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Greetings Brethren!

Again, it is that time of season where the weather is beautiful and sometime very hot! However it is perfect for vacations, fishing, picnics and family outings. Many of these activities are sponsored by your Scottish Rite family. If you are not currently involved I encourage you to do so. Our Annual Family picnic was held at the Scottish Rite Center on June 18th. I extend my appreciation to our Venerable Master, Brother Patrick Murphrey, 32° KCCH, his officers and Brethren who supported this activity.

I commend our Golf Committee co-chaired by Brother Page Neale, 32° KCCH and Brother Richard Russell, 32° for their exceptional effort and hard work in making our Annual Golf Tournament, held on June 9th, a roaring success. To those that played in and supported the Speech and Language Disorder Clinic Fund Raiser, I extend my heartfelt appreciation.

Our Americanism Committee is super active under the leadership of Brother Nick Raffaele, 32° KCCH. Please see his article on the Americanism Committee on page 7. Brethren if you enjoy making presentations or desire to be a part of such a distinguished Committee please contact our Valley Secretary.

Brethren, several changes have occurred since our last newsletter, we have discontinued our monthly spaghetti Dinners due to low participation, however, we are planning a quarterly Family Night Dinner with possible entertainment and a varying Menu. Also, we have moved our Annual Stated Communication from February to December. This will facilitate the coordination of Valley functions with the rest of the Orient.

In summary, I would like to thank all of our committees for the work they are doing for the Rite and the Newport News Valley in particular. Our Grounds Committee, Kitchen, Education, Wardrobe, Committee on Work and many other committees are nothing less than outstanding!

A special thanks to our staff reporter/photographer, Ill. Aaron Zeno, 33° IGH for his dedication, availability and support in documenting our many committee activities.

My sincere appreciation to all.

Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH

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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

July 27

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

August 24

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

September 23-24

Orient of Virginia Annual Conference
Richmond, VA

September 28

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

October 28-29

Valley of Newport News Fall Reunion



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Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection - Bro. Patrick C. Murphrey, 32° KCCH

We were blessed with a beautiful day on Saturday, June 18, 2016 for our Scottish Rite Picnic. It was a well-attended outdoor event, and I'd like to thank all those Scottish Rite Masons, their friends and families, and potential Scottish Rite Masons who came out to enjoy each other's company and some good food. I'd also like to thank those officers of the Lodge of Perfection, officers and members of Knights of St. Andrew, other Scottish Rite Brethren, and family members or friends of the above who assisted in any way to help put on this event.

As we move into the summer months, we will be switching to the summer dress code of business casual (polo/button down shirts with pants/slacks/khakis) for the months of June, July, and August. There will also not be a meal served prior to our Stated Communications in July and August. When you see them, please remember to thank Ill. Brother Don Moyer and his crew for the great work and service they provide to our Valley on a regular basis.

Also, the Master Craftsman: Symbolic Lodge Group Class will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to our Stated Communications in the months of July and August.

We are getting closer to our Fall Reunion. I'd like to encourage each of you to invite a member of your lodge to become a Scottish Rite Mason. If you have any questions about how to approach a prospective member and/or need more information about membership, please reach out to Brother Joseph Myers, 32° KCCH, Chairman of the Membership Committee. I'd also like to encourage you to stay in contact with the Valley of Newport News and provide your feedback about your Scottish Rite experience. Ideas, comments, questions and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, it is OUR Valley, and the membership experience is only as good as WE make it, together.

I hope that each of you and your families have a wonderful summer and safe travels if you plan to take any trips.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Patrick C. Murphrey

Valley Secretary—Ill. "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH

Well, half of the year is now history and we are looking forward to the rest of 2016. As Secretary, I am concerned about the dues of this Valley. We have over 75 members who have not paid their dues. Will you please look at your dues card and see if it says 2016, or if it does not, please pay your dues. Your dues pay for Supreme Council Per Capita, Scottish Rite Foundation of VA, Scottish Rite Conference of VA, and George Washington Masonic Memorial, which means Newport News Scottish Rite only has \$70.00 out of the \$100.00 to operate our Scottish Rite building. So, keep your dues current and so we can pay our bills and maintain our building.

Please help this Secretary keep his records straight!!! If you have changed your location and moved, please let the Secretary know so he can update his files and also notify the Supreme Council. This is very important, if we have your address wrong, we cannot insure that your correspondence will reach you.

