

Bi-Monthly News and Information about Ocala Scottish Rite Masonic Center



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

Further Light through Scottish Rite!

January 1st, 2019:

Happy New Year from the Valley of Ocala

Calendar table listing events for January and February 2019. Events include Executive Committee Meetings, Monthly Fund Raising Dinners (e.g., \$10.00 Per-Person), and Stated Communications of the Ocala Scottish Rite Bodies. Times range from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

If you are going to attend the Dinners, it is necessary to Call or E-Mail you're Dinner Reservations to the Consistory Office the Thursday prior to the day of the event!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU COULD?

- Pay Dues Online: http://dues.scottishrite.org
Update Your Membership Online: http://update.scottishrite.org
Join Freemason Network: www.FreemasonNetwork.net
Master Craftsmen Courses: http://mc.scottishrite.org

Our Birthday Wishes go to all our Brothers and Sisters born in the Months of November, December & January!

Remember that: "Scottish Rite Masons Care and Will Always Be There."

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 true belief in a Supreme Being.

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Personal Representatives Thoughts:

My Brothers of the Royal Secret: Happy New Year! I know this is a bit late; however it is never too late to do something about it. Remember that to try to improve our lot in life and especially in our Fraternity, is what we are charged to do. All of us ARE our Fraternity. We are responsible for making it better and we are responsible for helping others expand their knowledge in Masonry.

We receive all of the basic truths in Masonry in our Blue Lodges, however these truths, as important as they are, and not finished. Scottish Rite is one of the best ways to expand our knowledge of Masonry. That's why we say "Further Light Through Scottish Rite."

We will be having our Spring Reunion on March 9th and 23rd. Both days are Saturdays all day. This will give us an opportunity to present the truths we learned in the Blue Lodge in a more expanded manner. The Reunion is also very important as it is not just a time for presenting Degrees to new candidates, but a time where we reunite with other Scottish Rite Brothers, and share the good things we have as a family of Brothers. So see if each of us can get at least one new Master Mason to become a Scottish Rite Mason in this class. In this way we will "replace" ourselves. How do we do this? A good way to start is to ask. It might take a little work, however, there is no down side and this will permit our Valley to grow and offer more to those who need it. Namely those whom we support through our charities.

Fraternally;

Ill. Raymond M. Davis, Jr., 33°,
Personal Representative

Further Light from the Master of the Kadosh

"Total Involvement Everyone"

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters and Friends of the Ocala Scottish Rite Masonic Center, we have started a New Year in the Valley of Ocala. I hope this finds you and yours well, if not please let us know so that we can get you on the Prayer List. We are trying to put together some interesting programs for this year. If you know of an Interesting Speaker or Program let the General Secretary or me know, and we will try to work them in. We would be delighted to have all our Brethren come out and join us on the first Monday of the month. At 6:30 PM we have a dinner prepared by Bro. Glen Wyatt and his entire kitchen Crew and our meetings are at 7:30 PM. It is necessary to make reservations for the Dinners so the Kitchen Crew knows how much food to prepare. We want no one to go away unfed. The Ladies have a short meeting and lots of good fellowship so bring your ladies with you.

In closing, may our Lord God keep and bless those who are sick and housebound and shine his light upon them and their family members. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Cordially & fraternally;
Dana K. Oldenburg
Brother Dana K. Oldenburg, 32° KCCH, Master of the Kadosh

Office of the General Secretary


My Friends and Brothers; I'll be in the Office on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 am through 1:00 pm and on the first Monday of each month if I can be of any assistance please call.

My Brothers, your 2019 dues notice is out and many of you have responded already. If you are still carrying a 2017 dues card you are delinquent for 2018 and were suspended for Non-Payment of Dues on the 31st day of December.

There are still several members who have not paid their 2018 Dues. If you are have some financial problems due to illness or are out of work please don't feel embarrassed by letting us know. The Almoner and I are sworn to secrecy when Brothers have had problems. Call! We CAN HELP!

Also, you can go to the Supreme Councils Wed Site and pay your dues by credit card at www.scottishrite.org. **My Brothers if you are having problems and can't afford your dues at the present time call us please call and let us know again we can and will help.** I hope to see you at our Stated Meetings.

My Brethren, Masonry is the Greatest Educational Organization of its type in the world. THINK MEMBERSHIP, replace yourself plus one.

Fraternally,

Ill. Ralph R. Shollenberger, Sr., 33°
General Secretary

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From Your Almoner:

My Brothers' we have had several members and wives that have been ill or confined over the last several months. Our prayers are with them and the families. We have lost several Brothers also and again we pray for the families they left behind.

When the Almoner receives a request from a Master Mason, the Master or Secretary of the Brothers Blue Lodge we will ask for permission to give him temporary assistance. Your help in finding those Brothers or Sisters who need our help, prayers or assistance will be gratefully appreciated. Hope to see you in the Consistory Meeting in the future.

Cordially and fraternally;
Steve Mitchell
III. Steve Mitchell, 33°, Almoner

Director of Work and his Committee:

Reunion, Reunion, Reunion....

I want to wish each and every one a Happy New Year and the very best for 2019. We had a great 2018 with 13 new Masters of the Royal Secret joining our Valley.

