley and their operating cost. When you plant your seat for the Valley, you're making it possible to have a bountiful future for the Valley!

Thank you for your order!

Please note that donations are for the Valley's operating expenses and are not deductible under the 501c10 Rules as a tax deduction.

## Knights of Saint Andrews

Greeting to all the Knights & Ladies,

I trust everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather and taking advantage of the time to get outside and enjoy Central Florida before the heat keeps us inside. We have a great many items planned for the Knights of St Andrew this spring and into the summer.

I am sure that the entire Knight's of St Andrew will be at the Spring Reunion to assist the Valley in whatever capacity they can. We all need to remember that we are the support element of this great Valley and we are needed to make it a success. Please don't forget that 16-17 April, we are expected to be available. As a reward for all the hard work we do, or to enjoy each other's company, we are going to have another Knight out! We had a great time at Bahama Breeze in February and this time we are leaving the Caribbean and traveling to Germany via the Willow Tree Restaurant in Sanford on Friday, April 29th at 6:30 PM. This is a great place to enjoy good food (at a reasonable price), good music and great fellowship.

Please attend if you can! Please do not forget that we are still collecting American Flags for our flag retirement ceremony, which is put on by the KNIGHT OF ST ANDREW, on 11 June at noon at the Scottish Rite Center. The Honor Guard will be playing a pivotal role in this and will need to get

some practice in to be on the lookout for emails for this. This is another project that you can invite all you Masonic and those not familiar with the Fraternity to and show them who we are and what we do. This is sure to be a most patriotic event that you will not want to miss so please put it on your calendar and make a special effort to attend.

For those who missed the Luau fundraiser that the Knights of St Andrew put on a couple of years ago, you have a chance to enjoy that again. The Knights will be having a Luau on 27 August. Past Venerable Master Harry Eisenburg and his wife have again opened up their home for us to celebrate and enjoy and wonderful evening of Polynesian food, music and there is even a rumor that the hula dancer will make another performance. The proceeds will be used to help support the replacement of the microphones in the Valley auditorium. There will be more to follow in the coming months but please put this on your calendar now so you will be sure to attend.

Thank you for all you do for the Valley and Masonry.

Fraternally,

Ed Sexton, 32°  
Venerable Master 2011



## Valley Facilities Available for Rentals

Did you know that the dining room, auditorium and meeting rooms at the Valley are available for rentals? The Scottish Rite Masonic Center offers you a perfect environment for your Special event. A handicap accessible building, centrally located for the Greater Orlando area, in Winter Park, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center has ample parking, and sits on beautiful grounds which features a lovely pond and lake. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center has multiple rooms available for rent; Meeting rooms for large and small gatherings, banquet facilities for up to 360 guests, with a commercial kitchen as well as a full function auditorium with seating for more than 450 guests. For more information, please contact Ill.: Keith Albright, 33° in our office for details and pricing.

## Support Your Scottish Rite Clubs

**Central Brevard Scottish Rite Club** meets 3rd Thursday each month at Brevard Lodge #113 at 6:30 P.M. Covered dish dinner.

**Deltona Scottish Rite Club** meets 2nd Monday each month at Landmark Lodge #383 at 7:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner.

**Halifax Scottish Rite Club** meets 1st Monday each month at Halifax Lodge #81 at 7:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner at 6:00 P.M.

**Lake Scottish Rite Club** meets 1st Wednesday each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Crazy Gator on Bay St in Eustis. Contact Ill. Hank Link, 33° at 352-383-3078 for reservations.

**New Smyrna Beach Scottish Rite Club** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the New Smyrna Beach Shrine Club 7:00 P.M. for covered dish dinner.

**Osceola Scottish Rite Club** meets 2nd Friday each month at St. Cloud Lodge #221 at 7:30 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 P.M.

**Sanford Scottish Rite Club** meets 2nd Wednesday each month at I-Hop Orlando Ave (US 17-92) south of the 417 at 6:00 P.M. Dinner meeting.

**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.



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*Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal. -- The Scottish Rite Creed*