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

May 12th Mother's Day

May 21st Executive Meeting 6:30 PM.

May 25th Stated Meeting 6:45 PM.

May 28th Memorial Day – Office Closed.

June 14th Flag Day.

June 16th Flag Retirement Program 12 Noon.

June 17th Father's Day.

June 20th Executive Meeting 6:30 PM.

June 22nd Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, S.G.I.G. Official Visit

June 23rd St. John's Day at Winter Park Lodge #239 and
17th District Meeting at the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic
Center.

July 4th Independence Day – Office Closed.

Bringing Scottish Rite to the Next Level

Over the course of the past few months, your Long Range Planning Committee has developed an outstanding program for our Valley to use for the benefit of our members in hopes of developing an understanding about Scottish Rite and what Scottish Rite has to offer new and existing members. Ill. Roger McKay, 33° and Bother Karl Sooder, 32° KCCH, worked for months evaluating programs from several other jurisdictions, not only Scottish Rite, but Masonic programs too. Their goal was to develop a program that could fit all Valley's and possibly any Masonic Lodge. I believe they hit the ball out of the park when they launched our inaugural Mentors Training Session on March 31st. We had 53 Scottish Rite members in attendance, eager to learn how to be a Mentor. Ill. Robert L. Goldsmith, S.G.I.G. in Florida opened the session with a lot of enthusiasm and acknowledged the efforts of our Brethren to participate as Mentors.

This Mentors Program can be the best way our Valley can maintain contact and share information with the new members. In order for it to work though, we need to have more members step up to the plate and become Mentors. We will hold another training session about a month or two before the Fall Reunion. It is our hopes to be able to match a new Scottish Rite Mason to a trained and highly motivated Mentor. Many of us know people we have looked to in the past that either encouraged us or guided us towards great things in Masonry, that's what Mentoring is in a nut shell. Giving a new Scottish Rite Mason someone to look up to and possibly be the reason they could some day do great things in Scottish Rite.

This brings me to the title of my message, "Bringing Scottish Rite to the Next Level". In order for our Valley to excel into the future, we need members willing to give a few hours of their time for the benefit of Scottish Rite and our Valley in general. We are trying a lot of new things in the Valley, some are working, some are not and that's ok. What's important here is we are trying new things and need your involvement to ensure we are on the right track. Please take a few moments to drop us a line or make a call to our Valley's General Secretary and let us know what your interests are. We need your involvement and Scottish Rite needs more leaders like you to take ownership of the various programs, committees and functions of the Valley. A few years ago, the Supreme Council sent out a Strategic Plan aimed at changing the course of Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction. It was designed to be implemented at the Valley level giving the Valley's a lot of flexibility to adapt it for their use in their own way. In this plan there are 5 objectives and how we meet these objectives and what impact on the Valley they will have is up to us! If you are interested in hearing more about this, give us a call, it's going to take a lot of support for us to reach that next level and I'm confident we can and will.

Best Regards and Fraternally,
Zeb E Blanton, Jr.
Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.

Mentors' Program - Valley of Orlando

WOW!! We're delighted that 54 [yes...fifty-four] enthusiastic brothers participated in the first Mentors' Orientation on March 31st. Feedback and comments were excellent and are currently being folded into the Mentors' Program Guide and presentation material for the next Reunion and Orientation. The many months of preparation by Ill. Roger McKay 33° and Karl Sooder, 32° KCCH were richly rewarded by the sincerity, support, and open discussions offered by our new Mentors. This program is now off the ground and will only be as successful as the involvement of all our Mentors. One of the many comments that were offered by those in attendance suggests that first line signers should carefully consider serving as a one-year Mentor for their 'Petitioner for the Degrees'. What a great idea! Will you volunteer for training for this important program?

For questions or interest in joining the team of Mentors in the Valley of Orlando,
call Ill. Keith Albright, 33°, General Secretary at 407-657-4550.

Check out our web site: www.srorlando.org

11th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony Saturday June 16, 2007

We still need flags. If the brother hood would contact all the people they know who have flags and ask if we can retire them for them. The ceremony starts promptly at noon followed by lunch at a cost of \$3.00 per person.

Steve Boring

LODGE VISITATIONS

May 8th meet us at **Sebastian Masonic Lodge No. 232**
Located at 1715 N. Central Ave., Sebastian

This finishes our first round of visitations to all of the Lodges that make up the Valley of Orlando. We will take the month of June off so look at the July / August Bulletin for our next visit.

See You On The Road!



KCCH Court of Honor



Brethren,

The pace has been busy since the start of the year, however we need more participation and better attendance at our Lodge and Youth Visits. With the spring Reunion over it is time to start recruiting for the fall reunion, Remember we have a great organization in or beloved Scottish Rite, let's share that with others and help grow our membership and help our Valley become a greater leader than it already is. Plans are close to being finalized for our fall Fund Raiser so let's each get ready to see how many tickets we can sell.

Fraternally

Jim Nash
32° KCCH
Commander



The Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, U.S.A., Inc.

TO HEAR – TO SPEAK – TO UNDERSTAND

These are the basic steps of language development in the young mind. Yet there are normal, healthy children, rich and poor alike, who are shut off from communications, even with their own parents! Today, at our Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Disorder Clinics in the state of Florida, many children with communication disorders are being helped to hear, to speak, and to understand.

Make a difference in a child's life support the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida

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 1st Monday each month at Daytona Beach Lodge #270 at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Scottish Rite Club meets 1st Wednesday each month at Tavares Lodge #234 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations required.

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 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner.

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.

The MISSION of the SCOTTISH RITE of FREEMASONRY in the ORIENT of FLORIDA

Is 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, Integrity 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.