

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite

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Valley Personal Rep - Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH

Greetings Brethren,

After so many months of uncertainty and turmoil it is a pleasure to once again address my Scottish Rite brethren. Due to the pandemic, we were forced to curtail our fund-raising activities, discontinue our stated dinners, cancel our Golf Tournament, limit access to our Stated communications or cancel them altogether.

We were fortunate to have dedicated brethren who continued to support and perform duties critical to the operation of your Masonic Center. Our grounds and building maintenance teams worked daily to maintain our facility and grounds in an exceptional manner. Our Secretaries, Treasurers and other key brethren were diligent in finding ways to meet our financial obligations with minimal resources. We have lost our kitchen committee which for the present time will impact dinner meetings. Now that the pandemic is, for the most part, behind us and the Governor and our Deputy to the Supreme Council has removed restrictions on activities, we can move forward with haste. Our Medical Equipment Center under the daily management of Brother George Winslow, KCCH Select, continues to function as a thriving, well received Community Outreach Program. We will revive our Golf Tournament in the spring of 2022 and our Rental Program as public confidence increases.

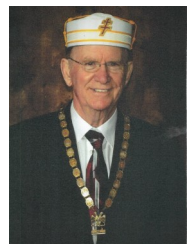
During the past several months your management team has discussed ways to improve our communications with our membership and conserve financial resources. The decision was made to switch from this printed quarterly newsletter to an electronic version.

The quarterly newsletter will be published on our website beginning with the October edition. This change will result in the reduction of the publication costs and extensive manpower required to prepare and mail the newsletter. However, we will print a minimum number for those brethren who desire a hard copy which will be available in the office. Your understanding is greatly appreciated. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Ill. Richard Rawls 33° IGH Elect, for serving as editor for the past eight years. Brother Steve Dowd, KCCH, will assume the responsibility for publishing the electronic version.

As we move forward, it is critical that more brethren become active and involved in the management and operation of our Masonic Center. As I outlined in the aforementioned paragraphs, we have committee vacancies that if not filled will severely impact our operations, and in fact, the long-term survival of our Valley. We have a major Haunted House project underway under the direction of Ill. Bruce Edwards, 33° IGH Elect. The effort requires a large number of people to make it happen. If you have an interest in working on this or any other fund-raising projects, please call Bruce and offer your assistance. Brethren, again I am pleased that we are on the mend and I look forward to your involvement in our Masonic Center and its many activities.

Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH

Valley Personal Representative



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**Our Stated Meetings are held on the fourth
Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m..**

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**Please support your Blue Lodge, your Scottish
Rite and all other Masonic Bodies you are a
member of.
They all need your support.**

Upcoming Activities

July 28

Valley of Newport News SR Stated
Meeting at 7:30pm

August 25

Valley of Newport News SR Stated
Meeting at 7:30pm

September 22

Valley of Newport News SR Stated
Dinner (Tentative) at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

September 24-25

Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Conference
Valley of Roanoke

October 21-24

Haunted House
Valley of Newport News

October 28-31

Haunted House
Valley of Newport News



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Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection - Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH

Greetings Brethren,

We're at the half-way mark of the year and finally able to get back to full attendance with limited restrictions. We've survived "The Year of COVID" and are tempted to laugh it off, except we also remember the Brothers we lost. Be thinking about our Fall Reunion and your discussions with other Masonic brethren who are not yet Scottish Rite members. Equally important to reestablishing contact with our Scottish Rite companions who have dropped away for whatever reason - an abundance of health caution, a need to care for others more health-fragile than themselves, or whatever. A well-timed phone call may be all that is needed to bring someone back to regular attendance at meetings.

God Bless you all, and continue to stay safe.

Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

Brother to Brother

Have you ever been thinking of a good Brother and wonder how he is doing? Have you thought about a Brother while attending a Scottish Rite function and wonder why he isn't there? The Scottish Rite has a program called the "Brother to Brother" Program and the essence of the program is actually quite simple.



The next time you wonder about a Brother you have not seen or heard anything about, simply pick up the phone and call him, send him an email or send him a card asking him how he is doing. Being a "Brother to a Brother" means nothing more than reaching out to a Brother and showing him you care. Find out if his health is good, find out if he is having financial problems or find out how you might be able to help him. Show him you care!

That is the simplest definition of the "Brother to Brother" Program I can provide and it is something that every one of us can easily do. Be a "Brother to a Brother" and prove to him that you are concerned about him and care.

