



Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia  
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# Scottish Rite Bulletin

March—April 2023



## *Wise Master's Message*

Mark E. Cummings, Wise Master, Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

The Chapter of Rose Croix will perform the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal at our March meeting to honor our Brethren who have laid down their working tools and ascended to the Celestial Lodge above. The Ceremony takes place near the vernal equinox, around March 21st, which is a time of new beginnings and the renewal of life on earth. The ceremony is a symbol of man's spiritual, intellectual, and moral rebirth and serves as a reminder of the divine plan of the Great Architect of the Universe. It recognizes the importance of both nature and man as images of God and celebrates the truth that both came from the same divine plan. It unifies the great religions of man through a common statement of divine purpose and human capability. The ceremony is a celebration of rebirth, freedom, and fraternity and serves as a reminder of the importance of these values in our lives.



With "Remembrance and Renewal" in mind, I've had the opportunity to peruse the meeting minute books of my home Lodge, Olive Branch #114, which was chartered on December 1818, over 200 years ago. This was about 17 years after our Scottish Rite was founded in Charleston, SC in May 1801, and six years before the first Scottish Rite Body was chartered in Virginia at Lynchburg in November 1824. Many Olive Branch Brothers have gone on to the Celestial Lodge since its beginning, just as have many of our Scottish Rite Brothers whom we will focus on at our March ceremony. I would like to share some of the stories of my Brothers that I found in the archives of my Lodge.

With very few exceptions, Olive Branch Lodge has met monthly for well over its 200 years. One of the longest gaps in monthly meetings occurred during the 1861-1865 Civil War. The minutes from the last lodge meeting before the War on April 1, 1861, recorded that Rev. William Wallace Duncan was balloted for and later that evening received the first degree. During the Civil War, Bro. Duncan served as a chaplain in the Confederate Army. He was also a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church until his death on March 2, 1908.

The subsequent page of the Olive Branch meeting minutes book display the minutes from the May 1865 lodge meeting, the first after the Civil War. The specific date of the meeting was absent, probably an accidental oversight by the Secretary. Although 4 years had passed since the previous meeting, the minutes begin with "The minutes of last meeting read & adopted". The minutes continue, "Labours of this Lodge having been suspended since the regular meeting in April 1861 and according to Resolution of Grand Lodge of Virginia declaring that all Lodges which suspended on account of the troubled condition of the Country, did not forfeit their Charter, and might resume labour without action of Grand Lodge."

A few months later, on October 2, 1865, the Olive Branch meeting minutes documents a visit from the local Civil War hero, Colonel Elijah Viers "Lige" White. Following the opening of a Master Masons Lodge, "Bro E.V. White of Harrisonburg Masonic Lodge No 27 presented his petition for membership in this Lodge. On motion the By-Laws were suspended and Bro White duly elected a member. Lodge duly closed." Col Elijah White was commander of the partisan 35th Battalion of Virginia Cavalry during the American Civil War. His men were known as "White's Comanches" for their war cries and sudden raids on enemy targets. Brother White was born in Poolesville Maryland in 1832 and died in Leesburg at age 74, in 1907. He is buried in Leesburg's Union Cemetery.

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Although I never met these Olive Branch Lodge Brothers from the Civil War era, I feel I know their character. They performed admirably, meeting two-or-three-or-four times a month, performing two or three degrees a month, helping candidates become brothers, and promoting brothers through the degrees of Masonry.

We don't have to focus on historically significant Masons, in our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Each year we remember the far-too-many Brothers we lost in just the past year, and remember the many contributions they made to our Lodges, Valley and community. We know our friendships and memories are everlasting, but our earthly days with each other are numbered. We must make the best of each day. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on Friday, March 10.

### *Wise Master's BIO*

Brother Cummings was born and raised in El Cajon, California. In 1976, he moved to Colorado to attend the US Air Force Academy. He was captain of the Track & Field team and broke the USAFA school record in the metric mile. Upon graduating with a Chemistry degree in 1980, Mark earned his wings at Williams AFB in Arizona. He spent the next decade flying the F-15 Eagle at various locations, such as Kadena AB, Okinawa; Holloman AFB, New Mexico; Nellis AFB, Las Vegas; Soesterberg AB, the Netherlands; Langley AFB, Virginia; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

While in New Orleans, Brother Cummings met his wife, Melanie. They were married in 1997 and their daughter Mici was born in 1999. During this timeframe, Mark became a cyber security professional. In 2010, the family moved to Leesburg, Virginia for a strategy job with USAF Checkmate at the Pentagon, where he served as Deputy Director for 10 years. Currently, Mark works as a program manager for Air Force Acquisitions, primarily involved with the export of the F-35 Lightning II.

