

November 7, 2022

TO ALL LODGES OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

Greetings, brother and sister Elks! I hope this letter finds you all well. It is my pleasure to inform you that on January 21, 2023, from 9:00 AM until approximately 3:00 PM, there will be a Ritual Clinic held at Charleston Lodge #242, 1113 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407. This clinic will be conducted by Frank Malatesta of Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota Lodge # 2855. He is our Area 3 representative on the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee. Those members seeking to obtain or renew their judges' certifications will have an opportunity to do so at this clinic. I invite all Elks to attend this clinic even if you do not wish to become a ritual judge, so that you may have a better understanding of how our Initiation Ritual should be performed.

Anyone who has questions or wishes to attend may notify me at ritual@scelks.org or by phone at (843) 871-5603.

I hope to see a big crowd in Charleston for this clinic. Remember, our Initiation Ritual tells our new members who we are, what we do, and why we do it. We must preserve our Initiation Ritual and continue to honor it by keeping it alive.

Fraternally,

Tony Smith

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Chairman, SCEA Ritual Committee