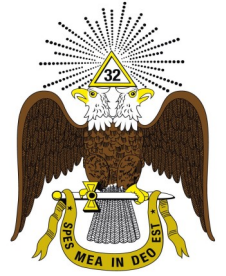




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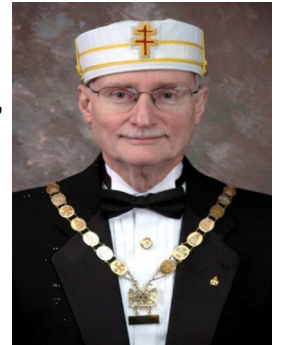
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Personal Representative's Message

Ill. Edmund Cohen, 33° — Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Alexandria

I was reading a short book by Wynn Davis titled *The Best of Success* which is organized under 12 headings which he calls keystones for building a successful life. The 12 that he selected are: belief, courage, desire, excellence, failure, goals, honesty, imagination, love, opportunity, persistence, and responsibility. Under each of these is a series of quotations that further explain its significance. I found these attributes consonant with our Masonic teachings and selected the one quote under each heading that I found particularly relevant and thought about how it related to what we are exposed to in our Scottish Rite Degrees. I also grouped these attributes under two headings: planning and action.



Under planning I would list belief, desire, goals, and imagination.

I start with **belief** and the quote is “We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be. We can have only what we think we can have. What we do, what we are, what we have, all depend upon what we think” (Robert Collier). In Freemasonry we put our trust in God and understand that no matter what our circumstance may be, if instead of focusing on that which holds us back, we focus on the blessings we have and what we can contribute, we will be living our lives in a way that is worthy of that divine spark within us.

Linked with belief is **desire** and the quote is “The greatest trouble with most of us is that our demands upon ourselves are so feeble, the call upon the great within us so weak and intermittent that it makes no impression upon the creative energies; it lacks the force that transmutes desires into realities” (Orison Swett Marden). In the 8th Degree, Intendant of the Building, we are told that we have high duties to perform and a high destiny to fulfill. We are not to sit back and hope that someone else will deal with the problems we see around us, but actively work to improve ourselves, help our Brethren and neighbors, be active in our communities, and prepare a better world for those who will come after us.

The third attribute I would put under planning is **goals** and the passage I liked is: “There is no achievement without goals” (Robert J. McKain). Yogi Berra, the master of the quotable phrase, put it another way “if you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.” So what are our goals as Freemasons? Pike in the 10th Degree, Elu of the Fifteen, tells us that to live a meaningful life there is no higher goal than “to serve and do good to as many as possible.”

And finally under the heading of planning I would offer the attribute of **imagination**. The quote I liked is “First comes thought; then organization of that thought into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination” (Napoleon Hill). Pike notes in his commentary on the 25th Degree, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, that “the mind often needs the excitement of the imagination to rouse it into activity.” All of these quotes make the point that so often people accept what is and do not have the vision to see what could be. With imagination we no longer need be held back by the status quo but can become confident that a change for the better is, indeed, possible.

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Of course planning without action is worthless, and under the rubric of action I put the following attributes: courage, excellence, failure, honesty, love, opportunity, persistence, and responsibility.

I start with **opportunity**: and the quote is: "Problems are only opportunities in work clothes" (Henry J. Kaiser). Masonry repeatedly speaks to our opportunity to do good. There are relevant passages, for example, in the 14th, 16th and 27th Degrees, but the most comprehensive treatment is in Pike's explication of the 4th Degree when he says "Masonry is useful to all men: to the learned, because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention; to the illiterate, because it offers them important instruction; to the young, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation; to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary; to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted, on whom it lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its important, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles, of religion, morality and philanthropy."

The second is **failure**. It may seem strange to include this as a necessary attribute for success, but as Henry Ford said: "Failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again." We can learn from our mistakes and our failures. Indeed, our ritual in the 7th and 15th Degrees teaches that failure often can be the gateway toward progress, improvement, and salvation.

