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Scottish Rite Bulletin

January—February 2020



Personal Representative's Message

Edmund Cohen, 33° — Personal Representative of the SGIG in Alexandria

Do we still have time for Freemasonry?

About a year ago we decided we would take our granddaughter on a Disney cruise when she turned five, and so, this past September, Gwen and I, my daughter and son-in-law, and granddaughter, Alexandra, left on the Disney Magic for a cruise from New York to Bermuda.

Gwen and I have cruised a lot, but never on Disney and we usually arrange to travel when the kids will be in school rather than on board our ship. But we understood that this cruise would include a virtual horde of children, and it did. The kids were dressed in their Disney outfits, and at night dressed to the nines in fancy and very cute Disney costumes. None of this was a surprise. What was surprising was that so many of the adults also were dressed in elaborate Disney costumes, with the makeup and accoutrement of the character they were portraying.

Throughout the day and evening there were opportunities for the kids to stand in line to get the autograph of and have their picture taken with one of their favorite Disney characters. But again what was surprising was how many adults, many also in costume, were in line patiently waiting to have their pictures taken with these Disney characters. Indeed, Gwen and I spoke with a number of couples, some even our age, who were regulars on these Disney cruises, many on board with their costumes, but without their children or grandchildren, to socialize with their fellow Disney aficionados and have a grand time. And perhaps I should not have been so surprised. I recall, being at conferences that coincided with Comic-Con type events and there, too, were adults having a great time dressed in the elaborate costumes of their favorite super hero or villain.

I mention all of this because I also took with me on the cruise a book by Edward M. Hallowell, M.D., called "Crazy Busy" which notes that so many of us are overstretched, overbooked, and about to snap. Dr. Hallowell makes the point that although we are super connected electronically, we have gradually disconnected interpersonally, creating a growing feeling of isolation in the midst of being super busy, surrounded by people. He related that one of his patients put it this way: "People, people everywhere, but not a one I know."

Not all of us can go on a cruise or a long vacation, but no matter how busy we are it makes sense to slow down. Instead of trying to do it all by multitasking, which more and more psychologists are finding means doing more than one thing poorly, we should focus. First, we should focus on ourselves, that is, carve out some personal time where we can actually reflect, think, and plan. Then we should focus on our relationships. Instead of worrying about the next thing, we should live in the moment and appreciate the value in taking the time to make friends and to be with our friends

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Don't Miss

January 10th - Scottish Rite Meeting
Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers

Call Secretary for Reservations by Jan 8th at 703.998.9044



Personal Representative's Message

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It is this social time that can recharge our batteries, provide some distance and perspective, and restore our equilibrium. Just as we may go to bed worrying about an issue and wake up with a new idea as to how to resolve it, so, too, discussing a problem with a Brother can give us some new insights, a new way to approach the issue, and help us move forward when we are stuck.

I am not suggesting that we decouple from the Internet or social media, or stop using our computers, but this should not be to totality of our interactions, and Freemasons have a ready-made opportunity to develop and maintain relationships with other men. Of course, the ring or dues card are a necessary not a sufficient condition to make this happen. What is required is attendance at your Lodge meetings where you can get involved and interact with your Brethren. You don't have to be on a Masonic adventure every night, but carving out time each week to attend at least one Masonic meeting or event, may be just the way to develop and maintain the relationships and friendships that will add balance to your life. You may come to the conclusion, as I have, that the times when you may think you are too busy for Freemasonry might be exactly the times you need to make room for Freemasonry in your busy life.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ed Cohen

History and Origins

Michael J. Wills, 32°

The History of the Rose Croix in England, Wales, and provinces overseas, and its precursors are complex. In a summary this short large amounts of detail are left out. A whole host of influences from the Renaissance, Kabbalah, and Rosicrucianism, had a bearing on the ritual, which was believed to have been conferred in France by the 1760s. Variants of the degree arrived in England in different forms, and by the 1770s the Rosae Crucis degree was being conferred in Knight Templar Encampments.

