

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

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

Greetings Brethren!

I am pleased to address you in this our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year. Having recently engaged in our Annual Scottish Rite Conference held at Smith Mountain Lake, I am pleased to congratulate Brother Page Neale, KCCH, on his election and installation as President of our Conference for 2019. As we move toward our 2019 Conference, it behooves us to lend our undivided attention and support to our Conference President and his Lady Pam to make this the best Conference ever!

I would also extend my sincere appreciation to Brother George Winslow 32°, Chairman of our Handicap Equipment Center for his leadership and dedication to supporting the community and the Scottish Rite. Brother Winslow is responsible for the management of the Center and as such, makes repairs and issues handicap equipment to the community and to our Brethren. In addition, he is in the process of restoring our Center to a like new condition with new siding, roof and rollup doors. Brother Winslow, in conjunction with Valley leadership, is planning construction of an additional building to accommodate the increase in the demand for handicap equipment. Thank you, Brother Winslow, for your service to the Rite.

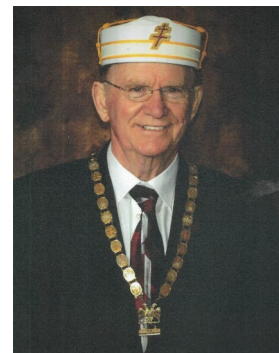
To all our Committee Chairman and Brethren who continue to provide unselfish support in making this Valley one of the best in the Orient, Thank you!

In summary, thanks to the efforts of many Brethren, the general overview and condition of our Valley is very good. We continue to move forward with restoration efforts and peace and harmony prevails.

For those Brethren who would like to become involved in our Valley activities, please feel free to give me a call at 757-641-4139 or contact the Valley Secretary at 757-599-6617.

May God bless you and our Scottish Rite.

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



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**Chartered October 12, 1912**

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 19-20**

**Valley of Newport News Reunion**

**October 24**

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

**November 14**

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

**December 12**

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

**December 19**

Valley of Newport News Christmas  
Dinner and Concert



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***Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection - Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH***

Brethren, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have moved from the hot days of summer to the cooler days of fall and nearing the beginning of winter. God with His pallet of beautiful colors has painted the leaves red, yellow, and orange and some have fallen making way for winter's hibernation followed by spring and a rebirth. Our Grand Architect of the Universe never ceases to amaze me with what He provides to us. We should all take notice and appreciate what He does for each and every one of us, everyday.

Some important events that have been or are on the horizon:

During our September Stated, we observed the Feast of Tishri: The Feast of Tishri is an occasion for rejoicing, rededication, and thanksgiving. The service is conducted in the hope that no Perfect Elu (14th degree Scottish Rite Mason), will be found with a soul so dead as to be absent from the physical and spiritual refreshment of this Feast. Brethren, let us rededicate ourselves to the principles of the Lodge of Perfection.

September 21, and 22, 2018: The Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia hosted by the Valley of Danville was held at Smith Mountain Lake.

I had never been to Smith Mountain Lake previously but what a beautiful setting for this conference. It was a fun event with a boat trip and dinner on the Lake on Thursday evening, break out sessions and meetings on Friday and a barbecue dinner that evening under a tent setting looking out over the lake with "Southern Gentlemen" playing blue grass music. Friday's programs featured two Grand Cross speakers; S. Brent Morris, 33° IGH and Sean Greystone, 33° IGH. Saturday the Conference business meeting was conducted along with remarks from our Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Most Worshipful Gary W. Taylor, KCCH. Additionally, the Necrology Service was held along with the election and installation of the 2019 Scottish Rite Conference Officers. The speaker for the Ladies Luncheon was given by Ill. James D. Cole, 33° S.G.I.G. in Virginia. Time and space do not permit me to continue but believe me, it was a great conference and I encourage you to attend as many as you can, it is well worth the effort.

Fall Reunion: October 19, and 20, 2018: As you know, the Spring Reunion was a great success and there were five new Masters of the Royal Secret; three from the Valley of Portsmouth and two from the Valley of Newport News.

*Please, please make every effort to join in a degree team as a cast member or in some other way volunteer to participate either as a stage hand, lighting/sound technician, a class marshal, or one who works in the kitchen. Brethren, your Degree Masters and the Director of Work needs you in any capacity to help out and participate.* This is a good time to remind ourselves of the importance of recruiting new candidates. It is not too early to start scouting around right now, AND ALL YEAR FOR THAT MATTER!

Our November Stated will be held on the second Wednesday of the month; November 14, 2018 due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling during the week of our normally scheduled meeting.

Our December Stated will be held on the second Wednesday of the month; December 12, 2018. Normal business will be conducted along with the installation of officers for 2019.

Our Christmas Dinner and entertainment will be held on December 19, 2018. The entertainment this year will consist of a duo of very talented ladies from the area who record in York County and Nashville. Their blended voices are incredible. Kim Person and Lana Puckett will provide our Christmas entertainment in the auditorium immediately after dinner in the dining room.