The Installation of Officers for 2019 was a wonderful evening and I know the new officers will be committed to make 2019 an even better year. The KSA and Lodge of Perfection conducted meeting during 2018 and I look forward to attending another meeting where they conduct the business and would like to see The Chapter of Rose Croix and Council of Kadosh conduct the stated meetings also.

We are still needing a new Degree Master for the 6th Degree and with III Earl Hancock assuming the duties of Director of Work we will need someone to step up and become Degree Master for the 20th Degree and another for the 26th Degree.

Fraternally,
Edward J. Mayfield
Edward J. Mayfield, Jr., 32nd Degree, KCCH
Director of Work

Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida:

Dear Scottish Rite Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

Brothers all – The Ocala Court of the K.:C.:C.:H.: wishes to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of this Valley who donated so many articles and enabled the Ocala Court to donate \$2,500.00 to the Foundation. Also, the Brothers and Sisters of the K.:C.:C.:H. Court are to be congratulated and sincerely thanked for all the efforts they put forth to make the sale happen. We wish to also thank the members of the K.:S.:A. for their assistance in setting up and working on the sale. It is a major undertaking and all their hard is very much appreciated. A special thanks to Janet Specht for all her efforts in publicizing the event. No publicity equals no customer's equals a failed event. Janet's ability to get all the local papers to publish the times and dates was a significant factor in so many people attending.

We have begun the annual fund raising drive to support and fund the Scottish Rite Foundations 14 clinics statewide. Our goal is \$18,000.00. The board of trustees has set the funding level at what we have been able to raise in the past at each Valley, according to their membership. While some have not been able to reach 100%, Ocala has - thanks to your generosity and hard work. As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, your donations to the Foundation not only help Florida's special needs children, but are tax deductible for you as well. Remember the Foundation in your will. For information on the Legacy Program, you can get a pamphlet from the General Secretary, or log on to www.scottishritefoundationofflorida.org and click on the Legacy Link to view the several charitable donation options. Long after we have gone, a Legacy Program Charitable Donation will enable the Foundation to continue to serve Florida's special needs children.

The Legacy Program echoes PGC Albert Pike's words: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains, and is immortal."

Enjoy your holidays and, as always, thank you all very much for the donations you have made.

Remember the Foundation in your will and thank you for your generosity. I would like to present the New Scottish Rite Foundation Trustee for the Valley of Ocala, Bro. Gary R. Moore, 32°. I hope you give him the same respect and help you gave me.

Fraternally yours in service,
Gary R. Moore
Bro. Gary R. Moore, 32°,
Past Foundation Trustee for the Valley of Ocala



THINK PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP
20 TIMES YOUR ANNUAL DUES AND NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN
\$105.00 times 20 years equals \$2,100.00
Memorial Member \$200.00 ** Friend of the Scottish Rite \$200.00
Members 75 Years or older with 5 years as a Master of the Royal Secret \$400.00



Newsletter Boosters

Contributions of \$20.00 or more have been received from the following Brothers and Sisters to help defray the cost of printing and mailing of the Bi-Monthly Newsletter.

Sister Yvonne Brickle	01/19
Robert H. & Carolyn Browning, 32°	01/19
James E. & Judy Chaffin, 32° KCCH	12/18
Kim W. & Wende Davies, 32°	03/19
Robert F. & Joan Farnell, Sr., 32° KCCH	01/12
Donald W. & Peggy V. Frazer, 32° KCCH	01/18
James C. & Cheryl Gillyard, Jr., 32° KCCH	03/19
In Memory of John R. Givens	09/19
Sister Claudia Givens, 33°	09/19
Wesley E. Golon, Sr., 32°	05/20
Don P. Grabbe, 32°	10/19
Wilbur "Gus" & JoAnne Green, 33°	01/18
Ill. Earl R. & Pat Hancock, 33°	01/20
Lawrence & Barbara Kratz, 32°	08/18
In Memory of Don Carlos LeMaster	08/19

Sister Margaret C. LeMaster	08/19
Edward J. & Diane Mayfield, Jr., 32° KCCH	01/19
William A. McKay, 32° KCCH	08/17
Steve & Janet Mitchell, 33°	06/17
Garth E. Phillips, 33°	12/22
Glen W. & Sandy Phillips, 32° KCCH	10/17
Daniel L. & Diane L. Racz, 33°	01/18
Ralph & Terry Shollenberger, Sr., 33°	08/19
George L. & Alice Sinclair, 33°	11/20
Lloyd E. & Nancy Smith, 33°	07/18
Edward K. & Kathy Sowden, 32°	09/17
William C. & Connie Wagner, Jr., 32°	12/18
Charles & Sandra Walter, 32° KCCH	06/18
Paul E. & Margaret Wilson, Jr. 33°	04/19
Morton & Helen Wolfson, 33°	11/18
Glen E. & Lisa Wyatt, 32°	12/18

Any of the Boosters that have <<< by their names will be dropped prior to the next Newsletter!

