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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

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As I have been made aware of a recent incident, the following will be read in every Valley meeting for the next 3 months to insure that all Brothers are aware of what has to be accomplished in order to receive a petition for the Scottish Rite.

First and foremost, the petitioner must be a member of a verified Blue Lodge recognized by the Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Second, both the first- and second-line signers must have seen verification that the petitioner has a current dues card from his Blue Lodge.

Third, both signers must know the petitioner before they sign the petition and verify the above mentioned.

Fourth, NO General Secretary will receive a petition without 2 verified signatures on the petition. Any General Secretary who signs a petition must know the petitioner.

If the petitioner is not a member of the Grand Lodge of Florida Lodge, he must show a certificate of good standing from his home Lodge.

This is for our protection as well as the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Thank You in advance for adherence to this.

≠ Richard G. Hoover

Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida

Supreme Council, SJ Scottish Rite USA

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