In closing, I just want to take a moment to say thank you for all that you do for Masonry in general and for the Scottish Rite in particular. As Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection this year, it has been a pleasure to have worked with and served you. The membership of the Valley of Newport News is simply awesome and I am so pleased to be a member of this great Valley. Thanks again for everything and remember "Do Good Unto All".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
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***Congratulations to “our” Orient of Virginia Conference President***



*Mrs. Pam Neale and President Page Neale*



*Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite 2019  
President Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., KCCH*

*Our sincere congratulations are extended to Brother Page S. Neale, Jr., KCCH, on his election and installation as the 2019 President of the Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Conference. The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite will host the 2019 Conference and your help and support will be needed to make it an event to remember. Please let Bro. Neale know how you can help with this endeavor. Again, congratulations to Bro. Neale as President of the 2019 Orient of Virginia Conference and representing the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite.*

***Assistant Personal Representative - Bro. Bruce Layton Edwards, 32° KCCH***

Brethren,

I would like to thank those who attended the Virginia Lit'l Ole Opry Concert August 25 and especially those that helped setting up, selling tickets, concession sales, program advertising and raffle sales. We made \$2,800 for the Valley. The two Opry programs we had in 2018 were well received by all that attended. We are making plans to have another Opry show after the first of the year and I will share the details as soon as they are final. Our continued success with these events is dependent on everyone's participation. I look forward to seeing you at the next concert.

Smithfield Union Lodge will present a Blue Grass Concert Saturday, October 27, 7:30PM, at the Newport News Scottish Rite. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the Scottish Rite office and from Smithfield Lodge members. Come out for some good music and support Smithfield Lodge raise money for a new roof.

We are working with the 380th Army Band to present a free (that right free!) Christmas Concert Sunday, December 9. They were impressed with our Scottish Rite Auditorium and we have submitted the proper request forms. This is an opportunity to show case our facility to the community which hopefully will result in increased rentals. More to come!

Brethren, there is always something to do at the Scottish Rite. If you have a few hours each week or month and you would like to volunteer to help with general fundraising, VMAP, golf committee, degree teams, building maintenance, hospital equipment, assembling the newsletter, event planning, kitchen help, lawn/grounds maintenance, etc., please let us know. There are plenty of opportunities here at the Valley of Newport News. We need your talent and it's great fellowship and fun!

Fraternally, Bruce

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

Brethren,

As the year winding down, it will be time to elect and install the Newport News Scottish Rite officers for 2019. We will have the election on November 14, 2018, Stated Meeting and the Installation will be held on December 12, 2018. This year has passed so quickly and we have said "goodby" to many of our Scottish Rite Brethren. We have had several major expenditures that we did not count on. But, with the help of the members, we have replaced and/or repaired the problems. Brother Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH, who is responsible for renting our building, has had two big productions and has helped the Newport News Scottish Rite, immensely.

By now, you have received your 2019 dues notice. Please help this Secretary, by mailing your 2019 dues in, promptly. If you have any questions concerning your dues, please call me at the Scottish Rite office (757-599-6618) or e-mail me at [nnsrtemple@verizon.net](mailto:nnsrtemple@verizon.net). We will promptly clear any questions you may have. The Newport News Scottish Rite cannot operate if you do not pay your dues.

Remember, that in November and December, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday because of the Holidays. We will be meeting on November 14th and December 12th, at 7:30 pm, dinner being served at 6:30 pm. The cost of the meals, are \$8.00 per person. Mark your calendar and plan on being at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center November 14 and December 12.

As of this writing, we have four Petitions for the Fall Reunion to be held at the Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center on October 19 and 20, 2018. This office has Petitions and if you know of a Blue Lodge Brother who may like to increase their Masonic knowledge, please let this office know and we will get a Petition to you.

Please support your Scottish Rite!! Attend often!!

Adrian "Pete" Eure, 33°, Secretary

***Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite***  
***FALL REUNION***  
***October 19-20, 2018***

Please come out and support the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Friday-Saturday October 19-20, 2018. Are you a member of a degree team? Are you a member of the stage crew? Are you assisting with the meals? Will you attend and show your support of the Valley and our new candidates? If not, why not? Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of **your** Fall Reunion at the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite.



PETITION FOR THE DEGREES  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES  
VALLEY OF NEWPORT NEWS, ORIENT OF VIRGINIA



To the Officers and Members of:

Newport News Lodge of Perfection  
Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix

Newport News Council of Kadosh  
Newport News Consistory

(Please type or print – with the exception of Signatures)

Reunion Fee \$175.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

A Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Lodge)

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

I have lived in the Jurisdiction of this Valley \_\_\_\_\_  
(Years)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year) (City and State)

My Mailing Address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street No., City, State and Zip Code)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Have you petitioned for, or been proposed as a candidate, for the Scottish Rite Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

(If so, state fully the time and place to whom such affiliation was made)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in Full)

Recommended by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in full and Address)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in full and Address)

Fee for Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

Fee with Petition \_\_\_\_\_

(First Reading) (Elected)

(A fee of \$20.00 must accompany petition)

Fee paid in Full \_\_\_\_\_



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CONCERT WINDOW



## Smithfield Union #18



Presents

an Evening of Bluegrass Music  
With Jesse Burdick and Friends

October 27th

7-10pm

\$15 admission

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*Brother Charles Hill Goens, 32<sup>o</sup>  
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Brethren  
Their spirit to God,  
their memory in  
our hearts.**