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KNIGHT OF THE DOUBLE EAGLE / AWARD PROGRAM AND GUIDELINES

All members of the Valley of Ocala are eligible to become a Knight of the Double Eagle by becoming involved in the events and activities conducted and sponsored by the Valley. The points (see attached list) and guidelines for attaining points are outlined as follows:

EVENTS: Attend or participate in various events, i.e., Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, official visit of the S.G.I.G., Reunions, Knights of Saint Andrew, work on special events associated with the Center, attend/work KCCH Investiture or 33° Coronation and other events as authorized by the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Top line signer on a petition/affiliation; restoration of an old member.

SERVICE: Serve as an elected officer, appointed officer, chairman of a committee, work on a committee, and participate in a called work party, degree participation and other activities as authorized by the Executive Committee.

EXTENDED SERVICES: After a recipient of the Double Eagle Award has received all the continuous service bars (red, white, blue, and gold), they will be eligible for extended service recognition as follows:

500 points	-	Basic medallion with ribbon
1,000 points	-	Red hanging bar
1,500 points	-	White hanging bar
2,000 points	-	Blue hanging bar
2,500 points	-	Gold hanging bar
5,000 points	-	the medallion ribbon changed to Red
7,500 points	-	the medallion ribbon changed to White
10,000 points	-	the medallion ribbon changed to Blue
15,000 points	-	Red, White and Blue Ribbon – end of awards.
20,000 points	-	a Gold double-headed eagle pin to be attached on the ribbon

GENERAL GUIDELINES: Points for the award are accumulated on a calendar year basis and the cut-off is December 31st each year. The award will normally be presented the following **January**. Chairmen must have all event point forms turned no later than **December 31st**, do not hold the forms until the end of the year turn them in after each event. Names for points in qualifying events received after that date would be applied to the next year. Points roll over from year to year until the final goal is reached.

It is the responsibility of each chairman or event leader to insure that the names of participants are forwarded so they can be certified. It is the responsibility of each participant to be sure to sign the sign-in sheet in a legible manner for each qualifying event, at the time the event takes place.

**Our Prayers are with those who are unable to be with us due to Illness or Confinement!
May the Blessings of our Father who is in heaven be with you now and forever!**

PETITION FOR SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America
Valley of Ocala, Orient of Florida, Ocala Consistory
3632 NE 7th Street
Ocala, Florida 34470-1046

Date _____/_____/_____

To the Officers and Members of;
Ocala Lodge of Perfection [4° - 14°] Degrees cost \$50.00
Ocala Chapter of Rose Croix [15° - 18°] Degrees cost \$50.00
Ocala Council of Kadosh [19° - 30°] Degrees cost \$50.00
Ocala Consistory [31° - 32°] Degrees cost \$50.00
Annual Dues \$105.00
Total cost for all Degrees and Annual Dues \$305.00

Note: A fee of \$155.00 must accompany this petition. Please make checks payable to Ocala Scottish Rite and finally make sure that you fill out the other side / page of this petition fully.

Applicant print your name in full: [No initials] _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ + _____

Mailing street address [If different form above]

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____ + _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Place of Birth:** _____

Telephone: (Home) () _____ **(Work)** () _____ **(Cell)** () _____

(E-Mail) _____@_____

I am married: Yes () No () and if so my **wife's name is:** _____

Children: _____

My occupation is _____ **Employed by** _____

[The occupation must be stated; If a "Self Employed" or a "Salesman," state what kind. If retired, from what?]

I, the undersigned, am a Master Mason in good standing and a member of _____
Lodge No _____ in _____, State of _____.

[If membership is held outside of Florida, a copy of your paid-up Dues card must accompany this petition.]

I was raised in _____ Lodge No. _____ on ____/____/ 20____ in City of _____,
in the State of _____ and I have been declared proficient by the
Worshipful Master of the Lodge; Yes () No () I am a Past Master; Yes () No ()

I am a member of the York Rite Bodies; Yes () No () _____ York Rite Bodies

I am a member of the Shrine of North America; Yes () No () _____ Shrine Temple

I (have) (have never) before applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees from the Fourth through the Thirty-second Degree inclusive, promising always to bear faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. _____ **Scottish Rite Bodies?**

(*) If applicant has previously applied for the degrees, he will strike the (have never) box and explain fully when and where such application was made, using the space provided on the back of this petition and blank extra sheets if required.

Applicant sign your name in full: _____

Recommended by these Brothers:

Print Name _____ **Signature** _____

Print Name _____ **Signature** _____

The Supreme Council requires acceptance of the following fundamental principles:

➤ "The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and,"

➤ "The separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America"

Do you approve wholeheartedly in these principles? Yes () No ()

Do you know your hat size? Yes () No () and if so what size is it? _____

Do you know your ring size? Yes () No () and if so what size is it? _____

Please note that the fees includes 14° Ring, 18° Cross; A Bridge to Light; the 32° Cap and Case, an English style Patent, the Ocala Consistory News and the Scottish Rite Journal. Please also note that all information provided will be held by Ocala Consistory in a Database at both Ocala Consistory and at the Supreme Council.

Extra information:

For office use only:

Date received _____/_____/_____ **Amount paid \$** _____

Method (Cash) (Check # _____) **Balance due \$** _____