Third, and closely related to failure is **courage**. Winston Churchill once said: "Success is never final, and failure is never fatal; it's courage that counts." The need for courage is sprinkled through our Degrees, for example, in the 11th and 22nd. The problem is that we often do not begin a project because of a fear of failure, or once having tried and failed, fear to try again. Yet we can overcome obstacles if we have the courage to do so. It is only when we persuade ourselves to continue our efforts that we can hope to make progress and finally succeed in our endeavors.

And closely related to courage is **persistence**. "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent" (Calvin Coolidge). If we are to make a difference during our lifetime, not only do we need to have a sense of purpose, we need to be persistent. Indeed, our Degrees speak to persistence as the way to bring real benefit to the world and note that a lack of persistence will lead to failure.

In the planning phase we spoke about need for belief because in order to succeed, you must believe you can. In the action phase the analogous attribute is **responsibility**. Here is a quote that I think makes the point. "Some men have thousands of reasons why they cannot do what they want to, when all they need is one reason why they can" (Willis R. Whitney). Success is within each of us if we will only take charge of our lives, maintain a positive attitude, and refuse to give up.

The last three attributes are **excellence, honesty, and love** which go to motive and capture what I believe to be the essence of Freemasonry. First, what we do must come out of **love**. The quote from William Wordsworth captures so well this Masonic principle: "The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." Second is **honesty**. The quote is from the Roman philosopher Lucius Annaeus Seneca: "There is no right way to do something wrong." And third, is **excellence**: The quote is from Thomas Edison: "If there is a way to do it better – find it."

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What made me feel so good as I went through these attributes is that the Scottish Rite Masons I have met reflect in their actions and their demeanor most, if not all, of these attributes. This is our great strength and why we will have continued appeal to the good men in our communities.

Fraternally,
Ed Cohen

Philanthropy

Timmy E. Shrum, KCCH, Chairman Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy Program

To paraphrase the closing Prayer of a lodge: it is suggested that we should increase daily in Charity. To paraphrase the Webster's dictionary - Charity is described as helping those in need. Webster describes Philanthropy as "an active effort to promote human welfare and/or act for humanitarian purposes." One might draw the conclusion that by helping those in need, you are also promoting human welfare. As we know, the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite has as its Charity, RiteCare. Here is the background on RiteCare.



In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program (SRCLP) clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel.

Below is a great example of a Video of how RiteCare helps Children from the Valley of St. Paul Minnesota. Every time I watch video regarding Charlie Trumbley it brings a tear to the eye.

<http://www.ritecaremsp.org/Charlie and RiteCare>

Seeing what Scottish Rite RiteCare Clinics are doing to help Children inspires me every time. So now let's discuss what we at the Alexandria Valley are doing for Philanthropy with an eye towards our future.

Might I start by saying that the Alexandria Valley has a tremendous Philanthropy program and continues to grow every year, be it new activities to raise money or to help more people. Philanthropy at Alexandria Valley has a bright future. Several years ago the Valley conducted one Fundraiser in the form of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Friends and Family Dinner and distributed Scholarships. Now, the Alexandria Valley has a Philanthropy Committee that tirelessly works to execute the Philanthropy Program for the Valley.

Below you will see the level of activity within the last several years.

- 1) We have as our focus Scottish Rite - RiteCare. The Valley, through its contributions to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia, supports the execution of RiteCare Programs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia designates money in the form of grants to several university RiteCare programs throughout the state and a RiteCare Clinic in Richmond. The universities execute their RiteCare Programs by conducting boot camps and providing fellowships to graduate students to work at the Clinics and/or providing scholarships. In addition, the Richmond RiteCare clinic actually provides treatment for Language Disorders at no cost to Children needing care.