If you have not picked up your Patent or Ladies Certificate, please come by the office and pick them up. If you want them mailed to you, let me know and we will make sure that you receive them.

If this office can help you in any way, please let this Secretary or Brother Paul Lubic, the Assistant Secretary know. We are here to serve you and the Newport News Scottish Rite.

"Pete" Eure, Secretary NNSR

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

Greetings Brethren,

The summer is in full swing, I hope you have had an opportunity to participate in some of our Valleys recent events. Golf tournaments, annual picnics, and other events present a nice opportunity to relax and spend a non-stressful day with family/friends. We highly encourage bringing family and non-Scottish Rite Masons to our many sponsored functions, it offers an excellent opportunity to display “who we are”.

Please keep in mind that the Scottish Rite Fall Reunion is not far away. We need your help to bring good Masons into the Scottish Rite. Many may have given thought to joining the Scottish Rite, but for whatever reason never took the first step. We can fix that... We are all ambassadors to the cause; over the summer I encourage you to ask a Brother that is not a Scottish Rite Mason if they have ever considered joining. Let us open that door.

Have you given thought to assist with the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP)? We need your involvement! The intent of VMAP is to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best 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

Assisting with VMAP is an investment in your Valley. Please consider getting involved with this team effort; we need your ideas and energy!

We hope to see you soon, have a safe summer-

Fraternally,

Joseph D. Myers, 32° KCCH, Membership Committee

Valley Assistant Secretary - Bro. Paul Lubic, Jr., 32° KCCH

Brethren, in the near future we will be starting a call service to notify and remind our members of special events, closings, and stated meetings. If you are interested in being on the call list, please send your name and telephone number to the Scottish Rite Office, 65 Saunders Road, Newport News, VA 23601 or email it to us at nnsrtemple@verizon.net.

Thanks, Paul Lubic, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary

Valley of Newport News Membership Application

**Valley of Newport News Fall Reunion
October 28-29, 2016**



**ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.**

Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia **Date:** _____
65 Saunders Road, Newport News, VA 23601

To the officers and members of:
Newport News Lodge of Perfection
Newport News Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix
Newport News Council, Knights Kadosh
Newport News Consistory

Degrees
(4-14)
(15-18)
(19-30)
(31-32)

FEE: \$175.00 (Age 31 years and younger: **\$125.00**)

- Minimum deposit of **\$20.00** must accompany petition.

The undersigned, a resident of Virginia for _____ years last past, hereby respectfully petitions to receive the degrees from the 4th to 32nd, inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty Third Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

NAME (In Full): _____ S.S. No. _____
(Print or type- If no middle name, or initial only, so indicate)

Residence Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Occupation or Position: _____
(If retired, show employment at time of retirement)

Employed By: _____ Phone: () _____

Wife's Name: _____

I am now a Master Mason in good standing of _____ Lodge No. _____

Located at: _____

Have you already petitioned for these degrees? Y / N If so, results? _____

The Supreme Council requires acceptance of the following fundamental principles:

"The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, underlying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the entire separation of Church and State as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America."

- Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? Y / N
- Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? Y / N If you answer affirmative, give particulars on back of form.

Applicant sign here _____
(Use regular signature)

Recommended and vouched for by:

1. Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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

Valley Committees

Hospital Equipment Committee News:

As most of you know, your Valley accepts donated new and used hospital equipment such as wheel chairs, bedside commodes, bedside tables, walkers, shower chairs, canes, hospital beds, and so on. These items are cleaned up and repaired if possible and signed out to those who have a need. Brethren, there is quite a need these days in our community and the surrounding communities. Since this need has increased tremendously the last year or two, we ask that you keep your committee and the services it provides in mind. Your Valley provides these items, at no cost, not only to individuals, but to physical therapists and home care specialists who service those who are not eligible for Medicare and are in need. Your Valley receives high praise for this service from its many clients and monetary donations occasionally. If you know of anyone who would like to donate any of these items, please send them our way. Likewise, if you or a family member or friend has a need for any of these items give us a call at (757) 599-6617 or stop in to see us. Our business hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Bro. Page Neale, 32° KCCH, had neck surgery in January and is still under doctor's orders to not lift anything heavier than 10 pounds. Bro. Page asked Bro. Roger Ward if he would help out these last so many months and Bro. Roger jumped in and has work very hard with Bro. Van Wilson, 32° KCCH, to continue to provide the services of the hospital equipment committee. Many thanks Bro. Roger for all that you and Bro. Van do for the Valley of Newport News and this committee.

