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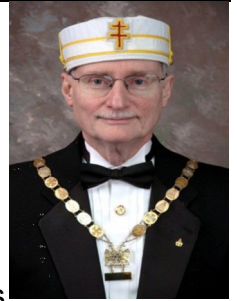
September–October 2019



## *Personal Representative's Message*

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

*In the context of preparing for our Fall Reunion and discussing plans by Brother Keith Gawrys, Chair of the Valley Education and Training Committee, to develop a new series of educational presentations on the Scottish Rite degrees to add to the insights already provided by the earlier set of talks developed by Ill. and MW Loyd Davis, I thought I might review with you one of these degrees.*



### **Master of the Symbolic Lodge**

Each of our degrees provides a meaningful experience and teaches important lessons that we need to absorb and internalize. So it is probably correct to say that no degree is better or more important than any other. Still, I suspect that each of us has a favorite degree – one that we especially relate to. In my case it is the 20th degree, Master of the Symbolic Lodge. This may be because this was the first degree I participated in and the one I have been involved with the longest, but I think it is deeper than that. My long involvement has provided a prolonged opportunity to study the words and contemplate its meaning, and it is the message of the degree not the longevity of my engagement with it, that leads me to this position.

Albert Pike suggests that a Master of the Symbolic Lodge has the duty to restore Masonry to its primitive purity which is entirely moral, with its emblems, allegories, and ceremonies easy to understand, and their purpose and object readily seen. In his *Morals and Dogma* and speaking about the 20th degree, Pike states that: “we have been careful not to allow our emblems to be too obscure, so as to require far-fetched and forced interpretations....we do not need to wrap ourselves in veils so strange and impenetrable, as to prevent or hinder instruction instead of furthering it; or to induce the suspicion that we have concealed meanings which we communicate only to the most reliable adepts, because they are contrary to good order or the well-being of society.” Given this admonition, it should come as no surprise that the 20th degree is not one of the showy degrees with elaborate sets and backdrops, and it is not performed in theatrical costume. It requires no elaborate oaths with shocking symbolic penalties. Its focus is “at once religious and philosophical, worthy of a good citizen and an enlightened philanthropist.”

The Degree first exposes the candidate to 29 virtues or principles, the three foundational ones being truth, justice, and toleration. These are indispensable qualities that should shape and give direction to our lives and are, therefore, the ones that a Worshipful Master should model and teach.

The candidate is then exposed to short orations or homilies from ten sages and lawgivers of the ancient world whose lessons have as much resonance and relevance today as they did centuries ago, demonstrating the timelessness of the moral underpinnings of Freemasonry. (Continued on Page 2.)



## **SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE OF VIRGINIA**

**HOLIDAY INN, 980 OMNI BOULEVARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VA**

Host Valley: Newport News Valley

**September 26 - 28, 2019**

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND**

Contact General Secretary, Ill. David C. Morris, 33°, at 703.998.9044 or [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)

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today as they did centuries ago, demonstrating the timelessness of the moral underpinnings of Freemasonry.

The key teachings of this degree, however, are not to be found in a recitation of virtues, but rather in their practice. And they are not just private virtues that affect us alone, but rather public virtues that impact our relations with others.

We are encouraged to be charitable, both to relieve misery and distress, and to condole with the broken-hearted. Albert Pike speaks, for example, of the need for Freemasonry to devote its revenues to the relief of the unfortunate rather than use them for pomp and empty show that would interfere with the duties of charity, relief, and benevolence.

We are exhorted to be sincere in our relation with others, not lying, cheating, or being deceitful in our dealings; not breaking our word or our contracts.

We are required to be fair in our judgements, uninfluenced by personal friendship or personal dislike, yielding to neither fear nor favor.

We are urged to be forgiving of others, seeking to repair relations rather than promote feuds, and not so sure of the correctness of our own opinions that we are unwilling to at least listen to those of others.

As I noted at the beginning I do not assert that one degree is more important than another, but I believe that if a Master will run the Lodge in accordance with the principles of the 20th degree, and if each of us would take its precepts to heart, we would not only be better men and better Masons but, by our actions, magnify the influence and impact of Freemasonry on the world. In the words of Albert Pike you would “gain honor for yourself, and advance the great cause of Masonry, Humanity, and Progress.”