The appropriately named Dr. Crucefix, a very active Mason with interests in non-traditional degrees (outside the Craft), obtained a patent from the Northern Jurisdiction in 1845 and formed an English Supreme Council. This Supreme Council took control of the Rose Croix and persuaded the Knights Templar to give up their Rosae Crucis ceremony along with another form of the degree now called the Knight Kadosh, often referred to as 'Ne Plus Ultra' ('nothing higher').

This Supreme Council formed Chapters by warrant, and it actively worked to build these Chapters by being actively involved in the ceremonies and day-to-day workings of the Chapters.



Dr. Robert Thomas Crucefix
(1797–1850), JGD
(Museum of Masonry)

The Supreme Council

England's Supreme Council today has changed so much from those early days. Only five of the Scottish Rite degrees, the 18°, 30°, 31°, 32° and 33°, are conferred in full on candidates with the latter four being reserved for those Princes (18° Masons) who have served the Order with distinction.

The headquarters of England's Supreme Council is at 10 Duke Street, London, the Grand East. The building contains a 'Black Room,' a 'Red Room,' and a 'Chamber of Death' for ritual purposes. No Mason can rise above the 18° without the unanimous agreement of the entire Supreme Council. While there are only around 150 33° Masons in England, Wales and provinces overseas, made up of past and active Inspectors General, the Supreme Council consists of nine members with some 70 Inspectors Generals active in the districts in England, Wales, and overseas. The most senior 33° Degree Mason is known as the Most Puissant Sovereign Commander. (Continued on Page 3.)

The English working of the Rite is commonly known as the Rose Croix from the title of the initiate to the 18°. On joining the Rite, each candidate has conferred on him the 18°. The Intermediate Degrees (4° to 17°) are conferred by name only during initiation, but there are many opportunities to witness demonstrations of those degrees. The Supreme Council issues all new Princes Rose Croix with a beautiful parchment document recording their membership in the Rite.



(Supreme Council A & AR of England and Wales and Provinces Overseas)

To the very few who rise higher than the 18° Degree, the 19° - 29° are conferred nominally during the ritual of initiation to the 30° Degree, that of Grand Elected Knight Kadosh or Knight of the Black and White Eagle. Degrees above the 30° are always separately conferred.

Emblems of the Order

The jewels, sashes, aprons, and collarettes worn by the Knights illustrate the degrees received. However, the reversible rose-pink collar of the 18° is not only beautiful, but also conveys many of the lessons of the degree. Each Collar embroidered with key symbols - the Rose, the Pelican in its Piety, the Crown of Thorns, the Serpent - it serves the 'perfected mason' as a wonderful aid in the teaching of Rose Croix and is used as such in the ritual. I am in possession of a family member's collar from 1858. The jewel is large and like the collar is reversible for use in the different stages of the ceremony, whether it be in the black room or red room, it is a wonderful piece of art.



Many regret the decision to no longer use the beautiful aprons with the Tetragrammaton within a blazing triangle, the pelican's mythical vulning of itself to feed its young with its blood in allusion to the ultimate sacrifice of Christ himself. As to the abolition of the aprons in 1978, there were various reasons given, one was individual cost of the regalia, however, I understand that the Baldwin Encampment stationed at Bristol still proudly wear the apron.

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The Baldwin Rite

The Baldwin Encampment considers the Craft degrees to compose the first degree. The Holy Royal Arch is considered to compose the 2^o. The Royal Arch degree worked in Bristol for the Baldwin Rite is the only one in England to employ the passage of the veils as found commonplace in the United States. The Baldwin Encampment works the 3^o - 5^o under its own sovereign powers. These are peculiar to it alone. After the 5^o, if the candidate already has the Knight Templar, Knight Malta, and Rose Croix degrees in other bodies, then he is, in effect, a full member of the Rite. If a candidate has not taken these degrees elsewhere, then he takes the Knight Templar and Knight of Malta degrees in Baldwin Preceptory, which is under warrant from the Great Priory of England. The rituals worked are the old ones from the time when the Baldwin Encampment itself controlled these two degrees. They constitute the 6^o of the Rite. Lastly comes the Rose Croix of Mount Carmel, the 7^o of the Rite in the Baldwin Chapter of Knights Rosae Crucis (Time Immemorial) which, like the Knight Templar Preceptory, has agreed to come under a central authority, in this case the Supreme Council 33^o for England and Wales. Again, it works a peculiar ritual in which the candidate presents himself in the uniform of an English Knight Templar. Visiting Rose Croix Masons may visit the Baldwin Chapter only if they are also Knights Templar.

