

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter



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

Greetings Brethren!

A new year has arrived and we are up and running. 2017 went quickly, however we managed to accomplish a lot. We are making progress in the refurbishment or replacement of obsolete facility equipment, development and implementation of new programs and expansion of our existing rental program. We enjoyed another successful year with our VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) under the direction of Brother Joe Myers, KCCH. Unfortunately for us, Brother Myers experienced a job transfer and could not complete 100% of our VMAP requirements for 2017. However, we were fortunate to have Brother Brian Croteau, KCCH, to step up and assume the challenge of completing this effort. Thank you Brother Brian. We also experienced an unexpected vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Membership Chairman, Membership retention Committee Chairman and several other positions. We are slowly filling our vacancies. If you have an interest in getting involved or to assume a leadership role please contact me through our Valley Secretary. Together we can accomplish many things.

I am pleased to announce that Ill. Brother Jim Cole, 33°, SGIG in Virginia and Deputy Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction has appointed Brother Bruce Edwards, KCCH, to serve as Assistant Personal Representative for the Valley of Newport News. Congratulations Brother Bruce! I also want to thank the 2017 Venerable Master, Brother Dale Jones, 32° and his Officers for an excellent year of interesting Programs and Leadership.

In March of this year (2018), we will be holding our Annual Scottish Rite Workshop in Richmond. It is a great way to learn more about Scottish Rite. It is held on a Saturday until about noon and lunch is provided before departing for home. I encourage all who are interested to attend.

On April 20th we will be conducting our Spring Reunion jointly with the Valley of Portsmouth. Our Spring Class will honor Ill. Brother Mayer Sarfan, 33° who departed this life in 2017. We have reduced our initiation fees for this Special Class. If you know of a worthy Brother interested in membership in the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, please encourage him to petition.

In conclusion, I want to make the membership aware that we are in the process of establishing a foundation for charitable purposes. The foundation will be known as The Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation Inc. The foundation will primarily fund our Speech and Language Center located at ODU and Educational Scholarships. The Board of Directors have been selected, and the initial Board Meeting concluded. Our Valley Attorney, Brother Jim Higginbottom, KCCH is processing the formation paperwork through the appropriate Governmental Agencies at this time.

Thank you Brethren for your interest and participation in your Scottish Rite.

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

Valley of Newport News

Ill. James D. Cole, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia

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Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

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Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix
Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Newport News Council of Kadosh
Bro. Gerald Frey, 32° KCCH
Commander

Newport News Consistory
Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh

Knights of St. Andrew
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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Scottish Rite and all other Masonic Bodies
you are a member of.
They all need your support.**

Upcoming Activities

January 23

Knights of St. Andrew Annual Meeting at 7:00pm

January 24

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

February 28

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

March 17

Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Workshop
Richmond, VA

March 27

Knights of St. Andrew Meeting at 7:00pm

March 28

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

April 20-21

Spring Reunion



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Visitation Committee - Ill. Aaron Zeno , 33° IGH

Ill. Mayer Alvin Sarfan, 33° IGH

It was an extreme pleasure for your Valley Personal Representative, and me to recently visit Ill. Brother Mayer Sarfan, 33° IGH and his lovely wife Dorene at the Newport Nursing Home, just a short time prior to his passing away. We visited them on Tuesday, October 17th 2017.

Brother Sarfan was a lifelong resident of Newport News and worked at Newport News Shipbuilding while still attending high school. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Virginia, where he obtained both a BS degree as well as his law degree.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, he served in the United States Army, first as a clerk, but after his commanding officer saw him reading books on law, he had him transferred to the Criminal Investigating Division. After serving his Country in the Army, he returned to Newport News and was a founding partner of Sarfan and Nachman , Attorneys-at-Law and a land developer for more than fifty years.

Brother Mayer has spent his entire adult life as a generous supporter and contributor to many charities and organizations, particularly the Boy Scouts of America, his synagogue Rodef Shalom Temple, the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula, where he was instrumental in funding the Preschool building at the UJCVP as well. Brother Sarfan was also an avid supporter of numerous museums and charities, and was on the Foundation Board for Christopher Newport University.

Brother Mayer was an Eagle Scout, first president of Mercury 64 Kiwanis Club, a member of Bremond Masonic Lodge 241 AF&AM, and a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was the Legal Counsel for the Newport News Scottish Rite Valley for fifty years and was the Degree Captain for the 18th Degree for over thirty years.

