

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



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

Greetings and Happy New Year Brethren!

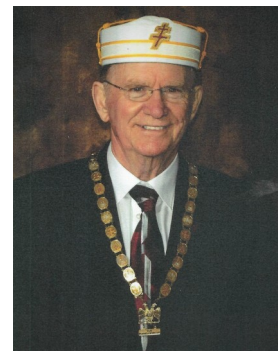
We have closed out another wonderful and exciting year in Scottish Rite Masonry. Our Rite has been blessed with the election and installation of a new Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction, one of our own, Ill. James D. Cole 33° and a new Deputy to the Supreme Council for the Orient of Virginia, Ill. Alan W. Adkins, 33°G.C.

Your Valley, through the combined effort of many dedicated brethren, established the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. which provides Medical Equipment to the public at no cost; in addition, the Foundation provides financial aid to the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic at Old Dominion University. We have completed the conversion of our facility lighting systems from standard to LED and in a joint effort with Warwick Lodge No. 336 we are converting the parking lot lights to LED. We are expanding our Medical Equipment Center by adding a building addition to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for medical equipment. We upgraded our kitchen fire suppression system to comply with new city regulations. Our Facility rental program has been very successful this past year which has been instrumental in providing financial support needed for the maintenance and upkeep of our Masonic Center. In addition, we have hosted several exceptional entertainment groups enjoyed by our membership. Last but not least, the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia was hosted by the Valley of Newport News which was wildly successful and enjoyed by all. These are but a few of our accomplishments this past year. I commend you my brethren, for your support and dedication in making your Valley one of the best in the Orient.

As we move forward in 2020, I encourage all to participate in your Valley activities. Our Spring Workshop will be held in March and our Spring Reunion in April. Bring in a petition for the Degrees and let us work together to ensure long term growth and stability, remember, it is your Valley.

Happy New Year to all!

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



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**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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**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**

**January (to be announced)**

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

**January 22**

Valley of Newport News SR Stated Meeting

Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

**February 26**

Valley of Newport News SR Stated Meeting

Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

**March 21**

Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Workshop

Richmond, VA

**March 24**

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

**March 25**

Valley of Newport News SR Stated Meeting

Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

**April 24-25**

Valley of Newport News Spring Reunion

**June 4, 2019**

18th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33°

Memorial Golf Tournament



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*Valley Secretary - Ill. Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33<sup>o</sup> IGH*

Brethren,

Well, by the time you get this, Christmas and New Years will have come and gone! I hope you enjoyed both! Christmas – for family, friends and lots of good eating! New Years – all the resolutions that you made and hope to keep during 2020. We have so much that we have to be thankful for. One of the resolutions that you make for 2020, is “I am going to attend the Newport News Scottish Rite meetings”. As you know, the Newport News Scottish Rite meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except, in November and December, when we meet on the second Wednesday – due to the Holidays. We have dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:30pm. The meals are \$8.00 per person, and we invite your wife to join our wives on meeting night, for the Ladies of the Scottish Rite.

We are receiving 2020 dues and they are being processed as soon as we receive them. If you have paid your 2020 dues and have not received your dues card, please let this office know and we will see that this is resolved.

Our biggest problem is: Members do not keep their current address and contact information up to date. Remember, if you change your residence, phone number or email address, please notify the Scottish Rite Office. It only takes a few minutes and it is a big help.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Scottish Rite meetings.

Adrian “Pete” Eure, Secretary

*Assistant to the Personal Representative*

*Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, KCCH*

**What’s in it for me?**

I want to start by sincerely wishing everyone good health and prosperity for the New Year. As everyone knows, we have nothing more valuable than our health and as for prosperity, may your life be enriched with whatever your hopes and dreams may be.

Most of 2019 I spoke about the need for Scottish Rite volunteers. Whether it be in our hospital equipment area, Golf Committee, building/grounds maintenance, degree work, office help, fund raising, etc. I could go on but the point is there is plenty of need.

What I didn’t speak about was what’s in it for you? Obviously there is good friendship, a cup of coffee and if you are faster than Secretary Pete maybe a cookie or two. But did you know that research shows volunteering is actually good for you. It can make you happy, increases your self-confidence, and add fun and fulfillment to your life. It helps you stay physically healthy, provides a sense of purpose, combats depression and helps counter act the effects of stress, anger and anxiety.

With all the perks of volunteering there is really no reason why you should not give it a shot. The NNSR is open from 9AM to noon Monday through Thursday and can use your help. By helping others, you are helping yourself. It’s a win-win!

