

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter



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

Greetings Brethren!

As we close out another exceptional year in the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, I would like to thank you for the support you have provided your Valley.

Our Lodge Officers for 2018 performed in a most outstanding manner, programs were interesting and informative and our meetings were conducted with decorum and professionalism. The newly elected Officers for 2019 were installed at our Stated Communication on December 12, 2018. I congratulate the newly installed Officers and I look forward to another outstanding year!

I am pleased to comment on the establishment and status of our Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation. In the Spring of 2018 we filed for and received our Corporation status from the State Corporation Commission and subsequently filed for 501(c) 3 tax exempt status through the IRS. However, while the exemption request is being processed, IRS regulations allow tax exempt contributions to be made to the Foundation. The Foundation was formed for the purpose of supporting our Speech & Language Clinic located at ODU and on occasion, other charitable functions, i.e., the medical Equipment Center, now under the operation and control of the Foundation. Speaking of the Medical Equipment Center, we are nearing the completion of existing building refurbishment and undertaking a building expansion program to accommodate the significant increase in requests for medical equipment.

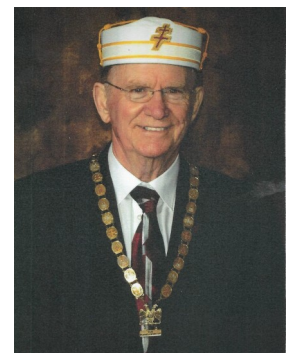
To all Valley Committee Chairmen and their teams, I say thank you for your leadership and dedication. Our Grounds Committee has been especially impacted by rainy weather and the loss of our grounds Chairman, Illustrious Brother Robert Parker, 33° IGH who is recovering from surgery. My appreciation and thanks to Brother Vince Mundie, 32° KCCH and Brother Bob Jones 32° for their commitment to maintaining our grounds.

Brethren, we have many activities planned for the coming year. I look forward to your participation and support. My assistant, Brother Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH, is especially active with Facility Rentals and Building Maintenance among many other activities. If you have the time and desire to participate, I am sure that Bro. Bruce would more than welcome your support.

Our Annual Scottish Rite Conference Workshop will be held in March 2019 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Richmond. Please mark your calendars, and if possible, make every effort to attend. Our President, Brother Page Neale, 32° KCCH, and our SGIG, Ill. Brother James Dean Cole, 33° have planned this event to include most interesting and informative speakers and topics.

Happy New Year to all!

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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Assistant Personal Representative

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Venerable Master

Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix
Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Newport News Council of Kadosh
Bro. William Overbay, 32° KCCH
Commander

Newport News Consistory
Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh

Knights of St. Andrew
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
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They all need your support.**

Upcoming Activities

January 22

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

January 23

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

February 27

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

March 23

Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Workshop
Richmond, VA

March 27

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

April 19-20

Spring Reunion

June 6, 2019

17th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33°
Memorial Golf Tournament



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***Comments from the President of the 2019 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia;
Brother Page S. Neale, Jr. 32° KCCH***

Brethren, please see the schedule below for the 2019 Conference Year:

March 23, 2019; Scottish Rite Workshop to be held at the Valley of Richmond, beginning with coffee and donuts at 8:30am, after which introductions will be made of the Conference Officers and Grand Lodge Officers. Additionally, the Scottish Rite Foundation will give its report followed by our program speaker discussing new initiatives in membership to be presented by Ill. and Most Worshipful Mike Smith 33° IGH and Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. After his program, we will hear remarks from Ill. and Most Worshipful James D. Cole 33° IGH and the Lt. Grand Commander. Following Ill. Jim's remarks, lunch will be served and afterwards we will break up for meetings which should finish up around 1:30 to 2:00.

September 26, 27, and 28, 2019, the Valley of Newport News will host the 95th. Session of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia which will be held at the Holiday Inn Newport News – City Center, 980 Omni Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23606. Thursday, for early arrivals, there will be a golf outing to be held at Kiln Creek Golf Club at 1:00. On Friday, September 27, registration will begin and there will be educational topics presented along with the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia. The President and Vice Presidents of the Scottish Rite Conference will meet separately to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Additionally, the Secretaries, Treasurers, and Personal Representatives will meet with the SGIG in Virginia. Friday evening (casual dress) will conclude with a banquet, program, and a special guest speaker from Old Dominion University, and other introductions followed by socializing at our hospitality room(s).

