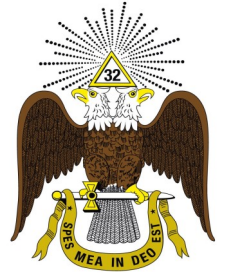




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# Scottish Rite Bulletin

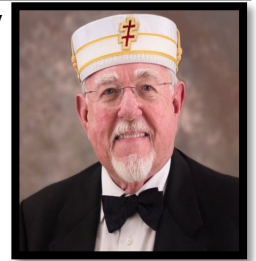
November—December 2022



## *Assistant Personal Representative's Message*

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33° — Assistant Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

Our Scottish Rite Reunions are so named because they are a welcomed opportunity for our widely dispersed membership to reunite and share our degrees with those brothers seeking to join our Rite. The degrees are not just for those who are receiving them for the first time. As participants in the degree conferrals, we commit our time either to refresh the roles we have performed many times in the past, or to learn new roles to increase our understanding of the lessons of the degrees. As students desirous of further understanding of our Rite, we attend the Reunions to increase our knowledge...and with time, perhaps even to gain increased wisdom. We repeatedly hear Brothers say, "Every time I attend a Reunion, or participate in a degree, I realize some new point or interpretation, that had not occurred to me before." Knowledge can be increased through memorization, but wisdom requires understanding.



In addition to being an enjoyable fraternal event and educational refresher on the lessons of our degrees, the Reunions also create new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret. We warmly welcome and encourage them to become active participants in our Valley activities. We eagerly look forward to receiving those who will be joining us at our next Reunion on October 22 and 29, 2022, and to assisting them on their journey in the Scottish Rite.

Our Reunions are made possible by many Brothers who provide the essential "behind-the-scenes" functions, such as stage crews, wardrobe, sound and lighting, projection, and prompters as well as administrative and meal support functions. Many prefer these roles, but the more visible parts of the Reunion are the on-stage degree conferrals and the classroom communications. Our recently completed dramatic conferrals employed 90 Brothers in 162 cast roles, plus nine more communicating the remaining degrees. New members might assume, "All the cast roles are already taken by others," but obviously there are many more roles than current participants. Additionally, many Degree Masters pursue "bench depth" with multiple Brothers who can assume various roles in the Degrees' casts — this not only permits additional opportunity to learn the lessons of the Degrees, but also provides qualified team members to step in when another member is unable to be present due to work, family or health issues. As we study our roles and prepare for the conferrals and communications, we become more effective Soldiers of the Light.

We encourage all members who are not already participating in the degrees to contact our Director of Work or one of the Degree Masters listed on the [Help Wanted](#) file on the home page of our Valley website at [alexandriascottishrite.org](http://alexandriascottishrite.org). The file also identifies non-speaking and relatively brief cast roles that may be perfect for those just beginning as a cast member.

We look forward to each of you getting involved in the work of your Valley and continuing your Masonic education by participating in our Scottish Rite Reunions.

Fraternally,

*Norm*



*November Meeting Date Change*  
***First Friday, November 4th***

## ***Venerable Master's Message***

Frank Anthony, KCCH, Venerable Master, Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

As I close out my year in the East as Venerable Master, I would like to say, "Thank You" for trusting me to guide you through our first full year post-COVID. We did it! It was a successful year because of all of you and your support.

Last month, a Brother approached me and said, "*You make it look easy up there, Venerable.*" I thanked him, exchanged pleasantries and we parted ways. On my 45-minute drive home, I thought about what he said and was reminded of a quote from Mark Twain, "*A man who carries a cat by the tail learns a lesson he can learn in no other way.*" I feel this quote applies to anyone who has ever sat in the East, whether it is in Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite or any other Appendant body. We might make it look easy, but there is a bit more to sitting up on that third step.

Sitting in the East is unique. You prepare for each meeting and have to be ready to make split second decisions in case someone does not show up to fill a chair or there is a change in the program or technology is not acting the way you thought it should. You get to learn the inner workings of the Lodge and develop a deep respect for the "seasoned veterans" who do a lot of the behind-the-scenes work to make your night and the organization successful. You get to appreciate the Brethren that show up to the meetings, but also their families for allowing them to attend the meetings. You, Brethren, are the foundation of any lodge.

As your Venerable Master, yes, I sat in the East, but I could not have gotten through the past year without your support. I am proud to say because of all of you, we executed a lot of great programs this past year.

