

## **Become Involved**

Welcome to the Scottish Rite Valley of Austin. We have lots of opportunities for you to become involved. We are eager to find a place for you to use your talents and abilities. Just like traditional masonic blue lodges, the Scottish Rite Valley is a volunteer organization that is build up by the energy and participation of its members.

The Austin Scottish Rite offers a great opportunity to meet and deepen the friendships with masons outside of your own lodge. There are many different options to become involved in depending on your personal interest.

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## Purpose

Reunion Degree Teams

Confers the Scottish Rite degrees and performs all speaking and acting roles on stage during reunions.

"Republic of Texas" Degree Team

Performs blue lodge degrees in traditional Republic of Texas garb. Is available upon request to perform these degrees to lodges in the Austin valley.

**Collegium Ecossais** 

Organized study group to delve deeply into the knowledge of masonic history, philosophy and the Scottish Rite degrees.

**Book Club** 

Discusses books about Scottish Rite degrees, history, philosophy, and more. Enjoy invigorating

conversations with fellow masons.

Sanhedrin

Works behind the scenes to set up the stage, Works behind the scenes to set up and manage the stage, wardrobe, sound and lighting for the Reunions and

Stated Meetings.

**Garde Manger** 

Responsible for preparing and serving food and refreshments during all Valley events. This includes

Reunions and Stated Meetings.

Knights of St Andrews – Thistle

Invitational honors service organization. It directly supports the General Secretary to handle all administrative and operational needs.

**Membership Committee** 

Education

Directs all programs of new member recruitment, retention and reinstatements. Implements member programs.

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**Communications** Publishes quarterly newsletters, and manages social

media channels including the website, Facebook and Instagram, or any others that might be added.

Contributes educational speeches during Stated Meetings, essays for newsletters, and invites masonic

speakers.

Festive Boards The Valley organizes several Festive Boards each

year. A festive board is a banquet by which brethren enjoy fellowship. Participation is always appreciated in the preparation and organization of the event.

Ambassadors Supports the activities of the Scottish Rite by offering

a direct link to individual lodges in the Valley of

Austin.

**Local Scottish Rite Clubs**The local clubs offer Scottish Rite education and

fraternal ties in the more distant parts of the Valley.

VMAP The intent of the Valley Membership Achievement

Project is to help the Austin Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very

best experience for its members.

Funeral Team The prelate of the Austin Valley is responsible for all

sickness and distress. He will also organize a funeral team if it is requested by the family of the Scottish Rite mason. This ceremony differs significantly from a

regular Masonic funeral.

**Grief Support Group**This support group is open to all members of the

Austin Valley and their families. It is organized by

fellow Scottish Rite masons.

**Dyslexia Foundation** Supports programs to help reading-challenged

children through teacher training, educational

opportunities and therapies for children.