



# *The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter*



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

Greetings Brethren!

I pray that this newsletter finds each of you doing well. Now that spring has sprung, how about taking the opportunity to stop by your Valley for a coffee and a chat with your Brethren. We always enjoy catching up on events and hearing about each other's activities. We are open Monday through Thursday 9:00am-12:00 Noon.

Brethren, I am pleased to report that our FUN nights are being enjoyed by all. We had 91 in attendance for Mardi Gras and we look forward to a tremendous turnout for the upcoming Western Jamboree scheduled for Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Wear your boots and hat! Open to all Masons and their guests - \$10.00 per person. Come out and have some fun!

I would be remiss if I did not remind each of you of the upcoming CTC (Celebrate the Craft) get together on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Brother Dan Savage will be heading it up and I ask that you give this good Brother your full support. We are also looking forward to our Reunion on April 21-22. It is a great opportunity to introduce your fellow Masons and Lodge Brothers to Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Our Degree Teams are working hard in preparation of this event. Scottish Rite petitions are available through our office.

Spring brings a lot of grounds cleanup. Our Grounds Maintenance Team consisting of Brother Robert Parker, Brother Vince Mundie, and Brother Harold Joyner consistently strive to maintain our grounds in an excellent manner. They would be very appreciative of any and all support from those of you who would be willing to help remove debris i.e., tree limbs, leaves, cut grass, etc. If you have a little time to spare please give Brother Parker a call.

I would like to Congratulate Brother Hilton Randolph Maney on his selection as our newest Trustee. We now have a full complement of highly qualified Brethren serving your Valley as Trustees. Thank you for your vote of confidence in these Brethren.

Your Management Team has been working diligently to reduce our expenses and increase our revenue. This past quarter, we have significantly reduced the cost of our insurance premiums, cost of dumpster service, management of our electric and water consumption resulting in lower cost and increased our revenue through property rental and fund raising activities. This is all possible through the exceptional teamwork and willingness of our Scottish Rite Brethren to step forward in support of these activities.

In closing I would ask each of you to keep Ill. Gerald Burks, your Treasurer, in your prayers as he is undergoing extensive chemo treatments. Also, Ill. and Most Worshipful Skip Parker and his wife Margaret. Margaret is in need of constant care as many of you know. If you are experiencing issues give us a call so that we can offer up our prayers or assistance.

Thank you for your dedication to Scottish Rite Freemasonry and may God Bless each of you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH

**Valley of Newport News**

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia

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**Bro. James Gareau, Sr., 32°**  
Venerable Master

Our stated meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. A deliciously prepared Dutch Treat dinner is served at 6:30pm prior to all meetings w/e of July & August. The Ladies of the Scottish Rite meet at all meetings w/e of the July & August Stated meetings.

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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**

***April 1***

Western Jamboree Fun Night at the Valley of Newport News 6:00pm-9:00pm

***April 21-22***

Annual Spring Reunion

***April 26***

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

***May 13***

Valley of Newport News Annual Family Picnic

***May 24***

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

***June 8***

15th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson Golf Tournament

***June 24***

Tidewater DeMolay sponsored Craft Fair  
8:00am-5:00pm

***June 28***

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



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*Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Committees 2017*

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**Richard Russell-Co-Chairman**

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Charles Suphin  
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Aaron Zeno

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**Patrick Murphrey-Chairman**

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**Jerry Burks-Chairman**

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**Jim Gareau-Chairman**

Paul Lubic, III  
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**Class Marshals**

Page S. Neale, Jr.  
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Hilton Maney

**Librarian**

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Robert Tiller  
Jerry Whitlock

**Valley News Reporter**

Aaron Zeno

**Valley Secretary - Ill. Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH**

Brethren,

We received a report from the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia, Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, concerning members who are delinquent in dues. He said that throughout the entire Southern Jurisdiction, 8.9% of our members are in arrears with their dues. Unfortunately, in Virginia, some Valleys have as high as 14.6% of our members are in arrears. The Supreme Council is going to contact each member who is in arrears with their dues by e-mail and encourage them to pay their dues by the use of the Supreme Council's "on line dues payment". Here in the Valley of Newport News, we have many of our members who have not paid their dues for 1, 2, or more years. Our Membership Chairman, Brother Joseph Myers, 32°, KCCH, has sent letters to each of our delinquent Brothers and the response has been good. If you are arrears in your dues and have received a letter from Brother Myers and have not answered the letter, because you no longer are a member of a Masonic Lodge, please let us know. As you know, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF A MASONIC LODGE, to hold membership in the Scottish Rite. If you no longer belong to a Masonic Lodge, we can remove your name from our list of members as this will help us to keep our records up to date. You can call the Scottish Rite office or e-mail us with this information. But I encourage you to contact this office and we will help you to get your dues up to date! We do not want to lose any member because of dues. Our office telephone number is: 757-599-6617 and e-mail us at: [nnsrtemple@verizon.net](mailto:nnsrtemple@verizon.net).