We kicked off our year with Most Worshipful and Illustrious Ed Cohen, 33<sup>o</sup>, presiding over the Installation of Officers. It was great to see the auditorium full again after COVID. We then transitioned into our hybrid Zoom /in person meeting. I must admit, I had "first inning jitters." Thanks to your support we got through it unscathed.

In March, Bro. Jason Himsey, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, and the Chapter of Rose Croix did a wonderful job with the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Sadly, during this time, we lost a very distinguished Brother, our Director of Work, Ill. James "Jim" Loudermilk II, 33<sup>o</sup>. It was a gift to know Ill. Jim.

April was a busy month. We started with the Scottish Rite Workshop in Richmond, VA. Then closed the month with our two-day Spring Reunion. Ill. Phil Rhodes, 33<sup>o</sup>, stepped in as the acting Director of Work to ensure it was a successful event.

In May, the Consistory hosted Ladies Appreciation and Widows Recognition dinner. Bro. Ed Wilkinson, 32<sup>o</sup> and his line did a fabulous job recognizing the Ladies and Widows. Then a week later, we held our largest fundraiser of the year with the Alexandria Scottish Rite Friends and Family Charity Gala. The planning was led by Bro. Tim Shrum, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, Bro. Jason Himsey, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, and Bro. Mike Taldo, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH. BIG THANKS to those Brothers and all the committees who helped supporting this wonderful event supporting a great cause.

As we headed into June, the Lodge of Perfection hosted the Outstanding Teachers Recognition Banquet, where our Valley recognized three local educators inspiring our next generation. In July, Bro. Rick Saunders, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH, organized with the Kena Shrine our annual KENA/Alexandria Valley Joint Family Picnic. This was a well-attended event with a lot of activities where family and friends enjoyed each other's company.

In August, we started to pick up the pace. We had another Charity event organized by Bro. Ron Craft, 32<sup>o</sup>, called "Polo, Cars & Cigars" where Brothers and their significant others watched twilight polo in The Plains, VA. Then at the end of the month, like a phoenix rising from the ashes we resumed the Annual Blue Lodge Night event. The Alexandria Scottish Rite hosted a Master Mason degree with a candidate who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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# ALEXANDRIA VALLEY AT WORK AND PLAY 2022 SUMMER OF FUN



"Polo, Cars & Cigars" Night , The Plains, VA. Alexandria Scottish Rite Brothers and their significant others watched twilight polo.



Bro. Ralph L. Shepard, 32°, receiving his 50 Year Scottish Rite Membership Certificate. (L-R) Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°; Ralph L. Shepard, 32°



Bro. Robert Worthington, 32° and Lady Pearl Johnson, Al Manarah Court No. 50, debating on how much sugar should go into the pumpkin pie.



Bro. Fred Baerenz, 32° being presented custom artwork on lambskin from the Supreme Council S.J. for his Planned Gift to the Craft. (L-R) Ill. Matt Szramoski, 33°; Bro. Fred Baerenz, 32°; Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°



At Refreshment; two Illustrious gentlemen enjoying some great conservation before dinner — (L-R) Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°, Asst. Personal Representative; MW & Ill. Ed Cohen, 33°, Personal Representative



Chief Ron Leibfreid, 32° KCCH, KSA Receives Certificate of Appreciation for the 2021-2022 Knights of Saint Andrew Chief; (L - R) Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°, Ron Leibfreid, 32° KCCH



Alexandria Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Night Cast— Second Section Master Mason Degree

## *Venerable Master's Message*

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This was a joint effort between Alexandria—Washington Lodge No. 22 and members of the Alexandria Scottish Rite. Bro. Scott Springer, 32°, KCCH, was our new Director of Work and was able to cast the Deputy Grand Master of Virginia in a significant costumed role. There were over 100 Masons in attendance from MD, DC and VA. It was a fabulous degree worthy of an Academy Award. I encourage all Master Masons to witness these type of events in the future.

In September, the Lodge of Perfection hosted the Feast of Tishri. As we know, the Feast of Tishri is the Scottish Rite's largest annual celebration. Let's also give thanks to the dinner provided by the Al Manarah Court No. 50, Ladies' Oriental Shrine, and chef Bro. Rob Worthington. It was a sumptuous Thanksgiving-style dinner.