The Baldwin Rite is composed as follows:

- I^o Craft Degrees
- II^o The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch (The Five Royal Orders of Knighthood)
- III^o Knights of the Nine Elected Masters
- IV^o The Ancient Order of the Scots Knights Grand Architect
- V^o Knights of the East, the Sword and Eagle
- VI^o Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta and Knights Templar
- VII^o Knights of the Rose Croix of Mount Carmel

There is much more detail to discover, but even in this short summary you have discovered some of the differences in the Rite as practiced in the Southern Jurisdiction and in England and Wales; but the same beliefs are practiced and followed.

References:

The Baldwin Rite

A Cohesive Remnant of Pre-1813 Freemasonry by **Sir Knight David S. H. Lindez**

Supreme Council 33 Degree For England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas

North East Lancashire District Ancient Accepted Rite

Fraternally,

Mike

Venerable Master's Message

Donald Leo McAndrews, KCCH, Venerable Master, Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Fraternal Greetings for 2020! Please accept my humble thanks for electing me to this exalted position. I certainly will do my best to serve the Alexandria Lodge of Perfection (LOP) and promote the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Scott Springer has done a fantastic job as Venerable Master, and following him will be difficult, but I will give it my best.

Thanks also to Ill. Roger Firestone, 33^o (2016), Allen Beckner, KCCH (2017), and Chris Chrzanowski, KCCH (2018), who have helped me along the way. A very special thanks to Peter Terrill, KCCH, who has been gracious and very helpful in my progress. I hope to follow their examples and continue the tradition of excellence that the LOP has enjoyed over the years.

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Venerable Master's Message

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The Alexandria Valley of the Scottish Rite is extremely well run and has proven to be an example to many other Valleys. That is due to the quality of our active membership, and I thank you all in advance for all of the help and support I know I will receive this coming year.

We are fortunate to be members of the Alexandria Valley and the Orient of Virginia. In addition to excellent dinners, our stated meetings offer outstanding programs for those who seek more light in Masonry. The quality of our ritual performances at the Reunions is excellent and offers all a great opportunity to increase our knowledge and understanding of Masonry. Our financial support of Rite Care, academic scholarships, teacher recognition and community service are something in which we can take great pride, and our annual Family & Friends fundraiser is a huge financial success and a fabulous event in which we can include our Ladies. The Family & Friends event has become a pattern for other Valleys.

The Orient of Virginia offers a Spring Workshop in Richmond and a Fall Conference hosted by a different Valley each year. Scottish Rite in this Orient offers more support for active members and officers than almost any other in all of Freemasonry. In spite of all this, we continue to have challenges. Decreased participation continues to challenge not only the Scottish Rite, but Masonry in general.

It is difficult to understand why someone would spend the money and time to join the Scottish Rite, then not participate. Yet this is certainly the case, not only for Scottish Rite, but for our Lodges and other bodies of the York Rite. I believe that most people join because their friends are members and they desire to share these experiences with their friends. Yet, once they have received the degrees, they are largely left on their own to figure out what to do next. We leave them in the dark, and this is not as it should be. We advance in our knowledge of Masonry by participation. The light we received in the degrees quickly evaporates without participation. The binding elements of Freemasonry are Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. These are not only the Jewels of a Master Mason, but the cement which binds us into a society of friends and brothers.

This year we will be rolling out a plan to keep in contact with all of our members. The officers of each body will be tasked with making calls to the members monthly to strengthen these bonds. But these principles should extend further. Every member has a responsibility to all of their Brothers, more especially those whom we may have sponsored into our Society, to maintain contact with them, and to strengthen our bonds. You do not need to be an officer in order to participate in this initiative. I invite every member to participate and hope to receive many requests to participate in this important program. For those of you reading this who have not been active, I invite you to begin attending as many Stated Meetings as your cabletow permits, and to make the commitment to attend at least one of the Reunions to improve your understating of our 29 degrees.

