

The Valley of Newport News Scottish Rite Quarterly Newsletter



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

Greetings Brethren,

It is indeed a pleasure to address you. The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. At this juncture we continue to remain in fail safe mode or one of extreme caution, following all CDC, State, and Grand Master's guidelines to ensure the safety of our membership. The Scottish Rite Office is open for business Monday through Thursday. Our Stated communications are back on schedule and various committees are actively carrying out their responsibilities. The Grounds Committee and Medical Equipment Center have remained open and active through the pandemic. Our Degree Teams are gearing up for our Reunion scheduled for October 30 & 31st. Food services (dinner meals) are suspended for the present. Please visit our web page for updates.

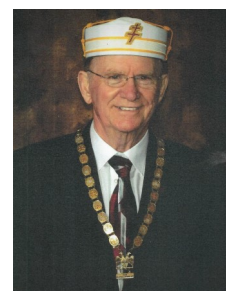
I am pleased to announce that our Medical Equipment Center expansion will begin Monday September 21st. The city of Newport News has approved our drawings and issued a building permit. The Medical Center is at full capacity and the addition will definitely facilitate the Centers operation. I want to express my appreciation to Brother George Winslow and Brother Ed Sofianek for their outstanding efforts managing and operating the Center. In addition, Brothers Vince Mundie and Bob Jones has spent countless hours working the grounds, cutting grass, gathering up tree limbs, pruning shrubs, etc.. Vince and Bob would appreciate assistance should you have a few hours to spare.

Brethren, as you know, facility rentals are the primary source of revenue for your Valley. Due to the Pandemic our income from rentals has bottomed out, our Golf Tournament was cancelled for 2020 and your dues alone are not enough to meet our expenses. Our Foundation is a tax deductible way to support your Valley and offset our revenue losses in this trying time. **Contributions can be made to: The Newport News Scottish Rite Foundation Inc. and forwarded to your Secretary at 65 Saunders Road, Newport News Va. 23601.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Brethren, please keep our Brothers and Ladies who are unable to get out and those who are sick and distressed in your prayers. Brother Hilton Maney recently underwent surgery as did Lady Pam Neale. Most Worshipful Skip Parker continues to provide home care for his Lady Margaret. If you know of a Brother or his Lady who are in distress, please notify our Secretary so that we can get a card out or offer our assistance.

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting with many of you as conditions improve. Until then be safe and may God bless you and America.

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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They all need your support.**

Upcoming Activities

October 28

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

October 30-31

Valley of Newport News Fall Reunion

November 11

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

December 9

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



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Brethren,

This will be the last issue of the Newport News Scottish Rite Newsletter for 2020. This has been a year that will be in our minds, for a long time. The year started off normally and Newport News Scottish Rite had three meetings and here came the COVID - 19 Virus. We had to suspend our meetings until July. We have had three meetings since the Supreme Council and Grand Lodge of Virginia edicts on Masonic Meetings allowed us to open. Ill. Jack L. Smith, 33°, has opened the Scottish Rite and mandated that Newport News Scottish Rite adhere to all Supreme Council and Grand Lodge directives on "holding Masonic meetings". We have practiced "social distancing", no hand shaking, no meals, and other practices that will keep our meetings safe. It is the hope that 2021 will let us go back to "normal" at all of our Masonic meetings. We need to thank Brother Bruce Edwards, 32° KCCH, for all he has done to maintain all safe practices at our meetings. We still will meet October 28, November 11 and December 9, 2020, at the Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center, commencing at 7:30pm – NO MEALS.

In the Scottish Rite Journal for September – October 2020, please read the Grand Commander's Message on page 2, titled "Your Little Card". This is a new concept of DUES CARDS and DUES PAYMENTS. You will now receive your 2021 dues notices and your 2021 dues cards in the same envelope. If you receive your dues notices and dues cards and have any questions, please call the Scottish Rite Office and ask for the Secretary, "Pete" Eure or the Assistant Secretary, Steve Dowd. We will try to help you in any way we can.

We will be having a Fall Reunion on October 30 and 31, 2020, at the Newport News Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Friday Night begin at 7:00pm and Saturday Morning at 9:00am (as of now there will be no coffee/donuts Saturday Morning – due to COVID – 19 Virus). Portsmouth Scottish Rite will be meeting with us and will present the Eighteenth Degree and the Thirtieth Degree.

Stay Safe!! See you soon!!!

Adrian "Pete" Eure, Secretary

NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE BODIES:

DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS THAT CAUSED THE NEWPORT NEWS SCOTTISH RITE TO CANCEL SOME OF OUR MEETINGS AND HAS CAUSED LIMITED ATTENDED MEETINGS AND THEREFORE, OUR OFFICERS, BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED, HAVE NOT SERVED THEIR TERMS FULLY, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DEPUTY IN VIRGINIA, MW AND ILL. ALAN W. ADKINS, 33° GC, ILL. JACK L. SMITH, 33°, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICERS FOR THE LODGE OF PERFECTION, CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, COUNCIL OF KADOSH AND CONSISTORY, FILL THE OFFICES FOR EACH OF THESE BODIES, FOR THE NEXT YEAR (2021). THERE WILL BE NO ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021. IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION, FOR 2021, PLEASE CONTACT THE MASTER OF YOUR BODY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO HE CAN LET THE SECRETARY KNOW. WE HOPE THAT 2021 WILL BRING US A NORMAL YEAR AND OUR OFFICERS WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE THIS SCOTTISH RITE IN 2021.

THE SECRETARY – ADRIAN L. EURE, 33° FOR ILL. JACK L. SMITH, 33°, VALLEY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

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August 19, 2020*

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September 13, 2020*



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