In 2013, Brother Mark became a Mason at Olive Branch Lodge in Leesburg, Virginia where he later served as Worshipful Master in 2019. He joined the Scottish Rite at Alexandria Valley's Spring 2014 Reunion, immediately joining the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree cast. Over the years, he has participated in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> degrees. Brother Cummings holds memberships in Olive Branch Lodge #114, Potomac Royal Arch Chapter #88, Piedmont Commandery of Knights Templar #26, Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley, and Kena Shrine Temple.

Outside of the Craft, Brother Cummings enjoys spending time with his family. His wife Melanie is a program manager for a software development firm, and their daughter Mici, a graduate of University of Virginia, is an Aerospace Engineer at Northrop Grumman. He also enjoys the great outdoors, especially hunting the majestic and elusive Rocky Mountain Elk.

### **ATTENTION**

## **Virginia Scottish Rite Workshop**

**March 25, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon**

**Acca Shrine Center**

**1712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227**

**Plan to Attend**

Contact Secretary



**REMEMBERANCE AND RENEWAL**  
**In Memory of those who passed.**



James Theodore Blankenship	1/2/2022	Gary Allen Kober	3/30/2022
Darold Dennis Berry	2/11/2022	Norman Arnold Kuehni	1/4/2022
Levi Davis Brown	3/8/2022	James Arvile Loudermilk, II, 33°	2/26/2022
Robert Lee Carson, Sr.	8/18/2022	Paul Stephen Newhall -	2/19/2022
Richard Edwin Conaway	4/6/2022	Jerar NMN Nishanian	3/13/2022
Earl Elmer Covey	9/21/2022	Nelson Garnett Smith	1/24/2015
Ronald Alfred Dooley	2/23/2022	Robert Solomon Somers, KCCH	1/7/2022
Wilder Warden Feagans	7/4/2022	Donald Craig Stratton	7/26/2022
Robert Gene Gage	1/12/2022	Charles Allen Strosnider	6/9/2022
Philip Edwin Graves	7/1/2022	James Ranson Wright	9/19/2019
Dorsey Gibbons Gregan	1/15/2022	Richard David Wright	11/3/2020
Laurence Raymond Gulick	3/11/2022		

***Leadership is an Opportunity, Not Just a Responsibility***

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, Assistant Personal Representative

Many think of “leadership” in the context of a role or position of authority - for example “the leadership” of an organization. This is sometimes manifested in an organizational chart showing the lines of accountability for a program or product from the “number one” person, progressing through the group... identifying who responds to whom to achieve a product or desired conclusion. While leadership defined by a personnel “org-chart” might help in understanding organizational structure and levels of authority, this alone provides little to deliver a specific result.



In a more focused context, leadership usually refers to that ability of one person or a team of persons to plan, assemble resources, organize, train and, finally, persuade a group of others to engage in a coordinated effort to achieve a particular task. There is a specific leadership skill set that allows one to motivate a desire in others to move in a particular direction, and to instill in others the energy necessary to achieve a desired objective or goal.

While there are many “effective leadership concepts” designed to increase the probability of successfully reaching a goal, these concepts all seem to include some combination of basic components: *definition* of a clearly defined objective; *analysis* of the critical path to achieving the objective; *training* to provide participants with the required tools and skills to negotiate that critical path; and *communication* with and among the participants to track progress, identify issues and remedy shortfalls. Critical to this leadership concept is the awareness of the importance of personal interaction at each node: *defining, analyzing, training, and communicating...* to whom? These are interpersonal skills rather than technical or even intellectually creative abilities.

In January, Alexandria Valley installed our 2023 Officers to lead us for the coming year. This annual transition is a valuable part of our Valley experience in that we receive the benefit of new leaders with fresh ideas and approaches to accomplish significant undertakings. It is important that every member of our Valley understands the process by which these Brothers have prepared themselves to meet their many leadership responsibilities.

