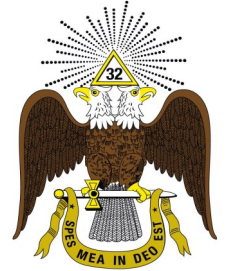




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May - June 2024



Commander, Council of Kadosh

Jeremy D. Anspaugh, KCCH, Commander, Alexandria Council of Kadosh

First let me say how honored I am to serve as the Commander of Kadosh for 2024

As Commander of the Council of Kadosh, I will focus on building a strong officer line which is actively engaged with the Valley, Study the Council of Kadosh degrees so that I may better apply their principles to my life, and to prepare our junior officers to lead the council when their time comes.

I believe good communication is the foundation of a strong officer line. To facilitate good communication, I have started a monthly zoom call with my officers prior to each Valley stated meeting. These meetings allow me to pass on important information to my officers, determine if a member will not be present at the upcoming Valley stated so that a replacement can be found if the Council of Kadosh is meeting, as well as get status reports on any Valley projects. I believe that these meetings keep the officers actively involved with what is happening within the valley and the council.



One of my personal goals this year is to study the degrees which encompass the Council of Kadosh. As Commander, I believe that one of my responsibilities is to promote learning. To facilitate this, I will be holding discussions on the Council of Kadosh degrees during our monthly meetings. I believe that these discussions will increase our understanding of the degrees which make up the Council of Kadosh in particular as well as the Scottish Rite in general.

Looking at the calendar I wanted to touch on a couple of important events:

May 10th, 2024: Ladies Appreciation and Widows Recognition Dinner: This dinner will be hosted by the Master of Kadosh of the Consistory, Brother John S. Dahik and he will be having Brother Fred Baerenz to present the Order of Demolay Flower Talk. This is an open ceremony which highlights the virtue of love of parents and family. This promises to be a great night, so please come and support our ladies and widows who support our endeavors every day.

June 14th, 2024: Outstanding Teacher Recognition: The Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Brother Terrence M. Smith will be hosting a dinner and recognizing the outstanding teachers in our area. Please come and show these teachers how much their hard work means to our valley.

Again, I want to say how honored I am to be the Commander of the Council of Kadosh and I look forward to working with you all this year.

100th Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia

September 26—28, 2024

Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump

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





Proposed By-Laws Change

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

Proposed Change to Article I, Section 2 of our current By-Laws as approved 2010-5-14, as last amended 2024-01-12

Over the past several months, Alexandria Valley Brothers have encouraged a change to our by-laws to move our monthly stated Valley meeting from the current second Friday to another day. We concur that such a change could be beneficial to our membership growth, participation and retention. Accordingly, we reviewed the Masonic stated meeting schedules of the region's Lodges attended by our members, and our findings lead us to conclude that the fourth Tuesday evening presents the most acceptable option with the least impact to our members of the two Lodges that meet on that evening.

We have discussed this proposal with representatives of the two Lodges and they have concurred with the proposed change due to the time and distance required for a Friday evening rush hour trip via the I-95 corridor, to attend a Friday evening meeting in Alexandria.

*This proposal was presented and discussed at the April 12 stated meeting of our Lodge of Perfection. No opposition or concerns have been voiced. This announces a proposal for the notice to and consideration by our general membership. (Changes are **bolded**, and text to be deleted is struck out.)*

Article I, Section 2: Meetings

*The Stated meetings of all four Bodies will be on the ~~second Friday~~ **fourth Tuesday** of the months as indicated in this section; the opening body shall convene at 7:30 P.M.*

We will vote on the proposed change at our July 12, 2024 meeting.

BIO of the Commander, Council of Kadosh

I was born in Dallas, Texas, spent my childhood in Oklahoma before moving with my family to Durham NC. I joined the Army in February of 2000 with no idea of the changes that were going to take place in the world after 9/11/2001. While assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, I was part of the first wave into Iraq in 2003.

I was honorably discharged from the Army in 2004 and took a job in Iraq as a government contractor, until I was recalled back to active duty for another combat tour in Iraq from 2005 – 2007. After the second combat tour, I returned to Iraq and continued to work in Iraq and Afghanistan for the next 7 years until I decided that statistics were no longer in my favor and I should look for a career that was not quite as dangerous, but just as exhilarating.

