



Rite Works 2026 FAQs

During our several RiteWorks 2026 sessions, we got lots of great questions. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers.

Rite On The Road

1. Can the Scottish Rite degrees be performed in an open Blue Lodge?
 - a. NO. While a typical Blue Lodge room setting works perfectly to perform the Scottish Rite degrees, the degree should only be performed in an open Scottish Rite body for vetted and approved Scottish Rite candidates. The idea is to move the setting and location, while maintaining the ritualistic integrity of the degree conferral in all other ways.

2. When will the Rite on the Road guide be available?
 - a. The Supreme Council Membership Committee is currently reviewing a special how-to guide for the program, and we expect this to be completed before May 1. To be placed on the distribution list, [CLICK HERE](#).

Restoration & Membership Tools

1. How does the Supreme Council Restoration program work?
 - a. A suspended member can come back for a one-time payment of \$100 if the Valley waives the back dues. The Supreme Council will waive the per capita for one year on that member once he is restored. NOTE: Restored brothers MUST be in good standing in their Blue Lodge. For program specifics, contact Bob Weatherford at bweatherford@srite.org

2. Which online tools does the Supreme Council recommend for finding lost member information?
 - a. For searching for members whose contact information has been lost, Membership Services typically relies on Truthfinder.com; it costs \$30 a month for membership.
3. Supreme Council Statute 17.7 Allows Scottish Rite Masons to “nominate” a Brother for membership. How does this work?
 - a. This program works by allowing a Valley to formally nominate qualified Master Masons in good standing for Scottish Rite membership under Article 17, Section 7 of the Supreme Council statutes. After the Valley approves the nominations, leaders present each nominee with a certificate, explain why he was selected, and then follow up to help him complete the petition and fees before the Reunion. For documents related to this, [CLICK HERE](#).
4. Which email programs does the Supreme Council use?
 - a. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you cut and paste more than 10-15 email addresses in a CC or BCC line of an outgoing email. This hurts ALL of us, as mail providers view these types of messages as SPAM and soon anything associated with Scottish Rite gets tagged as potential SPAM. The Supreme Council staff uses Mailchimp.com for mass email messages. It has free versions, is user friendly and there are thousands of tutorials online. If you need help with this, write Maynard Edwards at medwards@srite.org

Master Craftsman Online College Questions

1. How do we get free codes for the *Ivory Key* or other Master Craftsman Online College courses?
 - a. *The Ivory Key Course is FREE for candidates and new Masters of the Royal Secret. Members who COMPLETE the course within 6 months of receiving their 32° are eligible to receive the special Ivory Key Lapel pin. To get codes for Valley use, the Valley Secretary should write to Norm Henthorn at nhenthorn@srite.org. “Experienced” Scottish Rite members can pay \$33 to take the course and get the pin.*
2. Are there free codes available for other courses?

- a. *Yes. Scottish Rite Ambassadors/ Diplomats can request a code for the Master's Steps Course to give to potential Scottish Rite Candidates. To request these codes, again write to Norm Henthorn at nhenthorn@srite.org*
3. In what order should Master Craftsman Course be taken?
 - a. *MCOC courses can be taken in any order. That said, the Philosophy course is the most robust and ideally should be taken AFTER Ritual & History and Wisdom & Reflection Courses. The Ivory Key Course can be taken as soon as a candidate's information has been entered into Sentinel. It makes an ideal Reunion primer, and we encourage candidates to take the course before or during their Reunion cycle.*

Scottish Rite Research Society

1. How do I join?
 - a. [CLICK THIS LINK](#) to join.
2. When will SRRS Online be made available to members?
 - a. We're targeting Fall 2026
3. Who do I contact for SRRS questions?
 - a. Send us an email at SRRS@srite.org

Online Petitions

1. If we have an online petition, can we still use other kinds of petitions?
 - a. YES! The online petition is simply another tool to bring in new members.
2. How do we get paid?
 - a. Fees collected through the online payment system are paid out in the same way and the same basic schedule as membership dues. As always, the Supreme Council splits the credit card fees with the Valley, so using online petitions provides a small savings.
3. How does my Valley get an online petition?
 - a. Contact Brother Matt Bowers directly at mbower@srite.org, or you can [CLICK HERE](#) for the Online Petition Info Form. Simply open the link, fill out the information requested, and click submit. It usually only takes a few hours to get a working version ready for your Valley to use.

4. What if I have more questions about online petitions?
 - a. Matt Bowers can answer them at mbowers@srite.org