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# Scottish Rite Bulletin

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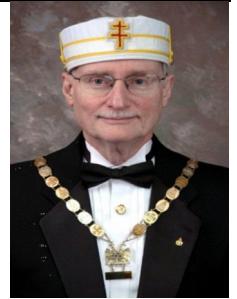


## *Personal Representative's Message*

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

### Thoughts for a Difficult Time

It is hard to have experienced the past several months without thinking seriously about the precarious state of our lives. For most of us, everything seemed to be going well and then, suddenly, human contact was dangerous, we were told to stay home and to wear masks and gloves if we had to go out. Many lost their jobs and their income. We knew gold and jewelry were precious, but toilet paper and hand sanitizer? More devastating, loved ones died, and family and friends could not be at their side. Funerals were delayed and others conducted without friends being able to be present to pay their respects.



Still, our society functioned because so many people rose to the occasion. Our police and firefighters stayed on the job. Our trash was collected, our grocery stores were open, and our transit workers continued on the job, while truckers and warehouse workers kept the supply chain operating. Food banks continued to serve those who were hungry. Facilities for the elderly continued to operate, and doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and the myriad of others responsible for keeping our health care system running continued to come to work day after day in the face of very real danger, and sometimes without the equipment they needed. Masons and their families are no different. They and countless other people decided they could help and collected food to give to struggling food pantries, offered to do food shopping for elderly Brethren and neighbors, and donated much needed blood.

Masons who formerly groused about “another Masonic meeting” found how much they missed the face-to-face camaraderie with their Brethren, and gratefully participated in on-line meetings that allowed them to see and talk with Brethren and share experiences.

Making sense of how our lives have been disrupted by a virus is not easy, but there are lessons and inspiration to be found in our Scottish Rite degrees.

We read in *A Bridge to Light* that the fifth degree, Perfect Master, teaches the practice of honesty and industry so that upon death, whenever that should be, others may look upon us and we may look upon ourselves, as having accomplished as much as possible.

I suggest that the philosophical underpinning of this degree is social virtue. We do not live for ourselves and in a vacuum, but should have a larger concern for the necessities of the world. In a talk by our D.C. Brethren, it is pointed out that the degree focuses us on altruism, the prevailing care in our heart for the welfare of others. This starts with the virtues of honesty, sincerity, and good faith, which implies purity of intent, total truthfulness, and faithfulness to commitments, equity, justice, and self-sacrificing charity. This requires constantly struggling against our own selfish interests to focus on our duty to our fellow men and to Deity. Once this authority over ourselves has been restored, our industry and good deeds are the best way of forgetting ourselves through service to others, which is also a way to express our responsibility to our posterity and our debt to our predecessors. Circling back to the point made in *A Bridge to Light*, by doing so, man lives well that he may die well in innocence and purity for the salvation and glory of his eternal soul.

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There is similar guidance in the eighth degree. Relevant to our present situation, we read in *A Bridge to Light* that “when God lets loose...a sickness...then the calamity sits heavy on us. But if we know how to manage a noble principle...we may...smile at the reverses of fortune and the ill-nature of Fate.” We further read that “there will always be in this world wrongs to forgive, suffering to alleviate, sorrow asking for sympathy, necessities, and destitution to relieve, and ample occasion for the exercise of active charity and beneficence.” To be an Intendant of the Building in symbolic Freemasonry, we must labor in human quarries, promoting works of charity and benevolence, and viewing ourselves as the almoner of God’s bounty recognizing all men as our brothers. Liberality, benevolence, compassion, and charity are antidotes to the inevitable wrongs, suffering, sorrow, poverty, and need in this world; and, if we resolve to play a role and do what we can, we certainly will make things better.

As important as are the lessons in our Scottish Rite degrees, more important is our faith and trust in God. And, in this regard, I would share with you something I received from Bill Haynes, the 2019-2020 National President of National Sojourners. He tells the story that one Sunday morning at a small southern church the new pastor called on one of the older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour either. But after you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits!

The deacon didn’t stop there. “Lord,” he said, “help us realize when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After You get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.”

I join with Bill Haynes in saying that I know that with our prayers and, as a result of our combined efforts in helping one another, the world, the United States, and Freemasonry will recover from COVID-19 and become better than ever.