I decided to join a couple of friends to establish a Cyber Security firm. It was during this time that I joined Freemasonry. Throughout all my travels, I met several Freemasons, and we would often find ourselves standing by the firepit, smoking cigars, and discussing philosophy until the wee hours of the morning. These men carried themselves differently and I was intrigued about the fraternity but being constantly deployed, it was something that I filed in the back of my head to investigate once I settled back in the states.

In 2016 I discovered that one of my friends was a Freemason and I asked how to join. He took me to a stated dinner where I met other members of the lodge. I returned the next month and petitioned that night. I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason as Ashburn Sterling Lodge #288 on 09/26/2017. I joined the Alexandria Scottish Rite during that spring reunion.

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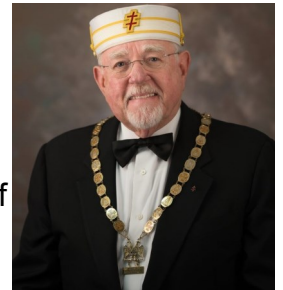
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Since joining the Alexandria Scottish Rite I have been an active member of the Knights of Saint Andrew, serving as the clan chief last year, as well as serving on the membership committee, assisting both the Philanthropy and Membership committees, and serving in the Council of Kadosh. The Council of Kadosh degrees (19th – 30th) are some of my favorites. Encompassing Jewish, Islamic, and Christian teachings, I believe these degrees instruct us to be upright in our thoughts and actions, to actively seek out bigotry, injustice, and ignorance in the world and to remedy these through honest self-appraisal, faith in the GAOTU, love towards our fellow man, and knowledge.

Valley Updates from the Personal Representative

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

We conducted our Spring Reunion in April, with a good balance of conferred and communicated degrees. We also included the 14^o Ring Ceremony and numerous Valley information sessions to describe the organizational features of our Valley, the Knights of St. Andrew, and the many philanthropic, social, and educational opportunities awaiting our new Masters of the Royal Secret. Importantly, three of the communicated degrees (15th, 16th and 17th) were provided via our first use of the “Cinematic Degrees” developed by the Orient of Missouri. The web-based video includes all ritualistic and educational components of a typical Reunion and is approved by the Supreme Council to be used, not only for the individual degrees as a component of a live Valley Reunion, but also in the total “Cinematic Reunion” format as an online virtual pathway to becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. For example, the Valley of Richmond used all the approved Scottish Rite degree videos last year when the sale of their Temple building precluded their ability to stage their Reunion in their auditorium as they had done routinely for so many years, and this year many of our other VA Valleys will be using them in one way or another. When we attend the 100th Scottish Rite Conference of VA, this September, at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, we will hear a program on “The Cinematic Degrees” by Ill. Robert (Bob) W. Cockerham, 33^o, who, in addition to serving as the Supreme Council’s Grand Chancellor, is the SGIG in Missouri and who also played a significant role in the development of the Cinematic Degrees.



Those of you who have seen the Missouri videos already know of their high quality, but if you haven’t had an opportunity to view them, and didn’t get a chance to see the three cinematic degrees included in our Spring Reunion, I encourage you to take advantage of the next opportunity to see them. We always communicate many of the degrees at our Reunions and these videos provide a very well produced alternative to the classroom script. We want to keep improving our Reunions and making them constantly more interesting and fulfilling, not only for our new Candidates, but also to bring our current Members back time-after-time. If you feel that you’ve already “been there, done that,” you should probably attend the next Reunion to see what might have been added, or what you might have forgotten.

On a different note, I’m happy to report that our 2024 activities have gotten off to a good start with a solid line of officers in our four Bodies. They are planning and delivering both interesting programs and well prepared meetings. Many of you may not have had the experience of leading a Masonic Body, but those who have, have learned that it is a most rewarding experience. While being an Officer might seem daunting before your first time in the East, our Valley Bodies provide incomparable opportunities to develop leadership skills and to gain significant experience within a totally accepting and supportive environment. Our Valley Officers progress through many stations in their journey to the East, and along the way, are incrementally exposed to most duties and processes they will exercise when they eventually assume the status of presiding officer. If you are hesitant to ask to become an officer because you are concerned that you are not yet qualified, forget your fears because if you want to learn, our Fraternity will help you to progress and to succeed.