One of the significant benefits of our Scottish Rite experience, is the opportunity offered to all our members to develop leadership skills that not only contribute to the successful operations of our Valley, but to their own life experience and employment success. *(Continued on Page 4.)*

## *Leadership is an Opportunity, Not Just a Responsibility*

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The elected and appointed officers come to us from a varied base of experience and professional training. Few of our members could achieve success as the presiding officer of a Valley Body, without first having experienced the learning opportunities provided during the multi-year progression through the Body's officer line. Responsibilities at each Officer position are planned to expose each officer to a new segment of the many parts of our Valley's component organization, roles and activities. This planned progressive training program is defined in the document posted in the publications section of our Valley website at: [https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/system/files/restricted\\_documents/2014\\_10\\_10\\_jobs\\_report\\_final.pdf](https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/system/files/restricted_documents/2014_10_10_jobs_report_final.pdf)

Leadership training and experience develop interpersonal skills of significant importance to every person who works with others, whether in a Masonic organization, work environment, family or other group of people who are striving to achieve a common goal. Every Brother should take advantage of the leadership training and experience available to them in our Scottish Rite Valley.

## **Planning Ahead**

Please add the following event to your calendar. The **Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia** will be held on September 28—30, 2023, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

### **Alexandria is the Host Valley**

Cherry Blossom  
Stern-wheeled Riverboat  
September 28, 2023



Hilton Mark Center  
Alexandria, Virginia  
September 28—30, 2023

## **Current Year Membership Statistical Changes**

*Accurate As Of: 2/9/2023 2:00:28 AM*

January 1, 2022 Total	1131
Gains	36
Losses	73
Current Lodge Membership	1094

# 2023 ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE OFFICER INSTALLATION



2023 Alexandria Scottish Rite Officers (L - R): Wise Master, Mark E. Cummings, 32°/ Rose Croix; Venerable Master, Mike Taldo, 32° KCCH / Lodge of Perfection; Ill. Ed Cohen, 33°, Personal Representative of the SGIG in Alexandria; Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°, Assistant Personal Representative of the SGIG in Alexandria; Commander, Dylan Phillips, 32°/Council of Kadosh; and Master of Kadosh, Ron Craft Jr., 32°/Consistory



Ill Norm Hoff, 33°, Installing Officer imparting a few words of wisdom to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley



Bro. Thomas Little, 32° KCCH, Organist & Almoner playing music during the ceremony



Bro. John Tillery, 32° KCCH, Prelate giving the opening prayer



*Pictures taken by: Ill. Michael R. Aulicino, 33°*



## Empathy

Worshipful Barry A. Mensh, Past Master, John A. LeJeune Lodge No. 350

*Psychology Today* defines EMPATHY as the ability to recognize, understand, and share the thoughts and feelings of another person, animal, or fictional character. Developing empathy is crucial for establishing relationships and behaving compassionately. It involves experiencing another person's point of view, rather than just one's own, and enables prosocial or helping behaviors that comes from **within**, ---internal, rather than external, as we are taught in Lodge---not forced or contrived. Freemasonry is inherently empathetic, by virtue of our very teachings, which foster Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth---the "Golden Rule", and the conciliation of *true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance*---empathy helps us cooperate with others, build lifelong friendships, make moral decisions, and intervene when we see others being bullied or mistreated.

In *The Voice of Freemasonry, Issue 2, 2019*, MW Charbel T. Fahad, of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, speaks of Empathy in his Message with several *allusions* of profound Masonic significance to all of us, as he says: Trees are used to symbolize empathy for multiple reasons. First, they provide shade from the oppressive summer heat. In Sonnet 12, for instance, Shakespeare speaks of how in summer "lofty trees... from heat did canopy the herd," or in other words, providing protection with shade.

There is also George Pope Morris' 1837 poem (and later popular song) "Woodman Spare That Tree," in which the poet writes of how "in youth it sheltered me... that old familiar tree." The aged oak of this latter poem furnishes a vehicle for empathy both by way of the shade it provides, as well as the comfort of familiarity— for trees also can serve as living landmarks, both personal and public. Finally, in his Handbook for German Freemasons, Hermann H. Gerdes explores the meaning of the *Yggdrasil* tree found throughout Scandinavian lore. This sacred and holy tree's branches "rise to the highest heavens and its roots reach down to the nether-most regions of the eternal darkness of earth. Its branches grow from generation to generation, bestowing blessings, life, and beauty to Humanity." Gerdes suggests that, like the Yggdrasil, empathy and moral conviction come from knowing Freemasonry has been passed down through the ages, rooted in the stability and continuity of eternal truths revealed by the Grand Architect of the Universe...from "time immemorial."

