



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



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

Greetings Brethren!

Another Quarter has come and gone and so has the extremely hot weather! Even with all the hot weather, we have had a great summer. I want to extend my appreciation to our Venerable Master, his Officers and the Knights of Saint Andrew for their dedication and support for our Annual Scottish Rite Picnic which was held outdoors this year. The weather was beautiful, and the turnout was excellent.

I also want to complement our Grounds Committee, Brother Robert Parker, KCCH, Brother Vincent Mundy, KCCH and Ill. Brother Harold Joyner, 33° for the excellent manner in which they have maintained our grounds. The team works diligently to keep the grass cut, weed eating, gathering leaves and tree branches and many other activities. If you find yourself with some spare time and would like to serve on this committee please give the office a call at 599-6617.

Brethren, Ill. Brother Don Moyer, 33° has informed me that he will be retiring as Chairman of our Kitchen Committee effective December 31, 2017. Brother Don has served the Valley of Newport News for many years, in fact, he tells me that he served on the committee three years before he became a Scottish Rite Mason! That, my brothers, is dedication. Ill. Brother Don, thank you for all you have done in support of our Rite.

On the negative side, I have a couple of concerns that I would like to share with you. First, is our Membership numbers. Brethren, over the past several years our numbers have decreased significantly due to death, demits, non-payment of dues etc., as it has in many other organizations. The problem is that we are not recruiting enough new members to offset our losses, hence, declining Membership. To slow or turn this situation around I am asking each Scottish Rite member to extend the hand of friendship and fellowship and to encourage a friend and Brother to join us. Petitions can be downloaded from our web page or by simply calling the Valley Office.

Second, a large number of our members are behind in their dues. Your dues are critically needed to keep our facility operational and in good order. Please check your dues cards. If they are not current please call our Secretary or remit your dues to the office. By the way, if you can see your way clear to contribute a little extra to our Building Fund it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This Quarter and throughout 2017 we are planning a quarterly fun night for our members and friends. Each quarter fun night will be of a different theme. Example, in April of 2017 we will be having a Western Night with a country band, fish dinner, etc. The purpose is fellowship and fun while serving as a fund raiser for our organization. A special thanks to our Fun Night Committee Brother Paul Lubic, KCCH, and Mrs. Sandra Green for their dedication and efforts in making Fun Night a reality.

My sincere appreciation to all.  
Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33° IGH

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**Bro. Patrick C. Murphrey, 32° KCCH**  
Master of Kadosh

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**Bro. Daniel R. Savage, 32°**

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**

**October 26**

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

**October 28-29**

**Valley of Newport News Fall Reunion**

**November 9**

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

**December 14**

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

**December 21**

**Valley of Newport News Annual Holiday Dinner**



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

I hope that everyone had a safe and good summer. Thanks to all who attended our Stated Communications over the summer. As we move into the fall season, we have many things to be excited about. First, by the time you are reading this, we will have had the Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Conference hosted by the Valley of Richmond. I hope that all who attended had an enjoyable experience. Next year, the Orient of Virginia Conference will be hosted by the Valley of Portsmouth, and I hope you will be able attend.

Prior to our September Stated Communication, we will finish our Scottish Rite Master Craftsman: Symbolic Lodge Group Class. Thanks to those who participated in this class and I hope that you enjoyed the reading, our engaging class discussions, and completing the quizzes together with your Brethren.

Also, at our September Stated Communication, we had our Annual Feast of Tishri. Thanks to Illustrious Brother Adrian L. "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH and his team for their efforts. I'd also like to thank, Illustrious Brother Aaron Zeno, 33° IGH for being our featured speaker for the Feast.

Our Fall Reunion is quickly approaching and will be held Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th. A Reunion is more than just bringing new Scottish Rite Masons into our Valley but an opportunity for all of us to engage and/reconnect with our Brethren. I encourage you to join us.

