

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter



October - December 2019



Volume 7, Issue 4 Valley of Newport News, Orient of Virginia, AASR



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

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren! It gives me great pleasure to address you as we enter the last Quarter of 2019. As many of you know I have been out of circulation for the past month. I unfortunately experienced a fall which rendered me with a dislocated hip and fractured femur. The good news is I am recovering nicely and should be back in service very soon. I want to express my appreciation to all who visited me during my hospital stay and for all the cards, calls and prayers. In addition, I want to thank our Management Team and Lodge Officers for their exceptional support in keeping our Valley operating smoothly. As we are closing out our third quarter, I am pleased to report that our own SGIG in Virginia, Ill. James D. Cole, has been installed as Grand Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States and Ill. Alan W. Adkins appointed as our new Deputy in Virginia. Congratulations to both!

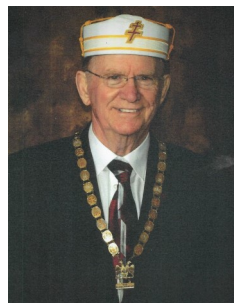
The Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, hosted by the Valley of Newport News, under the direction of the Conference President, Ill. Page S. Neale and his lady Pam was a most successful Conference which was well attended and enjoyed by all. My appreciation to Ill. Page and Lady Pam for their exceptional effort and many years of planning in making our Conference such an outstanding success. Brother Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH was installed as our incoming Conference Vice President for the Valley of Newport News for the next seven years. Please congratulate Brother Rawls and let us extend our support as he progresses over the next seven years.

Brethren I would be remiss if I did not apprise you of the progress we are making with our Medical Equipment Center. The center is now under the auspices of our Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. and we are expanding the facility as quickly as possible in order to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for medical equipment. We recently received approximately 36 wheel chairs, walkers and other equipment from the Riverside Convalescent Center on Chesapeake Blvd. The medical equipment received is being dispensed to the public on a daily basis. Brother George Winslow is still in need of volunteers to assist with this exceptional Outreach Program. If you have a few hours per week to contribute please call the office for details.

Our Fall Reunion usually occurs during the month of October. Unfortunately, we have no candidates at this time. If you know of a Brother who would like to join the Scottish Rite please let us know and we will provide a petition for the degrees.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to a most exciting fourth Quarter and I invite all Scottish Rite Masons to our dinner meetings and other activities within the Valley.

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



Valley of Newport News

Ill. Alan W. Adkins 33°
Deputy in Virginia

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

Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH
Assistant Personal Representative

Ill. Adrian L. "Pete" Eure, 33° IGH
Secretary for the Valley of Newport News

Bro. Steven F. Dowd, 32°
Assist. Secretary for the Valley of Newport News

Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
Treasurer for the Valley of Newport News

Ill. Harold C. Joyner, 33° IGH
Almoner for the Valley of Newport News

Bro. Page S. Neale, Jr., 32° KCCH
Chairman of the Trustees

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

Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix
Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Newport News Council of Kadosh
Bro. William Overbay, 32° KCCH
Commander

Newport News Consistory
Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh

Knights of St. Andrew
Bro. Hilton Maney, 32°
Venerable Master

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.

Editor: Bro. J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH
Offices: 65 Saunders Rd.
Newport News, VA 23601
Phone: 757 599 6617
Fax: 757 599 0021
Email: nnsrtemple@verizon.net
Web Site: <https://www.nnscottishrite.org/>

**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

October 23

Valley of Newport News SR Stated Meeting
Meeting at 7:30pm (dinner at 6:30pm)

November 13

Valley of Newport News SR Stated Meeting
Meeting at 7:30pm (dinner at 6:30pm)

December 11

Valley of Newport News SR Annual Stated Meeting
With Election of Officers for 2020 at 7:30pm (dinner at
6:30pm)

December 18

Valley of Newport News SR Annual Christmas
Dinner and Entertainment 6:00pm

*The Newport News Scottish Rite will host a Life Line
Screening Wednesday, November 6, 2019, For more
information visit our website nnsrtemple@verizon.net.
You may receive special Community Circle pricing, call
1-866-229-0469 or online www.lifelinescreening.com/
communitycircle. Text the word circle to 797979.*