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- 2) We are initiating a Pilot Program in the next several months to maintain a list of items needed by the James Madison University (JMU) Audiology and Speech Clinic. Alexandria Scottish Rite Masons will be afforded the opportunity to donate towards it and or provide complete funding for a given item. The items for the JMU Clinic will help the clinicians help children.
- 3) We also have a robust Scholarship program under the auspices of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy program. This year in 2022 we will fund eighteen scholarships if available. Eight of the scholarships will be for two thousand dollars and ten will be for one thousand dollars.
- 4) We also identify various charity, philanthropy programs in the community that various Alexandria Scottish Rite masons bring to the Philanthropy committee as potential opportunities. Within the last year we donated to food banks. As a result of one of our donations, we now have a Scottish Rite Mason on the board of a Food Rescue program (see the link and look for Rt. Wor. Jim Kraut, KCCH on the website [Our Team – Northern Virginia Food Rescue \(nova-fr.org\)](http://Our Team – Northern Virginia Food Rescue (nova-fr.org))). This provides masons visibility and helps establish our presence in the community. We also presented checks and had pictures of several Scottish Rite brothers on websites, facebook pages and even in a local newspaper article. Any Alexandria Scottish Rite Mason is welcome to contact me with charity ideas. At a minimum we will review it in the Philanthropy Committee and provide a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Valley.
- 5) We have a black-tie Gala that has most recently come to life again post-covid. It will be held on May 21, 2022. The prices for tickets and how to make reservations are provided at the following website Alexandria Scottish Rite/Charity. Over the past several years, the Gala has grown to be an event that every Northern VA Masons wants to attend with his significant other. The event will be held on a Saturday night in Old Town Alexandria. The net proceeds from the last Gala were approximately sixty four thousand dollars. This year's Gala is on track to yield similar great results. As part of the Gala we have an Auction and Bourbon Tasting planned. The proceeds are used to support RiteCare and a small portion has been donated to the House of the Temple in Washington DC for charitable efforts. Please note there are only one hundred eighty seats available, so don't delay.
- 6) We also had our first inaugural Polo fundraising event in August of 2021. It proved to be a fantastic fundraiser that yielded great results. This will now become an annual event. By the time this article is published you will be able to register for this year's Polo event to be held on August 13, 2022 in the Plains VA (home of the Gold Cup). Yes this is actually horse Polo and an incredible opportunity to socialize and enjoy the Polo match.
- 7) We also have Masons Help Kids dri-fit T Shirts available that we sell to support our Philanthropic efforts. On the front of the T Shirts is a Square and Compass and on the back of the T-Shirt is a huge Square and Compass with the phrase "Masons Help Kids "surrounding the Square and Compass. The T-Shirts are only twenty dollars and have helped a lot of kids. You can obtain a T-Shirt by emailing me at ts61416@yahoo.com and providing your size, name and address. I will then contact you when the T-Shirt has arrived and determine method of payment.

We also hold various social events that help raise funds in the form of informal Bourbon, Scotch and Cigar tastings.

The Philanthropy Committee is constantly looking at ways to grow our Philanthropy effort in a thoughtful and prudent way. I am fortunate to have fantastic support from our Valley Leadership. I would be remiss if I did not specifically thank some very key contributors of our Philanthropy Committee. They are Illustrious James Anagnos, 33°, and Sheldon Richmond, 33°, and Brothers Michael Taldo, KCCH, Jason Himsey, KCCH, Ron Craft 32°, Eric LeHew, 32°, Michael Bible, KCCH, Fred Baerenz, 32°; Scott Springer, KCCH, and Dan Froggett, 32°. There are many others who contribute their time and talent to Philanthropy and to everybody who helps, I say thank you.

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So where are we headed? And how can you be a part of a great committee in the Valley to make a difference in someone's life?

You can participate in one of our focus areas:

- 1) Building the necessary administrative structure to support growth in the size and amount of Philanthropy efforts.
- 2) Working with Committee Chairs to make the community aware of the great work that happens in the Alexandria Valley.
- 3) Continuing to adhere to the Philanthropy charter outlined at the following link [Alexandria Scottish Rite.org/Committees](https://www.AlexandriaScottishRite.org/Committees)
- 4) Continuing to make a difference in the lives of Children in the Scottish Rite – RiteCare program.
- 5) Maintaining the existing Philanthropy Programs already in existence.

