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July—August 2024

Master of Kadosh of the Consistory

John Stewart Dahik, Master of Kadosh of the Consistory

Hello! I am Brother John Dahik, and I am the Master of Kadosh of the Alexandria Consistory. A little bit of background about me is as follows: I was born in Arlington Heights, Illinois on March 7, 1990. I moved with my family to Seaford, Virginia in the Spring of 1995, and would call Seaford home until 2006 when I moved to Alexandria, and I continue to call Alexandria home today. I graduated from West Potomac High School in June 2008, and immediately began my studies at Northern Virginia Community College with a concentration in General Studies. I graduated in 2011, and transferred to George Mason University in the fall of 2011, and graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology. After college, I worked for numerous private security companies providing access control, and still continue to do that today for the DoD.



My Masonic journey began August 18, 2010 when I was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Mount Vernon Lodge No. 219, passed to the degree of FellowCraft on October 27, 2010, and finally raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 16, 2011. I had the pleasure of serving as Worshipful Master of my lodge in 2019, and that is the same year I joined the Scottish Rite in the Spring Class. It was indeed a whirlwind of amazing degree work, and a better understanding of the three symbolic degrees in Blue Lodge.

Not long after joining the Scottish Rite, I began to attend as many stated meetings as I was able to, and began getting involved with the stage crew, and the 14° degree cast. I also assist elsewhere in the Spring and Fall Reunions wherever needed. I was appointed as the Consistory Expert in 2021, and subsequently elected as Preceptor and then Prior before being installed as Master of Kadosh in January 2024. My overall goal this year as the Master of Kadosh is not only to ensure my officers participate in the meetings, but more importantly, to mentor new Scottish Rite Masons and encourage participation in the Spring and Fall Reunions... as well as in other fun activities. Speaking of events upcoming, we have the Scottish Rite/Kena Shrine joint picnic on July 27th at Kena Shriners in Manassas. Start time is 11AM and ends at 2PM. RSVP on Kena.org. Admission is free! July 17 is the JMU RiteCare speech clinic trip, and more details are provided elsewhere in this Bulletin. On August 9, the Consistory will conduct its Stated Meeting and I hope to see you all there if your cable tow length allows.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for putting their trust in me to be the Master of Kadosh for the consistory, and to my officers who assist me every step of the way. Let brotherly love prevail!

100th Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia



September 26–28, 2024 Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump [See Page 3]

[Attending—contact the General Secretary at 703.998.9044 or email at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org]

Valley Updates from the Personal Representative

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative of the SGIG in VA

As we begin the third quarter of 2024, we have a lot of activity awaiting us. The first event is one I think every Mason will enjoy - the **Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree team** will be performing the Master Mason degree (Oklahoma ritual) with the second section in full Native American regalia. This Nationally known production will be sponsored by our Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 Brothers down the street at the GWMNM on **Saturday**, **July 6**. A \$100 tax-deductible donation at MAHOVA.org will get you an admission ticket, until they are sold out.



On Friday, July 12, our Executive Council and Valley Stated Meetings of the Council of Kadosh, Chapter Rose Croix and Lodge of Perfection will all meet. All Valley members are always invited to attend the Executive Council meetings to hear about ongoing Valley planning and coordination activities. We will also vote, that evening, on the proposed By-Laws change to move our monthly stated meetings from the second Friday to the fourth Tuesday. On Tuesday, July 17, we will carpool to Harrisonburg to attend the JMU David Kruger Scottish Rite Summer Speech and Language Clinic to talk with the staff and observe the clinicians in action. If you haven't visited the JMU clinic, please plan to join us to learn more about our Southern Jurisdiction's "RiteCare" efforts to address childhood speech and language disorders. Still in July, on Saturday the 27th, we will all gather at Kena Temple, 9500 Technology Dr, Manassas for our annual Joint Kena Shrine and Alexandria Scottish Rite Family Picnic with fun for the kids and families, alike - Whew, a busy month.

