

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter



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

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, it is hard to believe but our second quarter has come and gone! The Valley newsletter that you are holding in your hand continues to evolve. We are regularly adding new articles and items of interest to the Valley membership. If you have an article or human-interest story that you would like to have included in your newsletter please submit it to our editor, Brother Richard Rawls 32° KCCH, for his evaluation and inclusion. Also, I would be remiss if I failed to mention our newly established website. My appreciation and thanks to Brother Steve Dowd 32° KCCH, for his exceptional effort and dedication for the many hours he expended toward the assembly and implementation of this website. I am extremely pleased with the results and I encourage all to review the site at NNScottishRite.org.

I am also pleased to report that the dedication and hard work of our Golf Committee and your support has resulted in another outstanding golf tournament. All proceeds from our Golf Tournament directly support the Childhood Speech and Language Center at Old Dominion University. Additional donations can be made through the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation Inc. which is a 501 (3)c Tax exempt entity.

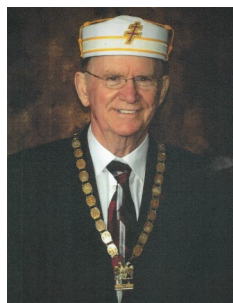
Looking forward, we are on the cusps of hosting another Orient Scottish Rite Conference under the direction of our Conference President, Brother Page Neale, 32° KCCH. The Conference countdown is on brethren so let's step up and assist Brother Page and his lady Pam in any way possible.

In closing Brethren, I have a couple of concerns that I would like to share with you:

First, due to an unknown medical issue, Mr. Bill Sullivan, (Medical Equipment support person) was transported to the hospital while working in the Medical Equipment Center. Bill is presently undergoing extensive evaluation and is expected to be sent to rehabilitation. I am not certain that Bill will be able to return. Therefore, the Center is down to Brother George Winslow trying to single handily manage the day to day operations of the Center. So, if we are to continue with this Community Outreach Program, we will need a volunteer to assist Brother George Winslow. If you have a couple of hours a day one to four days a week, please contact the office at 599-6617. Thank you.

Second, our Kitchen and Dining room Committees will be short two or more positions that must be filled if we are to reopen the kitchen in September. Please call the Valley Secretary if you are willing to step up and become a member of either committee. I thank you in advance for your consideration and participation.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
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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Scottish Rite and all other Masonic Bodies
you are a member of.
They all need your support.**

Upcoming Activities

July 24

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

August 3

Valley of Newport News Annual Family Picnic
12:00pm-3:00pm

August 28

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

September 25

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

September 27-28

Orient of Virginal Annual Conference
Hosted by the Valley of Newport News



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**2019 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia
Brother Page S. Neale, Jr. 32° KCCH**

Greetings Brethren:

The ninety-fifth annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28 at the Holiday Inn, Newport News - Hampton (formerly the Omni Hotel), located at 980 Omni Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia 23606, telephone number (757) 223-2110. With exception of the Thursday afternoon golf outing at Kiln Creek Golf Club and the KCCH Investiture which will be held at the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite/Masonic Center on Saturday afternoon, all other Conference Activities will be held at the hotel.

A room block has been reserved for the Conference. Be reminded that each Valley/Brother is responsible for making reservations with the hotel for their required rooms. You may call the Holiday Inn Newport News-Hampton at (757) 223-2110 to make your reservation. Please refer to the **group code -SRC**. The cost per room is \$114.00 plus city and state taxes and a \$1.00 fee which brings the total to \$130.86 per night. The room block will be held until the cutoff date of August 25, 2019, at which time any rooms not reserved will be released.

Hospitality suites: there are four groupings of attached rooms which are sleeping rooms with the beds removed and have been assigned as follows:

Valley or Newport News	902-903-905-906
Valley of Norfolk/Portsmouth	910-911-912-914
Valley of Danville/Roanoke/Lynchburg	402-403-405-406
Valley of Richmond/Alexandria	416-417-418-420

A golf outing will be held at Kiln Creek Golf Course, 1003 Brick Kiln Blvd, Newport News, on Thursday afternoon preceding the Conference with tee time at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own but they do have a nice Bistro across from the Pro Shop that sells great sandwiches and libations and is called "The Nest". The format will be Captains choice best ball and the fee for a round of golf with electric cart is \$35.00 per player and you will pay at the Pro Shop on the day of the outing. For registration, however, please contact Ill. Adrian (Pete) Eure, Newport News Valley Secretary (757) 599-6617 to be placed on the list of participants so that the Golf Pro can prepare accordingly. Please make your reservation no later than August 25, 2019 if at all possible.