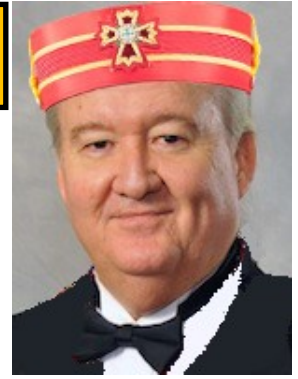
Finally, some important dates to keep in mind: Stated Meetings on the second Friday of each month, the Supreme Council Workshop on March 13 & 14; the Grand Lodge Division Leadership Conference in Alexandria on March 21; the Scottish Rite Workshop in Richmond on March 28; the Spring Reunion on April 25 & May 2; the Scottish Rite Conference in Lynchburg on October 2 & 3; and our Fall Reunion October 17 & 24. Mark your calendar now and be sure to check your Valley Bulletin for additional details.

Fraternally,

Don McAndrews



Venerable Master's Biography



Let me tell you a little about Donald Leo McAndrews. I was born in Vinton, Iowa, on Groundhog Day in 1949. We moved to Homestead, FL, (25 miles south of Miami) when I was 7. I went through high school there and moved back to Iowa in 1967 to attend Iowa State Univ. For those of you who know Larry Alexander, a very active member of this Valley, we both graduated from South Dade High School in Homestead (small world). At Iowa State, I majored in Radio & Television Broadcasting which served me well when I started my advertising agency here in the Washington area in 1990. I met my wife Suzanne on a blind date. She had just graduated Nursing School in Des Moines and I was just out of school in Ames. We met in October, were engaged in November and married the following May. Suzanne would not agree to a wedding until she made her last College loan payment.

We had two boys and moved to Virginia for a job with Merchant's Tire & Auto Centers in 1985. The boys were transitioning to middle school and high school, which was a great time to make this change. We are so pleased that they have remained in this area, neither living more than 17 miles from our home. We have two granddaughters ages 4 and 8, and a grandson age 29.

I was raised at Auburn Lodge in Des Moines, IA, in 1970, but active only a few years. When the boys were old enough, I was Cubmaster and Scoutmaster, even after we moved to Virginia. When the boys went off to the Navy and William & Mary, I decided to become active again in Masonry by affiliating with Manasseh Lodge #182. I served that Lodge as Master in 2001. I was Master of A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research in 2008, a founding member of The Patriot Lodge (first Academic Lodge in Virginia) and served as its Master in 2016. I was District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District in 2018. I currently serve the Grand Lodge of Ireland as their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

In the York Rite I served as Commander of Piedmont Commandery #26 in 2004, District Lecturer in 2007 and DDGC of the 3rd Chivalric District in 2010. I am a Charter Member of Turner Ashby Commandery #35 and served as its first Commander under dispensation. I currently am Grand Master of Templars in the Grand Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptors. I was Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia in 2015; Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in the District of Columbia in 2016; Primus Deputy Master Mason of the Bull Run Quarry Assemblage of the Operatives, Primus Master of the Duke of Cumberland Court 101, Masonic Order of Athelstan; and USA Provincial Grand Marshal 2015 to the present with the honorary rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

I joined the Alexandria Scottish Rite in 1999, and received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2011. I am the Degree Master for the 21st Degree, in the cast of the 29th degree, and am now serving as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

Since 1995, in my spare time, I portrayed George Mason and Benjamin Franklin. There's a bunch of other stuff, including bodies in Ireland, but I figure you're probably asleep by now.

Fraternally,
Don



Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program

Roger Peak, KCCH and Mike Taldo, KCCH

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is a by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC. These courses also may be taken by study groups such as those offered by Alexandria Scottish Rite.

Below is a summary of the course, texts and highlights. If you read the highlights carefully, you will gain an understanding of the fundamental differences between the courses and will enjoy a small taste of what you can experience within each.