Fraternally,  
*Ed Cohen*

## ***Our Craft Adapting to Today's Society***

Dr. John W. Mitchell, Jr. 32°, Chancellor, Council of Kadosh

The year 2003 proved to be challenging for me. My 90-year-old mother, living alone in the family house according to her wishes, was starting to fail. We both knew it. I was the only family available to assist. So after work and on weekends, as often as possible, I drove the thirty miles to help pay bills, sort her medications, buy groceries, and do the odd jobs that were no longer within her capabilities.

There proved to be a positive to this as we had a great deal of time to talk, to converse in a joyful and fruitful way about a life well lived. We spoke in a different way than we had when I was still her “little boy.” We reminisced, and talked philosophically with frankness and honesty.

One day I asked “what is the greatest change you have seen during your lifetime?” She quickly responded: “communications.” Indeed, that was a terrific answer when you look back to 1912, her birth year or “year of the Titanic” as she frequently reminded me. Telephones were not nearly as convenient to use, radio was still in the process of becoming mainstream and not found in many households, there was no television, computers, etc. Much communication came from newspapers or just word of mouth after significant delay.

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As my age has advanced, I have contemplated how to answer a similar question should an individual of a younger generation ask it. Certainly, communications would continue to be a reasonable answer. But I am inclined to mention the change in civility that has occurred during my lifetime. In the forties and fifties, we were taught to respect our elders, and in the south we said “yes sir” or “yes ma’am.” We held the door for ladies, raised our hands before speaking, kept our elbows off the table, and the like. We considered what others were saying without interrupting and had civil conversations when expressing differing opinions. In short, we were more polite, more respectful, more considerate and kind to others.

It might be appropriate to point out that society in the forties and fifties did have many imperfections. Segregation and racism cast a shadow over America. Drug abuse was not as prevalent, but a higher percentage smoked. Many Americans lived in poverty as compared to our more affluent modern society. There are further examples, but people did treat each other with more civility.

Today's society is rampant with episodes of incivility. Teachers report their students using electronic devices rather than paying attention in class. Many children sass and talk back to their elders. Drivers tailgate if they think we are not going fast enough, cut in line, curse you and flick you off for minor annoyances. If you express a political opinion, you are sure to be rebuked, often with derogatory language. Our political leaders demean their opponents and even tear up copies of their speeches. I could list so many examples.

It is a wonderful change to enter a Masonic Lodge or Temple where Brothers smile and are happy to greet you. Everyone shows respect and kindness. Colorful language is not heard. And, of course, political differences are not discussed. Our lodges provide peace and tranquility where the turmoil of outside life can be avoided and forgotten for a while. We can relax, recharge our batteries, and prepare to reenter the fray when we leave.

When we speak of civility, we are talking about much more than politeness and good manners. We are referring to the general way we treat each other as we go through the routines of daily life. We are civilized when we follow standards of behavior that promote positive relationships. We follow rules of behavior necessary for a shared community to prosper. If we are moral people, we recognize standards for the good of everyone. Thus, civility is more than good manners; it is a strong component of morality.

Many theories have been advanced to explain the decrease of civility and morality over the past five or six decades. Some suggest that technological advances play a large role. They explain that when we communicate by texting, emailing, or even speaking over the phone, we don't make eye contact or observe body language. These are important when attempting to understand others and give them proper consideration and respect.

Others suggest that civility suffers when we take part in activities without interacting with people. They point out that many drive solo when commuting to work or when running their errands. This makes them feel anonymous and isolated in an environment which requires less politeness and less consideration of others. It may lead to seeing other drivers as competitors. Also, they point to the long hours spent by many watching television and playing video games. This limits their interaction with friends and family, and exposes them to violence and bad behavior.

Decrease in civility might be attributed to the political climate in our country. National political debates demonstrate crude discourse, mocking and name calling both in the legislative and in the executive branches of government. These are the leaders that our country looks to as examples of good behavior. Mass media stokes this atmosphere by sensationalizing the news and slanting reporting to fit their bias. All this promotes anger and emotional response which leads to incivility.

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It is suggested that civility has waned due to a decline in the societal structure that has sustained moral norms. Change of family life is of particular import. More children are reared in one-parent families, or in a home where both parents work, which results in less time for moral teaching and the modeling of civil behavior. Pediatricians have noticed a decrease in parenting skills. Brought up by our ubiquitous welfare system, we have a generation of young folks that feel entitled to be spoon-fed by others, not taking responsibility for themselves. There is less attendance of religious institutions which have served as teachers of moral and civil behavior.

