

**Petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees**  
**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite**  
**Of Freemasonry**

Southern Jurisdiction USA – Valley of Tampa – Orient of Florida  
 Street Address: 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Florida 33634-7336 Phone: 813-886-0578

Tampa, Florida _____, 20 ____  <b>To the Officers and Members:</b>  I certify that I am a Master Mason in good standing and have been a resident within the territorial jurisdiction of the Valley of Tampa for more than six months. Further, that I have been a Master Mason for at least six months, or will have passed a satisfactory examination on the catechism of the Third Degree as prescribed by Florida Grand Lodge Regulations, prior to the conferral of the Scottish Rite Degrees.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fees for the Scottish Rite Degrees – Spring 2009</b></p> Tampa Lodge of Perfection..... \$ 110.00 Tampa Chapter, Rose Croix..... 60.00 Tampa Council of Kadosh..... 60.00 Tampa Consistory..... 70.00 Include Annual Dues of..... 65.00 <b>Total Fees and Dues.....\$365.00</b> <i>(A minimum fee of \$110.00 MUST accompany this petition)</i> BUT the entire amount of \$365 must be received before taking the Degrees. <b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TAMPA CONSISTORY</b>
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PRINT First Name		PRINT Middle Name		PRINT Last Name	
Home Street Address:		Business Phone:		Home Phone:	
City:		State:		Zip + 4:	Hat Size:
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth (City & State)			
CURRENT BLUE LODGE MEMBERSHIP ((Name Lodge)		Lodge Number	Lodge Location (City & State)		Date Raised (3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree)
Occupation (State clearly. If retired, write "Retired from" and give Former Occupation – WHAT DID YOU DO?)					
Employer (Give name of company and type of business – THIS IS IMPORTANT)					
Employer's Address		City		State	Zip + 4
Mailing Address Circle Answer		Use Home Address - Yes No Use Business Address - Yes No		Use Mailing Address Listed Here	

**The Following Questions MUST BE ANSWERED INDIVIDUALLY**

<b>1</b>	Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?	Yes ___ No ___	If your answer is yes, please attach a note of explanation.
<b>2</b>	Do you promise true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Southern Jurisdiction, U. A. A.?	Yes ___ No ___	
<b>3</b>	Do you wholeheartedly approve of the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and Order, undying loyalty to the principles of civic and religious liberty, and the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the U. S. A.?	Yes ___ No ___	
<b>4</b>	Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to number 3 above or been affiliated With any organization which has?	Yes ___ No ___	If your answer is yes, please attach a note of explanation.
<b>5</b>	I have PASSED a satisfactory EXAMINATION by RECITING THE CATECHISM of the Master Mason Degree IN OPEN LODGE...(THIS IS NOT THE DATE YOU WERE RAISED TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER MASON)	Yes ___ No ___	If YES, give date of Proficiency:

**Recommended by Two Members  
 of the Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies Who  
 CERTIFY CURRENT Blue Lodge Membership**

**CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Top Line Sponsor (Please write legibly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGN YOUR FULL NAME  
 (PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PETITION)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Print your Name & Scottish Rite ID#

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 Blue Lodge of Top Line Signer

**For Use by Office Staff Only**

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Line Sponsor (Please write legibly)

Date Petition Received: _____	
Deposit Received: \$ _____	Check _____ Cash _____
Date Elected: _____	Notified: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Print your Name & Scottish Rite ID#

(Sponsors MUST be members of the Tampa Scottish Rite Bodies)

**READ CAREFULLY – REFLECT – ANSWER TRUTHFULLY**

1. My first duties are to God, believe in His teachings, practice the Golden Rule, perform my duties to Him and to man as set forth in His Work, keep my body and soul clean and pure that I might be able to perform these duties required by Him.
2. I am not living in the commission of any crime against the laws of God and man, nor have I committed any crime or wronged any person for which I have not repented or made reparation.
3. My religious belief is (PLEASE ANSWER) \_\_\_\_\_
4. I will respect the character and memory of every good man who seeks to elevate the standard of Morality and Virtue, or whatever country, creed, or opinion and I am willing to embrace him as a Brother in the Temples of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry if he believes in One God, the Creator of all that is, and the immortality of the human soul.
5. I am willing to accept as truth that Freemasonry has the inherent right to teach all the great truths that belong exclusively to no one religion and if any symbol of its teachings is regarded as having a special reference to my own faith, I have no right to insist that others accept the same.
6. I will always respect and maintain freedom of Speech, Thought and Conscience in matters political and religious.
7. I will to the best of my ability, try to perform all the provisions of Professions, Pledges and Obligations I have made or shall make in all Masonic Degrees.
8. I have not wronged, injured, or hold enmity toward any person which whom I am not sincerely willing to be reconciled.
9. I declare that in all matters Masonic, Political and Religious, the great principles in which I believe and by which I will endeavor to govern my Life, Conduct and Speech, are:
  - a. Masonic – To live according to my Masonic Teachings and Obligations.
  - b. Political - That a government shall be of the people, by the people and for the people.
  - c. Religious – To worship God according to the dictates of my own conscience and allow others the same privilege.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in a Supreme Being, Who is One, an infinite intelligence, infinitely wise, infinitely beneficent, infinitely merciful, perfectly just and good, the God whom Freemasonry has always revered and worshipped, a personal God, sympathizing with the human creatures to whom He has given being, the infinite Light, Wisdom, Truth and Good, whose varied action the forces of the universe are, whose laws are not the arbitrary edicts of an Omnipotent will, but the expression of an infinite Wisdom, full of Sympathy and Pity, A God, to pray unto whom is not folly, and in whose protecting and pitying Providence to place our trust is not irrational.

And I believe that the material body and the results of a material organization are not all there is of man, that Death is not annihilation of intellect, but that for Very Self of man there is continued existence after this Life ends, in which our present Life will not be unto us as if it had never been; but we shall see and know again those whom we have loved and lost in this world.

**OBLIGATION**

I hereby promise and vow, that I will faithfully endeavor to perform all the duties which I have now acknowledged to devolve upon me, being governed by them within the Lodge and without, as a good and true Mason, and that I will never improperly make known the mode of my admission in these degrees even if I should be dismissed without completely receiving them. **So help me God.**

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE provide us with the following information:**

If you are married, please give us your wife's name, her business if she is employed, her business phone, etc:		Also, please give us the name and address of one person, other than you wife, who will always know your current address:
Wife's Name		Name
Wife's Business Address		Address
Wife's Business Phone		City and State <span style="float: right;">Zip</span>



**SPECIAL NOTE TO PETITIONER:** *Although you have been asked to provide us with your hat size, please understand that we DO NOT provide a HAT – NEITHER do we provide a RING at the conclusion of your degrees. All information you have provided is necessary to complete our records of your entry into the Scottish Rite.*

**Should you be interested in LIFE MEMBERSHIP, we have a program in which you can become a PERPETUAL MEMBER at a ONE-TIME cost. This one-time cost will assure your life membership (no annual dues) and at the same time assure the Valley of Tampa's life in perpetuity. Interested, call the General Secretary.**