Finally, I would say that you too can be a part of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy by attending one of our fundraisers, encouraging your friends to come to a fundraiser, or offering to help on one of our subcommittees. If you want to help with Philanthropy please contact me at ts61416@yahoo.com. Below are pictures of Philanthropy events.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy Program. Let's go make a difference together.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Strum, KCCH



Commander's Message

John Suit, KCCH, Commander of the Council of Kadosh

I'd like talk about the degrees of the Council of Kadosh. The degrees cover the Nineteenth to the Thirtieth degree and are both Philosophical and Chivalric in nature. These degrees contain practical, and esoteric knowledge through the conveyance of the several allegories. Masonry in general and specifically in the philosophical degrees contain lessons and examples of how a brother can conduct himself in the practical world. For these degrees to convey both practical and esoteric layers, great precision in their creation and especially in their revisions must be taken. When I contemplate the effort, it must have taken to include the many layers of knowledge and meaning in the first three craft degrees, I am awe-struck.

Certainly, the Chivalric degrees concern themselves with how one should conduct himself when dealing with others, especially with those who are a disadvantaged in society or otherwise. Often in these degrees we are reminded not to take advantage of a laborer's position, or to those who rely on us in general. These degrees offer a perspective that reminds us that some of us chose a tougher more challenging path and that is no less honorable than one born into a more prominent station. We grow though challenge, experience and through striving. With perseverance much is achieved. At some point everyone needs assistance however, and our attitude should reflect this knowledge. When we are called to help someone who needs assistance, it is important to recall that our motivation matters, it matters for our own growth. Assistance should never be for the purpose of pity, compassion yes, but never pity. We all are on a journey. Our station in life is not necessarily a reflection on our worth as a person, let alone the progress our soul has made. This perspective is important for brothers within masonry and without.

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We are here to help each other progress, to share in the joy, and the sorrow. Even though we are individualizations created by the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are on our own separate sojourns through our lives, we all have experiences and perspectives that have value to the Creator.

I remember sitting in the 32nd Degree for my first reunion as a candidate, correlating what I had experienced in the 3rd degree. All the puzzle pieces fell into place at once and I was stunned, I had that tingly feeling that starts in the back of your head and goes down your neck into your shoulders, like you get when you watch a mystery movie and figure out who the perpetrator is before it's discovered. I finally realized what was meant by the term "sublime" when referred to in the 3rd degree. It's all there. For me, the degrees answered the "why" we are masons, the "what" we are here to do, and what are goal is, and finally "how" to prove it to ourselves.

Thank you for electing me to the position of Commander of the Alexandria Council of Kadosh. It is an honor to be appointed and ultimately elected as an officer in the Alexandria Scottish Rite bodies. I will do my absolute best for the Valley.

Commander's Biography

Brother John was born in Washington D.C. and lives in Mount Airy, Maryland with his beautiful wife, Beth, his daughter, Addison, and his son, Joshua. Addison is attending her first year at Drexel University, in Philadelphia, PA. studying business. His son Joshua will be attending UMBC studying Computer Science and Digital animation in the fall. Bro. John's wife Beth is an author and an editor.



John was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2014 at Freedom Lodge 112, Eldersburg, Maryland where he has shared his passion and enthusiasm for freemasonry with dozens of brothers he has sponsored and instructed in catechism. While serving as chaplain of Freedom Lodge, John realized he had a deep interest in the esoteric underpinnings of the craft. He has created and presented several lectures on various Masonic subjects, over the years. John currently chairs the Lodge education committee.

John became a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Alexandria in the 2014 Fall class. Once John received the Scottish Rite degrees, he quickly realized that his mentor, Paul Evancoe, was correct, that John would find his home in Masonry, with the content, education and brothers who were genuinely interested in the research, exploration, and meaning of Masonry that could be found in Alexandria Valley. John entered the line of the Council of Kadosh in 2015. One of John's favorite activities in Masonry was attending and participating in the discussion group for the Master Craftsman Program. John became the degree master of the 13th Degree, the Royal Arch of Solomon, in 2015.

John became the Chair of the Communication and Outreach Committee in 2018, and began reaching out to the Valley's membership. He created a membership portal that allows brothers of the various committees and Valley Officers to use the portal to check in and reach out to who may not be able to attend regular communications and reunions. The portal allows for the notation and information necessary for the Valley to update its records and provide assistance wherever needed. This became vital during the Covid Pandemic, especially in the first year where John and Valley officers were able to speak and communicate with over 1200 brothers. The use of the portal continues today by the membership committee.