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Ed Cohen*

## ***2019 Charity Dinner and Auction – A Huge Success!***

**Timmy Shrum, KCCH, Chair, Alexandria Valley Philanthropy Committee**

*(See Photos on Page 10.)*

The 2019 Friends and Family Charity Dinner and Auction was held on the evening of Saturday, May 18, 2019, at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, in Fairfax, Virginia, and it exceeded expectations! A crowd in excess of 240 enjoyed an evening of fine food, dancing with music provided by a DJ, entertainment by a magician, and a Scotch tasting. A diverse silent auction was followed by an especially enthusiastic live auction, which featured highly-sought items such as a week at an international timeshare, four tickets to a Penn State football game, a day at a shooting range with a weapons historian, and a breathtaking diamond necklace designed by an expert jeweler, just to name a few. Most memorable, however, were the touching speeches delivered by two of our James Madison University RiteCare Clinic students, whose courage and inspirational messages visibly touched all who were in attendance.

The planning committee made several significant changes from previous dinners, the biggest of which was hosting the event on a Saturday evening instead of a Sunday afternoon. In addition, the committee introduced online registration and an optional online bidding for its silent auction items, which enabled bidders from around the world to participate in the event. Finally, the committee actively sought corporate sponsors. Its effort paid off, as attendance over prior years increased and several corporate sponsors joined a generous cadre of individual sponsors. These sponsorships, along with the proceeds from the dinner and auctions, culminated in the event raising \$64,000 for charity.

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To put this in perspective, in 2015 we raised \$14,000, in 2016 we raised \$18,000, in 2017 we raised \$29,000, and in 2018 we raised \$35,000. This was quite an impressive record – and was not easy to achieve. So raising \$64,000 this year is something we can be very proud of. Once again, we had a great time and in true Masonic fashion, we did great work.

Motivated by the success of this year's event and the immense satisfaction derived from assisting Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia for RiteCare and the House of the Temple Restoration Fund, the Alexandria Valley is already hard at work preparing for next year's dinner and auction.

We sincerely thank everyone who attended and everyone who in some way contributed to this event. A special thanks goes out to the following people in the table below for all their support of the dinner.

James C. Anagnos	El Mehdi Marhoum
Jeremy D. Anspaugh	David C. Morris
Michael R. Aulicino	Sheldon B. Richman
Raymon W. Bacchus	Timmy E. Shrum
James D. Baker	Karen Shrum
Allen D. & Linda Beckner	David H. Smith, Sr.
Michael P. Bible	Howard M. Sobel
Paul R. Evancoe	Scott C. Springer
John T. Gilstrap	Matthew T. Szramoski
Kevin J. Hall	Michael D. Taldo
Jason M. Himsey	John T. Tillery
Norman L. Hoff, Jr.	Joseph Vitale
Ronald J. Leibfreid	J. Patrick Weyant, Jr.

### Commander's Message

Gerald (Jerry) D. Van Antwerp, 32°

Brethren, as Spring reminds us of growth and rebirth, Fall, too, reminds us of the importance of harvesting the results of those labors. In that context, I ask that you work to make the Fall Reunion (October 19 and 26) as successful as our Spring Reunion. In the Spring we had a one-day Reunion, so this time there will be many more degrees for you to enjoy. This is a special opportunity for the members of the Spring Class to see some of the degrees that were communicated, and an opportunity for all of us to revisit the lessons conferred in our ritual.



I would particularly ask that you to talk with your Lodge Brethren and encourage them to be part of the Fall 2019 Reunion Class. In addition to getting candidates and attending, there are many other ways for you to participate in the Reunion. There are speaking and non-speaking parts on the various degree teams. Look in the **Members Only** section of the Alexandria Scottish Rite website, click on **Publications** at the top of the screen and under **all publications** scroll down to **Committee/Group Publications** and click on **Help Wanted** to see the range of opportunities to participate. You will see that, in addition to the degree teams, the support staff would welcome your participation as well. Contact our Director of Work, Ill. James A. Loudermilk, II, 33°, at [james.loudermilk@comcast.net](mailto:james.loudermilk@comcast.net) or Ill. J. Patrick Weyant, 33°, Director, Production Operations, at [jpweyant@cox.net](mailto:jpweyant@cox.net) to get involved.

