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

Greetings Brethren!

We are now into the last Quarter of the year. I am pleased to report that your Valley is functioning well with our committees engaged and productive. VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Program) is well on the way to completion in the December time frame. Thanks to our Chairman Brother Joseph Myers, 32° KCCH and the many brethren who participate in this endeavor. I would be remiss if I did not give a special shout out to our Secretary, Ill. Pete Eure, 33° IGH and Assistant Secretary, Brother Paul E. Lubic, Jr., 32° KCCH for their dedication and outstanding support in the daily operation of our Scottish Rite Masonic Center. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Brethren who supported our grounds work party. We completed the mulching of our bush beds and removed several loads of debris, i.e., limbs etc. from the grounds. Another Saturday morning and a little help we can finish the task!

On behalf of the Valley membership I want to extend my appreciation to Brother Leonard Mayo, 32° KCCH for personally suggesting and implementing a Lighting Conversion Program for the Masonic Center. Brother Mayo is in the process of converting our Social Hall lighting fixtures to LED. Those of you who would like to be involved in this undertaking please let me know. Our goal is to convert all of the Masonic Center lighting to LED including the Parking Lot which is expected to result in a substantial reduction in energy consumption.

This past quarter Ill. Brother Aaron Zeno, 33° IGH and I had the good fortune of visiting with several of our Brethren who can no longer get out as they would like. Our visits were well received and appreciated. If you know of a Brother who is no longer able to get out and would like a visit, please let me know through our Valley Secretary at 757-599-6617.

Going forward, we have our Fall Reunion coming up. We are in need of candidates and I ask each of you, if possible, to reach out to your Masonic friends and Brothers with an invitation to join our Scottish Rite. The place where lots of good things are happening for our members and families!

Again, I am pleased to congratulate Ill. Brother William Earle Rorer, Jr. and Ill. Brother Robert Lynn Parker on receiving the 33° IGH at the Supreme Council Session in Washington DC on August 22, 2017.

Also congratulations to Brothers James D. Higginbottom, 32° KCCH, Manuel Joseph Lacerda, 32° KCCH, Leonard Sain Mayo, 32° KCCH and Daniel R. Savage, Jr. 32° KCCH who received their KCCH at the Scottish Rite Conference held in Portsmouth, Virginia on September 29th and 30th of September.

Just a reminder Brethren, our November and December Stated Communications will be held on the second Wednesday of each month with election of officers for 2018 being held in December. All Officers to be installed must be present at that time.

In conclusion my Brethren, your Valley is on the move, come out and get involved, enjoy the fellowship. Remember this is your Valley! A lot can be accomplished when a large number of Brethren do just a little.

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

Valley of Newport News

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia

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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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Upcoming Activities

October 20-21

Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Reunion

October 25

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

November 8

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

December 13

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

December 20

Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite
Annual Christmas Dinner and Program



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

Brethren,

This is the time of year when you are receiving your 2018 dues notices. I have received payment from many members already and would like to encourage others to send in their 2018 dues prior to December 31, 2017. If you will read the dues notice, membership dues are due before December 31, 2017. If you have any questions concerning your dues, please contact this office so we can either help you or correct any mistakes in your dues. Those who are LMIP or 50-year members, you will also receive a dues notice. This is done in order to give you a chance to donate to the Building Fund, Almoner's Fund or Tidewater Language Disorders (Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation). Help your Scottish Rite by paying your dues and making a donation to help others.

The Scottish Rite Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am to Noon. The Hospital Equipment building is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am to 11:00am. Our phone number is 757-599-6617 and e-mail is as follows nnsrtemple@verizon.net.

See you soon!!!!