On Saturday, September 28, registration will continue and the 95th. Session will open with the invocation, pledge of allegiance, the Necrology Service, various reports and presentations, the election and installation of the officers for the 96th. Session of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, 2020. After the business session is completed we will adjourn for lunch, afterwards proceeding to the KCCH Investiture at the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center (Please wear your Scottish Rite Cap). A banquet (coat and tie requested) will be held later and will include entertainment, introductions of Past Presidents, introduction of Conference Officers, presentations and remarks by the out going President and remarks from the incoming President. Following remarks from our Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Virginia, the banquet will conclude followed by socialization at our hospitality room(s).

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

Brethren,

Brothers, where has the year gone???? Welcome to 2019!!! I would like to thank all the members, who has paid their 2019 dues and especially those who have paid 2019 dues and delinquent dues. It is your dues that keep this Valley alive. Without these funds, we could not maintain this Scottish Rite Masonic Center, pay our monthly bills and help our Brothers in distress. God Bless you all. If you have any questions concerning dues or if you have paid your dues and have not received your dues card, please contact this office and we will see that your card is mailed, right away.

This office is open four days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Come on in and visit with us, the coffee pot is always on and hot!! Our new Assistant Secretary, Brother Steven F. Dowd, 32° KCCH, is always ready to help you in any way he can. We always have Brethren sitting around the table, mostly talking about Masonic and current news. So, come on down and add to the conversation.

We installed the new Officers for 2019 at our Annual Meeting held on December 12th. This office wishes that the Venerable Master, Wise Master, Commander and Master of Kadosh, will each have a successful year.

We have received a letter and donation from our good Brother Leonard Levenson, 32° who lives in Chamblee Georgia. The Brethren of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite sent a Scottish Rite ball cap to Brother Levenson as a thanks for his generous donation. He sent a picture of himself in his cap with his thanks to Newport News Scottish Rite members. Brother Levenson is 102 years old and a Marine Veteran of World War II. This office sends a "thank you" to Brother Levenson and to all who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.

Adrian "Pete" Eure, Secretary

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection - Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH

Brethren, I hope and pray that each of you and your families had a wonderful and joyous holiday season and that the coming year will be your best ever! I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for electing me Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and the Master of Kadosh of the Newport News Consistory for 2019. 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. I have asked Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH and Bro. Page S. Neale, 32° KCCH to assist in providing informational programs throughout the year. We hope to be able to provide a variety of programs to further your understanding and promote additional interest in Scottish Rite Masonry.

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 23, 2019 - Scottish Rite Workshop to be held at the Valley of Richmond, beginning with coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m.

June 6, 2019 - William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament in support of the Rite Care Childhood Speech & Language Center at Old Dominion University

September 26-28, 2019 - Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia at the Holiday Inn Newport News hosted by the Valley of Newport News

Brethren, please take note that the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite and the Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Conference President, Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH, will be hosting the Annual Conference this year. Your help and support are very much needed to make this a successful event. Please contact Bro. Neale if you can help in any way. He will need all of us to help!

Brethren, in closing, I want to thank you again for the trust and confidence you have placed in me for the coming year.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Richard



Assistant to the Personal Representative

Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, KCCH

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Spring Reunion is Scheduled for April 19 and 20, 2019. This is an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and welcome new members to the Scottish Rite. If you know a Master Mason who is interested in becoming a member of the Scottish Rite please encourage them to submit an application. Please consider joining one of the Scottish Rite degree teams for the Reunion. There are many speaking and non-speaking parts available or join the stage crew. Our Reunions depend on your support!

Brethren as many of you know your Scottish Rite facility is open for business Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Come out and join us for a cup of coffee and volunteer a few hours each week or month. There is always something to do; work with the Golf Committee, building maintenance, hospital equipment, assemble the newsletter, event planning, kitchen help, lawn/grounds maintenance, VMAP, etc. We need your talents, work with us to support the Scottish Rite it's great fellowship and fun!

Fraternally, Bruce

Golf Committee

The 17th Annual Illustrious William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on June 6, 2019 at the Riverfront Golf Club, 5200 River Club Drive, Suffolk, VA. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. As you know, this Tournament supports our Valley's Charity, the Language and Speech Center at Old Dominion University. If you have other golfing friends, please pass the word and encourage them to join us for a full day of fun, food and fellowship.