When our nation suffers decreased civility among its citizens, our people lose respect for each other. The quality of our life deteriorates. High emotions and anger ensue. Violence is more prevalent. The fabric which holds our society together fragments and our democracy is weakened.

It will be interesting to look back on the COVID-19 pandemic in a few years to determine how it has changed civility in our country. Attempts at mitigation with staying at home, social distancing, wearing masks, and more, have been ignored by some. Groups of teens and young adults have collected on the beaches, a food-fest was well attended in Washington D.C., a few churches have continued to hold services, many people continue to travel, and some refuse to wear masks in the grocery store. But most of the population has been compliant. Staying home and communicating electronically has reminded us that we are all human and that we all share this beautiful planet together. Hopefully, we will remember this and treat each other with more compassion and respect when the crisis is over.

How to bring more civility back to our culture is a complicated question. Surely, we need to increase parenting skills and provide civility training in our educational programs. Our religious leaders are striving to find ways to reverse trends and bring people back to their places of worship where moral lessons can be taught. There are movements in our country to reintroduce respect and tolerance to our national politics and news reporting.

Freemasonry has an opportunity to play a role in these efforts. Our fraternity differs from service clubs, and organizations like the Chamber of Commerce in that our goal is to make good men better men through our ritual and degree work. We stress friendship, morality and brotherly love, and make these the foundation of our teaching and our endeavors. The charge at the end of the first degree instructs a new Brother to act "upon the square," and do "unto him as you wish he should do unto you." Further, it advises him to avoid censure or reproach in his outward demeanor. Lessons in civility are taught when the candidate stands in the Northeast corner in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Also, it is taught in the Fellowcraft Degree when he climbs the winding stairway and receives the Master's presentation from the East. All this encourages being respectful, tolerant and civil to others.

Many of our lodges sponsor youth programs which teach proper behavior, respect for others, and good citizenship. These groups raise the moral compass of adolescents at a formative time in their lives. It is difficult to replace the value of family experience and good parenting, but the DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters provide excellent guidance.

Freemasonry provides the type of training that is necessary to combat our national decline in civility. As such, we should bring our organization more to the forefront and make the public aware of our values and our teachings. We should strive to be models of kindness and civility. We might consider sponsoring programs in our communities to reward good citizenship and exemplary behavior. Also, we need to be sure we represent ourselves with these values in our communities. We should do this at all times, and most especially when we have a Masonic emblem on our car or clothing. In short, Masonry can be on the front lines of the war against incivility.

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The Masonic teachings on morality, on the doing of what is good and right, should be what people call to mind when the public thinks of Freemasonry. It is our creed and our core belief. This should be our image rather than the picture of some occult, secretive organization which is the perception of so many. It should be common knowledge that the philosophy of our fraternity is a force in fighting against incivility.

A Mason knows that being civil to others is the right thing to do. If we have to question whether something is right or wrong, we just do not do it. Acting civil provides us with an inner peace, and helps us achieve a balanced life in moral harmony. It brings us a step closer to that equilibrium for which we strive.

Respectfully,  
John Mitchell

## *Master of Kadosh's Message*

Ronald J. Leibfreid, 32°, Master of Kadosh, Alexandria Consistory

### **Staying Safe during COVID-19**

I want to discuss several aspects of safety that are relevant right now. Mainly, awareness of cybercrime activity, identifying misinformation/bad information, and potential privacy concerns with upcoming contact tracing systems.

**Cybercrime:** As stated in numerous quotes and old press articles, the 2008-2009 economic downturn saw a very large increase in cybercrime. Cybercrime does not require proximity to the victim, does not involve overpowering the victim, and abstracts the perpetrator of the crime from the harm being inflicted. For these reasons, the barriers to engaging in such activity are low for would-be cybercriminals. The COVID-19 Pandemic has certainly created an environment that is leading to a rise in associated crime/cybercrime. It is serious enough that the US Department of Justice (DOJ) has a special website dedicated to combatting Coronavirus fraud.