Note from the Newsletter Editor - Bro. Steven F. Dowd, 32° KCCH

Last Bulk Mail Edition

As Ill. Jack L. Smith stated in his message, this will be the last bulk mail edition of the Newsletter. This change will result in publication cost reduction and extensive manpower required to prepare and mail the newsletter. The newsletter will be published on the Valley Website: www.nnscottishrite.org. We will print a limited number for those brethren who desire a hard copy which will be available in the office.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

From the Secretary's Desk - Ill. Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33^o IGH

It looks as if the pandemic is just about over and we can go back to normal times. I hope you have survived this unpleasant time and now is the time to leave it behind and go on with our lives. The Newport News Scottish Rite has been meeting for several months and it looks as if we may be going back to normal meetings. As our kitchen is normally dark July and August, Ill. Jack Smith, is considering, at the September meeting on September 22nd, having catered meal. Also, the Feast of Tishri will be observed at that meeting.



Most Brothers have paid their 2021 dues, and some are delinquent and have received a reminder, in the mail. Sometimes dues and the reminder pass in the mail, so, if you have paid 2021 dues, thank you for your continued support for Newport News Scottish Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry in general. We have had the unpleasant duty to suspend some of our members, due to non-payment of dues. We have tried to reach out to each of our members and see if this pandemic has caused hardships on you. Please call the Scottish Rite office and talk to me or the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Steve Dowd, KCCH, and we can help you.

If you are reading this letter, it means that you may have logged on to our website (www.nnsrscottishrite.org). Bro. Steve Dowd is our new webmaster and he has done wonders with our website and he keeps the website up to date. Please send Brother Steve Dowd a note on how much you have enjoyed our website and our Facebook page.

Remember, this office is here to serve you and Newport News Scottish Rite. We are open, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9AM to Noon. Our office phone is: 757-599-6617. If you have a computer, our e-mail is nnsrtemple@verizon.net.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33^o - Secretary

Our Oldest Member - Ill. Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33^o IGH

BROTHER LEONARD ISAAC LEVENSON, 32^o
NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE OLDEST LIVING MEMBER
105 YEARS YOUNG!

Brother Leonard Isaac Levenson was born March 16, 1916, in the County of Lee, South Carolina. He currently resides in Chamblee, Georgia.

He was a member of Bishopville Lodge, No. 104, Bishopville, South Carolina. He petitioned Newport News Scottish Rite for the Scottish Rite Degrees on March 25, 1959. He received the Fourth Degree thru the Thirty-Second Degree at the Spring Reunion 1959.



Brother Levenson was in the Marine Corps during World War II and served in the Pacific and fought against the Japanese. He sent the Newport News Scottish Rite a copy of his "Solomon Islands Masonic Club" card. On the card was his name and rank – Sargent Leonard Levenson and the card was dated 9-30-44. Brother Levenson was a member of the "Greatest Generation".

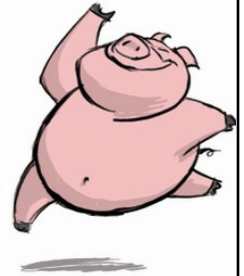
If you would like to send Brother Leonard a note of congratulations, please call the Newport News Scottish Rite office and I will give you his address.

God Bless you, Brother Leonard. Newport News Scottish Rite thanks you for your service to our country and your love of Masonry.

Assistant Valley Personal Rep - III. Bruce L. Edwards, 33^o IGH Elect

Welcome Back! The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite is open for business and we can't wait to see you! The COVID restrictions have made life very trying for all of us. We want to see you, however you are comfortable, with or without a mask, social distanced or not. It's time to renew our Masonic fellowship.

The Knights of Saint Andrew have taken on a new fund-raiser for the Scottish Rite. Knight Randy Maney, Sewell Rowley and I went to "The University of Sausage" held at Smithfield Lodge No.18. Under the strict instruction of Brother Michael Vandever and watchful eye of the lodge brethren we graduated with an official "Pig Skin" in making fresh pork sausage. In May, this new found knowledge was put to good use. The Knights lead a team from the Scottish Rite in making our first secret recipe of fresh pork sausage. Using most of the equipment on hand in our kitchen we made approximately 600 pounds of sausage and cleared over \$1,800 for the Scottish Rite Foundation. We sold all that was made, both mild and spicy, with positive feedback from those that purchased the sausage. This could not have been achieved without the hard work of the Brothers who pre-sold the sausage and the "Artist", who cut, seasoned, mixed, ground, packaged, weighed and labeled the sausage. All the Brothers/Artists had a good time and good fellowship. I hope you can join us in November when we make our next batch. The sausage sale was considered a tremendous success and we received many compliments on our sausage. We plan on making this a semiannual event.