Brethren, have fun and enjoy your Scottish Rite. I’ll see you at the Valley. Fraternally, *Norm*

100th Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia

Ill. Peter E. Terrill, 33°, Alexandria's Vice President, SR Conference of Virginia

It's not too soon to mark your calendars for the 100th Annual Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia, hosted by the Richmond Valley on September 26-28. The event will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa – Short Pump located at 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23233.

Attendees will enjoy banquets on Friday and Saturday evenings, and there is a special ladies' luncheon on Saturday at MAHOVA nearby. Additionally, the Richmond Valley has arranged a special Thursday evening event at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, featuring drinks, tours, and dinner. Details of the whole conference are now available on our Orient of Virginia website (www.vascottishrite.org), and information on registration and hotel reservations is also listed there. **If you plan to attend the conference please reach out to our Secretary**, Mike Bible, KCCH, at 703-998-9044 or via email at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org.

As usual, there will be education sessions on Friday afternoon featuring esteemed guest speakers and special programs, and immediately after there is an Orient-wide meeting of the Knights of St. Andrew planned. Saturday morning will be the opening of the 100th Annual Session which will wrap up by lunchtime. The afternoon will feature a presentation of the new Scottish Rite cinematic degrees.

As in the past, the Alexandria Valley and the Richmond Valley will be working together to provide our Valleys with an outstanding Hospitality Suite experience in the Executive Suite.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Fraternally, *Peter*

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Reception & Tours **Thursday, September 26, 2024**

5:00 PM – Begin Boarding Busses at Hotel

6:00 PM – Arrive at VMFA for a four-hour Reception and Tours

10:00PM – Depart VMFA for Hotel

Limited Attendance and
Prepaid Event.

Cost – \$100 per person

Includes a heavy hors d'oeuvres dinner, drinks, tour of the Museum and lots of fun.

For Reservations: Call the Richmond Scottish Rite Office @ **(804) 264-2050, or**

Email: sroffice@richmondscottishrite.org.

100th Conference Event Highlights

Friday, September 27, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Educational Topics (Attire: Bus. Casual)

Session 1: The House of the Temple, Ill Bill Sizemore, 33°

Session 2: Conference History, Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°

3:15 - 4:00 PM SGIG, Secretaries, Treasurers, Personal Reps

6:00 - 9:00 PM Banquet – Buffet Dinner or Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres / Dance

(Attire: **Hawaiian** Shirt for Brethren and Ladies) (Music by David George and The Beech Nuts)

Saturday, September 28, 2024

9:00 AM 100th Annual Session Virginia SR Conference (Coat & Tie)

10:30 AM - 2:30 AM Ladies' Tour – GLOVA Library & Museum, and MAHOVA Ladies' Luncheon

2:30 PM "A New Era – The Cinematic Degrees", (Bus. Casual) Ill Robert "Bob" Cockerham, 33°, SGIG

6:00 - 9:00 PM – Banquet, Ill James Dean Cole, 33°, SGC, Keynote Speaker

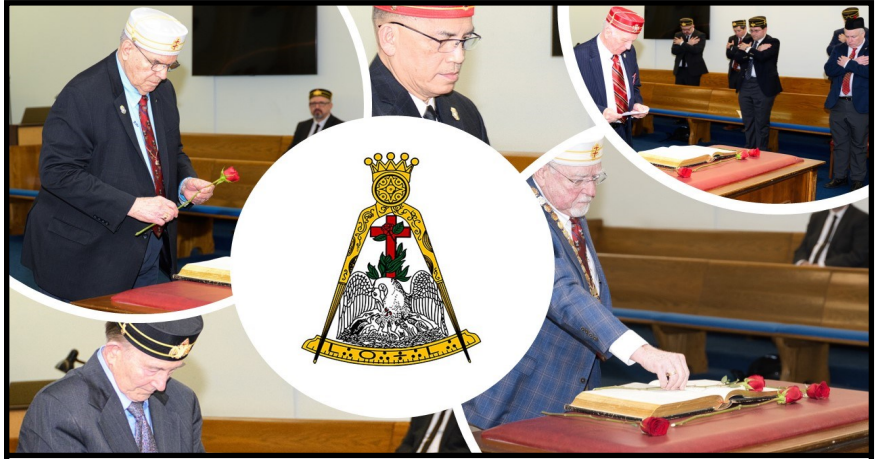
(Attire: **Tuxedos** for all Brethren, **Gown/Cocktail Dresses** for all Ladies)