The three courses are meant to be taken in the following order:

Course 1: Scottish Rite History & Ritual is an overview presentation of what each of our Scottish Rite degrees teaches, some symbolism of that degree, a discussion of the apron and jewels, and a moral question involving the degree lesson. It is covered in six presentations with each one containing a quiz and short essay. At the conclusion of each, you will send in your quiz to be graded. It will be sent back to you along with the next quiz.

Texts

Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross and A Bridge to Light (4th ed.) by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross.

Course Layout:

Lesson 1: covers the old charges and Scottish Rite basics

Lesson 2: covers the Lodge of Perfection 4th to 14th Degrees

Lesson 3: covers the Chapter of Rose Croix 15th to 18th Degrees

Lesson 4: covers the Council of Kadosh 19th to 30th Degrees

Lesson 5: covers the Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret 31st and 32nd Degrees

Lesson 6: covers Scottish Rite Honors

Currently, Alexandria Scottish Rite offers a virtual classroom for the History and Ritual two times a year, starting after the Spring and Fall Reunions. Attendance is flexible, but desired. While attending, you will have an opportunity to discuss with other Brothers seeking more light in Masonry. Usually, the time needed to complete all the work is about 3 hours per month or between presentations.

Course 2: The Symbolic Lodge is divided into seven lessons and concerns itself with the research of Albert Pike 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, with input and reference from Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross. Each quiz is handled in the same manner as History and Ritual.

Texts

Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry by Albert Pike and Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross

Course Layout and Highlights

Lesson 1: familiarizes you with aspects of the development of early Blue Lodge Freemasonry and explores some of its developing symbolism. This will reveal that the “High Degrees” began to develop soon after formation of the Premier Grand Lodge (1717). The texts will be used to demonstrate a rational and philosophical interpretation for much of what is found in Craft Masonry.

Lesson 2: explores the earliest descriptions of ritual Pike could locate and reviews the “Masons Examination of 1723,” The Grand Mystery of Free Masons Discover’d 1725, and Masonry Dissected 1730.

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Lesson 3: explores “Jachin and Boaz 1762” and considers “The Three Distinct Knocks of 1760.”

Lesson 4: covers the preface of Esoterika and starts Pike's review of the Symbolism of the Blue Degrees.

Lesson 5: discusses the Compasses and Square and the Weapons of the Assassins and brings in discussion of Eliphas Levi.

Lesson 6: discusses the formation of the symbolism of the Three Grips, the substitute word and faith, Kabbalistic Sephiroth, Hermes, and the Emerald Tablet.

Lesson 7: discusses the 47th problem of Euclid and other symbolic fragments that Pike pulled together.

Alexandria Scottish Rite is offering for the first time in the Fall of 2019 a class for those wishing to explore the Esoteric symbolism of Masonry using the texts listed above. Due to the length of study, this class is offered once a year.

Course 3: Scottish Rite Philosophy explores the ritual of the Scottish Rite on a deeper level, by looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and then applying that lesson to one's everyday life. The 33 quizzes are grouped into 10 sections.

Texts:

Albert Pike's *Morals & Dogma*, Annotated Edition, by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross and *A Bridge to Light* (4th ed.) by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross.

Section 1: Introduction & Blue Degrees includes a history of the development of the ritual and the meanings of symbols associated with the Craft Degrees.

Section 2: Introductory Degrees (4th and 5th) includes discussions on duty, usefulness of Masonry, and honesty.

Section 3: Regrouping at the Temple (6th-8th Degrees) includes discussions on generosity, peacemaking, injustice, judgment, contentment, and daily blessings.

Section 4: Vengeance Degrees (9th -11th) & A Solitary Degree (12th) includes discussions on liberty, patriotism, service, truth, education, death, temptation, and society.

Section 5: Perfection! (13th -14th Degrees) includes discussions on the symbolism and name of God, law of retribution, and God's relationship to Masons.

Section 6: Restoration & Reinterpretation (15th-18th Degrees) includes discussions on duty, labor, Gnosticism, Essenes, Revelation of John, good and evil, light, and the Kabbalah.