If you have paid your dues and have not received your 2017 dues card, please let me know. As you know, you need your dues card to attend the Stated Meetings. Sometimes we may miss pulling your card and mailing it to you, so if have not received your dues card, please let me know.

Adrian "Pete" Eure, Secretary  
Newport News Scottish Rite

## Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP)

### What Is VMAP?

The intent of VMAP is to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best experience for its members. VMAP requirements are broken into the following 11 specific subject Areas which cover the full scope of the Scottish Rite experience:

- 1. Membership Retention / Engagement**
- 2. Scottish Rite Education for Members**
- 3. Membership Recruitment**
- 4. New Member Engagement**
- 5. Reunion Experience**
- 6. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates**
- 7. Philanthropy**
- 8. Public Image**
- 9. Degree Conferral Proficiency**
- 10. Officer Responsibilities & Engagement**
- 11. Valley Organizations**

For information email: [ymap@scottishrite.org](mailto:ymap@scottishrite.org)

**Valley Membership Chairman - Bro. Joseph D. Myers, 32° KCCH**

Greetings Brethren,

If you are like me, you are ready for Spring. With the coming of warmer weather, your Valley is working hard to provide ample excuses to get out and join us for fun & fellowship. Over the next several months, our Valley has planned many upcoming events that we hope you will consider participating in (Spring Reunion, Celebration of The Craft, Annual NNSR Picnic, Golf Tournament, and more). Here are some details on a few:

**Spring Reunion:** The chief goal of our upcoming Spring Reunion is to strengthen and retain membership. Brethren, please mark your calendars as we will host our Valleys Spring Reunion on April 21-22, 2017. We ask that you reach out to those non-Scottish Rite Masons in your Blue Lodges and invite them to submit an application for membership to our Valley. As Ambassadors to the Scottish Rite, we all should play an active role in encouraging others to obtain more Light in Masonry. Reunions are that first step. A successful Reunion is a team effort, dependent on the support of the entire Valley. A strong showing will give an impacting first impression to our candidates and we appreciate your support.

**Celebration of the Craft (CTC):** The CTC is an evening of entertainment and fellowship that is webcast live from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, to raise money for the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and Orient charities. All can watch Celebrating the Craft LIVE via [scottishrite.org](http://scottishrite.org) on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 6:00pm to Midnight (ET). Our Valley is planning a "get-together" to watch the live broadcast (and hopefully raise significant donations to thus support this cause). Brother Dan Savage is coordinating our Valleys CTC "get together" and he will have more details as we near the date.

Lastly, have you considered joining one of our Valley's numerous Committees? We need your ideas and energy! If you are interested, please approach a Committee member or the Newport News Scottish Rite Office for details. We need your support to help our Valley grow.

We look forward in seeing you soon,

Fraternally,  
Joseph D. Myers, 32° KCCH  
Membership Committee

**Celebrating the Craft**  
**Watch Celebrating the Craft LIVE via [scottishrite.org](http://scottishrite.org) on**  
**Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 6 pm to Midnight (ET)**

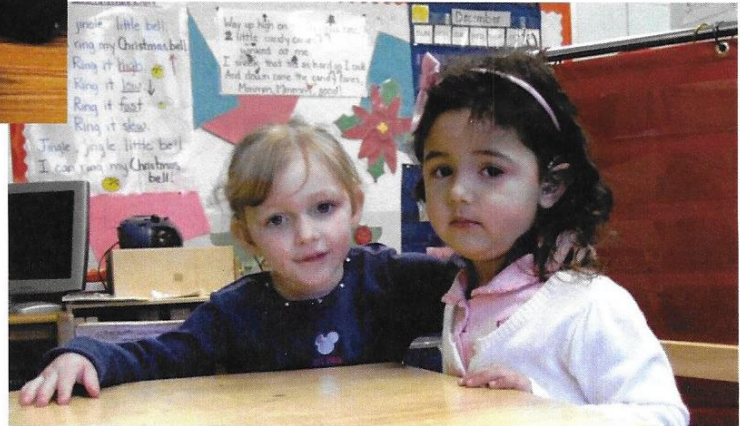
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Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more are included in the webcast.