<https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus>

#### **Press reports:**

#### **US recession fuels crime rise, police chiefs say, Reuters, January 2009.**

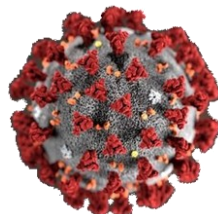
*"Crime has increased during every recession since the late 1950s, sociologists said."*

*"There has long been debate over the connection between crime and the economy, but criminologists and police chiefs interviewed by Reuters in October (2008) predicted a rise in crimes as the United States sinks into deeper recession."*

#### **Report says online crime surging in recession, Reuters, March 2009.**

*"Fraud on the internet reported to U.S. authorities increased by 33 percent last year, rising for the first time in three years, and is surging this year as the recession deepens, federal authorities said on Monday."*

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### **From the DOJ website:**

**“Fraud Alert:** Be aware that criminals are attempting to exploit COVID-19 worldwide through a variety of scams.

- Be cautious of unsolicited healthcare fraud schemes of testing and treatment through emails, phone calls, or in person. The U.S. have medical professionals and scientists working hard to find a cure, approved treatment, and vaccines for COVID-19. [Learn more about what to avoid](#)
- Be on the lookout for an increase in cryptocurrency fraud schemes including but not limited to blackmail attempts, work from home scams, paying for non-existent treatments or equipment, or investment scams. [Read more on how to report these scams](#)
- Be wary of unsolicited telephone calls and e-mails from individuals claiming to be Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Treasury employees. Remember IRS first form of communications is by mail - not by phone. [Learn more about fraudulent schemes related to IRS](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is actively combatting all sorts of crime related to COVID-19, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has identified and blocked more than 3,500 coronavirus-related malicious domains and email addresses since the start of the pandemic.

It is recommended to keep tabs on the official government notifications both in the news and on their respective sites during this time. Staying informed is critical!

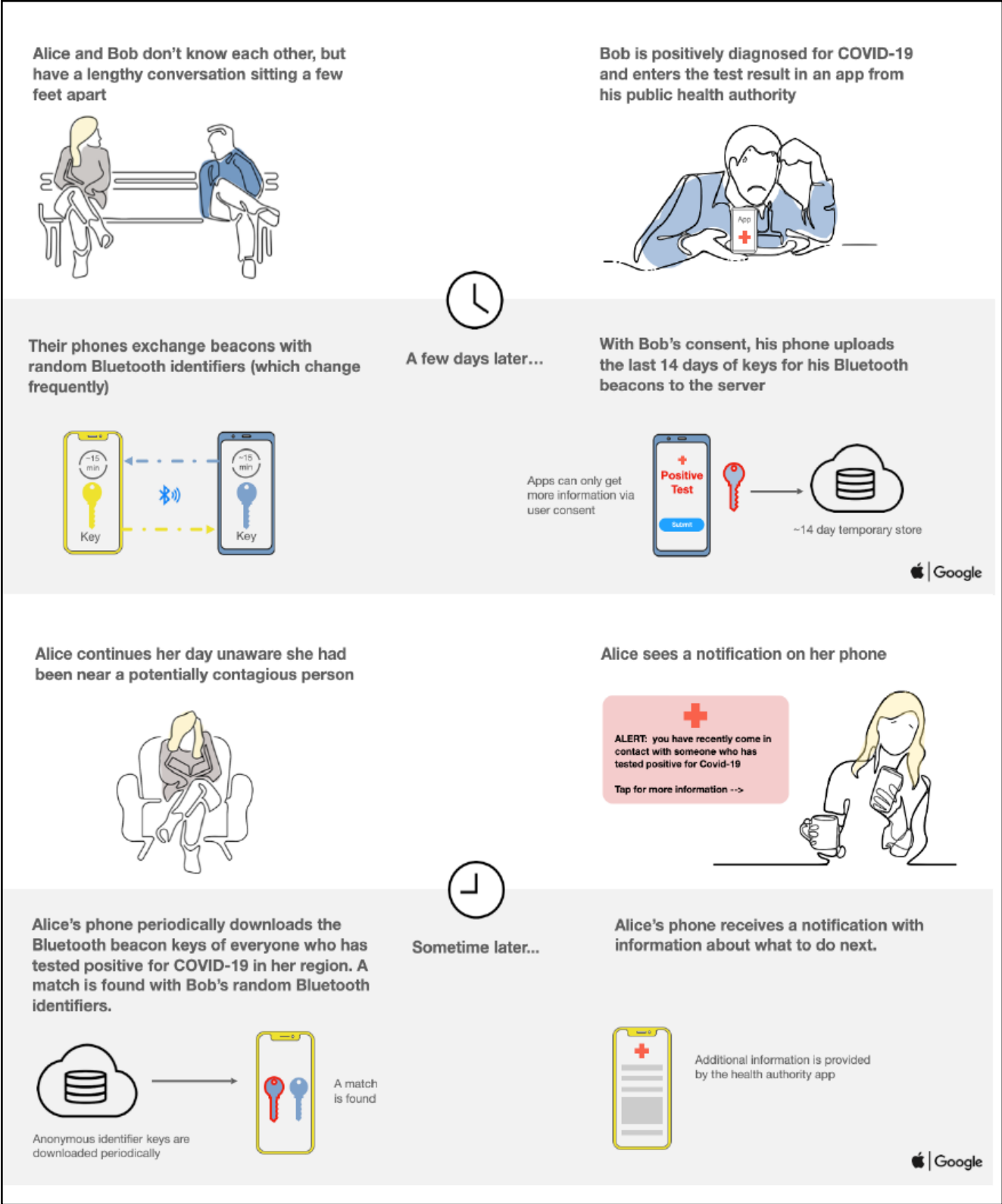
**Misinformation:** We have all experienced the frustration surrounding the uncertainty of COVID-19 information. Due to the novelty of this pandemic, information and guidance that might initially appear accurate has too often turned out to be false later (and sometimes even flipped again to be deemed true). What can we do to guard ourselves from acting based on poor information? Leverage technology to be the powerful tool that it is! Imagine that you're a reporter, and that you need to vet a claim before you're able to publish it. Do some sleuthing on Google and dig deeper than the first few returned items in the search results. You may also Google using whatever search string would match for the claims/news you intend to vet, and then append “hoax” or “scam” to the end of it. If there is any publicized information that can refute it, you'll be able to easily review any corresponding search results. Remember, be skeptical and use technology to your advantage.