Our next major fund-raiser will be a Haunted House in October.



This event will be the most challenging fund-raiser we have ever taken on. As with any challenge, there is some risk but based on our research and the success of the Norfolk Masonic Temple Haunted House, there may be great rewards. As with anything else (sausage sales) its success will depend on the participation of the Valley members. We **need** your help building sets, being a scary actor, ticket sales, food sales, make-up, advertising/promoting, painting, etc. This should be a really fun event not only as a fund-raiser but as an opportunity to showcase Masonry as a family and community organization.

This can be a good family project that the wife, kids or grand kids would like to help with. Also if you know someone or business that would like to donate their time or materials it would be greatly appreciated.

Brethren, any successful business will tell you their greatest asset is their employees. Without the dedication and hard work of each individual employee the business would not compete, thrive, and grow. The fellowship and brotherly love that we share is certainly not a business, but keeping the facility open, maintained, grass cut, insurance paid, storm water runoff fees paid, and providing everything from lights to toilet paper is a business. You, Brothers, are our greatest asset. Please be an active member and participate in your Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Bruce Edwards

Assistant Personnel Representative



NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION, INC.

Enhancing the Hampton Roads community in which we live

Our philanthropic endeavors include the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Program (SRCLP), locally at Old Dominion University (ODU) and the Medical Equipment Center, located at our Masonic Center.

18TH. ANNUAL ILL. WILLIAM M. JOHNSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Finally our Charity Golf Tournament

June 9, 2022, at the Riverfront Golf Club, at 5200 River Club Drive in Suffolk. 9:00 A.M. Shotgun start, cost is \$80.00/player which includes green fees, cart, range balls, and lunch.



Please come out and support this event which is a wonderful time of fellowship and good fun, and best of all it supports OUR CHARITY, the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech & Language Center at Old Dominion University. The ODU Center offers evaluation and treatment for children with speech, language, and hearing disorders.

If you choose not to participate as an individual player, you may wish to contribute to this charity at one of the following sponsorship levels:

Contributor: Less than \$149.00
 BRONZE Hole Sponsor: \$150.00
 SILVER Hole Sponsor: \$250.00 plus only \$50.00 per four-some player
 GOLD Hole Sponsor: \$350.00 plus only \$30.00 per four-some player
 BENEFACTOR Hole Sponsor: \$500.00 or more allows a FREE foursome

OR

You may make a donation in cash/check or prizes.

Please make checks out to: Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. which is 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and mail it to:

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Should have questions, please contact:

Page Neale @ 757 660-1158, email pneale1@cox.net or
 Richard Russell @ 757 329-8517, email poppy414@verizon.net

P.S. Brethren, we have lost several "key" volunteers since our last tournament in 2019, so if you are interested in helping out, we would very much appreciate it. You do not have to be a golfer to be on our committee.

July Birthdays

July 1st Andrew W. Greve, Kyle C. Littlefeild
 July 6th Kurt E. Bodiker, Winfred T. Guthrie, Jr., Thomas J. West
 July 7th George F. Black, Mitchell P. Dunston, Adrian L. Eure,
 July 8th Charles W. Phelps
 July 9th Thomas C. Duncan
 July 13th Herbert P. Belvin
 July 14th James J. House and Robert J. Sandidge
 July 16th Bernie L. Martin
 July 17th Arizona White
 July 18th Paul E. Lubic, III and E. Van Wilson
 July 19th Ronald E. Hanchin and John E. Mattison
 July 23rd William S. Hunt and Nathaniel L. Saunders
 July 24th Bruce D. Babbs, Larry L. Harvey, Jesse A. Hutcheson and Joseph D. Myers
 July 25th Harmon J. Coxton
 July 27th Alvin S. Knight and George C. Winslow
 July 28th Danny O. Belott and Herbert A. Turner
 July 29th Robert L. Lawrence, Michael S. Vecchione, and James E. Witt
 July 30th John W. Deputy