October starts the close of our big events. Our Alexandria Scottish Rite Conference Vice President, Bro. Allen Beckner, KCCH, led the charge for the Scottish Rite Conference in Virginia Beach. In usual fashion, we had full support from our Valley with many members in attendance. Big thanks to Bro. Allen, his Lady Linda Beckner, and all those who helped with the Hospitality Room. Also, thanks to Ill. Dave Morris, 33° for coordinating all the reservations and meals. We finished out the month with our two-day Fall Reunion. Our Director of Work, Bro. Scott Springer, 32° KCCH, along with the Casts, Conferral Team and Stage Crew did a remarkable job.

We will close out the year with elections, then get ready for the new year as I pass the gavel to Brother Mike Taldo, KCCH.

I want to say thanks to:

The Lodge of Perfection line for helping it look easy (this includes all the previous Venerable Masters filling in at the last minute

Thanks to Ill. Norm Hoff, 33°, for your guidance throughout the year

Our technical crew -- Ill. Dave Smith, 33°, Bro. John Suit, 32° KCCH, and Bro. Ron Leibfreid -- for getting Zoom and the presentations up and running.

Thanks to anyone else who assisted in any way this year ... you know who you are

I started this message with a cat analogy and will end this with another one. There were many other events packed into the year, but like "herding cats" I could not capture all of them. We have a lot of great Brothers doing outstanding things. You are all amazing and I am honored that you gave me the opportunity to guide you through this year and I am proud to be part of this "Band of Brothers."



## *Your Nominations for 2022 Alexandria Scottish Rite Awards*



Once again it is that time of year when we look back and think about those who helped to make 2022 another superb year for Scottish Rite Masonry in Alexandria. We show our appreciation to these Brethren at our January 13, 2023, Award Dinner when we present them with a Certificate of Appreciation or a Certificate of Merit to commemorate their efforts.

How do we decide on these awards? We ask you for your recommendations and then at our December 9 Executive Council meeting we make our decision.

The key ingredient, therefore, is **YOU**, so please communicate your recommendations to the Assistant Personal Representative, the General Secretary, or the Head of one of the four Bodies before the December meeting. The Executive Council is open to all members and you are encouraged to attend.

# ALEXANDRIA VALLEY AT WORK AND PLAY 2022 FEAST OF TISHRI



Feast of Tishri Toasters Table



Alexandria Scottish Rite Lodge Room set up with Feast of Tishri offerings — Baskets full of fruit



MW & Ill. Ed Cohen, 33°, Personal Representative to the SGIG in Alexandria, imparting us with his words of wisdom.



Bro. Dick Laaken, 32° KCCH Toasting to the United States of America



Feast of Tishri Toasters (L - R): Ralph L. Shepard, 32°; Ed Wilkinson, Jr, 32°; Mark E. Cummings, 32°; Tim Shrum, 32° KCCH; Allen Beckner, 32° KCCH; Ill. Peter Terrill, 33°; Dick Laaken, 32° KCCH



Bro. Farley Warner, 32° KCCH, Lodge of Perfection Master of Ceremony



Alexandria Scottish Rite Brothers passing out the Feast of Tishri Fruit offerings.



Feast of Tishri Fruit Bag Prepares (L - R): John Aakesson, 32° KCCH; Mark E. Cummings, 32°; Mike Huff, 32° KCCH; Frank Anthony, 32° KCCH; Farley Warner, 32° KCCH



Pre-dinner fraternal discussion. (L - R) Ill. Norm Hoff Jr., 33°, Asst. Personal Representative; John Tillery, 32° KCCH; Jason Lotz, 32° KCCH



Bro. Ralph L. Shepard, 32°, Tiler, doing the Tiler's Toast

## 2022 Fellow's Report

Jeremy D. Anspaugh, 32°



I would like to take a few moments to share with you my recent experience of being selected for the Grand Commander's Fellows program for 2022. Many of you may be asking yourself "What Fellow's program?" I know that I was doing the same when I was informed of my nomination and asked if I would accept. I quickly went to the Scottish Rite website to educate myself on what exactly I had just agreed to and, having now been officially initiated into the program, I would like to share with you what I have learned, what I have experienced, and how I would like to leverage this great honor to facilitate the sharing of ideas and perspectives between our Valley and our Grand Commander and the Supreme Council.