**Privacy concerns with Contact Tracing:** Apple and Google announced a joint solution that was implemented in mid-to-late-May. If you have an iPhone, the iOS 13.5 update in mid-May added Exposure Notification. Google also added Exposure Notification to Google Play Services to enable this functionality on Android 6.0+ devices. While the solution hides the identity of users from Apple and Google, the first iteration requires a mobile application issued by a public health authority to make this fully functional. Public health authorities have engaged with Apple to write compliant tracking apps that users can download and use in conjunction with the underlying Apple/Google capability. It is unknown how much (if any) personal information might be at risk from the public health authority apps because at the time of writing, these apps do not exist and cannot be evaluated.

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The following graphic highlighting the system is from Apple's FAQ which is available for review on the Apple website. <https://covid19-static.cdn-apple.com/applications/covid19/current/static/contact-tracing/pdf/ExposureNotification-FAQv1.1.pdf>



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It appears that maintaining privacy has been a core priority with this system.

Several features worth noting:

- It is opt-in, and can be turned off at any time
- The system does not collect location data from the device, and does not share the identities of other users to each other, Google or Apple
- Exposure notification is only done on device and under the user's control
- People who test positive are not identified by the system to other users, or to Apple or Google
- The system is only used for contact tracing by public health authorities
- Google and Apple will disable the exposure notification system on a regional basis when it is no longer needed

At the time of this writing, many countries are staking their reopening plans on COVID tracking apps. Some are making the use of apps mandatory, while others plan to hold back meaningful reopening measures until "widespread" app adoption. Even citizens of countries who will not require them to use an app to track their whereabouts may find they will need to do so if they wish to access certain public settings (malls or restaurants for example). It will be interesting to see how the US proceeds, but at least the Apple/Google system is decentralized and seemingly the best current option.

Everyone must make their own decision regarding whether or not to participate, but systems like this will yield benefits as we work to end this pandemic.

Stay safe.

Fraternally,

*Ron Leibfreid*

### **Biography of Ronald J. Leibfreid**

*Master of Kadosh, Alexandria Consistory*

I was born on April 5, 1972, in Pittsburgh, PA. My father and mother were both educators and are now retired living in Long Island, NY. I have a sister, Laura, who is two years younger and lives in Brooklyn with her family.



