

STUDY



FUN

We study mankind's greatest questions and problems, and we have fun doing it. We mentioned the Degrees, the one-act plays, earlier. Those trace the history of man's thought. They raise the great questions of ethics and morality. They ask us to consider just how those principles relate to our everyday life. More than one Mason has spent his life in the study of those questions. But a Reunion is much more than that. It's genuine fun and fellowship. A Reunion looks much more like a gathering of friends than a convocation of scholars. Many Reunions feature special social events such as dances or banquets. Masons from all over the state gather at each Reunion, to meet friends they have not seen for months, shoot the breeze, share in fellowship, get reconnected.

That's the essence of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. It's men just like you - Master Masons who want to learn more about Masonry, find new ways of expressing that Masonry in the world, make a difference in the lives of others and have a great time doing it! We think you'd like it too. It's easy to join the Scottish Rite. Just find any Scottish Rite Mason and ask for a petition. He'll be happy to help you. We like sharing what we've found!



*Yes, the Eagle looks both ways.
One head is looking at the Fraternity.
The other head is looking at you.*

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You may have seen this rather strange looking bird on the caps, pins or tie tacks of your Scottish Rite Masonic friends. It's the Double-headed eagle and it's the oldest known symbol of heraldry, dating back to the ancient Middle Eastern kingdom of Lagash.

Since then it's been the symbol of kings and empires, including that empire each man must establish over himself, and it's the best known symbol of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

We'd like to tell you about the Scottish Rite, and the double eagle is a good place to start. One of the most important lessons the double eagle teaches us is that a Mason must look "both ways" at once.

PAST



FUTURE

We must look both to the past and to the future. The past includes not only Masonry's past, long, rich, and beautiful as it is, but humanity's past. The past teaches us about values, the family, ethics and patriotism. It also gives us important warnings. It shows us what can happen when tyrants arise in civil, religious, cultural, political or intellectual life.

The future beckons to us as its stewards and protectors. We learn to build for the future. The Scottish Rite teaches that only through toleration, the willingness to let each man and woman be truly free, can we build a future in which freedom exists for everyone.

OURSELVES



SOCIETY

We must seek to develop both ourselves and society. Each Scottish Rite Mason accepts the responsibility of self-development. We teach the importance of becoming more patient, more generous, more tolerant, more compassionate, and more thoughtful. Yet, we must also help society develop by supporting education, funding museums, supporting the arts, assisting with medical research, and giving both time and money to many projects which help society to grow and develop. It is a fundamental teaching of Scottish Rite Masonry that the nation must develop so that it benefits ALL its citizens.

RECEIVING



GIVING

We receive so much, it's only natural to want to give. Each of us gets a lot out of the Scottish Rite. For some of us, the fellowship is the greatest reward, sharing genuine quality time with brothers who've come to mean a lot in our lives. Some enjoy working in the Degrees, either as an actor, a stage-hand, lighting or sound technician, prop-master, make-up artist, or in wardrobe. For some, it's mostly the deep spiritual and intellectual reward which comes from new insights and ideas. For most of us, it's a combination of all those things and more. As one Brother said, "I'm tired after a Reunion, but my spiritual batteries are charged enough for another six months." (A Reunion is a meeting at which we renew friendships, watch the Degrees, and receive new members into the Scottish Rite.)

We have exciting opportunities for giving, as well. The Scottish Rite supports aiding the aphasic and dyslexic child through its' "RiteCare" Centers. Thousands of children are terribly afflicted by their inability to communicate. In North Carolina, help is available through the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation. Clinics have been established at Appalachian State University, East Carolina University and at the Charlotte Scottish Rite Temple. An Almoner's Fund is set up in every Scottish Rite Temple to receive funds for the assistance of widows, orphans, the destitute and physically handicapped. Applications for assistance are often made from the Lodges in our jurisdiction whose members are more intimately aware, on a local basis, of those people in need of charitable assistance. Applications for assistance can also be made directly to the Almoner.