First, let me share with you the history of the Grand Commander's Fellows program. Established in 1998 by Past Grand Commander C. Fred Kleinknect, 33°, the program is intended to expand education and communication within the Scottish Rite. Since its inception over 1,000 Scottish Rite Masons have become Fellows. Specifically, Fellows gain a better understanding of the Scottish Rite, the opportunities available to Scottish Rite Masons, the challenges faced by the Southern Jurisdiction, and to provide perspectives from their Valleys to the Grand Commander to enhance the effectiveness of the decisions made by the Supreme Council.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I attended the Grand Commander's Fellows workshop at the House of the Temple hosted by our Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole 33° and members of the Supreme Council. Topics discussed during the workshop included expectations of Fellows, membership challenges and ideas, operations at Headquarters including House of the Temple renovations, and construction of the new Scottish Rite apartments. I found the sessions to be extremely informative but what I enjoyed most was the fellowship opportunity with Scottish Rite Masons from across the Southern Jurisdiction. These relationships continue via virtual meetings, email, and social media groups and allow us to share our experiences, challenges, and suggestions across the Southern Jurisdiction.

Now that I have shared a brief history of the Grand Commander's Fellows program, and my experiences during the Fellows workshop, I would like to discuss how I can serve the Alexandria Valley as one of our Valley's two newest Fellows. I would like to serve as an active Valley representative to the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council by gathering perspectives, challenges, and ideas to share with the Fellows and the Grand Commander during our quarterly meetings. In return I will bring back information from the Grand Commander and Supreme Council, ideas from other Valleys within the Southern Jurisdiction and share with all of you, either by Scottish Rite Bulletin, presentation at monthly Valley stated meetings or both.

In addition to representing our Valley, I will also be working with the Membership Committee to establish a welcoming and integration process for all new Scottish Rite Masons in our Valley. While still in the early stages of development, this process would provide our new members with a better understanding of our stated meeting protocols, the bodies within our Valley and their purposes, opportunities to get involved within the Valley, and the chance for our new members to ask specific questions that may have occurred to them after the reunion. The purpose of this process is to better integrate our new members into our Valley, give them a sense of community and purpose, and in so doing boost their retention and participation. More to come on this so please stay tuned.

As always, I am extremely humbled to be selected for the Grand Commander's Fellows program for our Valley and I look forward to serving as an active member and sharing the perspectives and ideas from our members with the Grand Commander, Supreme Council, and other Fellows.

Fraternally,  
Jeremy

## ***Obligations***

*The late Ill. Douglas L. Jordan, 33<sup>o</sup>* (December 10, 2010, Valley Education Program)

As Masters of the Royal Secret, we have taken many Masonic obligations in which we have made numerous promises and vows. In the 32nd degree the obligation is broken into five parts: the Soldier of the Light, Soldier of Liberty, Soldier of Freedom of Religion, Soldier of the People, Soldier of the Scottish Rite, and Master of the Royal Secret.

As a Soldier of the Light – that is as a teacher – we promised to improve our own knowledge and wisdom so that we could assist those around us in becoming wiser and better. Attendance at Valley meetings and study of the books that have been written for instruction in the Rite are specified as methods for gaining light.

As a Soldier of Liberty we promised to oppose those who subjugate free men by manipulating their necessities, passions, or follies, and to demand for ourselves and all people a free voice and vote in public affairs. We promised to follow the convictions of our conscience and the judgments of our own intellect, and not permit any person, or body of persons, to dictate in matters where we alone are accountable and responsible for our actions

As a Soldier of Freedom of Religion we promised to be the enemy of all spiritual tyranny over our souls and consciences and to resist all claims of any religion to outlaw free conscience, to enslave thought and opinions, and to compel men to believe what it may prescribe. We also promised to combat superstition, bigotry and fanaticism with reason and the truth.

As a Soldier of the People we promised to combat the efforts of all who seek to gain power by unworthy means--the crafty, the unfit, and the incompetent, and to constantly endeavor to incite men to be self-reliant and independent.

As a loyal Soldier of the Scottish Rite we promised to perform all our duties as a Scottish Rite Mason. We promised not to be absent from the meetings without valid reasons, and when we cannot attend, not to withhold our contribution for the Box of Fraternal Assistance.

Finally, as a Master of the Royal Secret we promised not to disclose the secret work, rituals or ceremonies of the Rite to anyone not entitled to receive them. That in any Masonic matters, our actions will not be influenced by political or religious differences of opinion or by commotions in the state, revolution, or civil war. And finally, that if we have a complaint against any part of the hierarchy of the Rite, we will keep it within the bounds of the Rite, and not express it in any way to the profane or to Masons not of the Rite.

