

Continue Your Masonic Journey

Scottish Rite - Shrine One Day Class

Kora Shrine, Lewiston, October 19, 2024



The three Blue Lodge degrees represent the beginning of a lifelong journey where men pursue self-improvement as morally upright, educated, spiritual men, while building strong ties with like-minded individuals. The degrees launch a journey where we selflessly share our time, caring, knowledge and charitable giving to benefit our brothers, families, communities and society. The trip becomes a life-changing and fulfilling experience.

As meaningful and rewarding as our Blue Lodge experience is, it may be but the beginning of an exciting values-based journey available to Freemasons; an opportunity to grow personally while benefiting our family and friends as well as strangers that we may never meet.

These first steps lead us to the Scottish Rite, Shrine and other Masonic organizations offering brotherhood and charitable opportunities. So why is this a great time to become a Scottish Rite 32° Mason and Shriner?

The Scottish Rite is recognized worldwide for its 29 philosophical degrees; substantial college scholarships; brotherly relief; and 45 children's dyslexia centers serving over 1,300 children each year while training hundreds of teachers to tutor these children, one-on-one.

The Shrine is also world renowned for its 20 orthopedic and burns centers. And the Shrine is fun-focused, with its

clowns and other units appearing in parades throughout Maine, across the country and beyond.

October 19th is your first opportunity to participate in a Scottish Rite-Shrine one-day class in Maine in ten years. Master Masons may join both bodies in one day. It's a great opportunity to experience additional Scottish Rite degrees and expand your circle of friends and brothers. We also urge Shriners to become members of the Rite, and members of the Rite to become Shriners.

ALL Shriners and Scottish Rite Masons are encouraged to attend their meetings on this day to welcome new members and join in a great day of camaraderie that only Masonic brothers can appreciate. Let's pack the house!

To encourage Master Masons to join in this unity class, the Scottish Rite is offering a reduced application fee of \$125 and, if you also join Shrine, Kora will also charge only \$125. Please contact the Shrine offices for more information. **Registration deadline October 10th.**

Reservations for the 4 pm dinner (\$25) must be made with the Kora office. (Email khansen@KoraShriners.org or visit www.KoraShriners.org.) Scottish Rite members need to make lunch reservations with the Portland Valley Secretary to help arrange for noontime meals during the singing woodsmen presentation of the 22nd degree.

Event Schedule

- 8:30 am – Registration and coffee
- 9:30 am – Open Scottish Rite, 4th & 7th Degrees
- 12:00 pm – 22nd Degree & complimentary lunch
- 1:30 pm – Scottish Rite, 15th & 32nd Degrees
- 4:30 pm – Social & Dinner (With Reservations)
- 6:00 pm – Shrine Ceremonial

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Scottish Rite Degrees

4th – Builder – A Master Mason seeks divine guidance. **Philosophy:** Brothers grow together in the Scottish Rite. **Core Values:** Reverence for God, Integrity, and Service to Humanity.

7th – Provost and Judge – In a dispute among the workmen honesty and justice prevail. This degree teaches us to judge with patience and impartiality, for impartial justice protects person, property, happiness, and reputation. **Philosophy:** We should render justice to all mankind. **Core Values:** Justice and Integrity.

15th – Knight of the East – By emulating Zerubbabel who, even when tempted, would not violate his obligations, we learn to persevere in the face of difficulty and discouragement, maintaining fidelity to our obligations and purpose. **Philosophy:** Loyalty to conviction, fidelity to duty, and devotion to truth are the essences of integrity. **Core Value:** Integrity.

22nd – Prince of Libanus – A brother is introduced to wood cutters who test his willingness to put aside his rank and status, and emphasizes the value of a good work ethic. **Philosophy:** Honest work is honorable and noble in the sight of God and man. **Core Value:** Service to Humanity.

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.