Contact the following for more information:

Richard Russell 757-329-8517 (Cell)
Page S. Neale, Jr. 757-660-1158 (Cell)



17th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament



17th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament June 6, 2019

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

When: June 6, 2019

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>

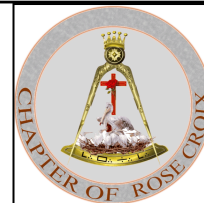
Helping Children Communicate

Officers of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite 2019



Newport News Lodge of Perfection

<i>Venerable Master</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Orator</i>	Bro. Vince Mundie, 32° KCCH
<i>Almoner</i>	Ill. Harold Joyner, 33° IGH
<i>Secretary</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
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<i>Prelate</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Bro. Manuel J. Lacerda, 32° KCCH
<i>Expert</i>	Bro. Sewell Rowley, 32°
<i>Assist. Expert</i>	Bro. James Longstreet, 32°
<i>Captain of the Host</i>	Bro. Derrick Barker, 32°
<i>Tiler</i>	Bro. James Gareau, 32°



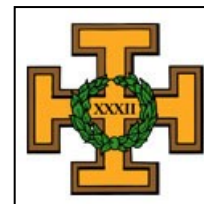
Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix

<i>Wise Master</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Bro. Patrick Murphrey, 32° KCCH
<i>Orator</i>	Bro. Gene Monroe, 32°
<i>Almoner</i>	Ill. Harold Joyner, 33° IGH
<i>Secretary</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Secretary</i>	Bro. Steve Dowd, 32° KCCH
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ill. Gerald Burks, 33° IGH
<i>Assist. Treasurer</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Prelate</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>Expert</i>	Bro. Manuel J. Lacerda, 32° KCCH
<i>Assist. Expert</i>	Bro. Justin Boone, 32°
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	Bro. Derrick Barker, 32°
<i>Guardian of the Temple</i>	Bro. Luke Daniel Ludovico, 32°
<i>Tiler</i>	Bro. Jesse Bentley Burdick, 32°



Newport News Council of Kadosh

<i>Commander</i>	Bro. William Overby, 32° KCCH
<i>1st Lt. Commander</i>	Bro. Patrick Murphrey, 32° KCCH
<i>2nd Lt. Commander</i>	Bro. Page Neale, 32° KCCH
<i>Chancellor</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Orator</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Almoner</i>	Bro. Harold Joyner, 32° KCCH
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<i>Draper</i>	Bro. David Westcott, 32°
<i>1st Deacon</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>2nd Deacon</i>	Bro. Justin Boone, 32°
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<i>Bearer of White Standard</i>	Bro. Jesse Bentley Burdick, 32°
<i>Bearer of Black Standard</i>	Bro. George Winslow, 32°
<i>Lt. of Guard</i>	Bro. Leonard Mayo, 32° KCCH
<i>Sentinel</i>	Bro. James Gareau, 32°



Newport News Consistory

<i>Master of Kadosh</i>	Bro. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
<i>Prior</i>	Bro. Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH
<i>Preceptor</i>	Ill. Bill Rorer, 33° IGH
<i>Chancellor</i>	Bro. Brian R. Croteau, 32° KCCH
<i>Minister of State</i>	Bro. Jesse Hutcheson, 32°
<i>Almoner</i>	Bro. Harold Joyner, 32° KCCH
<i>Registrar</i>	Ill. Adrian Eure, 33° IGH
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<i>Prelate</i>	Ill. Joseph Gadea, 33° IGH
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<i>Expert</i>	Bro. George Winslow, 32°
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VALLEY OF NEWPORT NEWS, ORIENT OF VIRGINIA



To the Officers and Members of:

Newport News Lodge of Perfection
Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix

Newport News Council of Kadosh
Newport News Consistory

(Please type or print – with the exception of Signatures)

Reunion Fee \$175.00

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

A Master Mason in good standing in _____
(Name of Lodge)

Lodge No. _____, Located at _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____
(State)

I have lived in the Jurisdiction of this Valley _____
(Years)

Date of Birth _____ in _____
(Month/Day/Year) (City and State)

My Mailing Address is: _____
(Street No., City, State and Zip Code)

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____ Retired _____

Have you petitioned for, or been proposed as a candidate, for the Scottish Rite Degrees _____

(If so, state fully the time and place to whom such affiliation was made)

“THE SUPREME COUNCIL REQUIRES ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES: The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the forbearance of a state sponsored religion, principles embodied by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America”

Signature: _____
(Name in Full)

- Recommended by:
1. _____
(Name in full and Address)
 2. _____
(Name in full and Address)

Fee for Reunion _____
Fee with Petition _____
(First Reading) (Elected)
(A fee of \$20.00 must accompany petition) Fee paid in Full _____

Scottish Rite Creed

*Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.