Such is a brief summary of our promises as Masters of the Royal Secret, which is just one of the obligations we have assumed in Masonry.

### **Current Year Membership Statistical Changes**

*Accurate As Of: 10/20/2022 2:00:11 AM*

<b>January 1 Total</b>	<b>1131</b>
<b>Gains</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Losses</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Current Lodge Membership</b>	<b>1118</b>

## 2022 Conference Recap

Ill. Peter E. Terrill

As I write this note we have just concluded a beautiful fall weekend at the 2022 Virginia Scottish Rite Conference, hosted by the Valley of Norfolk. As always, we were treated to several productive days of discussions about growing our Valleys, presentations on Masonic education, and of course, fun and fellowship. After Friday lunch, we heard three great talks, “*Thoughts on Building a Healthy Valley*”, “*Orient Membership*,” and “*Membership Retention*,” all of which focused on membership trends and strengthening our relationships with the Brethren. Friday evening featured the usual banquet, followed by social time in the various Valley hospitality suites. Lady Linda Beckner and Bro. Mike Taldo, KCCH, both worked hard all weekend to ensure that Alexandria’s suite was well-stocked with snacks, desserts, and a wonderful selection of American, Irish, and Scotch whiskies (an amenity for which our Valley is well known).

Saturday morning featured the usual business meeting of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, at the conclusion of which our own Bro. Allen Beckner, KCCH, was elected and installed President for the ensuing year. Saturday also saw Ill. Phil Rhodes, 33°, IGH, conclude his term as President of the Virginia Scottish Rite Foundation (our charitable arm that funds RiteCare, etc.), and the election of Bro. Timmy Shrum, KCCH, to the Foundation’s board as our Alexandria representative.

Congratulations to Brothers Allen, Phil, and Timmy! Our Valley was also announced as a recipient of the VMAP Achievement Award for 2021 (one of three Valleys in Virginia); Alexandria has received the VMAP award in every year since its inception in 2015. Following lunch, the Norfolk Valley exemplified the 22<sup>nd</sup> Degree in costume. In the evening, attendees enjoyed a formal banquet with entertainment provided by the Strolling Silver Strings, a group of premier students from the five Norfolk-area high schools. Later in the evening we all again enjoyed fellowship in the Valley hospitality suites, socializing and sharing fun times with our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Virginia.

The location of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia rotates each year among the eight Scottish Rite Valleys in the Orient, and in 2023 it will be Alexandria Valley’s turn to host. As the Conference’s new President, Bro. Beckner will be responsible for planning and executing the event, which is scheduled for September 28–30, 2023. The events will start on the evening of Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, with a dinner cruise down the Potomac on the stern-wheeled riverboat *Cherry Blossom* open to *all* Brethren and their ladies. The conference will occur at the Hilton Mark Center on Friday and Saturday and is a great way to network with Masons from around the state and make new fraternal connections. As a reminder: the cost of the evening banquets are covered by our Valley, so there is no better way to join your fellow Scottish Rite Brethren in good and pleasant settings of hospitality and fellowship. Look for further updates on 2023’s event on the website [www.vascottishrite.org](http://www.vascottishrite.org) and consider how you can get involved throughout the year.



Cherry Blossom  
Stern-wheeled Riverboat  
September 28, 2023



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



# The 2023 Budget

J. Patrick Weyant, Jr., 33°, Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

Here is the draft budget for next year that will be presented at the November meeting and will be voted on at the December meeting.