*“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal”*

Albert Pike

P.S. Mark your calendar we are working hard to bring Virginia’s Li’l Ole Opry back to the NNSR Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Fraternally, Bruce



## **Please donate some shoes. The Scottish Rite needs you to help others.**

Please provide “reasonably” good shoes, none with holes or need resoling or ones that should be trashed. The donated shoes will be given to THRIVE Peninsula who has received \$23,418.64 for shoes to date. THRIVE Peninsula provides ministry to the physical, economic, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Addressing both essential living needs (e.g., food, housing, utilities) and the unique crises affecting each person, this volunteer-driven coalition helps coordinate community resources for a tailored, integrated response.

A company buys the shoes from THRIVE and sends them to countries, such as Haiti, where they become materials for small businesses in need.



Let's see how many shoes the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite can collect that will create significant benefits for many others.



*18th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>o</sup> Memorial Golf Tournament*



# 18th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>o</sup> Memorial Golf Tournament June 4, 2020

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

**When:** June 4, 2020

**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:*  
Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation,

Inc. EIN 82-4228610

65 Saunders Road  
Newport News, VA 23601

For Golf Course info visit:

<http://www.riverfrontgolf.com>

*Helping Children Communicate*

*18th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>o</sup> Memorial Golf Tournament*



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NEWPORT NEWS COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS KADOSH  
NEWPORT NEWS CONSISTORY

To Our Prospective Donors:

In the early 1950s in Colorado, The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from these early programs led to the establishment of the Rite Care® Clinics, providing diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, and learning disabilities.

Today, there are 178 Rite Care® clinics, centers, and special programs for children and therapists throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped. The good work of dedicated clinicians and parents has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

Language disorders range in severity from just a slight mispronunciation of a few sounds to children who cannot form words to communicate without the assistance of electronic devices. We seek your contributions to impact the lives of children with speech and language disorders. Through your generous donations, the Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation has provided monies for these children for nearly 30 years. Donations are given to the Old Dominion Speech and Hearing Clinic which provides scholarships to families who are unable to pay for speech-language services for their children and offset the high costs of graduate school for the six highest applicants to ODU's graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology. Your money is an investment in the education of these fine students, supports their efforts to provide quality speech-language services to generations of children who are experiencing difficulty with communication, and also provides materials for the clinic used to help the children meet their communication goals. Donations provide a student or a child a chance to meet their fullest human potential. **We have changed from the Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation to the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation and are a 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization. Our EIN number is 82-4228610. Please make checks payable to the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.**

We earnestly solicit your support for this noble effort. In addition to any financial support you may provide, we would gladly enjoy having you or any of your employees join us for our special day of fun, food, and fellowship at our 18th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33<sup>o</sup> Memorial Golf Tournament to be held June 4, 2020 at Riverfront Golf Club, 5200 River Club Drive, Suffolk, Va. 23435.

Sincerely,  
Page S. Neale, Jr.  
Richard A. Russell

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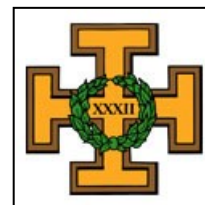
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PETITION FOR THE DEGREES



**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES  
VALLEY OF NEWPORT NEWS, ORIENT OF VIRGINIA  
65 Saunders Road, Newport News, Virginia, 23601**

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY OF NEWPORT NEWS:

**I AM A MASTER MASON IN GOOD STANDING**, and respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd degrees, promising to bear true faith and allegiance to The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

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 State of America.

Do you approve wholeheartedly with these principles?       Yes       No

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT      Reunion Fee: \$175.00      If candidate is under 30, Reunion Fee: \$125.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name (*Last, First, Middle – if no middle name, or initial only, please indicate*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address (*Number, Street, City, State, Zip*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (If different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)      \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (*City/State/Country*)       U.S. Citizen

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone       Home       Office       Mobile      \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Phone       Home       Office       Mobile

Married      Spouse's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation      \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer       Retired

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Email Address      \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Blue Lodge Membership (*Lodge Name & No.*)      \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Location (*City/State*)      \_\_\_\_\_  
Years a Mason

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Lodge Jurisdiction       Yes       No  
Previously petitioned for the Scottish Rite Degrees?      \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, provide details here and on the back of form.

➤ \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Usual Signature      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Recommended by TWO members

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature      \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Reading      \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected      \_\_\_\_\_  
Petition Fee      \_\_\_\_\_  
Reunion 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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July 17, 2019*

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November 4, 2019*

*Bro. Burr E. Tolles, 32<sup>o</sup>  
November 8, 2019*



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