



**Order of the Thistle
Knights of St. Andrew**
AASR, Valley of Lexington, Orient of Kentucky
553 Rosemont Garden, Lexington KY 40503



Petition for Membership

The Knights of St. Andrew are a service based organization supporting the efforts of the Valley of Lexington. 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° “Black Hat” Scottish Rite Masons. We do welcome and encourage 32° KCCH and 33° Scottish Rite Masons to become Associate Members. Their membership does not include the rights to vote or hold office. The Knights are those 32° members who have pledged to perform services for the Scottish Rite and abide by the By-Laws and Regulations of the Order, and the precepts of Freemasonry.

Brief History of the Knights of St. Andrew

The Knights Templar trace their origin back to shortly after the First Crusade. Around 1119, a French nobleman, Hugues de Payens, collected eight of his knight relatives, and began the Order, their stated mission to protect pilgrims on their journey to visit The Holy Places. They approached King Baldwin II of Jerusalem, who allowed them to set up headquarters on the southeastern side of the Temple Mount., the site of biblical King Solomon's Temple. The Order took the name Knights of the Temple, the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ. We know them best as Knights Templar. Declared heretical in 1307, many Templar Knights fled to Scotland where they aided King Robert, the Bruce during the Battle of Bannockburn, fought on the 24th day of June, 1314. In consequence of the assistance rendered him on that memorable day, King Robert, created and received them into the Order of St. Andrew du Chardon of Scotland, which means “Of the Thistle”. The Castle of Edinburgh 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.

Currently there is no initiation fee or dues, just the cost to purchase your official headwear, the Glengarry. For additional info contact Floyd Hockensmith 502-229-0920 fahockensmith@msn.com

Full Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Blue Lodge _____

Blue Lodge - City/
State _____

Pledge

By signing this pledge, you are indicating your willingness to actively participate in the Valley of Lexington’s chapter of the Knights of S. Andrew and will, to the best of your ability, perform the duties requested of by the officers in charge.

Signature: _____ Referred by: _____

Please indicate your area of interest

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reception | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Class Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual Cast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room |