Section 7: Collected Wisdom (19th-22nd Degrees) includes discussions on actions and death, teachings of the Scottish Rite, guarding against evil thoughts, work, and duty.

Section 8: Mystery Degrees (23rd-27th Degrees) includes discussions on the Mysteries of different cultures, the soul, the Zodiac, the serpent, Masonic Truths, and ancient trinities.

Section 9: Chivalric Degrees (28th-30th) includes discussions on gods of different faiths and cultures, numerology, the soul, ethics and philosophy, God, the Kabbalah, qualities of a knight, and the Knights Templar.

Section 10: Judgment & Balance (31st-32nd Degrees) includes discussions on justice and equilibrium.

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Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program

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This course is not currently offered for group study at Alexandria Scottish Rite.

If you choose to obtain the material on-line, you can find the material here:

<https://scottishrite.org/members/general-membership-information/masonic-education/srmc/>
<https://www.scottishritestore.org/masonic-education/master-craftsman-program.html>

Join us Brothers, in our continuing effort to expand our knowledge in Masonry.

The 2020 Alexandria Scholarship Program

Harold Chadsey, KCCH, Chair, Scholarship Subcommittee

Brothers, another year has passed, and it is time again to think of encouraging your son, daughter, grandson, and/or granddaughter to apply for the Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite college scholarship money. Tuition, room and board, books, and the other costs of going to college continue to increase every year, and any scholarship money that they can obtain will help with some of those expenses.



The Alexandria Valley has two scholarship programs available to undergraduate students. The first is the Glass Scholarship which awards up to ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and immediate past award winners meeting the qualifications and continuing their undergraduate studies. (Please note, the scholarships are not intended for those working on a second undergraduate degree or who took time off from their studies.)

The applicants for this scholarship must be either a member of one of our Masonic Youth Organizations (i.e., DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, or Rainbow) or must be related to a member (living or deceased) of our Valley.

The link to the application can be found on the Alexandria Scottish Rite home page at <http://alexandriascottishrite.org>. There is one form both for high school seniors and those applying for renewal. ALL applicants new and reapplying must complete the form as directed and send it to the Alexandria Scottish Rite postmarked by no later than 31 March in order to be considered.

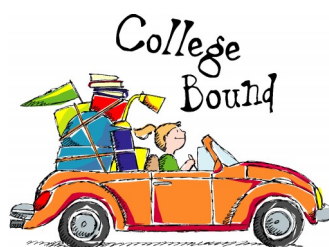
The second scholarship is the Bayless Scholarship that awards another set of \$1000 scholarships as funds permit. The applicants for this scholarship are taken from those who have applied to the Grand Lodge of Virginia scholarship program. The application for the Virginia Grand Lodge Scholarship is available through their website at <http://grandlodgeofvirginia.org> under the charity menu tab at the top of the page. The application to the Virginia Grand Lodge Scholarship is due by 1 March.

When the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee runs out of money for additional awards, it sends us names of applicants, generally from Northern Virginia, for our consideration. Please note, being awarded one of the Glass scholarships does NOT prevent a person from also being awarded one of the Bayless Scholarships.

Please contact me at 703-403-9237 or Ill. Dave Morris, at 703-998-9044 if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

Harold



Friends and Family Gala – May 16, 2020

Tim Shrum, KCCH, Chair, Philanthropy Committee



Greetings Brethren:

You have just read about one of our philanthropic programs – the scholarships we provide. A second effort is to help children with language disorders, and we will support this through our Alexandria Scottish Rite Gala - Friends and Family 2020.

Last year's event was tremendous, our gross profit was \$64,000. We helped a lot of children and had a great time doing it. Our next Friends and Family Gala will be May 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterford Fair Oaks in Fairfax Virginia. We are calling this event a Gala to indicate that we are stepping up our game. We want to make it more fun, more exciting, and raise more money to be able to help more children.