Inside this Issue

Page 1 - Valley Personal Representative

Page 2 - Upcoming Activities

Page 3 - 2019 Conference President

Page 4 - Valley Secretary; Venerable Master

Page 5 - Assist. To Personal Rep; Valley Webmaster

**Page 6 - Americanism, Education, VMAP;
Scottish Rite Ladies**

Page 7 - 9 - Scottish Rite Conference Hi-Lites

Page 10 - In Memory

The ninety-fifth annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia was held on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28 at the Holiday Inn, Newport News - Hampton (formerly the Omni Hotel). Prior to the Conference, on Thursday September 26, a golf outing was held at Kiln Creek Golf Club with ten players enjoying a fun and sunny day of golf. Early arrivals enjoyed a lite fare dinner and fellowship in the hospitality suite that evening.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, the Knights of Saint Andrew helped welcome and register conference attendees and assisted them with their luggage, directions, and what needed to be done.

Two breakout sessions were held in the morning on Friday and presented by two members of our Valley with Bro. Dave Murray, 32° KCCH giving a very informative interactive talk about the DeMolay with members of the audience after which Bro. Brian Croteau 32° KCCH gave a talk about the "Cable Tow". Both our members were well received and are to be congratulated.

Lunch was provided in the hospitality suite during the noon hour and two more breakout sessions were provided by members from the Supreme Council: Ill. Len Proden, 33° Grand Almoner, SGIG and PGM in Washington, D.C. and Ill. Dean Alban, 33° Membership Services for the Supreme Council. Both morning and afternoon sessions were well attended and most informative. Later in the day, various meetings were held: The Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia, The President/Vice Presidents, and The Secretaries, Treasurers, and Personal Representatives. A little later that evening a social was held and a banquet was enjoyed by all. The National Sojourners Heroes of "76" processed in with the colors which were posted and the pledge given followed by the invocation by our Chaplain. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Stacie Raymer, Professor and Chairperson of the Old Dominion Communication Disorders and Special Education Department. She provided a talk on how she became interested in hearing and language disorders due to her sister being born deaf. Attendance at the Friday night banquet totaled 191.

On Saturday, registration continued and the ninety fifth session opened at 9:00am with welcoming comments by the President followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country after which a Necrology Service was conducted by the Conference Chaplain, Brother David W. Murray, 32° KCCH to remember Brethren who had passed since our last session. This was a very solemn service. Following the service, the minutes from our last annual session were waived by unanimous vote. Ill. Alan W. Adkins 33° Grand Cross, and Deputy in Virginia had some announcements to make and introduced the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful William E. Hershey, Jr. 32° KCCH. The Grand Masters comments and talk were well received by all in attendance. The session then took a short break followed by the Election/Installation of Officers for the 2020 Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia. Brother William A. Robertson, Jr. 32° KCCH was elected and installed as the 2020 President and Brother J. Richard Rawls 32° KCCH was elected and installed as Conference Vice President from the Valley of Newport News. Brother Brian Croteau 32° KCCH of the Valley of Newport News was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Scottish Rite Conference. After the installation of officers, the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia for 2019 was held. Following the meeting a benediction closed the session. The Brethren were invited to the hospitality rooms for barbecue, chicken nuggets, pasta salad, fruit, and more. The Ladies luncheon was held during the noon hour where Elvis made an appearance and entertained with music, song, and gyrations, and much fun for the 63 ladies in attendance.

At 2:00pm, all proceeded to the Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center to attend the KCCH Investiture which was performed by the Valley of Norfolk. There were 37 who received their "Red Hats" from the Orient of Virginia and 2 from the Orient of North Carolina. What a great job our Brethren from Norfolk performed.