While our many other Masonic and family activities will continue in August, our Valley schedule will be pretty light, with only the **Friday, August 9 Executive Council and Stated meetings of the Consistory and Lodge of Perfection**. Notably, in August, the prospective 2025 presiding officers of each of the four bodies will begin coordinating and updating their anticipated 2025 officer nominations. For those currently in the line of officers, if you have anticipated job changes, relocations or other reasons why you will not be able to continue your progression, this is the time to make that information known. Similarly, if you are not currently in line, but would like to become so, we will want to hear about that as well. Becoming an officer in one of the four bodies, is an excellent way to get involved in and learn more about the Scottish Rite and our Valley operations, as well as to become better acquainted with your Valley Brothers.

The Friday, September 13 Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting will feature our annual Feast of Tishri - an interesting and significant event in the Scottish Rite calendar. On September 26-28 (Thurs-Sat), we and our ladies will be at the 2024 Scottish Rite Conference of VA in Richmond - a very special 100th anniversary event.

The conference is eagerly anticipated. Last year, III. Allen Beckner, 33° and his lady, Linda, along with our many other volunteers, were planning and preparing for the 2023 Conference right here in Alexandria, and their efforts resulted in a hugely successful Conference. This year, the Valley of Richmond will have that great task and we will be the happy beneficiaries of all their hard work. Conference registration and event details are posted elsewhere in this Bulletin - don't wait to make your hotel reservations. Our secretary will need your attendance details and meal selections to pass to Richmond Valley.

Brethren, don't forget to have fun, to learn, and to enjoy your Scottish Rite.

Fraternally yours,

Norm



Have You Registered?



100th Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia Friday, September 27, 2024

Beach Party **Buffet** & Dance- \$60 per person (Paid by the Valley)

Music by the Beachnut Band

Attire, Hawaiian Shirts

Slider Station with Cheeseburgers and Pork BBQ

Fruit & Cheese Bar

Vegetable Bar

Coleslaw

Water, Coffee, Tea and Cash Bar



Saturday, September 28, 2024

Black Tie Optional

Plated Dinner Menu- \$70 per person (Paid by the Valley)

Filet Mignon

Fingerling Potatoes

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables- Ceasar Salad

New York Cheesecake

Water, Coffee, Tea and Cash Bar

Dietary requests are accepted.

The Valley is covering the meal costs for all members. If you register for the conference and meals and do not attend, you will need to re-imburse the Valley for the meals.

Please make your Hotel Reservations by using the link below:

Reservations: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fb291eddf5bb83bda005e70/ t/660f172f89b756005bfc0956/1712265007115/2024+Conf+Registration+information.pdf

Please register for the conference and meals with the Valley Secretary:

secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program

Aaron D. Irvin, 32°, Charmain, ROTC / JROTC Program

Greetings Brethren!

2024 has been a productive year for the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior ROTC Outstanding Cadet Recognition Program. Approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, ROTC programs at the college and university level, and Junior ROTC programs within our community high schools, annually recognize one outstanding cadet for the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award who demonstrates academic excellence, Americanism and Patriotism, and outstanding leadership. The award packet consists of a DoD approved medal and ribbon to be worn on the uniform, a certificate, and from the Alexandria Valley a congratulatory check for \$200.00.



Throughout the Valley in 2024, 11 institutions partnered with us where individual cadets were nominated by their Senior Leadership and peers to receive this distinguished DoD award. Thank you to Valley Brothers Tony LaCava, Erik Schultz, Clayton Mitchell and Jim Kraut who volunteered to join me in making the award presentations to our 11 worthy cadets. It was repeatedly expressed by all ROTC and JROTC program Leadership their thanks for your professionalism, your dedication to our future military leaders, and our continued partnership with their respective programs. 2025 looks to be a busy year as well where we already have an additional eight high schools seeking to partner with us, and we could use your help in serving as a Valley Representative to present the award. What does this entail you ask? Your can-do attitude, your vested interest in our military youth, a big warm smile, and being present at the scheduled award ceremony. It's really that simple.

I would like to thank Bro. Rob Worthington, KCCH, for laying the groundwork of success for this program, and the Valley's Leadership for their trust in me to continue the effort for years to come. My goal for this program doesn't stop at our award presentation's conclusion at the end of the school year. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved with the ROTC/JROTC Committee in Veteran charitable opportunities throughout the year, where you may see many of our partnered programs involved as well!

