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

Greetings Brethren!

Summer is upon us and a great time for picnics, family get together and vacations. It is also a time to join your Scottish Rite Brethren for a summer of fun and fellowship. At the time of this writing we were preparing for our July 1st picnic and if you were present, I hope you enjoyed the outing. During the months of July and August, we suspend dinner at our Stated Meetings. It gives our Dining Committee a well-deserved break and the Ladies of the Scottish Rite are also off for the summer. However, come out for the Stated on the 4th Wednesday and enjoy the fellowship.

Our Scottish Rite Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. The Conference is scheduled for September 30th with the Valley of Portsmouth hosting the event. It is a great opportunity to receive two days of informative information and lots of fellowship with our Brethren throughout the State. On Saturday afternoon of the Conference, we will hold the KCCH Investiture Ceremony, open to all family and friends. Come out and support the following Brethren receiving Honors from the Valley of Newport News: 33° IGH - Robert Lynn Parker and William Earle Rorer, Jr. (being conferred in August in Washington DC) KCCH- James D. Higginbottom, Manuel J. Lacerda, Leonard S. Mayo, and Daniel R. Savage, Jr. (in Portsmouth). If you see these Brethren, please congratulate them on this lifetime Honor.

Our Valley Fund raising activities are continuing. Through the generous donation of several of our Brethren, we have restored our auditorium sound and lighting systems to full operational status. To date, we have replaced the lighting and sound boards, speakers and associated equipment. We were unable to replace the stage lights with new LED light fixtures at this time however and we are continuing with our fund raising for this project.

Brethren, I want to extend my appreciation to our Golf Committee for a most outstanding Golf Tournament in support of the Childhood Speech and Language Clinic at ODU. Through the leadership of Brother Page Neale, KCCH and Brother Richard Russell, 32° and the entire Committee, notwithstanding the many players and hole sponsors, we had a very successful year. Thanks to all! I also want to extend my appreciation and congratulations to Brother George Winslow, 32° and Brother Paul Lubic, III 32° as new members of our Kitchen Committee. These Brethren stepped up to fill several vacancies. I am looking forward to our association with these Brethren. As a note, we have vacancies on several committees, i.e., Grounds Maintenance, Facility Management, Special Event Coordination Committee, Handicap Equipment Management and many others. If you have a desire to get involved, your participation would be greatly appreciated. Have a great summer.

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

Valley of Newport News

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

Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH
Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

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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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**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 26

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

August 19

Scottish Rite Fun Night - Luau
6:00pm-9:00pm
Open to all !

August 23

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

September 27

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

September 29-30

Annual Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia
Portsmouth



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The 93rd Virginia Scottish Rite Annual Conference Hosted by the Valley of Portsmouth

Brethren,

The 93rd Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia will be held in Portsmouth at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704 on Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2017. For early arrivals, a golf outing will be held on Thursday, September 28 and will start at noon at Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club, One "Ace" Parker Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23704. A website is being launched in the near future to provide more details and scheduling. The website is: www.srcva.com according to the 2017 Conference President Franklin (Frankie) D. Edmondson, KCCH of the Valley of Portsmouth.

For those of you who have attended previous Scottish Rite Conferences, you know how informative and interesting they are from the various speakers and programs presented. We have also enjoyed delicious meals along with the fun and fellowship experienced at the different hospitality suites where you may meet new Brethren and their wives from the other Valleys as well as reacquainting yourselves with old friends. Also, this Conference will hold an Investiture Service for the newest Knights Commander Court of Honor Brethren. Whether you have attended a Scottish Rite Conference before or this is your first, please make every effort to come to Portsmouth and support your Scottish Rite Conference and its officers. I am making this request as the Vice President and Representative from the Valley of Newport News who will be hosting this conference in 2019.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Page S. Neale, Jr.
Vice President 2019
Virginia Scottish Rite Conference





Scottish Rite Fun Night

Luau

August 19, 2017

6:00pm-9:00pm

\$10.00 per person

Open to Everyone !