Our Knights of Saint Andrew will be available on your arrival at the hotel to assist you with your luggage, registration, and getting you settled into your room.

The Valley attendance and meal registration form can be obtained from Ill. Adrian (Pete) Eure 33°, and must be completed and returned to him at 65 Saunders Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601, electronically or by regular mail, no later than August 25, 2019. Please enclose a check (made payable to the Newport News Scottish Rite) with your completed form to cover the cost of meals. Cancellations and/or additions for banquets and the Ladies Luncheon will be accepted until September 6, 2019. No refunds can be made for meals after that date. The cost of the dinner meal (per person) for Friday's banquet is \$37.00 and for Saturday's banquet is \$47.00. The Ladies Luncheon is \$23.00 each. Please include on your meal registration form, a listing of any dietary restrictions for your members/guests.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Valley of Newport News, I eagerly anticipate meeting and greeting all Conference attendees. We are looking forward to serving you and enjoying a great weekend of Masonic fellowship, education, entertainment, and fun.

With warmest fraternal regards,
Page S. Neale, Jr. 32° KCCH
2019 Conference President



***2019 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia
Conference Information***



2019 SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE SCHEDULES AND LOCATIONS

**SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE OF VIRGINIA to be held at the Holiday Inn Newport News-Hampton
980 Omni Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23606**

SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE OF VIRGINIA:

THURSDAY, September 26, 2019 for early arrivals who wish to play golf; tee time 1:00 p.m., Kiln Creek Golf Course. 1003 Brick Kiln Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23602.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019, registration and programs throughout the day, details to follow. Location: Holiday Inn-Hampton, 980 Omni Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23606.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, registration, welcome, pledge, Necrology Service, and Business Session, details to follow. Location: Holiday Inn-Hampton, 980 Omni Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23606.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, Investiture Service: Location: Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 65 Saunders Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601, details to follow.

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*2019 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia
Conference Information*

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT OVERVIEW

MEAL RESERVATIONS TO: ILL. PETE EURE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, 2019 ALONG WITH PAYMENT. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET THIS INFORMATION INTO ILL. PETE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. (FORMS INCLUDED)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE ATTENDEE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 25, 2019 AND MUST BE MADE USING THE ATTENDEE'S CREDIT CARD. WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION PLEASE REFER TO THE GROUP CODE –SRC . THE ROOM BLOCK CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 25, 2019.

AGAIN, IF INDIVIDUALS ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE BUT ARE NOT SPENDING THE NIGHT OR ATTENDING THE DINNERS, PLEASE CALL AND LET ILL. PETE EURE KNOW ALSO. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE VALLEY OF NEWPORT NEWS WILL HAVE AMPLE LUNCHESES, SNACKS, ETC. ON HAND. (FORMS INCLUDED)

PETE SAYS THAT YOU CAN CALL HIM AT THE OFFICE OR AT HOME FOR THESE RESERVATIONS:

OFFICE: (757) 599-6617: MON. THRU THURS. 9 TO 12 NOON

PETE'S HOME: (757) 826-3687

*2019 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia
Conference Information*



WHAT: 2019 ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE OF VIRGINIA

GOLF OUTING

WHERE: KILN CREEK GOLF COURSE

1003 BRICK KILN BLVD., NEWPORT NEWS, VA. 23602

PHONE: (757) 988-3212

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

TEE TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN; THERE IS A NICE BISTRO (THE NEST) LOCATED JUST ACROSS FROM THE PRO SHOP WITH GREAT SANDWICHES AND LIBATIONS.

PRICE: \$35.00 INCLUDES GREEN FEES AND CART: PAY AT THE CLUB HOUSE

CONTACT PETE EURE AT THE NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER AT (757) 599-6617 NO LATER THAN AUG. 25, 2019 TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CLUB PRO.

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

Brethren,

Here we are - Summer of 2019 starts! It seems that summer has already been here for a month. June schools closed and kids are out of school! The Newport News Scottish Rite will be having its meetings on the fourth Wednesday in July, August and September. July and August the dress will be lodge shirts and slacks. At the September meeting we will go back to coats and ties. The kitchen is dark July and August and the dinners will begin again at our September Meeting.

Brother Steve Dowd, 32° KCCH, the Valley Assistant Secretary and Brother Jesse Hutchenson, 32°, have been working on the Newport News Scottish Rite website. It has been a labor of love for Brother Dowd and Hutchenson. I have seen some of the things that Brother Dowd has put in our website and they are quite good and interesting. Our website is a tell-all about Scottish Rite Masonry and especially, the Newport News Scottish Rite. I recommend highly, that you go on www.nmscottishrite.org and see for yourself what a great job they have done. If you like it, let us know! If you have any suggestions, let us know! Check it out! It is amazing what you can do if you are a "Computer Geek"! Brother Dowd was a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force and a computer whiz.