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## ***Commander's Message***

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There are two additional events occurring during the month of September that I would like to bring to your attention. The first is the Feast of TISHRI which consists of a pre-meeting dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. that will be hosted by our Venerable Master Brother Scott C. Springer, KCCH. There will also be a Valley meeting following the dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. The second event is the Scottish Rite Conference, which will be held at Newport News September 26 – 28. In addition, to the educational presentations, fellowship, and good food, there will be the open KCCH conferral ceremony that you and your lady can attend. Please notify our Secretary, Ill. Brother David C. Morris, 33° so he knows how many are attending each of these events. His phone number is 703-998-9044.

Fraternally,

Jerry

### ***Sound and Mirrors — Hear What You Shall Hear and Support the Fall Reunion 19 and 26 October***

Paul R. Evancoe, 33°

Assistant Director of Work, Alexandria Valley

This story begins in early 1916 about two years after the outbreak of WW-1 when a young English-born physicist by the name of William Sansome Tucker enlisted in the British Army as a private. He was almost immediately promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the Experimental Sound Ranging Station at Kemmel Hill in Belgium where he researched and perfected 'sound ranging.' It was here that Tucker was key to the development of a passive listening system that was the predecessor of radar.

Tucker's sound ranging system used large concrete parabolic dishes as sound collectors (sound mirrors). The dishes were equipped with microphones for sound amplification that provided the ranging and direction data necessary for mathematical triangulation to determine the position of enemy artillery. Within the first few months, Tucker invented a new style "hot wire" microphone that was sensitive to the pressure wave (gun-wave) generated by the firing of distant artillery. By Fall 1916 Tucker's new microphones had been installed in all of Britain's sound-ranging dishes.

Building upon his successes, in 1917 Tucker developed a system of moveable microphones that were installed inside and around the sound mirrors' apex. This greatly improved accuracy in determining the position of the enemy guns. By the end of the war in 1918, Tucker had refined the detection system enough to determine where an artillery gun was pointing and how large it was. In fact, Tucker had sophisticated the system to the point that it could also be effectively applied to locate incoming enemy aircraft (Zeppelins) from their engine noise.

Here's how it worked. The concrete dish would collect the engine sound and concentrate it at a focal point. As sound waves reached the focal point (apex) in the front center area of the dish structure, movable microphones situated around the apex would pick up the engine noise and transmit it to the headphones of an operator staked out in a nearby bunker. The operator would then report his sound observations to a central operations center for correlation with other reports.

As Tucker continued to refine his system, he installed microphones in the sound-concreted areas in front of the parabolic dishes, as well as switches and lights which were connected to a central control room. This allowed personnel to instantaneously determine which microphone received the strongest signal and provide real-time intelligence on the incoming aircrafts' direction. Once range, altitude and speed had been calculated, the control room passed the position of the aircraft to the air defense command for action.

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The most sophisticated of these devices could detect the sounds of aircraft up to 25 miles away, weather permitting. This would typically give the English anti-aircraft artillery in the plane's path about 15 minutes early warning to prepare for the oncoming German attack.

With Tucker's reporting system and a consistent detection range of about 20 miles or better, the sound mirror system finally delivered the results the Air Ministry required. Tucker's research had now matured into a huge project consisting of a chain of 45 of the 60-meter mega-mirrors supplemented by 60 of the nine-meter-high mirrors. This mix of large and small sound mirrors was built along the coast from the county of Norfolk above the Thames estuary down to Dorset in the southwest of England. Its purpose was to make it impossible for enemy aircraft to approach the UK from the English Channel undetected.

In the summer of 1932, the Royal Air Force began to formally train personnel in the use of the sound mirror system. This also included staff for the rapid and accurate communications required between the listening post, telephone operators and the officers in the control room and at command headquarters linked to the anti-aircraft artillery batteries.

By the end of January 1935, top Royal Engineer officials ordered a detailed expansion plan from Tucker for the necessary communications systems, mainly telephone lines and exchanges. By June of that year, the Air Ministry employed more than 500 people on the sound mirror project, a figure that revealed the high priority of the early warning system.