Brother Sarfan will be greatly missed by all, and especially by all his Masonic Brethren.

“ TO HIM ALONE IS VOUCHSAFE GODS GOOD GRACE WHO RENDERS LOVING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, HIS GOD, AND HIS RACE”



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

Brethren,

This is the start of a new year and we hope that you and yours had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope Santa Claus was good to everyone. As usual, I am urging all the Scottish Rite members to look at their dues cards to see if they say 2018. If they do not, please send your dues as soon as possible. It is with your dues that we pay our bills and maintain the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. We have received a little more than 50 per cent of the dues. If you have any questions concerning your dues, please call the office and let's talk.

We will be having a Reunion in the Spring, in April, and the cost of the fees have been lowered to \$125.00. Please call the Secretary if you need petitions and I will mail them to you. We hope to have a large class for the Spring Reunion. The Class will be "The Mayer Sarfan' Class. It will in honor of Ill. Mayer Sarfan, 33° who recently passed away.

There are many new faces around the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. We are opened Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The coffee pot is always hot, so come down and let's chat about "old times".

Our hospital equipment building is always busy and they share the same days and times as the Scottish Rite Office. Our members would be proud of the community service that this program helps the people of this area, which includes, this Peninsula, York County, Williamsburg and the surrounding area.

Come in and say hello!!!!

Adrian "Pete" Eure, Secretary
Newport News Scottish Rite

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

Brethren, first and foremost, I want to say that I hope you and your families had a wonderful and joyous holiday season and that the coming year will be your best ever! Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for electing me Venerable Master of Kadosh of the Lodge of Perfection for 2018. I am very humbled and appreciative that you have put your trust in me and my fellow officers. I will do everything in my power in working to increase our membership and to provide interesting and informative programs. Bro. Brian Croteau, KCCH and I have had several discussions concerning programs and we hope to be able to provide them to further your understanding and promote additional interest in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Looking forward, I guess it is time to break out those snow shovels, make sure that our vehicles are winterized, and be watchful and careful as we walk or drive on snowy/icy sidewalks and roads.

There are a couple of dates that I wanted to share with you at this time for planning purposes. There will be many additional important dates but these are just a few that I wanted to pass along at this time and they are:

March 17, 2018 - Scottish Rite Workshop to be held at the Valley of Richmond, beginning with coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m.

April 20, and 21, 2018 - Spring Reunion

June 7, 2018 - William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament in support of the Rite Care Childhood Speech & Language Center at Old Dominion University

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

Brethren, as I close out my comments, I want to thank you again for the trust and confidence you have placed in me for the coming year. My theme for my year as Master of Poquoson Lodge was: "Do Good Unto All" with which we are all familiar. These words are what I believe God would have us to do.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Page

THRIVE Peninsula, formerly DUCO (Denbigh United Church Outreach) is a 501 (c)(3) organization formed to aid the “poor” with financial counseling, some financial help, food, and bus tickets, etc. THRIVE is supported by approximately 60 churches plus some businesses and individuals.

In 2016, THRIVE:

- Assisted 194 families with Budget Education
- Distributed approximately 22.5 tons of food
- Distributed \$68,984 in bills overcome to prevent eviction or utility cutoff to essentially prevent homelessness.
- Received some 3,700 volunteer hours
- Only 32% of 2707 calls for help could be fulfilled in 2016



Bro. Bucky Holmes



In early 2015, THRIVE contracted with a company that buys used shoes and then ships the shoes to countries where “shoelessness” is a common problem. Entrepreneurs are then given the materials to “set up shop”. The positive results: (1) significantly fewer shoes to the dump, (2) THRIVE receives resources to help the poor, (3) entrepreneurs receive material to start a business. Recently, the Scottish Rite contributed a 100 lb batch of shoes which aided THRIVE Peninsula’s to date collection of \$12,300 to aid the poor.