This office has completed this year's work with the Americanism Committee Chaired by Brother Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH. The Newport News Scottish Rite along with the National Sojourners, have presented ROTC Certificates and Medals to recipients at four Universities/Colleges and JROTC Certificates and Medals to fourteen High Schools. Brother Croteau and Brother Justin Boone, 32°, traveled as far as Emporia, to present JROTC Awards, to deserving Cadets. We have also completed this year's work with the Annual Golf Committee Chaired by Brother Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH. The Golf Tournament, in support of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center at Old Dominion University, was a great success. All who worked on the Americanism Committee and the Golf Tournament Committee, Great Job!

The Scottish Rite office is open on Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to Noon. If you have any questions concerning your dues, please contact this office and we will work with you. As you know, our bills are paid by your dues. Please look at your dues card and if it does not have **2019**, you are delinquent. Please call the office!!!

Our office telephone is: 757-599-6617 or our e-mail is: nnsrtemple@verizon.net.

I hope you enjoy your summer!! Keep cool!!

Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33°, Secretary
Newport News Scottish Rite

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

Brethren,

Half of 2019 has passed and the Valley of Newport News Scottish is a busy place. Over the last couple of months, we have held our Spring Reunion, our annual Golf Tournament and are now making plans for the Fall which will include our Annual Family Picnic and the Orient of Virginia Annual Conference hosted by the Valley of Newport News. There is much work to be done in the remainder of the year and I would strongly encourage you to offer your help wherever you can. Many opportunities exist at the Valley of Newport News, you simply need to let us know that you are available.

Your help and support is requested of the Orient of Virginia Conference President, Bro. Page S. Neale, 32° KCCH, as he continues to prepare for the Annual Conference which will be hosted by the Valley of Newport News. There is much work to be accomplished to provide a valuable conference experience for all attendees. Please reach out to Bro. Neale and offer your help.

Thanks are extended to the Golf Committee, our Kitchen Staff, members of our Degree Teams, Office Staff, Hospital Equipment Staff and our Grounds Staff for all they do at the Valley of Newport News. Without their continued help and support, our facility, grounds, food and general presence would not be as great as it is.

Brethren, I have noticed over this first half of this year that the number of members attending our dinners and attending our meetings have diminished. Please consider a member of our Valley that you have not seen in a while and invite them to attend our functions. Find out if there is anything we at the Valley can do to help them. Reach out to them and any prospective members and do your part to help increase our attendance.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Richard



Assistant to the Personal Representative

Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH

Brethren,

Kudos to Brother Steve Dowd, 32° KCCH and Brother Jesse Hutchinson 32° for our new website. It is very informative and with your help we will keep it up to date. Please check us out at nnsctishrite.org.

On June 13, members of the three Scottish Rite Valleys, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and their ladies attended a luncheon at Old Dominion University, Department of Communication Disorders & Special Education (see photo below). Dr. Stacie Raymer, Department Chair, hosted the luncheon. Dr. Raymer provided an informative tour of the facility and thanked the Scottish Rite Valleys for their continued support of RiteCare at ODU. Brethren, as Scottish Rite Masons, your support of RiteCare provides graduate scholarships for the Department and helps children with speech and hearing disabilities communicate.

Brethren, please take the time to update your email and phone numbers with the NNSR. In this age of electronic communication, this is the most cost effective and efficient method to communicate. Please send your updates to our email address nnsrtemple@verizon.net.

I would like to thank Brother Luke Ludovico 32° for volunteering with Sound & Lighting at NNSR and Brother Larry Carmichael 32° for volunteering with our Medical Equipment Facility. Brethren our Valley could not continue our philanthropy without volunteers. There is a place for your talents at the NNSR; work with the Golf Committee, fund raising, building maintenance, medical equipment, assemble the Newsletter, event planning, kitchen help, lawn/grounds maintenance, VMAP, etc. Join us, it feels good to give back!

Fraternally, Bruce



Valley of Newport News SR Webmaster

Bro. Steven F. Dowd 32° KCCH

Brethren.

After several months of work, the new and improved Newport News Scottish Rite website, www.nnsctishrite.org, is up and running!!! The main areas are titled Members, About, Education, Philanthropies, Facility Rental, and Events. On its 35+ pages, you can find detailed information on various topics like the 2019 Scottish Rite Conference, the Newsletters, the Medical Equipment Program, links to other Masonic websites, the Valley History, the Knights of St Andrew, all the degrees, and our philanthropies like the RiteCare Language Program and our own tax deductible organization, the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

Additionally, did you know that we also maintain a Facebook page with additional information? Take a look at it, www.facebook.com/newportnnewsscctishrite. This page can be an active feed to you on your own Facebook account giving you immediate notification when things are happening or changing here.