### Alexandria Scottish Rite Proposed Operating Budget

Category	Approved	Actual	Projected	PROPOSED
	2022	Thru 30 Sept	(9+3) 2022	2023
<b>Estimated Income</b>	<b>\$221,925.00</b>	<b>\$174,793.10</b>	<b>\$235,840.80</b>	<b>\$226,575.00</b>
Dues	\$107,600.00	\$79,064.62	\$105,419.49	\$112,500.00
Fees	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 4,175.00	\$8,350.00	\$ 8,525.00
Rent	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 62,926.00	\$83,901.33	\$ 81,000.00
LMIP Earnings interest	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 12,542.48	\$16,723.31	\$ 16,775.00
Dinner	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,010.00	\$4,013.33	\$ 3,775.00
Misc	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 13,075.00	\$17,433.33	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Admin. Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,000.00</b>	<b>\$66,078.11</b>	<b>\$83,934.44</b>	<b>\$78,700.90</b>
Salaries	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 25,108.78	\$33,478.37	\$ 31,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,058.81	\$2,745.08	\$ 2,700.00
Telephone + IT	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,359.01	\$12,478.68	\$ 10,000.90
Postage and Mailing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,099.92	\$2,799.89	\$ 2,500.00
Printing	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 7,596.97	\$10,129.29	\$ 12,000.00
Audit	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 9,209.12	\$9,209.12	\$ 2,500.00
Taxes-Stormwater Utility Fee	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,345.50	\$9,794.00	\$ 14,700.00
<b>Building &amp; Operating</b>	<b>\$ 83,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,455.73</b>	<b>\$97,516.50</b>	<b>\$ 83,500.00</b>
Insurance	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 25,273.41	<b>\$25,273.41</b>	\$ 16,000.00
Utilities	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,124.83	\$33,499.77	\$ 37,500.00
Security	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 3,153.00	\$4,204.00	\$ 6,000.00
Maintenance & repairs	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,904.49	\$34,539.32	\$ 24,000.00
<b>Philanthropic</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>
Education	\$ 200.00	-	-	\$ 200.00
Teacher of the Year	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,650.00
Members - dues remitted	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
<b>Contributions &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$29,095.00</b>	<b>\$4,762.69</b>	<b>\$26,189.51</b>	<b>\$28,425.00</b>
Supreme Council - Cap	\$ 27,170.00	\$ 4,077.86	\$ 24,389.51	\$ 26,500.00
Supreme Council - Candi	\$ 900.00	\$ 684.83	\$ 775.00	\$ 900.00
SR Conf of VA	\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
GWMNM	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
<b>Dinners/Refreshments</b>	<b>\$14,450.00</b>	<b>\$10,382.96</b>	<b>\$13,560.59</b>	<b>\$16,450.00</b>
Meetings & Installation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,752.57	\$4,690.71	\$ 5,000.00
SR Conf & Workshops	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 2,660.00	\$2,660.00	\$ 4,750.00
Feast of Tishri	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00	\$ 300.00
Blue Lodge Relations	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$1,380.00	\$ 1,200.00
Reunions	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,739.19	\$3,478.38	\$ 4,000.00
Ladies Nights	\$ 500.00		\$500.00	\$ 600.00
Special Events - Picnic	\$ 600.00	\$ 551.20	\$551.50	\$ 600.00
<b>General Items</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,339.19</b>	<b>\$6,809.19</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
Degrees, Robes, etc	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 984.19	\$984.19	\$ 1,500.00
Transportation	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$4,800.00	\$ 6,000.00
33 & KCCH investiture	\$ 1,800.00			\$ 1,800.00
SR Conference Host	\$ 700.00			\$ 3,700.00
14th degree rings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 755.00	\$1,025.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$217,595.00</b>	<b>\$167,518.68</b>	<b>\$229,510.24</b>	<b>\$223,825.90</b>
Income over Expenses	\$4,330.00		\$6,330.56	\$ 2,749.10

## 2022 Children's Language & Literacy Conference in St Louis, Missouri

Timmy E. Shrum, KCCH,



We truly are making a difference, and that was recently reinforced at the Scottish Rite's 2022 Children's Language & Literacy Conference that I attended in St Louis, Missouri on behalf of Alexandria Valley. The conference, hosted by the Orient of Missouri, included Children's Language and Literacy, RiteCare, and Children's Dyslexia Centers. I want to extend a special thanks to our Valley Leadership for encouraging me to attend the conference; the conference provided a good understanding of the wide array of Language and Dyslexia services that are delivered in the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction (SJ) and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ). The NMJ focuses exclusively on Children's Dyslexia services, whereas the SJ spans Language Services and helps children communicate through its Rite Care program. The SJ also has many clinics and other programs that help children communicate and that provide Dyslexia Services; one of those is the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital that provides remote Dyslexia services and supports the Plano, Texas Schools. The Washington DC Valley also has a clinic at Children's National Medical Center.