2017 Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o **Memorial Golf Tournament**

The 2017 Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33^o Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Riverfront Golf Club on June 8, 2017 and was a huge success. Ninety golfers braved a chilly, breezy, and overcast day but prevailed at a very challenging course to have a fun time and finally witnessed the sun shining through. The luncheon of barbecue, fried chicken, beans, coleslaw, drink, and cookies were enjoyed by all. As a result of the support from the membership of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, our Hole Sponsors, Contributors, and Participants we were able to continue to provide funding to the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Learning Center at Old Dominion University. Your participation and resulting contributions provide Graduate Scholarships, direct aid to patients, and financial support to the clinic for equipment and materials for their programs and is truly appreciated.

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Golf Committee would like to thank you for supporting this worthy endeavor and look forward to your continued support and involvement in 2018. We have booked the same venue for June 7, 2018, so please put that on your calendar and plan to attend again next year.

Registration and contributor/sponsor flyers for the 2018 Tournament will be available on the Valley of Newport News website (www.newportnewsscottishrite.org) in the near future, as well as from committee members and lodge representatives. Your committee looks forward to your continued support to the Valley's sole charity. If any of you are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact Richard A. Russell or Page Neale. We would be more than glad to add your name and put you to work.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Golf Committee Chairs
Page S. Neale, Jr.
Richard A. Russell



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

Brethren,

The dues are slowly coming in, but we are still behind in collecting dues. We have 530 members at the present time and 100 of those members are not current with their dues. I would like to thank Brother Joe Myers, 32°, KCCH, Chairman of the Membership Committee and the Lodge Ambassadors for the efforts they have made contacting our delinquent Brothers. We have seen an increase in our dues receipts, but I ask each Brother to check their dues cards and if it does not say 2017, please pay your dues. If you have any questions concerning your dues, contact this office and see if we can help you resolve this problem. We do not want to lose any member because of delinquent dues.

This office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00am to Noon. Our telephone number is: 757-388-6617 and our e-mail is: nnsrtemple@verizon.net. Call us let's talk!!!

The Correct Position During the Sottish Rite Prayer

“Predicated upon its basic foundation of belief in a personal God, the Scottish Rite gives primary importance in its Degrees and in its meetings to prayer. While there is an established position and sign to be used by all Scottish Rite Masons during prayer, this position and sign are sometimes not uniformly practiced.

All Scottish Rite Masons (except when engaged in ritual at the altar) stand during prayer, with caps remaining on the head as part of a uniform.

What is also required is giving the accompanying “Sign of the Good Shephard”. This is done by folding the arms, the left over the right, with the outreached fingers touching the shoulders. The position is comfortable and easily remembered if it is realized that the sign represents the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb around his neck and holding its feet by his crossed hands. During prayer, in this position, the head is slightly bowed.

The practice of this prayer position and sign and their explanation and demonstration to all candidates, will add much to the meaningfulness of our devotions.”

Remember we meet every fourth Wednesday of the month, except November and December, we meet on the second Wednesday, due to the Holidays.

See you soon!!!!

Adrian “Pete” Eure, Secretary
Newport News Scottish Rite

Valley Americanism Committee - Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite presented awards to 15 Cadets, both Senior and Junior ROTC, at 14 different schools in the area. We also discovered that a program which we thought had gone defunct is in fact still operating. The Phoebus High School Navy Jr. ROTC (Marine option) is alive and well. We will include them in our presentations next year.

Thank you to the spread of helpful people who covered various events that I could not cover including Ill. Pete Eure, 33° IGH, Ill. Aaron Zeno, 33° IGH, Bro. Gerald Frey, 32° KCCH, Bro. Dave Murray, 32° KCCH, CPO Tom Willard, USCG (Botetourt Lodge No. 7), and Bro. Mike Wallace (Transportation Lodge No. 337). Your help is very much appreciated by myself and the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,
Brian Croteau



The Fall Reunion of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite will be held October 20-21, 2017. Have you invited anyone to join? Please use this application and encourage a Mason to join.

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: _____

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

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March 26, 2017*

*Bro. Arthur W. Shiflett, 32^o
May 15, 2017*

*Bro. Clyde F. Quillin, 32^o
May 16, 2017*



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