Pictures from the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony

Photos take by Ill. Michael Alicino, 33°



Keynote Speaker:
MW & Ill Donald E. Strehle, 33°



Brethren presenting roses and reflecting around the alter



Brethren from Around the Room



Kena Shriners & Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies Family Picnic

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

Saturday, July 27, 2024

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, please

RSVP by Saturday, July 20 to RSVP@Kena.org or call 703-573-4202.

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Philosophical Degrees of the Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix

Edward E. C. Wilkinson, Jr., 32°, Orator, Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

The Philosophical Degrees of the Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix, span from the 15th to the 18th, within the Scottish Rite Masonic tradition. Drawing upon Arturo de Hoyos as a reference from his book “The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide,” I’ll provide insights into the rituals, lessons, and symbols associated with each degree, as conferred in the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction (de Hoyos, 2014).

15th Degree: Knight of the East

The 15th degree, also known as the Knight of the East, of the Sword or Eagle, focuses on fidelity and loyalty. It teaches the importance of standing firm in one’s principles and maintaining integrity even in challenging circumstances. Also, to rebuild the Masonic temple of liberty, equality, and fraternity in the souls of men and nations. This teaches us that there is an excellent law of ebb and flow in nature. Nature teaches us that perfection is not a static state but an ongoing process of gradual and cyclic progression toward greater perfection.

Ritual: The candidate, symbolically embodying Zerubbabel, reflects on the rebuilding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The lesson emphasizes perseverance, faith, and the pursuit of spiritual enlightenment.

Symbols: Zerubbabel: Represents leadership, determination, and fidelity to duty. Temple Reconstruction: Symbolizes personal growth, overcoming obstacles, and restoring inner sanctuaries.

Seven-armed Candlestick: Signifies divine illumination and enlightenment. The seven lights are also repeated in seven groups of ten lights, one of which in each group is always burning – these 70 lights represent the 70 years of the Jewish captivity in Babylon.

16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem

In the 16th degree, the Prince of Jerusalem explores the concept of spiritual enlightenment. It encourages Masons to seek inner illumination and understanding, symbolized by the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon. The Prince of Jerusalem (and Masonry in general) is to build the symbolic temple worldwide and in every upright heart using the special tools in this degree, but not forgetting the tools of the other degrees.

Ritual: The candidate, now a Prince of Jerusalem, explores the Masonic virtues—Faith, Hope, and Charity—and their application in daily life. The lesson underscores the importance of virtue and benevolence.

Symbols: The Second Temple: Metaphor for the soul, emphasizing inner harmony and balance. Three Pillars: Representing the virtues guiding Mason’s conduct. The balance scales: Representing the balance between justice and equity.

17th Degree: Knight of the East and West

The 17th degree, the Knight of the East and West, delves into the dual nature of existence—light and darkness, good and evil. It emphasizes balance and the need to harmonize opposing forces within oneself. This degree is inspired by the Book of Revelations and Kabbalistic symbolism, which teaches that God is One, Immutable, Unchangeable, and Infinitely Just and Good. Light ultimately will overcome darkness, good will conquer evil, and truth be the victor over error. The 17th degree holds teachings that can offer solace and guidance during times of pain and suffering.

Ritual: The candidate represents an initiate into the Essenes through a series of initiations, and the Wise Master represents John the Baptist, the author of the Book of Revelations or the Apocalypse to St. John. The lesson revolves around the search for truth, the loss of secrets, and eventual recovery.

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Philosophical Degrees of the Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix

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Symbols: The Number Seven: The seven-sided heptagon with seven columns with the seven colors of the rainbow. The columns are capped with last seven *sephiroth* of the Kabbalah, representing Loving-Kindness, Strength, Harmony, Victory, Splendor, Foundation, and Kingdom. They also bear the seven characteristics of Union, Honor, Duty, Loyalty, Courage, Discretion, and Silence. The names of the seven churches.

