

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter

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

Greetings Brethren!

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to report that your Valley has experience a positive first quarter this year. Our maintenance requirements are at a minimum and our facility rentals are on the rise. Your committees are active and productive. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH, we enjoyed the entertainment of the Virginia Little Olde Grand Opry, held in our auditorium during the month of February. We had approximately 360 in attendance and it was well received by all. Brother Bruce is planning on future bookings with this group. Moving forward, our Spring Reunion is scheduled for April 20-21 and will be held in the Valley of Newport News. We most definitely could use the help of those Brethren who are willing to assist with conferral of the degrees. If you can and are willing to assist please contact Most Worshipful Bill Rorer, Our Director of Work.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to commend the efforts of our General Secretary, Ill. Brother Pete Eure, 33° IGH, who works tirelessly to ensure that our Scottish Rite Valley continues to function efficiently. In addition, we have a vacancy in the position of Assistant Valley Secretary, if you would be interested in tutoring under one of the most outstanding General Secretary's in the Scottish Rite, please contact your Valley Personal Representative.

Many thanks to all who are participating in the 2018 Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) under the oversight of Brother David Murray, 32° KCCH. We have completed the program for 2016 & 2017 as demonstrated by a beautiful plaque displayed just outside of our Lodge room. Through the participation of all our Brethren, I feel confident that we will be successful again this year.

Finally, I would like to invite, you my brethren, to bring your ladies out to our stated communication for dinner and fellowship with our Scottish Rite Ladies. The ladies are a very important part of our organization that, over the years, who have contributed their time, talent and their special touch to making our Masonic Center a home rather than just a building.

In closing, I ask each of you to pray for our sick and distressed and if you would like to join Ill. Brother Aaron Zeno, 33° IGH, and myself on the shut-in Visitation Committee. We would be pleased to have you join us. Contact Bro. Aaron or myself and you will be included.

Getting involved in your Scottish Rite, for the benefit of others, is a service that perpetuates a deep feeling of personal satisfaction as well as appreciation from those we serve.

May God bless you and our Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
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. Manual Joseph Lacerda 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Chartered October 12, 1912

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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Scottish Rite and all other Masonic Bodies
you are a member of.
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Upcoming Activities

April 20-21

Valley of Newport News Spring Reunion

April 25

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

May 19

Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite family Picnic
12:00pm-3:00pm

May 22

Knights of St. Andrew Stated meeting 7:00pm

May 23

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

June 7

William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament

June 27

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



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Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection - Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32^o KCCH

Brethren, first and foremost, I want to apologize for not mentioning Brother Dale Jones in the January – March 2018 Scottish Rite Quarterly News Letter. Dale served this Valley as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2017 and did just an outstanding job. Brother Dale, we all appreciate your service to this Valley and what you do for the Scottish Rite and for Masonry in general. Thank you so much for everything!

Secondly, I want to say that yes, we did survive Old Man Winter and that, at least for me, I am glad to see him in my rearview mirror. So, we put away our snow shovels and break out the rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, sharpen our lawn mower blades and get to the grass cutting, gardens, and flower beds and then break out the Absorbine Jr. It's a new beginning for all and God's glory is just showing itself all around with new growth, budding flowers, and birds feeding and singing. This is my favorite time of the year. God is so good to all and we should take the time to thank Him and enjoy what he provides.

Some dates that I want to pass along to you are:

April 20 and 21, 2018; Spring Reunion.....*lets all work hard to find candidates for both the Spring and Fall Reunions, we really, really need to increase our membership.*

May 19, 2018: Scottish Rite Picnic: 12:00 noon til 3:00 p.m. Come out with your significant other, the youngsters and/or grandchildren.

June 7, 2018: The William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament in support of the Rite Care Childhood Speech & Language Center at Old Dominion University. Brethren, this is very important as this is the charity that we support. Funds donated provide aid to little children with hearing and language disorders. Also some of the donations provide funding for graduate level students who work with the children. This tournament will be held again this year, at the Riverfront Golf Club in Suffolk. We hope that you will support this event with your participation or with financial donations.

The collection for hole sponsors may be made to the following Brethren:

White Hats: Ill. Aaron Zeno

Red Hats: Bro. Page Neale KCCH

Black Hats: Bros. Justin Boone or Sewell Rowley

Please make an effort to reach out to these Brothers for your donation. If you prefer to mail in a donation, please send them to:

Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.
65 Saunders Road
Newport News, Va. 23601

September 21, and 22, 2018: Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia at Smith Mountain Lake hosted by the Valley of Danville.

October 19, and 20, 2018: Fall Reunion

Please remember "Do Good Unto All".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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Membership - Ill. Aaron Zeno , 33^o IGH

Brethren, let me first introduce myself as your new Membership Chairman for the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, and as such, I am asking for your help in increasing our membership rolls.

You may or may not be aware of the importance of increasing our membership numbers. It isn't just a matter of dollars and cents, but much of what the Valley appreciates from Supreme Council is derived from the number of NEW members we bring in at each and every reunion.

Therefore, I am asking all the appointed Lodge Ambassadors to get together with me so as to formulate a newer approach to seeking NEW members. If you are presently a Lodge Ambassador, I am encouraging you to get in touch with me at your earliest convenience, so we can discuss and plan for increasing our membership rolls, and if you are stepping down from being an Ambassador, let me know as well.

