

**Petition for Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew**  
**Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland**  
 3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218

The Knights of St. Andrew of the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland is always looking for new eager members. Our Mission Statement calls out that we are a service based organization supporting the efforts of the Valley of Baltimore. We support functions at the Temple including, celebration of holidays, social events and in particular, the Reunion classes.

Full membership with privileges to both hold office and vote is limited to 32-degree "Black Hat" masons. We do welcome and encourage 32 degree KCCH and 33 degree Scottish Rite masons to join but their membership does not include the rights to hold office or vote.

The **Squire Level** consists of selected 32-degree members who have pledged to perform services for the Scottish Rite and abide by the Bylaws and Regulations of the Order, and the precepts of Freemasonry.

The **Knight Level** is for those Squires who have been selected for this honor based on their demonstrated service to the Scottish Rite, abide by the Bylaws and Regulations of the Order and the Precepts of Freemasonry, and pledge their continued service and fidelity.

**History of the Knights of St. Andrew**

The origins of the Order date to the Period 1220-1232 A.D. when a Confraternity was established in the City of Acre in the then Crusader Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (the area of the modern state of Israel) to protect pilgrims and merchants.

This Confraternity consisted of burgesses and knights largely of French heritage, met in the City's Castle, and chose the Apostle St. Andrew as their Patron. These worthies of the Order founded their lives on prayer, charity, service and protection for the poor, the sick, and the lame in those turbulent times.

The Order attempted to remain aloof from the infighting and corruption of the Holy Roman Empire, but was ordered to be extinguished by Emperor Frederick II in 1227. The order was crushed by the Army of the Turks in about 1244. The records of the order were taken to Byzantium for safekeeping, but were lost when that city fell to the Turks in 1453.

The tradition of service by Knights wearing the Cross of St. Andrew has continued. The Castle of Edinburgh and was protected by such Knights for nearly 900 years, maintaining the tradition of service and protection.

A number of independent chapters exist in the United States.

At this time this is no initiation fee nor are there dues. For more information please contact:

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Please check all of the areas you would be interested in helping:

<input type="checkbox"/> Degree Acting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering/Escorting	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Help
<input type="checkbox"/> Degree Work – Backstage	<input type="checkbox"/> Honor Guard to the Flag	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe)
<input type="checkbox"/> Web Site Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot Assistance	_____

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scottish Rite ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Scottish Rite Class \_\_\_\_\_ What is your current degree Level \_\_\_\_\_  
 (32, KCCH, 33)

***Your Submission of this petition indicates your intent to serve as your schedule permits.***

Mail completed applications to the Scottish Rite Temple address shown in the heading