It is my hope that you will join us at our upcoming Fall Reunion and our upcoming Stated Communications. The October Stated will be on October 26th, the November Stated on November 9th, and the December/Annual Stated will be on December 14th. Please note that the November/December meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesdays of those months. At our Annual Communication in December, the election/selection and installation of officers for the coming year will take place.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Patrick C. Murphrey

***Valley Secretary—III. "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH***

This being the last newsletter for 2016 and at a time when members are receiving their Annual Dues Notices for 2017, I would like to urge you to pay your dues promptly. As you know, your dues pay for the operation of our Valley. This includes the usual bills including lights, gas, water, insurance and maintenance. We have about 15% of our members who have not paid their 2016 dues. As anyone who has a home or business knows, this means bills and maintenance cannot be maintained. Please pay your dues as soon as possible! If you received your dues notice and you see that you are behind in your dues and would like to become current in your dues, contact the Secretary at the Scottish Rite Office. Our phone number is 757-599-6617 and our email address is [nnsrtemple@verizon.com](mailto:nnsrtemple@verizon.com). We want to help you become current in your dues.

Our By-Laws were amended last year for the Officers of the Newport News Scottish Rite to serve a term from January 1 to December 31 each year. Nominations and Elections will be held at the December Stated meeting and all Annual Reports will be given at that time. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Wednesday December 14, 2016 and welcome our new officers.

I would like to thank our Assistant Secretary, Brother Paul E. Lubic, Jr. 32°, KCCH, for his help this year. As he is a computer person, he has helped me tremendously and has added to this office. He has made this office run more smoothly. Welcome aboard Paul. Remember, Paul is here to serve this office and the Newport News Scottish Rite !!!!

Remember, Please Pay Your Dues!

"Pete" Eure, Secretary NNSR

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

Greetings Brothers, I hope this autumn finds you doing well. We are just weeks away from our Fall Reunion! There is still time to sponsor an applicant to go through the Scottish Rite Degrees. We ask that you reach out to Masons in good standing that are not members of the Scottish Rite and tell them about our Valley (and thus encourage them to submit an application for membership into the Scottish Rite).

As a lead in to friendly discussion, we encourage you to present them with one of our Valley's "wooden tokens". \* We have an abundance of Valley tokens at the NNSR Temple (available @ the office) or by way of your Blue Lodge Valley Ambassador. Each token (or wooden nickel) has our Valley logo on one side and contact information on the other. We encourage all Valley members to distribute these throughout our area Blue Lodges to thus promote our Valley. If you are in need of an application for membership, they can be obtained at the NNSR office or by going to our NNSR home-page @ [nscottishrite.org](http://nscottishrite.org)

We look forward in you joining us at our upcoming Fall Reunion scheduled for: 28-29 October...

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](mailto:nnsrtemple@verizon.net).

If you know anyone who is interested in renting a dining hall or auditorium, please have them call the office at 757-599-6617 and ask for Paul. The dining hall seats 350 and the auditorium seats 400. Renting our facility is one of our main fundraisers, and is very important to the financial well-being of our valley.

We realize that some of you don't have access to email and therefore don't receive our email messages we send out. So, as a convenience to those folks, and as an additional mode of communication to the emails; we are starting a calling service to announce meetings, events, and emergent changes to our scheduled activities. If you wish to be on the list to be called, please send your telephone number to the office, call us at 757-599-6617 or sign up at the table at the next stated meeting.

Thanks, Paul Lubic, Jr.,  
Assistant Secretary

*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 several years, 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.

Committee Members are:

**Edward Van Wilson, KCCH**

**Page S. Neale, Jr., KCCH**

**John Roger Ward, 32°**

***Golf Committee News:***

**2017 Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33° Memorial Golf Tournament Is Moving**

The 2016 Annual Ill. William M. Johnson, 33° Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Williamsburg National Course was very successful. 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.

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 2017.

***This coming year our tournament is moving to Riverfront Golf Club, 5200 River Club Dr. Suffolk, Va. 23435 and will held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, with a start time of 9:00 a.m.***

Registration and contributor/sponsor flyers will be available on the Valley of Newport News website ([www.newportnewsscottishrite.org](http://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.

Golf Committee Chairs

Page S. Neale, Jr., KCCH

Richard A. Russell, 32°

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*July 31, 2016*

***Bro. Charles Ian Chalmers 32<sup>o</sup>***  
*August 11, 2016*

***Bro. John Leonard Young, Jr. 32<sup>o</sup>***  
*August 19, 2016*

***Bro. Warren Catlin Joyce 32<sup>o</sup>***  
*September 9, 2016*



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