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ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, USA

April 29, 2026

To: The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient in North Carolina SJ USA
From: A. Gene Cobb, Jr., Sovereign Grand Inspector General
RE: Joint Reunion August 28-29, 2026 at Greensboro Masonic Temple

Brethren,

History will be made on August 28-29, 2026 in Greensboro, North Carolina as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry holds the first ever Joint Reunion with the United Supreme Council 33° Prince Hall Affiliation and The Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdictions, USA. Illustrious James H. Upchurch, SGIG and Deputy for the Orient for Prince Hall and I have been working on this historic reunion for years. We are delighted to finally be able to announce it.

This event will be unique in that we will confer degrees 4, 14, 18, and 30 and we will communicate degrees 5-13, 15-17, and 19-29. Those who seek to become members of the Scottish Rite in their respective Valleys will complete degrees 31 and 32 through where they petition. The usual fee for the degrees will be paid by both Scottish Rites. Hotel and incidental expenses are the responsibility of each individual.

There are details still in the works, but with time drawing near, the following information is shared with you so you can help this Reunion be a success.

1. Our **Summer Orient Advisory Retreat will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.** in the Blue Lodge of the Greensboro Masonic Temple and end around 5:30 p.m.
2. A **banquet for candidates** with a Social Time around 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at the Temple—unless we have so many candidates we have to move the location.
3. **Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.** August 29. The **Fourth Degree begins at 9:00 a.m.** A box lunch will be available for a cost for attendees. We hope to conclude our work by 5:00 p.m. on August 29.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to contact the Valley Secretary who will coordinate with me. Look for details of this historic reunion regarding how to petition, how to register, what to do about hotels soon at ncscottishrite.org. We hope to see you and lots of candidates in Greensboro!

Most cordially,

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