Recent local and global events have devastated our sense of normalcy, of how good and decent people "should" act in the face of tragedy, hate, and indifference. Of course it is easy to simply allocate to our consciousness to a term known as *psychic numbing*, a concept created by University of Oregon psychologist Paul Slovic....it describes how tragedies turn into abstractions in our minds, and how abstractions are easily attenuated and even ignored. We all begin to sense a feeling of helplessness; we feel more and more powerless to help, so we consequently shut down those feelings of EMPATHY that we KNOW darned well we should inculcate!

As Masons, we must unflinchingly strive daily to "walk in someone else's shoes", to "see how it feels", and to realize that WE, as members of the world's greatest Fraternal society, have within us, if we so choose---and are "Obligated to"---to promote EMPATHY in our daily *transactions with mankind!*

# ALEXANDRIA VALLEY AWARDS PROGRAM

## 2022 ASR AWARDEES

*Pictures taken by: Ill. Michael R. Aulicino, 33°*

### Certificates of Merit



Rob Worthington, 32°, for coordinating the Valley's SR J/ROTC Recognition Program



Josh Payne, 32°, for longtime support of Valley audio support and production capabilities

### Recognized for 2022 service as Heads of their Valley Bodies

(L-R) Frank Anthony, KCCH (Lodge); Jason Himsey, KCCH (Chapter) (not pictured); John Suit, KCCH (Council) (pictured below); Ed Wilkinson, Jr, 32° (Consistory)



### Certificates of Appreciation



Matt Duley, 32°, for services in support of the Valley's audio support and production capabilities



John Suit, KCCH, for software design and implementation services in support of Valley member contact and tracking system and photo archival system as well as for the Valley Speakers' presentation support & Recognized for 2022 service as Heads of a Valley Body (Council of Kadosh)



Dan Froggett, 32°, for services in support of the Valley Reunion Wardrobe activities



Ron Craft, 32°, for planning and conducting 2022 Polo Charity outing



Eric LeHew, 32°, for upgrading the Valley Scholarship Program

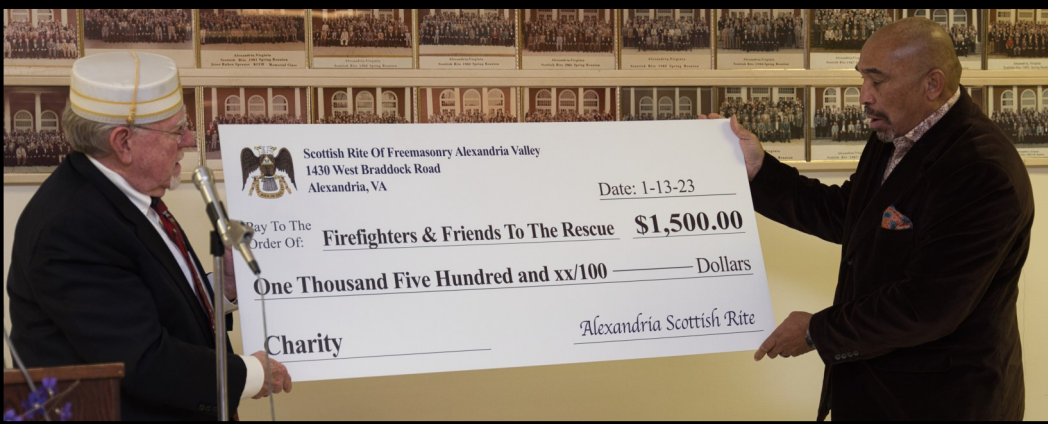
### Group Certificate of Appreciation for Friends and Family Charity Gala and Auction

(L-R) John Dahik 32°, Jeremy Anspaugh 32°, Mark Cummings 32°, Dan Froggett (pictured above), Phil Short 32°, Rob Worthington, 32° (pictured above), John T. Tillery, KCCH, Ron Leibfreid, KCCH (not pictured), Mike P. Bible, KCCH (not pictured), James D. Baker, KCCH