Strength and Honor,

Aaron



Cadet Aiden Ward and Brother Erik N. Schultz Woodbridge Senior High School



Colonel Mark Allen (Ret) and Cadet Anna Snyder North Stafford High School



Scottish Rite Fellows Renew Acquaintances In Alabama

Eric LeHew, 32°, Alexandria's Scottish Rite Fellow

In May 2024 while on a business trip in Alabama, Brother Eric LeHew, 32° was able to connect with Brother Chris Lansaw, KCCH from the Valley of Birmingham. The two had met as Grand Commander Fellows in the Summer of 2022 at the House of the Temple and have remained in contact since. Brother Chris was able to take Brother Eric to his Blue Lodge, Saints John Lodge No. 931 in Anniston, AL to see an Entered Apprentice Degree, and then a few days later to Talladega Lodge No. 261, in Talladega, AL for a Master Mason Degree. Unfortunately, the timing didn't work for Brother LeHew to attend a Valley Meeting, but the connections and fraternal bonds built in Masonry still brought these two together, and Brother LeHew is thankful for the hospitality and opportunity to share in the connections of the Craft with the brethren in Alabama and to be a Grand Commander's Fellow and have friends throughout the United States.



Brother LeHew 32°(L) and Lansaw (KCCH) and the Brethren of Saints John Lodge No. 931, Anniston, AL



Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Accurate As Of: 6/17/2024 2:00:24 AM

Begin	1055
Gains	18
Losses	28
Current Lodge Membership	1044



Our Ladies joined us prior to our 10 May Stated Meeting to enjoy a delightful dinner prepared by our Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Al Manara Court No. 50, and two special programs. The first program was presented by our Brother Fred Baerenz, 32°, who, as a Past DeMolay International Master Councilor, presented a letter-perfect DeMolay Flower Talk for the Ladies. Each of the Ladies' escorts then presented them with a red rose to commemorate the evening and the Brothers then excused themselves for a brief Stated Meeting while the Ladies were presented with a fascinating program by Brother Daniel Froggett, 32°.

As we were near the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, as well as the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the American Foreign Service, Bro. Froggett regaled the Ladies with the history of Arlington Hall, located near Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge. Originally surveyed by Bro. George Washington in 1775, the property was purchased in 1942 by the US Signal Intelligence Service, where the predominantly female codebreakers were instrumental in the deciphering and analysis of enemy codes during WW2. By the end of the war, the staff had grown to some 8,000 people, and eventually became the original site of the National Security Agency before it relocated to its present Ft Meade location. The site is now the home of the Foreign Service Institute where people from across the foreign affairs community are trained in language, information technology, management, economics, area studies, and tradecraft.

James Madison University Visit David Kruger Summer Scottish Rite Clinic

On **Wednesday**, **July 17**, the Valley of Alexandria will be visiting the Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at James Madison University. Receiving steady support from Alexandria Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia, the clinic operates the David Kruger Summer Scottish Rite Speech & Language Programs, which enable children with speech challenges, including autism, to improve their communication skills. Any Brothers interested in learning firsthand how RiteCare supports children are encouraged to take part in this visit. Other Valleys will also be visiting on the same date. An information session will be given, and a tour of the clinic will be conducted for groups. Lunch will be served at no cost to visitors. Please stay tuned for an email from the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley regarding arrival time at JMU parking, and the starting location. This is a great event. Please plan to attend.

Salve Frater — "Welcome Brother" April 2024 Spring Reunion



<u>April Spring Class Members</u>: Michael S. Behr, Michael T. Betts, Joey N. Dean, Clarence E. Dearing III, Carlos Fernandez, Anthony S. Fisher, Naaren Juloori, Christopher Moor M. Kelly, Michael M. Neese, Alahandro Omotola, Richard C. Ours, Jack W. Parker, Jr., Alan J. Whitehead, Robert L. Williams II, Jacob P. Witzen.



CONGRATULATIONS

50-year Scottish Rite Presentation—for April 2024 Brother Frank W. Harris III, KCCH receiving his 50-year Scottish Rite membership certificate and pin.