Two Pillars: Representing duality—light and darkness, life and death.

Lost Word: Representing the people's loss of reverence to God and signifying the quest for hidden wisdom.

18th Degree: Knight Rose Croix

The 18th degree, the Knight Rose Croix, is the pinnacle of the Chapter of Rose Croix, and as such is an obligatory degree in our Southern Jurisdiction. This degree uses religion to teach us that "tolerance is not simply a duty, but an inescapable conclusion. From lessons of many different beliefs, we are shown that the cross and messiah are not uniquely Christian ideals. The degree also teaches that instructions on religious concepts are not to be taken as official doctrines of Freemasonry. It symbolizes resurrection, transformation, and rebirth. The candidate is metaphorically raised from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge and wisdom.

Ritual: The pinnacle of the Chapter of Rose Croix: the candidate becomes a Knight Rose Croix through his search for the lost word. His journey exposes him first to the lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity, next to the Masonic lessons associated with the words Nature, the concept of the Infinite, the hope of Immortality and the gift of Reason. The journey culminates in the brilliance of the Supreme Deity's true light and freedom from the principle of evil. The focus shifts to spiritual resurrection, immortality, and divine love.

Symbols: Rose and Cross: Emblematic of Christ's sacrifice, love, and eternal life.

Eagle and Pelican: Originally a Christian symbol of Christ's love for his children, but Masonically, the Eagle represents liberty and reason, and the Pelican signifies Nature and a Brother's love of and devotedness to mankind. Passion and Compassion: Balancing justice with mercy.

These degrees invite Masons to explore their inner selves, seek wisdom, and embody virtues. Arturo de Hoyos's work provides valuable insights into these degrees, aligning with the teachings of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction.

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Master Craftsman Philosophy Course and Study Group.

Ronald E. Craft, KCCH, Member of the Education Committee

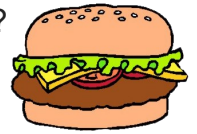
Join your Scottish Rite brethren in reading Illustrious Albert Pike's *Morals & Dogma* (M&D). The group reads one chapter of M&D a month and meets virtually for discussion. Participants are encouraged to sign up for the Master Craftsman course and take the quizzes, although it is not required. For April, the reading will cover the second degree, Fellowcraft. Please feel free to join at any period, regardless of missing past chapters.

To join the study group, email education@alexandriascottishrite.org.

For more information on the Master Craftsman course go to: <https://www.mastercraftsmancollege.org/>

What does the Sandwich Generation and the Fifth Degree have in common?

Frank T. Anthony, KCCH



What does the Sandwich Generation and the Fifth Degree have in common? The answer is me. Taking multiple round-trip flights to Los Angeles over the past few months to care for my aging parents has given me time to think about life. During a recent trip, I brought my copy of *“A Bridge to Light”* to read on the plane. Once I got to the Fifth Degree -- knowing it really well from communicating it many times during the Reunions and being the Assistant Fifth Degree Master – it dawned on me that the lessons within the degree are happening to me in real life today. I did some further reading and pulled out my 1917 version of *Morals and Dogma*, which brought me to writing this article. But how does the Fifth Degree and the Sandwich Generation come together?

First, let's start off with the Sandwich Generation. According to a Pew Research Center study in October 2021, about a quarter of U.S. adults (23%) are now part of the Sandwich Generation. That means 333.3 million Americans are middle-aged adults (often in their 40s and 50s) who are caring for both elderly parents and their own children¹; thus, the middle-aged adults are sandwiched in between their kids and parents. In my case, I am raising four school-aged kids sandwiched between taking care of my in-laws (who live with us) and now caring for my parents in Los Angeles. One may say that my cable-tow is dental floss thin right now.

In the First Degree of Masonry, we learn about the 24-inch gauge and briefly how to divide our time. The fifth degree builds upon dividing our time. In *Morals and Dogma*, under the *Fifth Degree or Perfect Master*, Saint Ambrose provided an example about time, *“Saint Augustine, divided every day into these tertias (thirds) of employment: eight hours they spent in the necessities of nature and recreation; eight hours in charity, in doing assistance to others, dispatching their business, reconciling their enmities, reproofing their vices, correcting their errors, instructing their ignorance, and in transacting the affairs of their dioceses; and the other eight hours they spent in study and prayer.”*² The section continues about spending time wisely or it could be wasted.