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Once it was clear that in-person meetings would not be possible, The Communication and Outreach committee worked closely with the Valley Secretary Dave Morris to ensure meetings would continue, remotely. Zoom meetings were quickly and effectively started and managed to continue the work of the valley. John has continued managing these remote meetings with the assistance and leadership of the Valley to allow those brothers who still are unable to come in person.

In 2019, Bro. John received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is also very involved in the Valley serving as the chair our Alexandria Scottish Rite Speakers Bureau.

John is the Chief Technology Officer at Cyber Reliant Corporation (CRC). He is responsible for Innovation and the technical direction of CRC. Cyber Reliant is the leading provider of next generation Cryptographic and Dynamic Content Provisioning technologies to select Government agencies, as well as Commercial Organizations that require the most advanced content assurance and secure mobile communications. The most recent advancements include True Random Number Generation utilizing commercially available smart phones, Information Theoretic Security (Quantum Resistant) data Key and Content data shredding for Data at Rest, and Data in Transit.

John began his career as a SIGINT software engineer, and has founded several startup companies, He consults to leading edge technology companies, primarily in the field of AI and Ontological systems. Bro. John also serves on several corporate and advisory boards. Bro. John holds over forty-five U.S. and International Patents in Information Security Analysis (Cyber Defense) and Securing Cloud Environments with several patents pending.



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2022 Rite Way Conference, Charlotte, NC Report

Eric J. LeHew, 32°, Alexandria Fellow

Our two Valley Scottish Rite Fellow selectees, Brothers Jeremy Anspaugh, 32° and Eric LeHew, 32° attended the Rite Way Membership Conference in Charlotte, NC. Brother LeHew subsequently presented a summary for the April Stated Valley meeting. The Conference was well attended, mostly from East Coast Orients, but some Brothers traveling from as far away as Kansas, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington state.

In summary, we had the opportunity to meet with Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. James D. Cole, 33° and the other 2022 Fellows in a one-on-one session discussing a variety of topics like expansion of KSA Chapters to Valleys where they don't exist, how different Valleys support new Member Mentoring Programs and brainstorming new ideas how to successfully support new Scottish Rite Masons, and working in the new virtual world. Connecting with other SR Masons outside our Valley and Orient gave our Fellows opportunities to expand our circle of Masonic connections and enjoy Fellowship and Fraternal relations not experienced in several years since the start of the pandemic.

We reported back about some of the presentations and programs presented at the Conference and were particularly excited about the expanded learning opportunities the House of the Temple is planning, including the Virtual Master craftsman Courses, the Scottish Rite Research Society, and expanded Social Media Presence. Did you know that the House of the Temple is now on TikTok? But most interestingly, the House of the Temple is preparing a partnership with a service called "FreeWill," an online service to connect members with a team of attorneys to help provide the necessary means of completing legal documents like a Last Will and Testament, a Power of Attorney, and a medical directive (i.e. living will). These services and more should be coming to an expanded Member Portal soon at the House of the Temple website.

Other programs and presentations included a Question and Answer Session with Grand Archivist and Historian, Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.C.; a keynote speech by MW, Ill. and Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, 33°, past Grand Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, and other presentations on Mentoring and membership engagement. Lastly, we had the opportunity to listen to a presentation on the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program and now have a better understanding of how the Valley can support the larger RiteCare initiative.

Brothers Jeremy and Eric will participate in Virtual Meetings with Sovereign Grand Commander Cole and the other Fellows in the coming months and attend a Fellows Workshop in August at the House of the Temple. We look forward to their continued support of the Valley and the Orient at large in this new capacity and encourage any member of the Valley to attend a conference in the future.

VA SR Spring Workshop—Richmond, VA

Allen D. Beckner, KCCH, Conference Vice President

Thank you for once again leading the way with the highest Valley turnout at the Spring Workshop of the Orient of Virginia. This is the first "in-person" Workshop since 2019 and was held on April 2, 2022, at the ACCA Shrine Center, 1712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227.

Following coffee and jumbo-sized donuts, we were welcomed by Illustrious J. Leon Stocks, 33° of the Valley of Norfolk, President of the 2022 Scottish Rite Workshop and Conference. After the invocation and pledge of allegiance, the Valley Vice Presidents introduced their respective Valley leadership.