Presented by Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative and assisted by Tim Goolsby, KCCH.

Also, Brother **William Underwood MacBrayne**, **KCCH**, received his certificate and pin at his residence.

Significant Activity in Virginia Scottish Rite New Shenandoah Valley

On May 16, 2024, thirty-nine Scottish Rite Brothers gathered at the Masonic Temple at Edinburg, VA for dinner and a special celebratory event. In late 2023, the Brothers residing in the Shenandoah Valley region around I81 and Rt 29 submitted a Petition for a Lodge of Perfection to our SGIG in Virginia, and having been signed by the requisite number of Brothers and meeting all necessary requirements of the Statutes of our Supreme Council of the 33°, their Petition was approved for submission to our Supreme Council.

Upon completion of all administrative details and being granted approval by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Letters Temporary dated effective May 1, 2024 and signed by our Sovereign Grand Inspector General were delivered to the Brethren assembled that evening, authorizing the temporary authority, in accordance with the Statutes, "to fix and collect fees to be paid by candidates and members... and to elect candidates for the purpose of conferring the Degrees upon them, to elect by affiliation members who have received such Degrees in other bodies and to do any and all things necessary and proper for the conduct of the business of such Body under the direction of the SGIG." The Letters Temporary will be in force until the Form of Application for Charter of New Bodies is made to the Supreme Council, and is approved at the next regular session of the Supreme Council held in 2025, at which time a Charter may be issued.

The Brothers identified to lead "the Body so created temporarily" were instructed in their duties by MW and III. Alan W. Adkins, 33°, G.C., SGIG, assisted by MW. and III. Clifford A. (Skip) Parker, 33°. The provisional Venerable Master, Bro. John D. Petrie, II, 32°, was presented the Letters Temporary by SGIG Adkins. In addition to the Brothers of the temporary Body, and in addition to Illustrious Brothers Adkins and Parker, were visitors from Alexandria and Lynchburg Valleys who had come to support and witness this historically significant event.

Congratulations to our Shenandoah Valley Brothers and we will join you in looking forward to celebrating with you the receipt of your Charter.



The many brethren who attended the issuing of Letters Temporary to the Shenandoah Valley on May 16, 2024.

Evolution & Growth of Orient of Virginia

You've read about the new Letters Temporary for the Shenandoah Valley - a little background.

The 1761 authorization of Etienne (Stephen) Morin, "to establish perfect and sublime Masonry in all parts of the world" resulted in the 1762 establishment of Morin's 25 degree Order of the Royal Secret. The Grand Constitutions of 1786, updated portions of the original 1762 Constitutions increasing the number of degrees from 25 to 33 and establishing our Supreme Council organization, with provisions for both the Southern Jurisdiction ("The Mother Supreme Council of the World") and a second Supreme Council that would subsequently preside over the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Supreme Council of the 33° formally declared its existence on May 31, 1801 in Charleston, SC.

Twenty three years later, on November 16, 1824, the Supreme Council chartered The Grand Consistory of Virginia in Lynchburg, the first Virginia Scottish Rite Body, and one that was composed of Brothers who had received the degrees of Moran's earlier Order of the Royal Secret. In 1869 a Lodge of Perfection was established in Lynchburg, followed by bodies in Norfolk in 1874, Richmond in 1878, Alexandria in 1911, Newport News in 1912, Roanoke in 1919, Danville in 1923, and Portsmouth in 1955. When the Shenandoah Valley is chartered in 2025, it will be the ninth Virginia Valley and the first new Valley chartered in Virginia in 70 years.

About that original Grand Consistory of Virginia in Lynchburg.

In The Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle, William L. Fox describes the changes to the original organization of the Supreme Council in 1859 by SGC Pike. While the original Supreme Council had only 9 active members, the revised structure had the 33 members we have today, and the revised Statutes included provisions for one Grand Commandery in DC and each of the (at that time) 17 states of the Southern Jurisdiction. The 33 members were distributed across those states, with one member assigned to each of 7 states (MD, DC, NC, TX, IA, MN and CA) and 11 states with multiple active members (5 in SC, and 3 in LA; and 2 each in VA, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, KY, AR and MO;).