Growing up I played baseball, soccer, and had a short stint swimming. I did a lot with music in school, playing piano and trumpet in band, orchestra, and jazz band. I was the Student Director (drum major) of the marching band my senior year. I also had some musical groups that I participated in while I was in High School. I always had an interest in computers and electronics which continues to this day. I was a Boy Scout and became an Eagle Scout.

I attended Virginia Tech from 1990-1994 and graduated with an undergraduate degree. I moved to Northern Virginia in the mid-90s during the Internet boom and joined a company by the name of UUNET. It was the first commercial Internet Service Provider, and later through various acquisitions became part of what is now Verizon. I worked there for 11 years and held a number of positions, mainly doing engineering and consulting. After leaving, I spent the next 11 years working for cyber security software vendors, and for the past 2.5 years I have been doing business development for the largest Data Center REIT in the world.

I live in Arlington, VA and I enjoy cigars, music, photography, food, and cooking. I became a Mason in 2012 when I joined Henry Lodge No. 57 in Fairfax, VA. I became a member of the Alexandria Valley shortly thereafter in the spring of 2013. I am the Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew, and I'm slated to be the Chief later this year. I have speaking parts in the 20th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees. I was Worshipful Master of Henry Lodge in 2017, and Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge in 2018.

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## ***Master of Kadosh's Biography***

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I am also a member of Cincinnatus Lodge No. 76 in the District of Columbia, and I will be Worshipful Master there next year. I am also a Royal Arch Mason in Fauquier Chapter 25 and the Grand Photographer for the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and was nominated to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia near the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

I am looking forward to getting back to business as usual and spending time with all of you!

## ***Future Plans***

Edmund Cohen, 33°



Following our historic first ever on-line May Valley meeting, we had a second on-line Valley meeting on Friday, 12 June, at 7:30 p.m. Once again we had interesting programs, announcements, and an opportunity for Brethren to share issues and experiences. We invited Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Jim Cole, 33°, our Deputy in Virginia Ill. Alan Adkins, 33°, G.:C.:., and our Grand Master M.W. Doug Jones, 33° to the meeting so everyone had an opportunity to ask them questions and to hear their guidance on moving forward. Given current uncertainties, we will need to be flexible as to what events will stay on the calendar in July.

Although the on-line meetings are necessary since we cannot now have in-person meetings, there is an upside. They provide many of our Scottish Rite Brethren who live too far from the Valley to attend in-person meetings, and others who do not drive at night, an opportunity to participate. Accordingly, even when we are able to get back to our regular in-person meeting schedule, we will try to find a way to have part of our regular Valley meetings open to on-line participation. That way more of the Brethren can benefit from the educational presentations and maintain a closer connection with what the Valley is doing.

## ***Report on 2020 Scholarship Program***

Harold Chadsey, KCCH, Chairman, Valley Scholarship Committee

During these times of social distancing and everyone trying to predict how society will function in the future, several things will not change. Among these things are that society will continue and people will continue to pursue higher education.

While our youth, and especially our graduating High School Seniors and those in college, may feel uncertain of the future, they do have the hope of continuing their education and making this a better world to live in. It is with that spirit of hope that the Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite (ASR) is honored to announce that it has completed the evaluation and awarding of this year's Glass Scholarship program which is available to undergraduate students. We received applications from members representing each of our Masonic Youth Organizations (i.e., DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow), some with a Masonic relative in our Scottish Rite Valley and others not. The members of the scholarship committee want to congratulate these ten very intelligent and promising students planning to attend at least six different higher education institutions. Each person has displayed leadership skills through their participation in multiple activities and have the potential to be great future community leaders. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge of Virginia has been delayed in taking action on their scholarship applications due to the COVID-19 close-down mandates within the Commonwealth. The scholarship committee will be taking action on awarding the Bayliss Scholarships as soon as we receive the applications from the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Scholarship Committee.



The ASR Scholarship committee wants to thank all those who applied for the scholarships, congratulate the awardees, and encourage all members to encourage their sons, daughters and grandchildren preparing to go to college to apply in 2021. The 2021 scholarship applications will be due to ASR by 31 March 2021.

## ***Charity Bourbon Tasting Event on August 8 at Hay Market Lodge***

Timmy E. Shrum, KCCH, Chairman, Valley Philanthropic Committee

The Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy Committee, in conjunction with Hay Market Lodge and Tobaccology, are sponsoring a fund-raising event for children with speech defects on Saturday, August 8, at 5 p.m. Tobaccology is located at 6710 Madison Street, Haymarket, Virginia.