Ill. Stocks introduced Most Worshipful and Illustrious Alan W. Adkins, 33°, G.C., SGIG for Virginia. M.W. Adkins introduced M.W. James W. Golladay, Jr., Grand Master, M.W. and Ill. Vernon D. Jones, 33°, Past Grand Master, Ill. Phil N. Rhodes, 33°, President of the Scottish Rite Foundation, and the Grand Lodge Officers. MW Golladay, Jr. spoke about "Four Things by Henry Van Dyke."

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Four things a man must learn to do, if it would make his record true:

- To think without confusion clearly;
- To love one's fellow man sincerely;
- To act from honest motives purely;
- To trust in God and heaven securely.

He said this pretty much sums up Freemasonry. He again mentioned that his theme for this year is "Freemasonry, A Family Affair."

M.W. Golladay made an important announcement about the Grand Lodge Relief Fund available to all Masons who may be distressed and its accessibility through the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Ill. Rhodes then introduced Ill. Leonard Rowe, 33^o, Foundation Treasurer, who provided the Foundation's report. The Foundation is solid and performed well during these volatile times.

Ill. Stocks introduced guest speaker, Dr. Corrin Gillis, Associate Professor at Old Dominion University. Dr. Gillis spoke about her extensive experience since receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from James Madison University (JMU) and her PhD from Vanderbilt.

Dr. Gillis was a recipient of the Scottish Rite Fellowship award at JMU and has gone on to make a significant impact upon speech and hearing students and educators. She said there is nothing that can compare to the magic that occurs when an individual learns how to speak and effectively communicate.

Ill. Stocks announced the Scottish Rite Conference will be held October 6 -9, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach, 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Complete details and updated information are available at the VAScottishRite.org website.

A benediction and blessing followed and the meeting adjourned shortly after 11:30 a.m.

M.W. and Ill. Alan W. Adkins, 33^o, G.C. met with the Personal Representatives, Secretaries, and Treasurers, while Ill. Stocks met with the Valley Vice Presidents.

Lunch was provided by the Richmond Valley and included a generous portion of chicken tenders with dipping sauce, coleslaw and baked beans, along with bottled water and coffee (and, of course, the remaining jumbo donuts).

Please plan to attend the upcoming 98th VA Scottish Rite Conference hosted by the Norfolk Valley in Virginia Beach. Reservations for rooms and for the golf outing, as well as meal choices, must be coordinated through our Secretary, Ill. Dave Morris, at 703-998-9044 or via email at Secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org prior to the cutoff date of August 25, 2022.

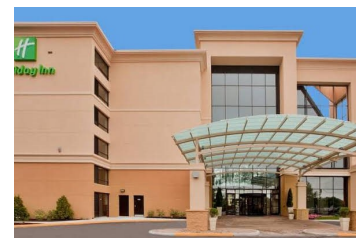
Planning Ahead

Please add the following events to your calendar. The

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Conference of Virginia will be held on **October 6 - 9, 2022**, at the **Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Virginia Beach.**

More details will be forthcoming concerning this meetings. Preliminary information is available on the Orient website at: <https://www.vascottishrite.org/va-conference>



The Conference will be held at the **Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center**

5655 Greenwich Road
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Report of the Communication and Outreach Committee

John M. Suit, KCCH, Chairman

The Alexandria Valley Communications and Public Outreach Committee is continuing the expansion and improvement of the Valley outreach portal and has several new initiatives for 2022.

In 2019, this Committee, with help and guidance from Michael Bible, KCCH, and the Alexandria Valley Membership Committee, took on the task of designing and fielding an on-line, secure contact resource management portal for Valley membership outreach.

The outreach portal's primary function is to reach out and check up on Valley members to see if there is anything they need help with. The repository was designed so that members can easily be contacted via phone, email, or letter. This is being expanded to record member requests for information, and their interest in participation in Valley activities. Through this portal we have reached hundreds of Brothers over the last couple of years and will continue to do so.