Each year, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple is converted into a television studio and becomes the stage for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. We build upon our previous successes to make each subsequent CTC the most exciting yet.

You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in your Orient as directed by your SGIG or Deputy.

For more information about Celebrating the Craft, please contact Matt Szramoski at [mszramoski@scottishrite.org](mailto:mszramoski@scottishrite.org) or 202-777-3143.



# 15th Annual



# Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Golf Tournament June 8, 2017

*Proceeds Benefit the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Learning Center at Old Dominion University.*

**Make checks payable and mail to:**  
Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.  
65 Saunders Road  
Newport News, VA 23601  
For Golf Course info visit:  
<http://www.riverfrontgolf.com>

**When:** June 8, 2017  
**Where:** Riverfront Golf Club,  
5200 River Club Drive, Suffolk, VA  
**Time:** 9:00am Shotgun Start  
**Cost:** \$80 per player Fee includes Green Fees, Cart,  
Range Balls, and Dinner!

***Helping Children Communicate***

Registration Form

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: 757-484-2200

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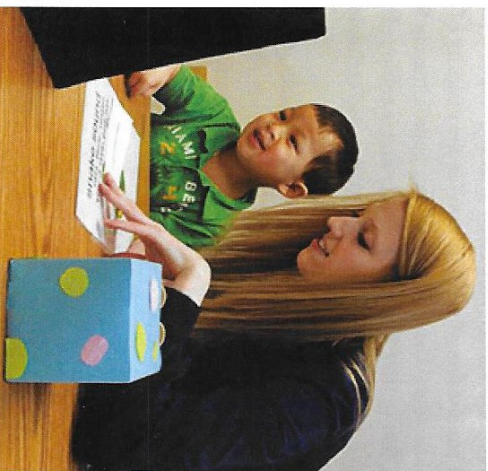
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15th Annual

Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Memorial Golf Tournament

June 8, 2017



*Some of the Children you support by playing  
in our Charity Golf Tournament !*

***(Circa Centrum/Circa Tavola) - Bro. Nicholas Wright Raffaele, 32° KCCH***

Newport News Scottish Rite members of the Tidewater Speech and Language Foundation and members from the Valleys of Norfolk and Portsmouth were recognized as Honored Guests at a recent "open house" at Old Dominion University.

Ill. G. Thomas Mainwaring, IGH, Foundation President, accompanied by Bruce Edwards, KCCH, Foundation Vice-President, Nicholas Raffaele, KCCH, Page Neale, KCCH, Chairman of the NNSR Golf Committee, and Brian Croteau, KCCH, attended. The Foundation's Quarterly Meeting was held immediately after the "Open House" at Old Dominion University.

In addition to a comprehensive power-point presentation by Dr. Corrin Richels, Deputy Director, the attendees were provided guided tours of the facilities witnessing for themselves the very worthwhile work being accomplished as a result of Valley donations.

Eight Graduate Students at the University that receive academic Scholarships from Valley Donations individually spoke and each sincerely thanked the Valleys for the scholarships.

Throughout the day, Dr. Stacie Raymer, Chair of the Communications Disorders & Special Education and her staff openly thanked the Scottish Rite for their help. She noted that the office had the opportunity to move to a newer building but deferred because they would not have been able to use numerous Masonic decorations.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all in attendance.

**Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia Officers  
2016-2017**

Philip N. Rhodes, KCCH, President

Bruce L. Edwards, KCCH, Vice-President

Leonard A. Rowe, 33°, Treasurer

James D. Cole, 33°, SGIG, Assistant Treasurer

Alan W. Adkins, 33°, GC Secretary

James D. Higginbottom, 32°, General Counsel







Scottish Rite Fun Night

## Western Jamboree

Saturday April 1st 2017

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p. m.

OPEN TO ALL MASONS AND THEIR GUEST

\$10 PER PERSON

Menu: Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Corn Muffins

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

Wear Your Hat and Boots and Enjoy Music For Everybody

# Newport News Scottish Rite

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*Bro. Dale John Gurney, 32<sup>o</sup>  
February 2, 2017*

*Bro. Dale Austin Russell, 32<sup>o</sup>  
March 14, 2017*



**Our Departed  
Brethren  
Their spirit to God,  
their memory in  
our hearts.**