I am looking for someone in the Valley to assist in managing these two Social Media platforms. If you have a knack for or desire on working with these applications, please contact me at nnsrwebmaster@gmail.com Also, if you have ideas or suggestions on ways to improve what we have, please get those suggestions to me.

Maintaining meaningful personal communications in today's fast-paced and technology intense day can be challenging. Smartphones are everywhere, and a variety of services including Facebook, Twitter, and text messaging make keeping in touch possible using many different methods. Each popular technology provides benefits as well as challenges. With so much information available to us, it's often hard to keep track of some of the messages that are most important. These pages provide several ways for Newport News Scottish Rite Masons to access social media germane to the craft and establish social networks across the Valley, Orient, and Jurisdiction. Please avail yourself of these great tools.

Fraternally,
Steve



Americanism, Master Craftsman Program**Bro. Brian Croteau 32° KCCH****Americanism**

The Americanism Committee efforts for Spring 2019 are complete, with the last JROTC ceremony on 10 June and the placement of flags on veteran graves for Memorial Day. In cooperation with National Sojourners, the Valley of Newport News team of presenters provided awards at three colleges and thirteen high schools, including a new one this year in Emporia. It was a long drive, but the appreciation shown for our presence by the cadets, the cadre, and the school administration made the effort worthwhile.

**Master Craftsman Program**

We are doing one-on-one tutoring with self-study for the Master Craftsman class enrolled after the Fall 2018 Reunion class. This course, which covers the history of the Scottish Rites, its awards and honors, the structure of the Valleys, and overview looks at the degrees, is an excellent introduction to the beautiful simplicity within our fraternity. See our Valley Secretary, Ill. Pete Eure, 33° IGH or the Education Chairman, Bro. Brian Croteau, 32° KCCH to sign up!

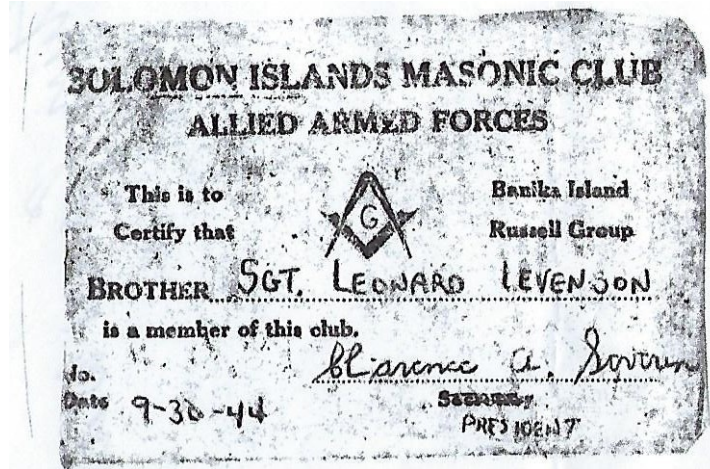
Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Ladies**Mrs. Pam Neale**

First let us welcome two new members to our group, Barbara Lash, wife of John and Rose Taylor, husband Rich (newly initiated in May). They are so delightful and fit right in to the crafting sessions we have had this year for the 95th Scottish Rite Conference. The ladies have been hard at work making place cards, gluing shells to tags for gifts to the ladies, buying pens for everyone at the conference, buying things to put into the dignitary's gift boxes, and still having time to enjoy each other's company. We had a great time at our Belmont Stakes Racing Party. Sandy Green does a great job getting the party started and keeping it going. We have unfortunately had some sickness and surgery since our last newsletter, so we need to keep Lyn Vaughan, Barb Zeno, Brenda Bissette, Mazie Williams, Fran Wilson, and Frances Lewis in our thoughts and prayers. Thankfully everyone seems to be doing much better and will be back soon we hope! Ladies, come join us, we meet at the same time the men have their meeting.

A Tribute to Brother Leonard I. Levenson, 32^o

In this edition of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Newsletter, we would like to pay tribute to Brother Leonard I. Levenson. Brother Levenson received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia in 1959. Shown below is a copy of his membership card from Solomon Islands Masonic Club, Allied Armed Forces dated September 30, 1944.

*Brother Leonard I. Levenson, 32^o
103 Years Old
Born on March 16, 1916*



Also shown is a picture of Brother Levenson receiving a special Masonic Apron from Members of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.



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Bro. Robert Elliott Hewlet, 32°
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**Our Departed
Brethren
Their spirit to God,
their memory in
our hearts.**