

2009 Biennial Session Preview Program

October 4–6, 2009 ✚ Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Registration (Upper Lobby, Capital Hilton)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration (Upper Lobby, Capital Hilton)

9:00 a.m.

Executive Session,* Installation of Supreme Council Officers and newly elected Active Members (Temple Room, House of the Temple)
Active Members only and others by invitation.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Tea (Astor Ballroom, The St. Regis Washington, D.C.) *All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests.*

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Vesper Service* (St. John's Church, Lafayette Square)
All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests; dark suit, no cap or regalia.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Registration (Upper Lobby, Capital Hilton)

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Formal Opening and Business Session of the Supreme Council (Ballroom, Capital Hilton) *All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests; dark suit, cap, and regalia.*

Introduction of Illustrious Guests

Grand Oration

Presentation of *Allocution* by Ill.: Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon (Congressional & Senate Rooms, Capital Hilton) *All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests with admission by ticket only.*

1:30 p.m.

Biennial Session reconvenes, as necessary (Ballroom, Capital Hilton) *All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests; dark suit, cap, and regalia.*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception (Senate Room, Capital Hilton)
Members of the Intendant of the Building Society and the WSB Club with admission by invitation only—dark suit, no cap or regalia.

8:00 p.m.

Entertainment: *Shear Madness** (Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20566) *Admission by ticket only, limited seating; business attire, no cap or regalia.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite Research Society Luncheon and General Membership Meeting (Room to be announced, Capital Hilton) SRRS Lecturer: Ill.: Alain Bernheim, recipient of the Albert Gallatin Mackey Award for Excellence in Masonic Scholarship, 2001. *All Scottish Rite Masons and their guests; dark suit, no cap or regalia.*

3:00 p.m.

33° Conferral Ceremony* by Alexandria, Va., Scottish Rite Bodies, Ill.: Walter Downs, 33°, G.:C.:, presiding (Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia Scottish Rite Temple, 2800 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009) 33° *Scottish Rite Masons and 33° Elects only. Admission by dues card. Elects, black tie; observers, dark suit, cap, and regalia.*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Gala Banquet (Presidential Ballroom, Senate, and Congressional Rooms, Capital Hilton) *Admission by ticket only; black tie preferred, no cap or regalia.*

9:00 – 12:00 Midnight

Grand Commander's Ball (Presidential Ballroom, Senate, and Congressional Rooms, Capital Hilton) *Admission by ticket only; black tie preferred, no cap or regalia.*

* Shuttle buses will run between the Capital Hilton and event location.