We will be keeping some of the events from last year's dinner while offering new, different, and exciting items to the auction. We will be featuring some watercolor art as well as modern art. We will have more consignment jewelry and other high-quality auction items. We also will have the coins that represent a character in Brother Gilstrap's books, that are being sold and the proceeds will go to Rite Care along with our money raised at our Gala. In addition, we are exploring having some smaller events prior to the Gala.

Registration will commence by early February 2020. We have already received several sponsorship commitments along with table commitments. I would encourage each of you to get your reservation in as soon as registration starts.

You will still have the option to register to bid the night of the Gala as was the case last year – and we have been assured by the vendor that the system issues we had last year that led to some highly unexpected delays at checkout have been corrected.

But you also will be able to use a tool that will help with registration for the event, give our auction items exposure to a much bigger audience for silent auction items, provides for payment for sponsorships, tracks our auction items, registers you to bid electronically, and helps to expedite the checkout process. We will send you information about how to electronically register for the Gala. We highly encourage attendees to register electronically via the tool, and if you are not able to, several key members of the committee can register for you. I thank Brother Jason Himsey for spearheading the implementation of this tool.

Brethren, I am excited about our May Gala and know you will have a great time!



Alexandria Scottish Rite 2019 Fall Reunion

Salve Frater

James J. Berkin	John D. Burnham
Kahlil A. DeBerry	Roger T. Easterling
David S. Foster	Eddie R. Garcia
Martin Z. Gruszka	Aaron D. Irvin
Armand X. Mariscal	Elijah L. Moore
Joe W. Mueller	James W. Schoonmaker
Adjei E. Sereboo	Joseph E. Shlikas
James G. Simonetti	Simeon C. Slayton
Jeffrey L. Sparrow	John W. Wiles
Gary W. Hamburg (Northern Jurisdiction)	

Front Row Seated—Left to Right

Ill. David C. Morris, 33°, General Secretary
Scott C. Springer, KCCH, Venerable Master
Ill. Ed Cohen, 33°, Personal Representative
Michael T. Huff, KCCH, Wise Master
John Aakeeson, KCCH, Master of Kadosh
Ill. James Loudermilk, Jr., 33°, Dir. of Work

Secretary's Corner

Ill. David C. Morris, 33°, Secretary

OUR WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Alexandria Valley Office wishes you the Best of Holidays and Happiness in the New Year, and new Decade. Start the 20's off "RITE" by attending your Valley Meetings.

CAPS, RINGS

Patents and Cap Boxes have arrived and are available to be picked up at our next meeting. If you prefer to pick them up at another time, please call the office at 703.998.9044.



2020 MEMBERSHIP CARDS – YOU MUST HAVE A 2020 CARD TO ATTEND

You should have received your Dues Notice for 2020. Your card is ready to be mailed to you, as soon as you send in your payment or go on online and pay.

NEW FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL

An optional "Automatic Membership Renewal Program" for paying Dues through the Scottish Rite Portal will be offered when paying online. You will get an email reminder a few days before a payment is processed and you can opt out, at any time.

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2020

This was a difficult year for planning our Calendar. We realize there are some conflicts. We did our best to minimize them.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2020

January 1 — HOLIDAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 10 – 6:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet-

Pre-Meeting Dinner

(Reservations by Jan. 7)

Installation of Officers for

all four Bodies – 7:30 p.m.

(Short) Valley Meeting follows

(Lodge of Perfection)

January 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Dinner at 6:30 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.

(Reservations by Jan 10)

January 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Club Meeting

Spurmount Lodge - Strasburg

(Reservations by Jan. 17)

FEBRUARY 2020

February 14 – 6:00 p.m.

Valentine's Day

Executive Council Meeting

Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix

& Lodge of Perfection)

February 19 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Dinner at 6:30 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.

(Reservations by Feb 14)

February 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Club Meeting

Cassia Lodge—Woodstock

(Reservations by Feb. 20th)

MARCH 2020

March 13 – 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Dinner

Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

(Reservations by Mar. 10th)

(Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)

March 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

Dinner at 6:30 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.

(Reservations by Mar 13)

March 25 - 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Club Meeting

Spurmount Lodge—Strasburg

(Reservations by Mar. 20th)



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