I attended sessions on how to work with donors, another with Sovereign Grand Commander (SGC) Cole describing tips and techniques for working with Foundations, plus a third session on Dyslexia, a fourth on Autism, and a fifth entitled "How to make a dollar out of fifteen cents" about how to grow the financial return on charitable activities. Finally, SGC Cole, Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG) Robert W. Cockerham of Missouri, Most Worshipful Ty G. Treutelaar, Grand Master of Masons in Missouri and Illustrious and Most Worshipful Walter F Wheeler (Michigan PGM 2006-07 as well as the NMJ Director Of Charities), held a panel entitled "A Vision for a National Children's Charity."

I found this panel discussion fascinating given the diverse types of language services provided by the Scottish Rite. The panel outlined the challenges associated with achieving such a vision and then communicating that vision to the public and throughout the Orients of the Southern Jurisdiction. However, the panel also wanted to hear challenges and ideas on what is happening in the various parts of the SJ with the delivery of language services. In summary, the Supreme Councils of the SJ and the NMJ are working together on the Vision for a National Charity. The Supreme Council, SJ, is also working on how better to communicate to our members and to the public, what we do with our language charities. To paraphrase SGC Cole, "We help children communicate."

In summary, thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference on behalf of the Valley; I was able to make contacts and to learn more about what we as Scottish Rite Masons do to help children communicate, and to increase my knowledge on fundraising and foundation boards.

## Secretary's Southeast Corner

III. David C. Morris, 33° General Secretary



### ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours. M-F 10:00 am – 3:30 pm, Call the office first - 703 998-9044.

### We will hold a "1 Day Reunion Class" on Saturday, April 22, 2023

Plan now to invite your Blue Lodge Brothers to join the Scottish Rite and who would like even more light in Masonry. Petitions are available on our website at alexandriascottishrite.org or ask for the Secretary for a copy. Our SGIG, Illustrious & Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, 33°, G.C. will present a "Special Necktie" to any member who is a 1<sup>st</sup> line signer on 5 Petitions.

### Do we have your correct EMAIL ADDRESS?

This is especially important for our monthly meetings and for email announcements. If you have not been receiving Email notices, we don't have a "Good" email address for you. Please forward any updates to [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)

### OFFICERS FOR 2023

**Would you like to Serve as an Officer in one of our Four Bodies, in 2023?**

Please contact the Valley office or one of the current Heads of one of the Bodies.

### It's DUES TIME

Every member in Good Standing should have received his 2023 Dues Notice. If you are current on your dues for 2022, this notice also included your 2023 Dues Card. Please make your payment by December 31, 2022.

If there are any Problems with your payment amount or your card. PLEASE contact the Valley Office. We can help you to solve the problem.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER 2022

November 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Dinner

**Reservations by COB – Nov 2**

Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**ELECTIONS in C of K & CRC**

(Council of Kadosh, Chapter Rose Croix, & Lodge of Perfection)

November 11 – VETERANS DAY

November 11-12

Grand Lodge Of Virginia

Grand Annual Communication

Short Pump, Richmond, VA

November 24 – THANKSGIVING DAY

### DECEMBER 2022

December 9 – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting

Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**ELECTIONS in Consistory & LOP**

(Consistory, & Lodge of Perfection)

December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

December 26 – HOLIDAY Office Closed

December 30 – HOLIDAY Office Closed

### JANUARY 2023

January 1, 2023 - New Years Day

January 2 – HOLIDAY Office Closed

January 13– 6:00 p.m.

**Awards Dinner & Installation of Officers for 2023**

Pre-Meeting Dinner

**Reservations by COB – Jan 11**

**Short Meeting**

(Lodge of Perfection)

January 16 HOLIDAY

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

January 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

January 25 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Club Meeting

Spurmont Lodge –

Spurmont, VA

**NOTE: Meeting date**

**change**—1st Friday,

**November 4, 2022**

Because the Grand Lodge of Virginia meets on the 2nd Friday.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please notify the Secretary immediately of any change  
of address, phone number, or email address. This is  
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Rite Journal and other publications and correspond-  
ence without delay.

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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.

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**STATED MEETINGS**

**Alexandria Lodge of Perfection**

Second Friday of each month  
FRANK T. ANTHONY, KCCH  
Venerable Master

**Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix**

Second Friday  
February, March, July, November  
JASON M. HIMSEY, KCCH  
Wise Master

**Alexandria Council of Kadosh**

Second Friday  
February, April, July, November  
JOHN M. SUIT, KCCH  
Commander

**Alexandria Consistory**

Second Friday  
April, August, October, December  
EDWARD E. C. WILKINSON, JR.  
Master of Kadosh

