



THE SUPREME COUNCIL

(MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD)

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

March 18, 2026

Dear Scottish Rite of North Carolina Masonic Family,

As Spring arrives, we celebrate the Earth “in balance” with nature as renewal of life breaks forth from the cold dark winter. Each bloom of the flower is yet another reminder of how God is making all things new!

On July 4, 2026, we will celebrate the United States’ 250th anniversary as a free nation. It was during the first 25 years of this nation that the Scottish Rite was born. The great freedoms we now enjoy as citizens define our existence and when tried, must never be denied.

It was May 31, 1801. The Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Mother Council of the world began its magnificent work in Charleston, South Carolina. Since that time, other Councils have been created spreading the cement of even further light and benevolence across the globe.

By virtue of live streaming, you will have the opportunity to witness the Supreme Council’s observance of this 225th anniversary celebration. Details of how to “tune in” will be made available on the banner of our website, ncscottishrite.org as soon as it is available.

As Spring arrives and we create new Masters of the Royal Secret, let us remember all the lessons we learned from our degrees and let us renew ourselves in practicing them in all our associations, both inside and outside the fraternal walls of our lodges and valleys. Life is short. So are seasons of the year. Opportunities for renewal, rebirth, rebuilding, and regeneration like we have right now, will soon pass. Let us make the most of it!

This nation and this fraternity were born and are constantly renewed by a spirit of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Please, celebrate it wherever you can. May that light shine in the darkness and only extinguished as a symbol of what happens when alternative courses are chosen. Please, attend your reunions whenever you can.

Whatever we can do to promote liberty, equality, and fraternity: let us begin today. Whatever we can do to tip the scale toward friendship, morality, and brotherly love: let us begin today. Whatever has prevented the “Spring of our own life” from happening; let us turn the page of yesterday and finish today focused on a better future for all--tomorrow and forever!

Cordially and fraternally,

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