Those of us in the Sandwich Generation have to use extra care when it comes to time management, since there is a fine line with the work/life/family balance; hence, made me realize I needed to reevaluate my time or I could get burnt out quickly. Luckily as Mason's, we are taught to divide our time into three equal parts. So, I recommend you take a look at your life today and check if you are dividing your time wisely as taught. I know I now am.

Then we come to estate planning and long-term care. As part of the Sandwich Generation, one would hope our parents have at a minimum their last will and testament. Not necessarily for the money, but for the Advance Directive and end-of-life care. The parent has the responsibility to their family to express their intent in case they are on life support and don't want to be resuscitated. It should not be the loved one's decision. Same goes with burials and cremation. Again, this should be written down in at least a will, if not in a trust. In the Fifth Degree, the ceremony is to re-enact the burial of the Perfect Master and takes place on the anniversary of the death of Master Hiram. During the degree, as Masons, we are reminded to get our affairs in order. In fact, it was custom practice from 1883 to 1935, that the candidate was required to prepare a last will and testament while in the preparation room of the Fifth Degree. Today, the candidates do not prepare a will. Back then, the purpose of writing a will, or contemplating doing so, was to impress upon the candidate the uncertainty of life. Death may call at any time, and it is the duty of every Mason to provide for his family and loved ones.³ Are your affairs in order?

Also, make sure you update your will. For example, in November 2019, my sister and I had the foresight to put my parent's estate in a trust and create a will. We created the trust for Medicaid purposes (five-year look back). But the main reason for the trust was getting a will for the Advance Directive and end-of-life care. My parents are not wealthy and their lifestyle is not the healthiest. My dad started smoking at 16 years old and drinking Coca-Cola. All my life I have known him as a two-pack a day smoker who drinks a daily six-pack of Coke, which he still does to this day at 82 years old.

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What does the Sandwich Generation and the Fifth Degree have in common?

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According to the Center for Disease Control, the life expectancy for males is 73.5 years⁴, but according to the government health standards, Dad's expected life expectancy should be deceased due to his unhealthy lifestyle. The past few months, my sister and I started to care for my parents. This is because my mom is 76-years old and can barely care for herself, let alone care for my dad. To top it off, a few months back, my dad was diagnosed with colon cancer and refused any type of treatment. So, over the past couple months, updates were made to their trust and wills since a few things have changed over the past four years. Therefore, make sure your estate planning is up to date.

As Masons, remember, we divide our days into three parts, and should ensure our affairs are in order. The next time you see the Fifth Degree or hear it communicated, pay attention. Use it as a reminder to get a will or update your personal affairs. Also, life can change over time. As for the Sandwich Generation, I find myself to be lucky that I am surrounded by people I love, and able to care for the ones I love. Surprisingly, as Masons, we are all in the Sandwich Generation as fraternal Brothers. Take care of those Brothers around you. Spend some of that divided time chatting with your Brothers to see how they are doing. Lastly, read a book, preferably Masonic. You will never know what creative thoughts you might get. Remember: Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a mystery, but Today is a gift.⁵

Sincerely,

Frank Anthony, KCCH

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CONGRATULATIONS

50-year Scottish Rite Hat Presentation.

Brother Miles R. Woolever receiving his 50-year Scottish Rite membership hat in Henry Lodge No. 57, Fairfax, VA.

Presented by Brother Terence M. Smith, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection, with the assistance of Worshipful Master Michael T. Huff

(See the complete list of 2023 50-year members in the Jan/Feb Bulletin.)



Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA)

Jack W. Gibbs, 32°, Clan Chief



As the premier service organization for “Black Hats” in the Alexandria Valley, the KSA is present at all major events. Our members have an opportunity to get involved in the Valley, meet their Scottish Rite Brethren, and in return, get known themselves. Members of the Knights of Saint Andrew develop leadership skills through serving on committees or as officers of the Chapter and become valued members of the Valley.