Following Pike's 1881 death, the Grand Consistory of CA requested, in 1897, that it "give up its charter with the proviso that it be rechartered as a particular consistory, San Francisco No. 1." The Supreme Council's decision to approve the request was "the Consistory had proven to be impractical as an administrative unit." Fox goes on to say "Perhaps the elimination of the Grand Consistory in California reflected a growing belief that a Sovereign Grand Inspector General ought to be 'an active working administrator in his Orient and not confined to actions in the Sessions of the Supreme Council.' Ultimately, the Supreme Council would discard altogether the Grand Consistory as an administrative entity."

Fox quotes from a 1944 letter written by Grand Commander Cowles the following: "the original form of organization of the Scottish Rite was to have one Grand Consistory in each state or Orient or sub-jurisdiction... Then these Grand Consistories would issue the charters of the Lodges of Perfection, 4° - 14°; for the Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, 15° - 16°; for the Chapters of Rose Croix, 17° - 18°; for the Councils of Kadosh, 19° - 30°, but the Grand Consistories retained the 31° and the 32°. The subordinated bodies would be scattered over the state, but the members would have to come to the Grand Consistories to get the 31° and the 32°."

General Secretary's Corner

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours, Tuesday10 a.m.— 2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.— 5 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Please call the office first at 703-998-9044.

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE/KENA FAMILY PICNIC

The SR/Kena picnic will be held at Kena Temple in Manassas on Saturday July 27th from 11a.m.—2 p.m. This is a family friendly event with plans for a mist house, moon

bounce, face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, and more. The menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips and dessert. Don't miss this great event!

Virginia Scottish Rite Conference September 26-28, 2024 (Richmond)

Please plan to attend the upcoming 100th Virginia Scottish Rite Conference hosted by the Richmond Valley in Richmond, VA. You will need to book your own hotel room at the Hilton Short Pump, but conference/meal registration must be coordinated through our Valley Secretary at 703-998-9044 or secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org. The registration deadline is **Tuesday, August 27th.** More conference/hotel information can be found on our Valley website at https://www.alexandriascottishrite.com/2024vasrconferenceinfo.

VALLEY STORE

We are exploring the possibility of creating an on-line Valley Store where members can purchase ASR jackets, shirts, hats, drinkware, and other items with our Valley logo. We would use an on-line vendor who would handle inventory, purchase transactions, and shipping. We need someone to coordinate with our vendor. If you are interested in managing our store, please contact the Valley Secretary at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY 2024

July 4 - HOLIDAY Independence Day

July 12 - 6:00 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting
Valley Meeting- 7:30pm
(Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, & Lodge of Perfection)

July 17 - 9:45 a.m.—Lunch JMU RiteCare Visit Details to Follow

July 17 - 7:00 p.m. Loudoun SR Club Social Hour- 6:30 p.m. Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

<u>July 24 - 6:30 p.m.</u> Shenandoah SR Club Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

July 27 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Alexandria SR and KENA Joint Family Picnic— Kena Temple Free Event/Registration Required

AUGUST 2024

August 9 - 6:00 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting
Valley Meeting- 7:30pm
(Consistory, &
Lodge of Perfection)

August 21 -7:00 p.m. Loudoun SR Club

Social Hour Starts- 6:30pm Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

August 28 - 6:30 p.m. Shenandoah SR Club Cassia Lodge, Woodstock



SEPTEMBER 2024

September 2- HOLIDAY Labor Day

September 13 - 6:00 p.m. Feast of Tishri

(RSVP by COB September 9) Valley Meeting- 7:30pm (Lodge of Perfection)

September 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour 6:30pm

Social Hour- 6:30pm Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

September 25 - 6:30 p.m. Shenandoah SR Club Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

September 26-28
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Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Virginia

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STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Second Friday of each month TERENCE M. SMITH, 32° Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix
Second Friday
February, March, July, November
TIMMY E. SHRUM, KCCH Wise Master

Alexandria Council of Kadosh

Second Friday February, April, July, November JEREMY D. ANSPAUGH, KCCH Commander

Alexandria Consistory Second Friday April, August, October, December JOHN S. DAHIK, 32° Master of Kadosh

