



Most Worshipful (2001) and Illustrious James D. Cole, 33<sup>o</sup>,  
Lieutenant Grand Commander and  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
addressing the Newport News Scottish Rite Valley's  
100th Anniversary celebration.

## Forward

Throughout most of my thirty years as a Mason in Virginia, I have consistently heard of the hard work and exploits of the members of the Valley of Newport News. Whether it is within Scottish Rite, the Grand Lodge, other Masonic organizations, Masonic Youth groups, or in the community where they help so many people, the positive impact of this Valley and its membership is well recognized.

It was an honor to join my Brethren, their friends, and family members for the 100th Anniversary of the Valley of Newport News. Anyone related to the Val-

ley by membership, or as a friend, or family member can take great pride in the success achieved by Newport News, fully confident that the membership of the Valley is only just beginning to hit its stride, we can rest assured that the lives positively impacted in the future will appreciate just as much the next hundred years.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Valley, its members, and their families on a marvelous hundred years and on a well-planned and enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely and fraternally,



*James H. Cole*



Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
in Virginia