Edward Van Wilson, KCCH

Page S. Neale, Jr., KCCH

Golf Committee News

The 14th Annual Ill. William M. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 9, 2016 at the Williamsburg National Golf Club and it is in the books. In attendance were 63 golfers along with 3 participants from the Old Dominion University's Language and Speech Center and 10 volunteers from the Valley of Newport News. Brethren, it was a grand day with sunny temperatures in the low 80's, very low humidity, and a cool breeze. The Supreme Architecture certainly smiled on this event and provided a beautiful day. Registration began at 9:00am along with the sale of "ticket stretches" for prizes, mulligans for errant golf shots, a team "step up" for better shot selection and a putting contest. What a good start with lots of dollars being separated from the golfer and his billfold (all in the spirit of supporting our charity). A pleasant surprise was the fact that the local Chick-fil-a provided sandwiches for every golfer and volunteer. The sandwiches were picked up about 8:30am and brought to the course in heated containers. We very much appreciated Chick-fil-a's generosity and everyone enjoyed the sandwich prior to teeing off. Of course the generosity of the Brethren, businesses, and community members who supported this fund raiser are appreciated and are to be commended whether they be hole sponsors, players, or donors. Additionally kudos and a hearty thank you go to the committee members who met many times over the year and who tirelessly pushed to make this tournament such a success. The challenge has been accomplished and the Valley of Newport News has met its obligation to our charity, the Old Dominion Language and Speech Center.

For your planning purposes a tentative date and place for next year's tournament has been secured for June 8, 2017, again at Williamsburg National. Please plan to participate.

Freemason Network: www.FreemasonNetwork.net

Update your Scottish Rite Information: <http://update.scottishrite.org>

Pay your dues online: <http://renew.scottishrite.org>

Americanism Committee: Led by Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH, Committee Project Officer, School Coordinator, and primary presenter, and Illustrious Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH, Scottish Rite Valley of Newport News Secretary, certificate preparer and presenter, your Americanism Committee, recognized some six Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) College students and 22 Junior ROTC High School students this Spring at their annual awards ceremonies. Awards are also presented for the local Sojourners Chapter.

Annually, just after the first of the year, local Colleges and High-Schools contact the Project Officer with the names, cadet grades, and date of ceremony; the Project Officer then coordinates with the Scottish Rite Secretary who physically prepares the personalized Certificates and Medals for presentation. Medals and Certificates for Sojourner nominees are provided by the Sojourners.

Negotiations are underway to merge a Southside Chapter of the Sojourners with Langley-Monroe Chapter-# 310 - should the merger occur, in future years several more volunteers will be needed to visit schools both on the Peninsula and the Southside to make presentations.

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, members of the Scottish Rite and several "Blue Lodges" once again led by Ill. "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH, and Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH, placed miniature American Flags on Military Veterans Graves at the Peninsula Cemetery. Each Saturday morning before Memorial Day, a Newport News VFW organization provides flags and organizations - various groups e.g., Boy Scouts, Masons, etc. volunteer to place the flags. Most difficulty occurs the following Tuesday when the Flags need to be recovered and Boy Scouts etc. are not available. Come out next year - you will feel good about yourself.

Facilities Committee: The Facilities Committee, Led by Bro. Paul Lubic Jr., 32° KCCH, conducted a fund-raising-auction on Saturday, April 30th in the Scottish Rite Social Hall. Scottish Rite Brother "Wimpy" Isgett and his son (also a Mason), both professional auctioneers, donated both their time and expertise to the activity. The "Kitchen Crew" including Bro. Bill Overby, 32° KCCH, Brothers Dan Savage, Manny Lasorda, and Mrs. Darlene Wilson and others, contributed to our "bottom line" by selling hamburgers, chips, etc. Approximately seventeen Masons, their families, and others donated items to be auctioned off. Although "turnout" was slight (approximately 15 bidders including the Isgetts), they bought the donated items resulting in a \$1,536.00 net profit to the Valley. The high-light of the day was the robust sale of a beautiful hand-made accessories box designed, built, **AND** donated by Ill. George T. (Tom) Mainwaring, 33° IGH, .

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May 30, 2016



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