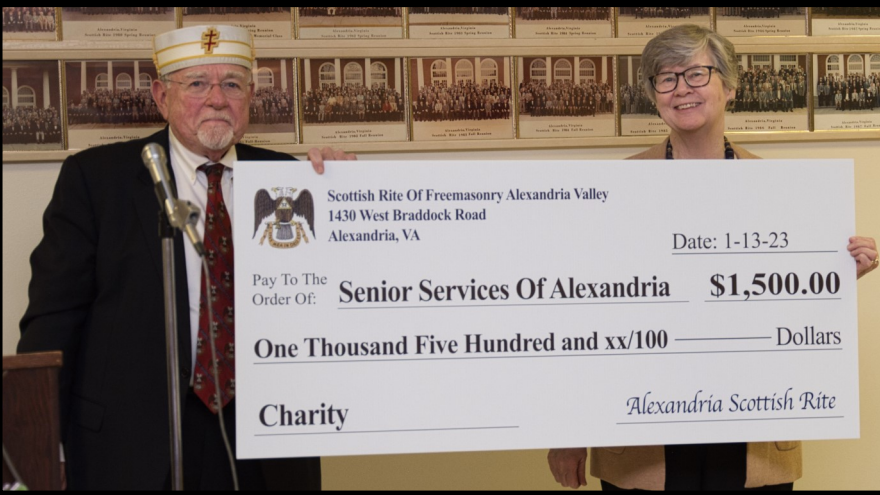


Additionally, Jason Himsey, KCCH (not pictured), and Mike Taldo, KCCH (pictured above), received special recognition for their planning and leadership of the Charity Gala event.

# ALEXANDRIA VALLEY AWARDS PROGRAM 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



Ill. Norm Hoff, 33° presenting a check to Michael Johnson from the Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue.



Ill. Norm Hoff, 33° presenting a check to Mary Lee Anderson from the Senior Services of Alexandria / Meals on Wheels.





Various pictures taken from the Community Service Awards Dinner





# Get to Know the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions

CATEGORY	<b>SOUTHERN JURISDICTION</b> 	<b>NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION</b> 
<b>Establishment</b>	May 31, 1801	May 1, 1813 (Union w/ Cerneau 5/15/1867)
<b>Sovereign Grand Commander</b>	Ill. James D. Cole, 33° (since 2019)	Ill. Peter John Samiec, 33rd (2021 - Present)
<b>Supreme Council Headquarters Building</b>	House of the Temple	Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library
<b>Supreme Council Headquarters Address</b>	1733 16th Street NW Washington, DC 20009	33 Marrett Road Lexington MA 02420
<b>Website Address</b>	ScottishRite.org	ScottishRiteNMJ.org
<b>Supreme Council 's Composition</b>	33 Orients have an Active Members titled as "Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals" with the remainder titled Deputies.	15 Councils of Deliberation have Active Members titled as Deputies, joined by as many as 5 additional Actives from each Council for a maximum total of 66.
<b>Territory</b>	35 U.S. states, D.C, and 3 overseas territories organized as Orients.	15 U.S. states (Councils of Deliberation)
<b>Valleys</b>	219 Valleys within Orients	105 Valleys with Councils of Deliberation
<b>Principle Charity</b>	153 RiteCare Centers for Childhood Language Disorders	48 Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.
<b>Primary Publication</b>	<i>Scottish Rite Journal</i> , published bimonthly	<i>The Northern Light</i> , published quarterly
<b>Caps Colors</b>	black (32°), blue (50 y), red (KCCH), white (33°), white w/ blue band (GC), white w/ rd band (Deputy), purple (SGIG), lavender (SGC)	black (32°), yellow (past officers), red (Meritorious), white (33°)
<b>Creed / Mission / Branding</b>	<p><b>Creed:</b> Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.</p> <p><b>Mission:</b> It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.</p>	<p><b>Mission:</b> We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to Care for our members.</p> <p><b>Current slogans / branding:</b> 32° Freemasonry. Not Just a Man. A Mason. Become the best version of you. Answer the call.</p> <p>Honor. Integrity. Truth. Character.</p> <p>32° Scottish Rite Freemasonry is a fraternity of Brothers committed to going deeper into the highest principles, teachings, and ideals of the Masonic craft. It is open to all Master Masons looking to continue the journey of self-discovery and finding a deeper sense of purpose. As Freemasons, we believe in something greater than ourselves, and strive to be good men who want to be better. Become the best version of you. Answer the call. 32° Freemasonry.</p>
<b>Programs</b>	Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP)	The Path Forward

## 2023 Alexandria Scottish Rite Charity Event – Saturday May 6

Mike Taldo, KCCH, Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy Committee

### Save the Date of May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m., for the 2023 Alexandria Scottish Rite Charity Event

**Why:** The program supports and sustains the children with Speech challenges by providing funding for children to attend a summer camp to improve speech, which is VITAL to their long-term success. This event is our Valley's main fund raiser for kids with speech defects.