This portal platform also has allowed us to consider new outreach initiatives. We would like to use this platform to get a better understanding of what our members are interested in and, more especially, what Brethren, who have not been active in recent years, feel they could contribute in the way of Valley history, Masonic education, lectures, or even zooming with newer members to share stories about what being a Scottish Mason was like when they were most active in the Valley.

This past autumn my son scanned and digitized all of the available Valley Reunion photos. He also discovered several other photos co-mingled in the frames of the reunions. These were photos of individuals as well as life in the Valley. This discovery led to the idea of soliciting from Valley members other historical photos that we can make available to our members through the Valley website.

The next major initiative of the Valley Communications and Public Outreach Committee is reworking and re-imagining of the Valley website. We originally hoped to accomplish this in 2021, but we needed to find experienced Web developers as well as Brethren who would like to participate in the vision for the new site. We intend to fully engage with the Brethren who currently use and operate the site today to better understand what improvements they think should be made. My Committee will team with these Brethren to form a Valley Website Working Group and begin work on developing an upgraded site this year. If you have any interest in joining this working group, please reach out to me at john.suit@gmail.com

Fraternally,
John Suit



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Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Accurate As Of: 04/14/2022 5:00:00 AM

January 1 Total	1131
Gains	3
Losses	18
Current Lodge Membership	1116



Kena Shriners & Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies Family Picnic

Food, Fun and Fellowship! IT'S FREE!
Bring your Masonic Brothers and their Families...

Saturday, July 23, 2022
11a - 2p
Kena Temple, 9500 Technology Dr., Manassas, VA

Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, cornhole, & other fun activities!

To ensure we have enough food for everyone,
RSVP by Saturday, July 16
to RSVP@Kena.org or call 703-573-4202.

Secretary's Corner

Ill. David C. Morris, 33° General Secretary

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours. M-F 10 – 3:30 p. m., Please call the office first - 703-998-9044.

Scottish Rite Days at area Universities

Longwood University will hold an event on Wednesday, June 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p. m. – We need to know if you want to go by May 1. More details to follow

Radford University will hold an event on Tuesday, July 12 from 9:00 a. m. – 12 noon We need to know by June 1 if you like to go. More details to follow.

James Madison University will **NOT** be inviting us this year due to COVID -19 protocols.

CAPS, RINGS, Patents and Cap Boxes all Reunions

ALL CLASSES thru Fall of 2021 – We have all items. Reminder for the December ZOOM Class of 2020 many of you still need to come to the Valley Office to complete your Registration.

Our FALL REUNION is set for Saturday, October 22 and October 29

COVID 19 TESTING SITE - The Valley is now home for a COVID 19 Testing Site. This site has a Drive-thru, you stay in your vehicle. No appointment needed.

DON'T FORGET YOU NEED YOUR 2022 DUES CARD FOR STATED MEETINGS

Do not shoot the Tiler, he is required to check your membership card.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY 2022

May 13 – 6:00 p.m.

LADIES NIGHT

Pre-Meeting Dinner

(Reservations by COB May 10)

(Lodge of Perfection)

May 18 – 7:30 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

May 21 – GALA

2022 Friends & Family Gala

Hilton Hotel, Alexandria, VA

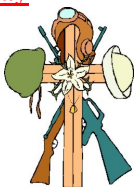
May 25 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah SR Club

Spurmont Lodge – Spurmont

May 30 – HOLIDAY

Memorial Day



JUNE 2022

June 10 – 7:30 p.m.

Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

(Lodge of Perfection)

June 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

June 15 - 11:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite Day

Longwood University

Contact Valley office

June 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah SR Club

Cassia Lodge - Woodstock

JULY 2022

July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

HOLIDAY



July 8 – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting

Valley Meeting - 7:30p.m.

(Chapter Rose Croix,

Council of Kadosh, &

Lodge of Perfection)

July 12 - 9:00 a.m. –12 noon

Scottish Rite Day

Radford University

Contact Valley office

July 20 – 7:00 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.

Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

July 23 – 11 am – 2 p.m.

KENA -Alexandria Valley

JOINT FAMILY PICNIC

Held at KENA Temple, Manassas, VA

July 27 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah Club Meeting

Spurmont Lodge - Spurmont

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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.
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