Ill. Aaron S. Zeno, IGH

Visitation Committee - Ill. Aaron Zeno , 33° IGH

**Ill. Clifford A. Parker 33rd Deg. IGH
Duty & Compassion**

It was a pleasure for your Visitation Committee, Ill. Jack Smith, 33° IGH, and Ill. Aaron Zeno 33° IGH , to visit with the Personal Representative for Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, SGIG for the Orient of Virginia, Ill. and Most Worshipful Clifford A. (Skip) Parker and his wife Margret on Wednesday January 24th 2018.

Most Worshipful Parker was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia, and educated in the public education system of that city. After serving his country in the armed services he worked as a civil servant at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station until retirement. Most Worshipful Parker is married to his wife, the former Margret Tallon of Seattle, Washington. They are proud parents of two children; Leslie, a daughter; and Cliff, a son, and five grandchildren. They are both long-time members of Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church of Newport News. Brother Parker has been the very devoted caretaker for his lovely wife during her illness.

Most Worshipful Parker's Masonic career reads like a textbook for anyone to guide upon for success in life as well as in Freemasonry.

Skip was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 26, 1978, in Warwick Lodge No. 336, and served as it's Master in 1985, succeeding his Father in that office. He served as Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 1991; Grand Senior Steward in 1995; Grand Junior Deacon in 1997; and served as Grand Master in 2002. He is a member of the Valley of Newport News, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1997 and coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° in 1999. He is also the Personal Representative to the SGIG of the Orient of Virginia.

Most Worshipful Parker demonstrates the principal stated in the Fourth Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, which states "Duty is always with us; it's on our pillow at night, and there again in the morning when we awake". He has certainly met that challenge, both in his personal life, and his Masonic one as well.



Ill. Clifford A. Parker 33° IGH



Mrs. Margaret Parker

16th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament



16th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament June 7, 2018

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

When: June 7, 2018

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!

Make checks payable and mail to:
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For Golf Course info visit:

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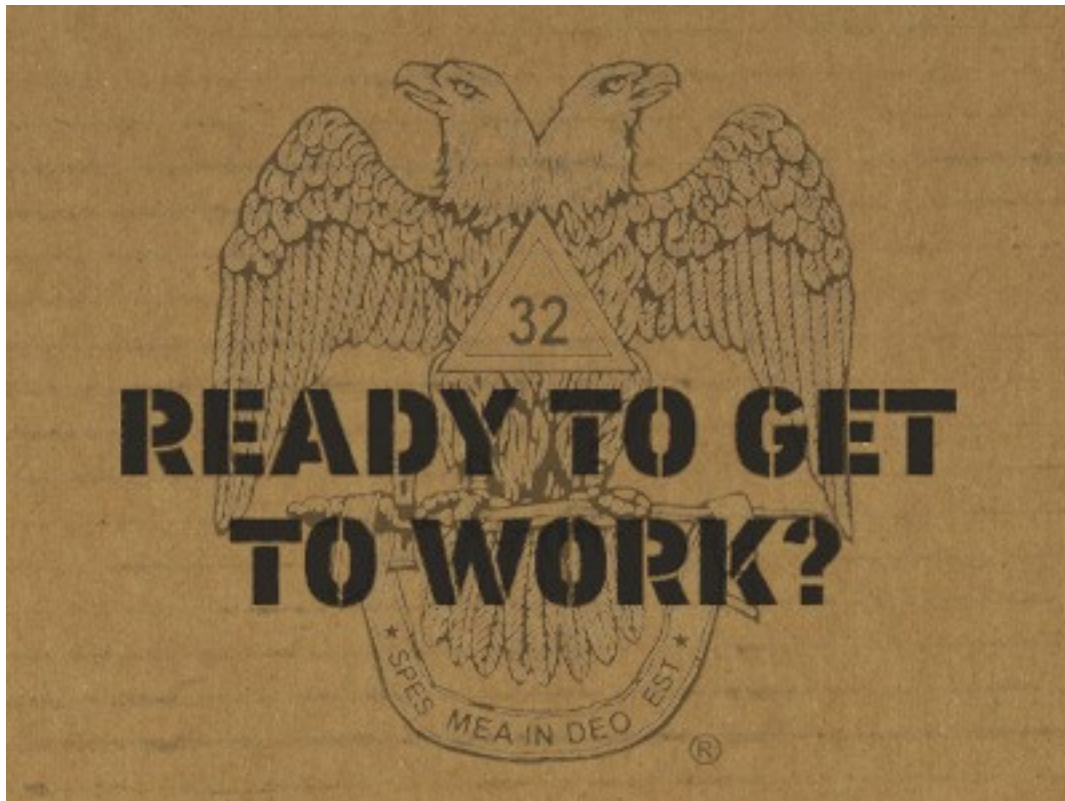
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Meetings and Workshops

2018 Scottish Rite Workshops

ALL Scottish Rite Masons are invited and encouraged to attend these workshops.

Dates & Locations

- **March 23–24** | Seattle, WA
- **April 6–7** | Omaha, NE
- **April 20–21** | Atlanta, GA

Go to: <https://scottishrite.org/members/meetings-workshops/> for more information and to register.

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