Adrian "Pete" Eure, Secretary
Newport News Scottish Rite

Hurricane Disaster Relief

The Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. is collecting donations to be sent to and distributed by the Orients of Florida and Texas—**100% of all donations** will go to the relief of deserving families impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

To donate online via the Scottish Rite store, please go to:

<https://www.scottishritestore.org/disaster-relief.html>

If you prefer **to pay by check**, please make your check payable to the **Scottish Rite Foundation, SJ, USA, Inc.**** and mail it to:

**Scottish Rite Foundation, SJ, USA, Inc.
Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA
1733 16th St NW
Washington, DC 20009**

****IMPORTANT: Please indicate on your check to which relief effort you would like your funds directed: Texas, Florida, or split 50/50 between both Orients.****

Contributions to the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Thank you for your support.

Membership Committee - Bro. Joseph D. Myers, 32° KCCH

Greetings Brethren,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We are now transitioning into autumn, which as always, will be an eventful time for our Valley. Our Valley is making outstanding progress with the 2017 Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). By participating in VMAP 2017, we have made a commitment to improve the fraternal experience of our members through enhanced recruitment, new member engagement, degree proficiency, education, and philanthropy. As one can imagine, to accomplish such a commitment requires a robust team effort that spans many layers of our Valley.

The eleven VMAP categories of focus are as follows:

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. Valley Leadership & Management
11. Valley Organizations

I encourage you to visit <https://scottishrite.org/vmap/> and become familiar with the contributing elements of VMAP. You will notice that standards are set high. The result of us being engaged with the VMAP process is a strengthened Valley (which we clearly have). We have just conducted a “mid-way-point” check on our VMAP 2017 progress; I am happy to share with you that our Valley is well on our way to satisfy the VMAP requirements. That being said, we still have several areas that require our concentrated effort.

First, we need your participation in the upcoming Fall Reunion. Participation can mean sponsoring a candidate, assisting in a degree, being engaged with set-up/logistics, or simply be in the audience and give support to those putting on/receiving the degrees. We must present a memorable first impression to each of our candidates, and also instill a lasting impression on you and other Scottish Rite Brethren.

Second, we need your phone numbers and e-mails! Our support to you as a member of this Valley depends on good communications. We ask that you send us your email and phone number (even if you think we already have them). Please forward your contact information to one of the following:

- Newport News Scottish Rite Valley, 65 Saunders Rd, Newport News
- (757) 599-6617
- nnsrtemple@verizon.net or
- myers.yorktown@gmail.com

Lastly, our Valley needs to hear from you. We want to know how you are doing and how we can grow your Scottish Rite experience. We hope that you can make it to our scheduled monthly Valley meetings and events, however if you can't, please reach out to us by one of the contacts means listed above.

Take care, look forward in hearing from you soon.

Fraternally,
Joseph D. Myers, 32 KCCH
Membership Committee

Visitation Committee - Ill. Aaron Zeno , 33^o IGH

In July of 2017, the Personal Representative for the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite, Ill. Jack L. Smith and Ill. Aaron Zeno visited Brother Dick Hartung at his home in the Windward Towers.

We found Brother Hartung in very good spirits and health and he was extremely pleased that we had come to visit him. He was also pleased to share his life's story with us.

Brother Hartung was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on July 4, 1928. He attended the Poughkeepsie school system and after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy in which he served honorably four years as a Radioman on the USS Noah DD 841.

Brother Hartung entered the Insurance business after serving in the Navy with State Farm Insurance and worked with State Farm for forty years. His office was in the Hidenwood section of Newport News, Virginia and was the first insurance office in Virginia to have computers. The Vice President of State Farm Insurance used to refer Brother Hartung's office as "*MISSION CONTROL*" because of the computers and the attention to detail Brother Hartung's office displayed.

Brother Hartung was married to his wife Betty until her passing away after 55 years of marriage. He has two brothers, one in Sarasota, Florida, and the other in Alexandria, Virginia.

Brother Hartung has maintained his membership in St. Tammany Lodge No. 5 for over sixty years and says that Freemasonry has kept his mind active and has also contributed to "*KEEPING ME YOUNG*". Brother Hartung is now in his 89th year of life.



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