But a letter from the Ministry in August 1935 abruptly brought Tucker's system expansion plans to a halt. At first, work was suspended until the end of September, and then cancelled because of the development of an alternative detection method. The new technique was named Radio Detection and Ranging, or RADAR for short. It would go on to play a significant role in the defense of Great Britain during World War II and would become the fundamental component of every modern air defense system. The parabolic sound mirror system had outlived its usefulness. The science was solid, but aircraft kept getting faster and quieter, which made the sound mirror system obsolete.

By the 1938 onset of WWII, the invention of radar gave the Royal Air Force the ability to locate aircraft much more precisely, and Tucker's acoustic mirror program was abandoned. But not forsaken was the British air defense forces' familiarity with Tucker's ranging system that relied on linking multiple stations and triangulating aircraft movement for central command and control of defenses. Tucker's tracking system, with direct application to RADAR, was years later credited as a major factor in Britain's air defense success against Germany's Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain.

Nonetheless, it wasn't until 1939 that senior officers of the Royal Engineers decided to permanently cancel the sound mirror project and direct that the hundred, or so, sound mirrors dotting Britain's English Channel shores be destroyed. At the same time, Tucker had started his last year as director of the research center.

In February 1940, Tucker's employment ended. For reasons still unknown, the Defense Ministry's plan to destroy the mirrors was never executed. While subject to weathering effects over many decades, most of the sturdy concrete mirrors have remained intact as bizarre relics of an antiquated technology. And though they ceased operation numerous decades ago, the influence of their brilliant design can be seen across modern technology today—from tiny, eavesdropping parabolic microphones used in surveillance, to mammoth radio telescopes used to amplify sounds from outer space.

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About now you're probably thinking, nice story - but how do sound mirrors relate to Scottish Rite membership? There are several relationships. Let's think of ourselves as Masonic sound mirrors. We listen to our Brethren, we evaluate the length of their cable tow (their range and vector), and we solicit them (action based upon empirical knowledge) for petitioning membership in the Scottish Rite. But nothing happens without our inquiry and willingness (action) to engage our Blue Lodge Brothers. While our new member recruitment might appear hit or miss, that is not the case if conducted systematically. This past Spring Reunion we brought in 57 new members. Considering that number is three times the number we usually average, it demonstrates we can increase our membership by leaps.

The Fall Reunion approaches (19 and 26 October). Will we be content to become relics resting on a weathered shore that have been overtaken by events, or will we continue what we began this past Spring Reunion? With your help we can make it the latter. The moral of the story – talk to your Blue Lodge Brethren about the Alexandria Scottish Rite and have them become a part of the Fall 2019 Reunion Class!

Fraternally,

*Paul*

### **Scottish Rite Virtues**

Roger W. Peak, KCCH

*We will shortly have our Reunion where we confer or communicate the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. The members of the Reunion Class will receive their copy of A Bridge to Light, and all of us have one as well. Part of the value of a Reunion is to focus on the lessons of the degrees, and the following article by Brother Peak provides an example of how we might integrate these lessons into our lives.*

Right Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin identified thirteen virtues on which to focus to improve his character. The virtues and precepts that Brother Franklin selected were as follows:

1. TEMPERANCE. Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. SILENCE. Speak not what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
3. ORDER. Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
4. RESOLUTION. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.
5. FRUGALITY. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
6. INDUSTRY. Lose no time; be always employ'd in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
7. SINCERITY. Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
8. JUSTICE. Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
9. MODERATION. Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
10. CLEANLINESS. Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habituation.
11. TRANQUILLITY. Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
12. CHASTITY. Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness, weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.
13. HUMILITY. Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

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## Scottish Rite Virtues

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I am identifying virtues on which I will focus to improve my character. I am reviewing the oaths, mottos, and slogans of those organizations of which I was or am currently a member. As part of this process, I perused Ill. Rex Hutchens book A Bridge to Light and identified those virtues that are relevant to us as Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Masons. My list is shown below:

<b>Key Words and Phrases of Degrees, Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction</b>	
<b>Word and Phrase</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Act the peacemaker	6 <sup>th</sup>
Attainment	4 <sup>th</sup>
Attraction (force of nature)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Beauty	26 <sup>th</sup>
Benevolent, Benevolence	6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>
Charity	8 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Chastity	20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Clemency	29 <sup>th</sup>
Confidence in human nature	20 <sup>th</sup>
Constancy (keeping promises)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Constancy	15 <sup>th</sup>
Constant (in prayer)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Courtesy	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Defend right from wrong	28 <sup>th</sup>
Devotion / Devotedness (family & friends)	4 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Disinterestedness	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Duality	27 <sup>th</sup>
Duty	13 <sup>th</sup>
Duty to God	28 <sup>th</sup>
Earnest	11 <sup>th</sup>
Education	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>
Endurance	4 <sup>th</sup>
Enlightenment	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>
Equanimity	20 <sup>th</sup>
Equilibrium	32 <sup>nd</sup>
Equity	4 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>
Faith / Faithful	18 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
Fidelity (in performance of duty)	4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Firmness	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Fitness	24 <sup>th</sup>
Forbearance	20 <sup>th</sup>

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Forgiveness, Forgiving	20 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>
Frankness	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Generosity / Generous	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Gratitude to God	20 <sup>th</sup>
Harmony	27 <sup>th</sup>
Heroism	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Honesty	5 <sup>th</sup>
Honor	13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Hope	18 <sup>th</sup>
Humility / Humble	21 <sup>st</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Impartiality	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>
Independence	4 <sup>th</sup>
Industry	5 <sup>th</sup>
Justice	4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>
Kindness	20 <sup>th</sup>
Knowledge	12 <sup>th</sup>
Labor	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lenity	20 <sup>th</sup>
Liberality	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Liberty (self-control)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Light	19 <sup>th</sup>
Love of Brothers	26 <sup>th</sup>
Love of Mankind	20 <sup>th</sup>
Loyalty	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Matter	27 <sup>th</sup>
Mercy / Merciful	4 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
Mobility (force of nature)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Modest	21 <sup>st</sup>
Obedience	4 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Patience	19 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Patriotism	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
Penitent	25 <sup>th</sup>
Perseverance	15 <sup>th</sup>
Probity	20 <sup>th</sup>
Prudence	20 <sup>th</sup>
Punctuality	20 <sup>th</sup>

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Purity of heart	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Reason	24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>
Reliable	11 <sup>th</sup>
Repentance	24 <sup>th</sup>
Retribution	13 <sup>th</sup>
Revelation	27 <sup>th</sup>
Self-denial	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Silence	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sincerity to serve God	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Sobriety	20 <sup>th</sup>
Temperance	20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Thankful to God	25 <sup>th</sup>
Toleration / Tolerance / Tolerant	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>
Truthfulness / Truth / True	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>
Veneration of God	20 <sup>th</sup>
Vitality (force of nature)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Wisdom	12 <sup>th</sup>
Zeal (performance of duty)	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>

Your reading may suggest a slightly different list of virtues. I am sure that as I continue to study the degrees, my list will evolve.

Brother Franklin embarked on a difficult task and admits that he was not entirely successful in improving himself in every virtue he identified. I believe he was correct in specifying the precept for each virtue. A virtue could have many different precepts.

If each of us were to select only one virtue and a relevant precept from the above list to seek to improve ourselves, which would it be?

Note: The degrees in the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, are somewhat different from those in the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. The 25<sup>th</sup> Degree, Master of Achievement (Benjamin Franklin Degree) mentions the virtues that Brother Franklin selected to cultivate and is the genesis of my project.

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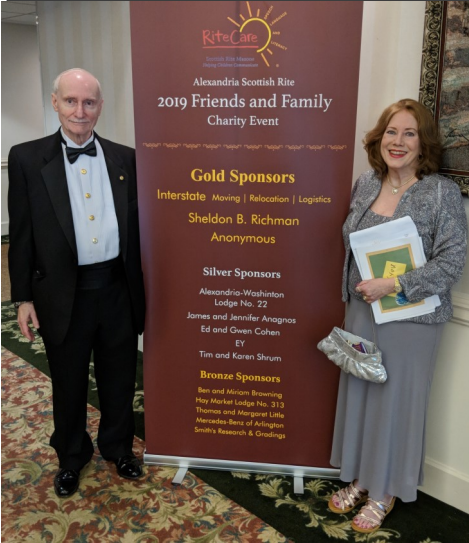
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Fraternally,

*Roger Peak*

# Photos from the 2019 Charity Dinner and Auction – A Huge Success!

Photos taken by: Ill. Michael R. Aulicino



Ill. Edmund and Gwen Cohen





## Secretary's Corner

Ill. David C. Morris, 33°, Secretary



On behalf of the Valley, Ed Cohen and I would like to congratulate Brothers Frank Anthony, Mike Bible, Mark Coldren, Jason Himsey, Michael Huff, John Suit, and Michael Taldo who were unanimously elected by the Supreme Council to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

We also congratulate Brothers George Seghers and Joseph (Pat) Weyant, Jr. who were elected to be coronated a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree.