The Scottish Rite Strategic Vision and Desired End State

It is the Vision of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ to be a robust fraternal organization with a stable membership; financially secure in all domains; and recognized, respected, and valued by its members, the Masonic world, and the public at large for its ideals, values, philanthropy, and positive contributions it makes to its members and communities in which they reside and work.

The Scottish Rite Strategic Objectives

To achieve the Strategic Vision or End State:

Strategic Objective 1:

Improve membership trends in each Orient by increasing new members and reinstatements while decreasing NPDs and demits.

Strategic Objective 2:

Enhance financial strength via effective Finance and Development efforts and increasing membership endeavors.

Strategic Objective 3:


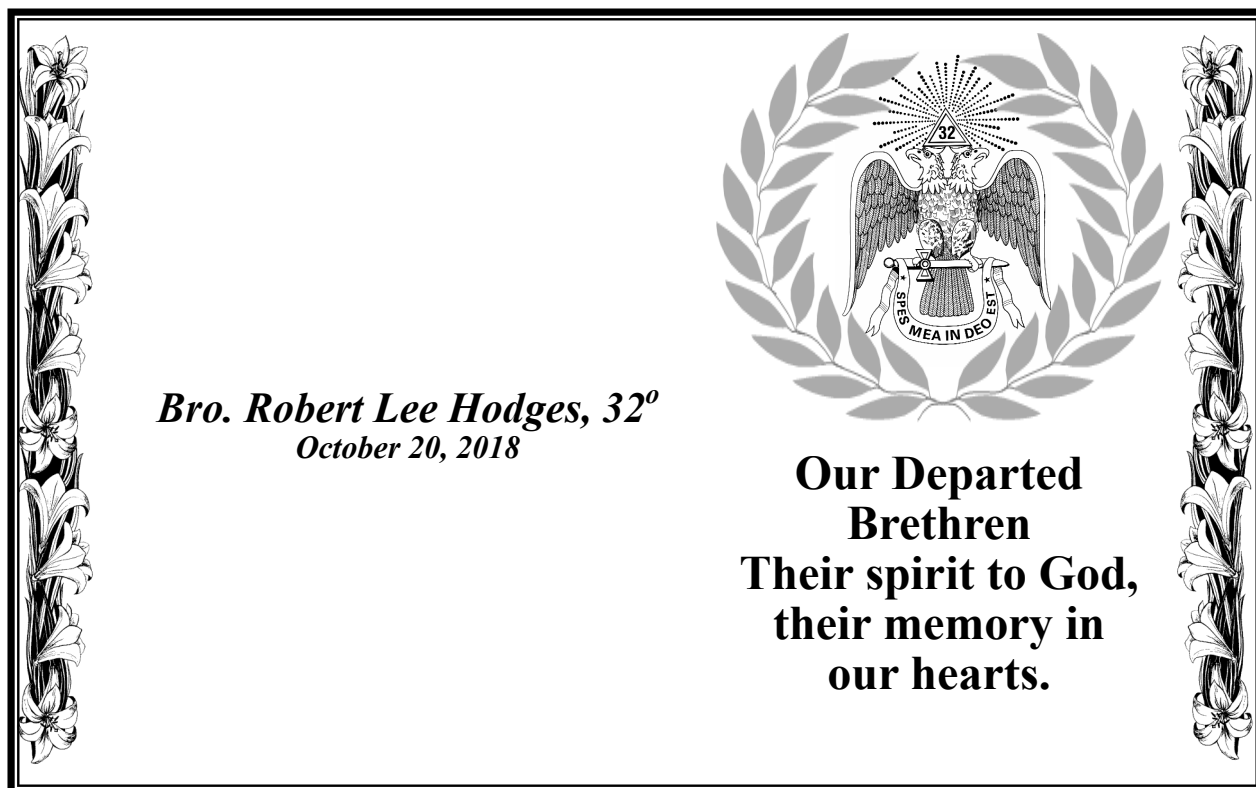
Have a recognized and respected Public Image that is valued by its members, the Masonic world, and the communities in which each member resides.

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Bro. Robert Lee Hodges, 32^o
October 20, 2018

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