August Birthdays

Aug 1st James H. Gareau, Sr.
 Aug 2nd Gerald L. Frey, Harlan K. Holmes, and Bill J. Somerset
 Aug 3rd David S. Grimsley
 Aug 4th William V. Rucker and Larry W. Zimmerman
 Aug 5th Henry J. Stockard, IV
 Aug 6th Jesse B. Burdick
 Aug 7th Paul W. Pennybacker, Sr.
 Aug 15th Jerry A. Langley
 Aug 16th Glenn T. DeVol and Harris T. Luscomb, III
 Aug 17th Elbert E. Keel and William F. Perdue
 Aug 21st Marshall W. Cook, III, John N. Malliarakis, and Jerry D. Stratton
 Aug 22nd Bruce L. Edwards, Scott T. Emde, Rhea E. Harris, Alvin H. Wagner, and William B. Winfree, III
 Aug 23rd James S. McIntyre
 Aug 24th Paul R. Pruitt
 Aug 26th James T. Mears, III
 Aug 27th John T. Futrell and Charles K. Klein
 Aug 28th Jeremy M. Baxter and Robert G. Stallman
 Aug 29th James J. Gourley
 Aug 30th Jacob M. Polisky

2021 Scottish Rite Honourmen

Valley of Newport News

33° Inspector General Honorary (IGH)

32° Knight Commander Court of Honour



Bro. Bruce L. Edwards

Bro. J. Richard Rawls

Bro. Robert R. Jones

Bro. J. Roger Ward, Jr.

Bro. George C. Winslow



Scottish Rite Conference

Conferral of the 33° degree will be held at 7:30 pm , Thursday, Sep 23rd and the investiture of the 32° KCCH at 2:00 pm Saturday, Sep 25th at the 2021 Scottish Rite Conference in Roanoke.

The 2021 Virginia Scottish Rite conference is hosted this year by the Valley of Roanoke. This is a great opportunity to meet and fellowship with our Scottish Rite brothers, especially after last year's COVID pandemic. Come with your lady and have a great time.

For more information please go to <https://www.vascottishrite.org/va-conference>



September Birthdays

- Sep 2nd David R. Coffey, . Clarence W. Collier, Jr., and Clyde F. Estes
- Sep 5th Earl B. Dashiell, Christopher K. Haynie, David W. Murray, and Stuart Whitehead
- Sep 7th Joseph H. Sanders
- Sep 9th Rickey R. Johnson and Walter G. Lockett
- Sep 12th Lewis G. Burney
- Sep 13th Frank J. Shaffer and Aaron S. Zeno
- Sep 15th Jackie W. Arnett, Lance N. Dover, Lewis C. Strickland, and Donald C. White
- Sep 16th Gordon F. Langille
- Sep 17th Jack G. Jones and Ricky E. Smith
- Sep 18th Harold C. Joyner
- Sep 19th George R. Stathers
- Sep 20th Holly Ray Crockett
- Sep 21st Sam C. Canavos, Robert C. Hudgins, Randy L. Perry, and Lewis C. Rilee, Jr.
- Sep 23rd Gene S. Monroe, Jr. and Lewis B. Thurston, Jr.
- Sep 24th James C. Bailey, Paul D. Hampton, Jack F. Hughes, and Joseph M. Willard, III
- Sep 26th Marshall JT Manipol and Gus D. Zaharopoulos
- Sep 27th William K. Kilgore and Lewis B. Thurston, III
- Sep 30th Charles E. Powell, Jr.

The Scottish Rite Double Headed Eagle



The symbol most widely recognized as Scottish Rite Masonry is the Double-Headed Eagle of Lagash. It is one of the oldest Royal Crests in existence. This symbol has been in use at least a thousand years before the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt and more than 2,000 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple

Records indicate that in the early days of modern Freemasonry the Double-Headed Eagle was first used around 1758 by a Masonic body in Paris. That Masonic body was known as "The Emperors of the East and West", and controlled the advanced Degrees. It is these degrees that became a precursor of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Our Double-Headed Eagle features the orange-ribboned motto, pendant from the hilt of the sword to the point and displaying the Latin "**SPES MEA IN DEO EST**", which translates "My Hope Is In God". As a Scottish Rite Mason you will recognize this phrase from the lessons taught in the 31°.

Generally, the symbolic meaning of this symbol in the Scottish Rite is that of duality contained in or resolving itself in unity. Among other things, it reminds us that as man we are composed of both body and spirit, that he is both temporary and eternal; that both good and evil exist in the world and that we must perpetually espouse good while opposing evil. It also reminds us that knowledge comes both from study and insight; and that our obligations are both to ourselves and to others; that both faith and reason are necessary.

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January 30, 2021

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February 5, 2021

Jimmy Carol Willis, 33° IGH
February 25, 2021

Allen Noel Strigle, 32°
March 2, 2021

David Paul Peters, 32°
May 16, 2021

Richard Everette Baughan, 32°
June 3, 2021



Our Departed Brethren

**Their spirit to God,
their memory in**

our hearts.