At 6:15pm, the evening banquet was begun with the pledge and a prayer. During the dinner, the Silver Strolling Strings from the Norfolk Public Schools, led by Mr. Jay Larkin, provided a most wonderful program of music from the "Big Screen" and others. They received a standing ovation for their performance. Following dinner the Past Presidents of the Conference were recognized along with distinguished guests, and the current Conference Officers. The Conference President Ill. Page S. Neale, Jr. 33° then made his closing comments and passed on the Conference Banner and Gavel to the In-coming President who provided his comments. The Sovereign Grand Commander and Sovereign Grand Inspector General At-Large, Southern Jurisdiction, USA., Ill. James Deal Cole, 33° then spoke and provided comments after which the Conference Chaplain closed the banquet with a benediction. Saturday night's attendance was 211.

Following the banquet the Brethren and Ladies enjoyed the rest of the evening in fellowship visiting the various hospitality rooms. Sunday morning saw many Brethren and their ladies shaking hands and giving hugs and well wishes until the next Conference.

Brethren, I want to thank you all for your support in working on this Conference and especially these committees and their members:

Host Committee of the Valley of Newport News

Ill. Jack L. Smith 33°	Bro. Bruce Edwards, KCCH
Ill. Adrian L. Eure 33°	Bro. J. Richard Rawls, KCCH
Bro. Richard A. Russell, KCCH	Bro. Hilton R. Maney, KCCH
Bro. David W. Murray, KCCH	Ill. Aaron S. Zeno, 33°
Bro. Brian R. Croteau, KCCH	Ill. Clifford Alan (Skip) Parker, 33° PGM

Special thanks to the members of the Ladies of the Newport News Scottish Rite, the Knights of Saint Andrew and the members of the Valley of Newport News and their wives for their untiring help and support.

A very special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for hosting the Hospitality Rooms. Much work and planning went into setting them up and managing them throughout the Conference. Please take a moment to thank them especially Bruce Edwards, Barbara Davis, John and Barbara Lash and others.

My special thanks goes to my wonderful and lovely wife Pam for all that she has helped me with the last three years of working on this event. She is my heartbeat and my life, thank you Pam for all that you do.

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

Brethren,

We have just finished the 95th Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia which was hosted by the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite. Ill. Brother Page S. Neale, Jr., 33° IGH, served as the Conference President this year. The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite should be very proud of the 2019 Conference as presented. Ill. Page and Lady Pam served us well and everyone enjoyed the Newport News hospitality. Ill. Page also had a new Deputy in Virginia, Ill. Alan W. Adkins, 33° GC, to answer to. Ill. Page and Lady Pam and all who from the Valley of Newport News that helped with the Conference – Well Done!! What a great job!!

Dues notices were mailed late in September and you should receive them soon. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning your dues, please notify this office and we will resolve them as soon as possible.

We would like to thank Brother Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH, for all his dedication and work in filling in for Ill. Jack L. Smith 33° IGH. Brother Edwards continues to rent the building and thus helps the NNSR to maintain the building and grounds.

I would like to welcome Brother J. Richard Rawls, 32° KCCH as the Vice President of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, from the Valley of Newport News. I know that he will serve Newport News Scottish Rite well!

We wish Ill. Brother Jack Smith, 33° a quick recovery and hope to see him back in the office soon!

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

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

Brethren,

As we enter the last quarter of 2019, I would like express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite for giving me the opportunity to serve as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Master of Kadosh of the Newport News Consistory. The Valley of Newport News has had a good year which included our Spring Reunion, Family Picnic and serving as host of the Conference of the Orient of Virginia. We now look forward to the upcoming Holidays as well as our Annual Meeting and Christmas Celebration in December. It often amazes me how fast a year can pass by and 2019 has absolutely been on the fast track.

Our Christmas Dinner and Concert will be held on December 18, 2019. We are pleased to have Kim Person and Lana Puckett with us again this year. If you attended our Christmas dinner last year, you had the opportunity to hear this outstanding duo provide our Christmas entertainment and we are looking forward to another outstanding Christmas concert this year in our auditorium after our Christmas dinner. Please make plans to join the Brethren and their families for the Christmas Dinner and Concert on December 18th.

