



Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander addressing the Newport News Scottish Rite Valley during their 100th Anniversary celebration.

Introduction

It was my honor to participate in the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Valley of Newport News. It is indeed most fitting and proper that the Valley mark this milestone in the continuing story of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Virginia. During the course of the commemorative events, the Masons of so long ago who were instrumental in creating and guiding the Valley through its formative years were remembered. To them, and many others along the way, we owe a debt of gratitude. Their dedication and labor is honored in the fact of the Valley's continued presence and vitality in our time.

In the true spirit of Freemasonry, our forbearers were builders for tomorrow. They were laying a foundation upon which others would, and did, in fact, build. So must we.

Pleased to attend the impressive Ring Ceremony for the 100th Anniversary Class, I saw in the presence of these new Scottish Rite Masons the promise of tomorrow. They were taking their place in the long line of good men who recognize value and merit of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the precepts it provides to all seeking to build a life upon great principals of right thinking and right living. It is in this role of providing Masonic light and fellowship that the Valley of Newport News has excelled over the past century with every expectation of continuing its mission in the future. I extend my congratulations to the Valley and indeed to each Brother who has found his Masonic home in the Valley of Newport News.

Sincerely and fraternally,

  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER