



WITNESSING THE 4°: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Congratulations, you've been accepted to the Scottish Rite, NMJ (SRNMJ). Now it's time to witness the 4°, Builder and officially join our fraternity!

You can do that through Join the Rite Night On Demand, an online program running from July 1 – August 31 that lets you take this step on your own schedule. Brothers of the NMJ perform the degree. The ritual is the same as you would witness in person.

Every Scottish Rite Mason remembers his 4°. You're about to have your own personal experience.

This guide walks you through what to expect, how to prepare, and what comes next.

What's About to Happen

The 4°, Builder, is the first of our 29 Scottish Rite degrees. It is the requisite degree to join our Brotherhood. Every Brother in the Rite has witnessed it. Every Brother remembers it.

The degree builds on the foundation you laid as a Master Mason and introduces themes that run through your Scottish Rite journey. You will watch a full performance of the degree, performed by SRNMJ Brothers.

After witnessing the 4°, you will officially be a Scottish Rite Mason and have immediate access to all member benefits.

How to Access the 4°

- First, **activate your Scottish Rite member** account using your Member ID.
 - If you do not know your Member ID, reach out to membership@srmj.org.
- Once your account is active, you can access Join the Rite Night On Demand in the **Member Center**.

Before You Press Play

A few asks from your Brothers, before you begin:

- Set aside the time. This is not background viewing. Block off time to view in a single sitting, the way you would at an in-person reunion.
- Find a quiet space. Somewhere you can focus, without interruption.
- Dress for the moment. No one will see you, but that isn't the point. You are taking the next step on your journey towards the East, so treat the occasion the way you would if you were attending a Reunion at your Valley.
- Put the phone away. Texts and notifications can wait. The Brothers performing this degree gave their time and care to do it well. Give yours back.
- Watch alone or with another Scottish Rite Brother. This is a Masonic ritual. Family members, friends, and others who are not Scottish Rite Masons should not view the degree with you.

When you are ready, take a moment to reflect on the commitment you're taking on. Then press play.

After You Have Witnessed the 4°

The moment you finish watching, you are a Scottish Rite Mason. A few things happen next:

- You can reach out to your Home Valley and plan to attend a fall Reunion. Visit [our site](#) to find your Valley's contact information.
- The remaining 28 degrees await you. Each one builds on the last and is conferred in person at your Valley's Reunions or online at [Thursday Night at the Rite](#) (TNR). Learn more about this summer's special on-demand run of TNR, [America250: Summer Series](#), below.
- You can become a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Witness four other degrees in any order, and you will be qualified to witness the 32°.
- You gain access to countless Scottish Rite resources and programs. From [TNR](#), [Hauts Grades Academy](#), [Pathfinder](#), and [more](#), there are many opportunities to continue your journey towards more light.

Thursday Night at the Rite's America250: Summer Series

This summer, the Scottish Rite is running Thursday Night at the Rite's America250: Summer Series—a curated collection of degrees drawn from American history, available on demand so you can watch at your own pace, on your own schedule.

The series features seven American history-themed degrees, including a special presentation of the 20°, Master Ad Vitam, with exclusive behind-the-scenes footage.

Find the series in the Member Center from July 1 to August 31, right alongside Join the Rite Night.

A Final Word

You are about to become a Scottish Rite Mason. That title carries weight. The Brothers you will join include statesmen, soldiers, scholars, neighbors, and strangers, bound together by the same Core Values and Craft that brought you this far.

They were all, at some point, exactly where you are now. Welcome, Brother. Journey On.