In closing, I thank you all for what you do for Masonry in general. You are what makes our Scottish Rite organization a success. Do all you can to seek new members, encourage members to attend, offer your help and support to your Scottish Rite Valley in any way you can. Again, thanks.....

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Richard



Assistant to the Personal Representative

Bro. Bruce L. Edwards, 32° KCCH

Brethren,

Did you know that you can help Newport News Scottish Rite just by shopping online through Amazon's "AmazonSmile" page? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. All you need to do is go to <http://smile.amazon.com> to sign in or register and select the Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc! At no extra cost, your personal shopping will contribute to our foundation! If you are not an online shopper please share this information with your family and friends. Their AmazonSmile purchases can also help the Scottish Rite Foundation support of the Scottish Rite Childhood Speech & Language Program at Old Dominion University and our Medical Equipment Center.

Please consider volunteering a few hours a week to the Scottish Rite. Your life skills can be put to good use. We are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Join us for a good time and Masonic Fellowship.

Fraternally, Bruce



Valley of Newport News SR Webmaster

Bro. Steven F. Dowd 32° KCCH

Brethren.

The new and improved Newport News Scottish Rite website, www.nnscottishrite.org, has been up and running several months now. Keeping it up to date, ie new Trestleboards, Newsletters, and events, is the main work that needs to be continued. I am hoping and looking for a Brother in the Valley to assist in managing the website and two other Social Media platforms. If you have a knack for or desire on working with these applications, please contact me at nnsrwebmaster@gmail.com

As a reminder, the main areas of the website are titled Members, About, Education, Philanthropies, Facility Rental, and Events. On its 35+ pages, you can find detailed information on various topics like the upcoming events, 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.

Maintaining meaningful personal communications in today's fast-paced and technology intense environment 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. If you have ideas or suggestions on ways to improve what we have, please get those suggestions to me.

Finally, I would like to request all members verify their contact information, ie address, email, and phone numbers in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction database. You can do that by logging into it at:

<https://scottishrite.org/login/>

Fraternally,
Steve



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

We are looking forward to the awards ceremonies of the spring and ensuring sufficient supplies are on hand. Additionally, we will work with local JROTC programs to have them present the colors, do the POW/MIA ceremony, perform drill and ceremonies, or rifle drill.

Education

The Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 Reunion classes had a very low (but excited!) interest rate for the Master Craftsman Course #2 (History & Ritual). We are now on a one-on-one tutorial basis for that class. Please consider the Master Craftsman Course #1 (Symbolic Lodge) for a spring 2020 group class. We'd like to see at least five and can easily handle ten or more.

VMAP

We are closing out the year with some strong improvements. Stand by for a "mover and shaker" meeting to pull things together, probably in early November.

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

Heartfelt thanks to the Ladies of the Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite for the outstanding support and help of the 2019 Orient of Virginia Scottish Rite Conference. You ladies are great and at true asset to the Valley of Newport News. Thanks for all that you did to make the job of the "President's Lady" so much easier to handle. Thanks Ladies !



Hi-Lights of the Orient of Virginia Annual Conference



*Ill. James Dean Cole, 33rd
Sovereign Grand Commander and
SGIG at Large*



2019 Honour Men



**From the Valley of Newport News
Ill. Page Simpson Neale Jr. 33° IGH**
Newly Coroneted 33° Honour Men 2019



**From the Valley of Newport News
Bro. Christopher M. Allen 32° KCCH, Bro. James H. Gareau, Sr. 32° KCCH,
Bro. Hilton R. Maney 32° KCCH, Bro. Richard A. Russell 32° KCCH,
Bro. Jeffrey P. Wilson 32° KCCH,**

32° KCCH Honour Men 2019

Hi-Lights of the Orient of Virginia Annual Conference



Newport News Scottish Rite

Valley of Newport News
Orient of Virginia
65 Saunders Road
Newport News, Virginia 23601

Return Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization
U. S. Postage Paid
Newport News, Virginia
Permit No. 54

*Bro. Hoen McGuire Edwards,
32° KCCH
July 17, 2019*

*Bro. William Franklin Haskins,
Jr., 32°
August 12, 2019*



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