Like all Masonic bodies, what you get out of your membership depends on what you put into it. The hope is you will get involved with the Knights of Saint Andrew, support events, fundraisers, and the officers of the Chapter.

Our Purpose:

The Knights of Saint Andrew shall exist for the purpose of a service organization on behalf of all members of the Alexandria Scottish Rite, under the immediate supervision of the General Secretary or his Designee, so to better serve our brethren, their ladies and guests who participate in Reunions and social activities of the Alexandria Scottish Rite, in the capacity hereinafter set forth.

Vision and Mission Statement:

Vision:

The vision of the Knights of Saint Andrew is to inspire service and involvement among all Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Alexandria.

Mission:

To encourage ethical and moral behavior, reflecting the degrees and lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry in membership daily activities

- to bring all 32° Scottish Rite Masons together to support the functions and activities of the Valley
- to promote leadership among 32° Scottish Rite Masons
- to create social opportunities for all 32° Scottish Rite Masons
- to support in the maintenance, philanthropies and operations of the Valley
- to encourage KCCH and 33° membership to serve in an advisory capacity in the Valley

Our name comes from the histories of the 29th Degree:

The Order of the “Knights of the Temple of Solomon,” or “The Knights of the Temple,” originally called the “Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ,” was established in 1118. Pope Clement V declared it heretical at the insistence of Philip the Fair of France in 1307. The leadership of the Order in France was arrested and imprisoned, many executed and more tortured, and all impoverished. After Grand Master Jaques DeMolay was burned alive on the 15th of March 1314, the Templars no longer had a common head, nor could they maintain their Order which had become so famous. In England, King Edward II proscribed them and forbade them to remain in the realm, unless they entered the Preceptories of the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem. There is a legend that in Scotland they found protection and joined the army with which King Robert the Bruce met the invasion of his country by King Edward II of England. The Battle of Bannockburn was fought on the 24th of June 1314. In consequence of the assistance reputedly rendered him by the Templars, King Robert the Bruce created and received them into the Order of Saint Andrew du Chardon, meaning “of the Thistle,” of Scotland. King Robert the Bruce reserved to himself and to his successors the title of Grand Master of the new Order. Prince Charles Edward Stuart was the last Grand Master of the Order of Scotland and exercised his powers in France, by establishing a Chapter Rose Croix of Heredom at Arras. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was finally organized by men in possession of the Degrees of the Rite of Heredom and Perfection, and of other Rites and detached degrees that had been from time to time established in Scotland, France, Germany, and elsewhere. The Order of the Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew became 29th Degree of the new Rite, formed by selecting from the different Rites and Observances, seven Degrees, in addition to the twenty-five of Perfection; and creating the 33°, as the supreme and last Degree to rule the whole.

Secretary's Corner

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours, Tuesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call the office first at 703-998-9044 if you plan to visit.

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.



ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE/KENA FAMILY PICNIC

The Scottish Rite/KENA picnic will be held at KENA Temple in Manassas on Saturday July 27th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a family focused 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!

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VALLEY ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Our Valley ties are back in stock. The Cost remains \$30.00.

HELP WANTED! An urgent need exists for a **Wardrobe Assistant** and **Stage Crew** help. If interested, please contact the Secretary at 703-998-9044 or secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY 2024

May 10- 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Night
Pre-Meeting Dinner
(Reservations by COB May 7)
(Lodge of Perfection)

May 15- 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour- 6:30pm
Ashburn- Sterling Lodge

May 22- 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah SR Club
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

May 27- Holiday
Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

June 12 – 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Scottish Rite Day
Longwood University
Farmville, VA

June 14- 6:00 p.m.
Teachers Night
Pre-Meeting Dinner
(Reservations by COB June 10)
(Lodge of Perfection)

June 19- 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour- 6:30pm
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

June 26- 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah SR Club
Cassia Lodge, Woodstock

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

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

July 27- 11 a.m - 2 p.m.
Alexandria SR and KENA
Joint Family Picnic- Kena Temple

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STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Second Friday of each month
TERENCE M. SMITH, 32°
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Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

Second Friday
February, March, July, November
TIMMY E. SHRUM, KCCH
Wise Master

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