### 2020 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Notices are on the way, cards are ready for shipment to you, just send in your payment. Also, you can go online to pay, and your 2020 membership card will be mailed to you.

NEW with 2020 dues year, is a service from the Supreme Council, an optional "Automatic Membership Renewal Program" for paying dues through the Scottish Rite Portal if you pay online. You will get an email reminder a few days before a payment is processed, and you can opt out, at any time.

### CAPS, RINGS, PATENTS and Cap Boxes

Everything is in and ready for pickup. If you prefer to pick them up during the day, call me at 703.998.9044.

### JOINT PICNIC

Our joint KENA–Alexandria Scottish Rite Picnic was held at the Manasseh Lodge No. 182. I know a good time was had by all. I want to publicly thank Worshipful Phillip Sommers for allowing us to use their Lodge and grounds. I also want to thank Brother Scott Springer, KCCH, and his crew that helped to make this event a success and for the great support given by the Alexandria Valley clan of the Knights of St. Andrew.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER 2019

**Sept 2 -- HOLIDAY**

**LABOR DAY**

**Sept. 13 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

**Feast of TISHRI**

Pre-Meeting Dinner  
(Reservations by Sept. 10)  
(Lodge of Perfection)

**Sept. 18 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Loudoun SR Club**

Olive Branch Lodge No. 114  
(Reservations by Sept 13)

**Sept 25 – 6:30 p.m.**

Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Spurmont Lodge - Strasburg  
(Reservations by Sept 20)

**Sept. 26 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Virginia SR Conference**  
Golf Available

**Sept. 27 – 12:45 p.m.**

**SR Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> Day**  
Holiday Inn, Newport News, VA

**Sept. 28 – 8:00 a.m.**

**SR Conference -2nd Day**  
**3:00 p.m.-KCCH INVESTITURE**  
(Please wear SR Caps)

### OCTOBER 2019

**Oct 11 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Executive Council Meeting**  
**Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**  
(Consistory & Lodge of Perfection)

**October 14 -- HOLIDAY**

**COLUMBUS DAY**

**Oct 16 – 7:00 p.m.**

Loudoun SR Club  
Olive Branch Lodge No. 114  
(Reservations by Oct 11)

**Oct 19 – 7:15 a.m.**

**FALL REUNION 1<sup>st</sup> Day**  
**Degrees 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**starting at 7:50 a.m.**

**Oct 26 – 7:15 a.m.**

**FALL REUNION 2nd Day**  
**Degrees 20<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup>**  
**starting at 8:00am**

**Oct 23 – 6:30 p.m.**

Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Cassia Lodge—Woodstock  
(Reservations by Oct 18)

### NOVEMBER 2019

**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Nov 1 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

Pre-Meeting Dinner  
(Reservations by Oct 29)  
(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix  
& Lodge of Perfection)

**Nov 8 -9 – 8:30 a.m.**

**G A C - GRAND LODGE OF VA.**  
**Richmond (Short Pump), VA**

**Nov 11 -- HOLIDAY**

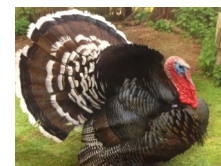
**VETERAN'S DAY**

**Nov 21-23**

**GRAND ANNUAL**  
**CONVOCATION**  
**ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN VA.**  
**Williamsburg, VA**

**Nov 28 -- HOLIDAY**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**



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**STATED MEETINGS**

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Second Friday of each month  
SCOTT C. SPRINGER, KCCH  
Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

Second Friday  
February, March, July, November  
MICHAEL T. HUFF, KCCH select  
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February, April, July, November  
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April, August, October, December  
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