

PROCLAMATION

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, DAVID A. GLATTLY, 33°
PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER AS SCOTTISH RITE MONTH

TO ALL BROTHERS:

LET IT BE KNOWN AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION

Whereas, The Scottish Rite, N°MJ believes in the values of Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Service, and Toleration, and

Whereas, The Supreme Council promotes the aforementioned values through the written and performance exemplification of its degrees, and

Whereas, The Valleys of the Scottish Rite, N°MJ seek to further inculcate the mission of the organization through its ritual and social programming, and

Whereas, The members of the Scottish Rite, N°MJ are committed to upholding these values in their daily lives, and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that I, David A. Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, N°MJ, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as Scottish Rite Month in all of our Valleys throughout the jurisdiction.

I encourage all Valleys and Brothers to plan, and participate, in events that demonstrate the strength and resolve we have for our organization, and the values for which it stands, and further cement the relevance of Freemasonry as part of history, as well as the future.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Scottish Rite, N°MJ to be herein affixed.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. A. Glattly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sovereign Grand Commander

NOVEMBER IS SCOTTISH RITE MONTH

Scottish Rite Month is an opportunity for all members across the jurisdiction to collectively participate in events that highlight and promote the benefits of being a 32° Freemason and instill a sense of pride in membership in the Scottish Rite. During this month, the Supreme Council will highlight the values of Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Toleration, and Service. We encourage our state organizations, Valleys, and members to plan and host activities throughout the month as well.

Part of the awesomeness of your membership in the Scottish Rite is knowing that you are part of something bigger than yourself. The goal of our charities is to have a positive impact on the lives of people in our communities. In furtherance of those two sentiments, we have developed a jurisdiction-wide promotion for the month of November. The goal is to incorporate all Valleys and build toward one shared cause. We have designed a Scottish Rite Eagle stuffed animal that can be purchased either for yourself, or, even better, for a child or children in your life that need a little cheering up, or to let them know you were thinking of them. For every eagle purchased, the Supreme Council will donate an eagle on behalf of the Valley to a local children's charity in that area. This activity will have a positive impact on a friend, relative, neighbor, etc. and also share that goodwill with the Shriner's Children's Hospital, local children's hospital, Toys for Tots, or other local charity.



When we focus on our core values and successfully implement programming that is congruent with those values, no one can argue the relevance of Freemasonry, specifically, the Scottish Rite. Through *The Path Forward* survey, we learned that our values set resonates with men today, and they would join an organization that stood for these values.

We also have an obligation to care for our current members; not just the ones who attend meetings and degree days but the ones who have provided the foundation for who we are today, the newest members who are seeking something more beyond just the degrees, and the ones whose circumstances don't allow them to be as involved as they want to be.

State-wide Activities

On a single day, members/casts from all Valleys in the state come together and put on degree work, host a meal/reception, or any other activity that promotes the presence of the greater Scottish Rite community and shows the members they are part of something bigger than their individual Valley.

Valley Activities

Throughout the month, the Valley will host events that bring members together and engage in activities for the betterment of their members, recruit new members, celebrate their members, etc.

Many States and Valleys currently have events planned. The following list is meant to assist in idea generation.

- Beef, Beer, Brotherhood Event
- Brother-Bring-a-Friend
- Brotherhood Night
- Charity Program
- Cigar/Tasting Event
- Couples Night Out
- Degree Day/Nights
- Family Game Night
- Family Ice Cream Sundae Event
- Family Life Event
- Father/Son Dinner event
- Financial Planning Program
- Luncheon for Senior Members
- Masonic Home Visit/Event
- Masonic Pub Crawl
- Member Appreciation Dinner
- Member Milestone Recognition
- Open House
- Public Degree with Program
- Public Service Event
- Remember the Widows Event
- Thanksgiving Event for Seniors
- Trip to Museum/Zoo/Sporting Event
- Visit Shut-ins

Individual Activities

The core of what we are is contained in our vision statement. It is the duty of each Brother to lend a hand to another Brother in need. At this very local level, members can participate in Scottish Rite Month by having personal interactions with other Brothers. This can happen in any community, anywhere there are two or more Freemasons. Examples of these types of activities are Brother-to-Brother calling/note writing, visiting widows, visiting shut-ins, deliver meals, take a member to lunch/coffee, "Help a Mason" by assisting with lawn care, transporting to doctors' appointments, or other needs.

We hope through the programs of this month it will reignite your passion as a member and remind you of the reason you joined the Scottish Rite.

Be on the lookout for more information on Scottish Rite Month through your Valley Secretary's office as well as social media and email. For questions regarding Scottish Rite Month feel free to email Associate Director of Membership, George Taylor, at gtaylor@srmnj.org.