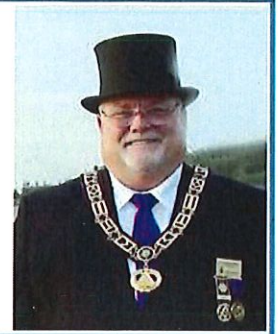




Maine Scottish Rite Grand Master's Class

October 23, 2021
Portland Masonic Hall



To all Scottish Rite Ambassadors and Members:

The Scottish Rite Valleys of Maine are pleased to announce the first statewide Grand Master's Class. Five degrees (see sidebar) will be conferred by casts drawn from the Valleys located in Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Portland and Rockland. We also have a Valley in Preque Isle.

As a Scottish Rite Lodge Ambassador or member, we look to you to speak with Brethren in your Lodge, District and Masonic circles about becoming members of the Scottish Rite and the great work of the Rite, including our:

- Beautiful and inspirational Scottish Rite degrees;
- Educational opportunities offered through the degree process and the Hauts Grades Academy;
- Children's Dyslexia Centers (in Portland and Bangor);
- Generous college scholarship programs for members, their spouses, children and grandchildren;
- Numerous and varied family life events, such as our ladies weekends and summer barbeques; and
- Caring member relief by the Grand Almoner's Fund.

NOW is the time to recognize our 100th Grand Master and to welcome our Brethren to the Scottish Rite, with it's worthy vision: "We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members."

The Wages of Candidate Sponsors – Your dues paid!

The greatest wages earned by the sponsors of candidates for this class and other reunions is the knowledge that you have helped a Brother in his pursuit of further light in Masonry; of expanding his circle of friends and Brothers.

But in addition, each Maine Scottish Rite Valley will pay one year's annual membership dues if you are the first line sponsor of **two** candidates in any Masonic year. And if you sponsor **three** candidates, our state Council of Deliberation will proudly award you a beautiful, warm fleece jacket with our Scottish Rite insignia.



HELP OUR BRETHERN!

If we sponsor 100 new Scottish Rite Maine Masons for this class, a \$2,500 donation will be made to the Supreme Council Almoner's (Brotherhood) Fund. Please sponsor at least one Brother.

Candidate Registration Process

Master Masons are encouraged to conveniently register for this statewide Scottish Rite reunion and pay degree fees on-line at <https://scottishritenmj.org/login>. Paper applications are available from Valley secretaries and via Valley Facebook pages. Contact information is available for each Valley at <https://scottishritenmj.org/valleys/maine>.

The Degrees to be Presented

4th – Builder – A Master Mason seeks divine guidance. **Philosophy:** Brothers grow together in the Scottish Rite. **Core Values:** Reverence for God, Integrity, and Service – (Conferred by the Valley of) Augusta

13th – Master of the Ninth Arch – The degree dramatizes the dangers encountered as men search for the lost word. **Philosophy:** We are reminded that difficulties and dangers should not deter us from pursuing moral perfection. **Core Values:** Reverence for God – Rockland

16th – Prince of Jerusalem – The court of King Darius contemplates what motivates man. **Philosophy:** We learn that devotion to truth surpasses secular motivations. **Core Values:** Reverence for God – The Androscoggin

25th – Master of Achievement – Industriousness is shown through the life of Brother Benjamin Franklin. **Philosophy:** The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealing with one another. **Core Values:** Devotion to Country and Service – Bangor

32nd – Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret – The degree dramatically teaches us to choose between personal advancement and service to humanity. **Philosophy:** The degree represents the victory of the spiritual over the human in man. **Core Values:** Devotion to Country and Service – The Androscoggin and Portland

This will be a day of exceptional brotherhood and personal enlightenment in the philosophy and values taught in Scottish Rite Masonry. Prospective members may visit <https://scottishritenmj.org/> to learn more about The Rite, or encourage them to talk with a Scottish Rite Mason in your Lodge or your local Valley.

All on-line and paper candidate registrations and degree fees must be received by Friday, October 15th.

Day of event candidate and member sign-in will be from 8:30 to 9:45 am at the Portland Masonic Hall located at 415 Congress St. The degrees will begin promptly at 10 am and are expected to conclude by 5 pm, followed by a social period and dinner.

All candidates and Scottish Rite Masons need to make lunch and dinner reservations by Friday, October 15th.

All Scottish Rite Masons are invited for lunch (and the 16th Degree) and the social and dinner following the degrees. **Reservations are required and must be made through the secretary of your respective Valleys.**