**Where:** The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

**When:** May 6, 2023; from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**What:** This year's event is a casino night featuring:

- Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette, Money Wheel, and Let it Ride.
- A live band with dancing,
- A wine and chocolate tasting,
- A Scotch tasting,
- A Bourbon tasting,
- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction.

The event is semiformal, come on out and enjoy a great evening.

**Note:** All donations are tax deductible

If you can't attend for some reason, you are welcome to be an event sponsor.

Please contact Brothers Jason Himsey, KCCH, (Jason.Himsey@icloud.com) or Mike Taldo, KCCH, (taldomike@gmail.com).



### 2022 Charity Gala Event

Support these hard  
workers this year and  
**PLAN TO ATTEND.**

(L—R) John T. Tillery, KCCH  
and Patricia Tillery; Michael P.  
Bible, KCCH; and James D.  
Baker, KCCH.

## Secretary's Southeast Corner

Ill. David C. Morris, 33° General Secretary

### ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours. M-F 10:30 am – 4:00 pm, Please call the office first - 703 998-9044.

### Our SPRING 2023 REUNION will be a “One Day Class” on Saturday, April 22, 2023

Plan now to bring in your Blue Lodge Brothers, who would like even more light in Masonry. Ask for a petition or get one online.

Our SGIG, Illustrious & Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C. will present a “Special neck tie or bow tie” to any member who is a signer on 5 petitions.

### CAPS, RINGS, Patents and Cap Boxes for all Reunions

ALL Reunions – Except for Special Order Rings, from the Fall 22 Reunion, we have all items.

### WERE YOU A MEMBER of the 2020 Virtual Class?

Contact the office to verify that you have properly registered. Some members need to update their information. Your help is needed to complete this task.

### VALLEY ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Our Valley Ties are back in stock. The Cost remains \$30.00.

We have New Valley Shirt order forms. To order a shirt fill out the form and send to the office with your payment. All Shirt orders must be Pre-paid.

If there are any Problems with your payment amount or your card, PLEASE contact the Valley Office at 703-998-9044. We can help you solve the problem.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### MARCH 2023

Fri. March 10 – 6:30 p.m.  
**Annual Observance of Remembrance & Renewal Pre-Meeting Dinner (Reservations by COB Mar 8)**  
Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
(Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)

Wed. March 15 – 7:30 p.m.  
Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Wed. March 22 – 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah SR Club  
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

Sat. March 25 – 8:30 a.m. - Noon  
**VA Scottish Rite Workshop**  
Coffee & Donuts – 8:30 a.m.  
Acca Shrine Center, Richmond



### APRIL 2023

April 9 – EASTER SUNDAY

Fri. April 14 – 6:00 p.m.  
Executive Council Meeting Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Consistory, Council of Kadosh, & Lodge of Perfection)

Wed. April 19 – 7:30 p.m.  
Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Sat. April 22 – 8:15 a.m.  
**2022 SPRING REUNION**  
One Day Reunion

Wed. April 26 – 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah SR Club  
Cassia Lodge, Woodstock



### MAY 2023

Sat. May 6 – Charity GALA 2023 Friends & Family Gala GWMMN, Alexandria, VA

Fri. May 12 – 6:30 p.m.  
**LADIES NIGHT Pre-Meeting Dinner (Reservations by COB May 10)**  
(Lodge of Perfection)

Wed. May 17 – 7:30 p.m.  
Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Wed. May 24 – 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah SR Club  
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

Mon. May 29 – HOLIDAY Memorial Day

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ence without delay.

**THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED**

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our  
supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and  
the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere  
our ultimate goal.

**ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES DEAN COLE, 33°**  
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**STATED MEETINGS**

**Alexandria Lodge of Perfection**

Second Friday of each month  
MICHAEL D. TALDO, KCCH  
Venerable Master

**Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix**

Second Friday  
February, March, July, November  
MARK E. CUMMINGS  
Wise Master

**Alexandria Council of Kadosh**

Second Friday  
February, April, July, November  
DYLAN M. PHILLIPS  
Commander

**Alexandria Consistory**

Second Friday  
April, August, October, December  
RONALD E. CRAFT, JR.  
Master of Kadosh