Please join us for a COVID-19 busting fun time. Finger food, cigars and a Bourbon tasting are included for a \$40 per person donation. This event will be held outside under a tent, but given that it will be a Virginia summertime event, dress appropriately for the weather. Masonic hat's and sunscreen encouraged. In the event of inclement weather or extreme heat, we will move the venue inside.

Seating is limited, but there are still seats available. You may register and pay at the following URL: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/vsrf/2020tasting>.

If you have trouble registering, please contact Brother Mike Taldo at [taldomike@gmail.com](mailto:taldomike@gmail.com) or (443) 271-6308.

Fraternally  
Tim Shrum

## ***The Alexandria Valley Budget and Finance Committee***

J. Patrick Weyant, 33°, Chairman

During this time of social distancing, Zoom meeting and the inability to meet in the Valley, it is somewhat difficult to stay informed. It is to that end that this article is presented on the status of the Alexandria Scottish Rite 2020 Budget.



On our first Zoom call in April, Illustrious Dave Morris, 33° reported our income is less than what we expected and certainly less than this time last year. Due to the loss of rental income, our overall income may be off by as much as 25%. This is a result of our Blue Lodges, the appendant bodies, and others who normally use our facility are unable to do so, and are paying a fraction of their rent. However, we need to recognize our income is not just dependent on just those items as our only source of revenue. We still have other rental income that has continued, as well as the investment income from the LMIP Fund and our Dues. All of which remain strong.

Considering the other side of the equation, with less use of the building to include our own Spring Reunion, expenses such as gas, electricity, meals, and cleaning services are all significantly less than budgeted. Probably, if had not been for an increase in our building insurance and an unexpected boiler repair, our overall expenses would be down even more.

In the final analysis, we are about 3% under budget as suggested by Illustrious O. Neil Marple, 33°. We should consider ourselves lucky that due to the diversity of our income and expenses tied to the use of our building, we are still healthy. By the time this article is published, I would expect our budget situation to be in even better shape.

Brethren, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,  
Pat Weyant

## Secretary's Corner

Ill. David C. Morris, General Secretary

### Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite – Office

The Valley Office is “open” and we are maintaining our regular hours.  
Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please call if we can help you at 703-998-9044.

### CAPS, RINGS, Patents, and Cap Boxes all Reunions thru FALL OF 2019

All items are in and ready to be picked up on meeting nights. If you prefer you can pick them up at another time, please call the office at 703-998-9044 or 703-283-0031.



### 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.

### 2021 DUES UPDATE

For 2021, if you are current on your dues, you will receive your dues card along with your dues statement. Don't forget you still need to make payment by December 31, 2020.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### JULY 2020

July 4 – HOLIDAY  
Independence Day  
(Observed on July 3)



July 10 – 6:00 p.m.  
Executive Council Meeting  
Valley Meeting - 7:30p.m.  
(Council of Kadosh, Chapter  
Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)  
Light meal after meeting

July ?? – 9:00 a.m.  
Annual Visit to JMU  
Childhood Learning  
Center  
Harrisonburg, VA



July 22 - 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Spurmont Lodge—Strasburg  
(Reservations by July 17)

July 25 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
JOINT PICNIC  
KENA & ALEXANDRIA VALLEY  
KENA Shrine Center  
Manassas, VA

### AUGUST 2020

August 8 – 5:00 p.m.  
Charity Bourbon Tasting  
& Cigar Event  
Hay Market Lodge  
Haymarket, VA  
Seating Limited (see Page 10)

August 14 – 6:00 p.m.  
Executive Council Meeting  
Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
(Consistory & Lodge of Perfection)  
Light meal after meeting

August 26 - 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Cassia Lodge—Woodstock  
(Reservations by Aug. 21)

### SEPTEMBER 2020

September 11 – 6:30 p.m.  
Pre-Meeting Dinner  
(Reservations by Sept. 8)  
Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
(Lodge of Perfection)

September 16 – 7:00 p.m.  
Loudoun SR Club  
Location – TBD  
(Reservations by Sept. 11)

September 23 - 6:30 p.m.  
Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Spurmont Lodge—Strasburg  
(Reservations by Sept. 18)



**SCOTTISH RITE BULLETIN**  
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