

Chandler Lodge #138 F &AM  
Lodge Education Program

Subject: The Scottish Rite

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. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, is another concordant body of Freemasonry. Scottish Rite has the highest membership of all the concordant bodies. The degrees are most beautiful and elaborate and require a full cast, with props, backdrops, a choir etc. This degree work is witnessed much like a play or Broadway show, and there is no examination process. The Rite is believed to have originated from the French Rite of Perfection. The Scottish Rite is comprised of four bodies, the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory. Scottish Rite exemplifies degrees 4 through 32, thus you become a 32 degree mason upon joining and completion of the ritual. There also is exemplified a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, with is upon nomination only and is honorary. Although numbered, the degrees run parallel to those of the York Rite, and are higher than the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Master Mason in number only and not significance. The American Scottish rite is broken into two jurisdictions. The Northern and Southern Supreme Council. Ohio is part of the Northern Jurisdiction, and further divided into “valleys” or local regions. Chandler Lodge as part of Madison County falls under the Valley of Columbus. One significant difference between York and Scottish Rites, are that there are no local, smaller Chapters, lodges etc. with monthly meetings. The valley of Columbus meets twice a year – Spring and Fall at what are called reunions, as not only is a chance to see the degree work and initiate new candidates into 32 degree masonry but also a chance for members of the valley from lodges all over our region to re-unite. The lodge of Perfection covers degree 4-14, Rose Croix chapter performs the 15 – 18, Council of Kadosh exemplifies degrees 19- 30. The Scioto consistory in our valley performs the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degree on all candidates. The lessons of the Rite focus on your spirituality leading you to victory over various trials and tribulations of human weakness and morality. The symbol of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Mason is the double-headed eagle, one looking towards virtue to lead you, and one looking opposite to guard you on your journey.

Source:  
Valley of Columbus Petition  
Everything freemasons book  
Idiots guide to Freemasonry