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:
Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

65 Saunders Road

Newport News, VA 23601

For Golf Course info visit:

<http://www.riverfrontgolf.com>

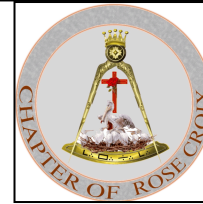
Helping Children Communicate

Officers of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite 2018



Newport News Lodge of Perfection

<i>Venerable Master</i>	Bro. Page Neale, 32° KCCH
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Orator</i>	Bro. Joey House, 32°
<i>Almoner</i>	Ill. Harold Joyner, 33° IGH
<i>Secretary</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Secretary</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ill. Gerald Burks, 33° IGH
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<i>Prelate</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
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<i>Captain of the Host</i>	Bro. Scott Traner, 32°
<i>Tiler</i>	Bro. J. Roger Ward, 32°



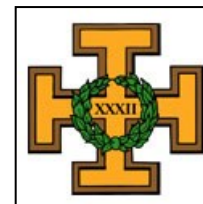
Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix

<i>Wise Master</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH
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<i>Prelate</i>	Bro. Gene Monroe, 32°
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Expert</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>Assist. Expert</i>	Bro. Manuel J. Lacerda, 32° KCCH
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	Bro. Justin Boone, 32°
<i>Guardian of the Temple</i>	Bro. Christopher Allen, 32°
<i>Tiler</i>	Bro. Johnnie Bateman, Jr., 32°



Newport News Council of Kadosh

<i>Commander</i>	Bro. Gerald Frey, 32° KCCH
<i>1st Lt. Commander</i>	Bro. William Overby, 32° KCCH
<i>2nd Lt. Commander</i>	Bro. Page Neale, 32° KCCH
<i>Chancellor</i>	Bro. Patrick Murphrey, 32° KCCH
<i>Orator</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Almoner</i>	Bro. Harold Joyner, 32° KCCH
<i>Recorder</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Recorder</i>	
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<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Turcopolier</i>	Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Draper</i>	Bro. Steve Vaughn, 32°
<i>1st Deacon</i>	Bro. John R. Ward, 32°
<i>2nd Deacon</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>Bearer of Beasant</i>	Bro. Hilton Maney, 32°
<i>Bearer of White Standard</i>	Bro. Justin Boone, 32°
<i>Bearer of Black Standard</i>	Bro. Johnnie Bateman, Jr., 32°
<i>Lt. of Guard</i>	Bro. George Winslow, 32°
<i>Sentinel</i>	Bro. Richard Bennett, 32°



Newport News Consistory

<i>Master of Kadosh</i>	Bro. Page Neale, 32° KCCH
<i>Prior</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Preceptor</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Chancellor</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Minister of State</i>	Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Almoner</i>	Bro. Harold Joyner, 32° KCCH
<i>Registrar</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Registrar</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ill. Gerald Burks, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Treasurer</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Prelate</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Ill. Joseph Gadea, 33° IGH
<i>Expert</i>	Bro. Sewell Rowley, 32°
<i>Assist. Expert</i>	Bro. George Winslow, 32°
<i>Captain of the Guard</i>	Bro. Hilton Maney, 32°
<i>Tiler</i>	Bro. Leonard Mayo, 32° KCCH

Membership

Ill. Bro. Aaron S. Zeno, 33° 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 each of 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.

Please use the Application for Membership shown here for any prospective members you know of. It is only with your help and support that we can increase our membership.

Ill. Aaron Zeno
757-846-4111
Email: suprtrk@verizon.net

To Officers & Members of The Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia
65 Saunders Road, Newport News, VA 23601



I am a Master Mason in Good Standing, and respectfully petition to receive the Fourth through Thirty-second degrees, promising to bear true faith and allegiance to The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Please Type or Print:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Residence Address (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP) _____

Preferred Mailing Address (If different than above) _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Place of Birth (City/State/Country) _____

Primary Phone (Home/Office/Cell) _____ Secondary Phone (Home/Office/Cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Married Spouse's Name: _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Retired

Blue Lodge Membership _____ Blue Lodge Address _____

- Application Fee: \$175*
- 2018 Spring Reunion Reduced Fee: \$125.00*
- Minimum deposit of \$20 must accompany petition*

➤ **Petitioner's Usual Signature** _____

Recommended by TWO members of the petitioned Valley:

1. _____ 2. _____
Member Name (Please print) Member Name (Please print)

Member Signature Member Signature

Presented: _____	Received Degrees	Fees & Dues \$ _____
	4-14 _____	Deposit \$ _____
Elected: _____	15-18 _____	Balance \$ _____
	19-30 _____	
	31-32 _____	

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October 7, 2017*

*Bro. John William Fowler, Jr., 32°
October 18, 2017*

*Ill. Mayer Alvin Sarfan,
33° IGH
October 21, 2017*



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