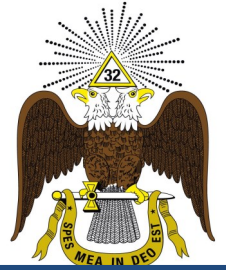




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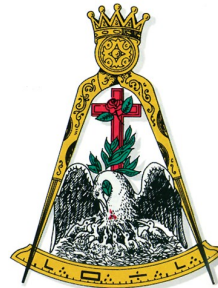


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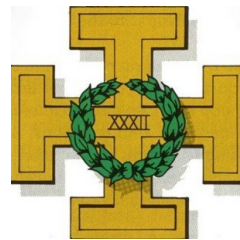
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Ladies and Family Welcome

RSVP - Call Secretary for Reservations by Jan 10th at 703.998.9044



A New Beginning

Terence M. Smith, Venerable Master, Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

As Venerable Master of the Alexandria Scottish Rite's Lodge of Perfection it is my pleasure to wish each of you a Happy New Year. It is a time when Scottish Rite Masons make New Year's Resolutions. Of course, there are different types of resolutions, which can have a lot to do with how well those are kept. "Promoting World Peace" is a favorite resolution for many people because it is a worthwhile goal, even if it is never going to be achieved.



We as Perfect Elues can resolve to inculcate the virtues recommended in the 4-14th degrees, both inside and outside the Lodge. These virtues build upon those so strongly recommended in the Symbolic Lodge. By keeping track of how well we practice even one of these virtues, every day, can improve ourselves in Masonry. Did we practice, say, patience? Just give yourself a Plus or Minus before going to bed.

The ASR LOP resolutions for 2024 need to advance the Alexandria Scottish Rite's No. 1 goal of growing membership. We also must work on improving ritual and conducting all Lodge business in a timely manner.

The ASR LOP is the 4th through 14th degrees, which are called *Ineffable Degrees* because their principal purpose is the investigation and contemplation of the unutterable name of Deity. The degrees amplify the legend of the Master Mason degree, and stories of the biblical era, leading up to the completion of King Solomon's Temple. These degrees are designed to impress more forcefully the teachings of the first three degrees. Each of our degrees takes its theme from one of the many names of God, "God is Just", "God is Merciful", "God is Love". The Lodge of Perfection encourages contemplative Masons to continue the path for Light and the awakening of one's personal spirituality.

The symbol of the Lodge of Perfection (4^o-14^o) is gold colored and depicts a compasses, open to sixty degrees, resting upon a graduated segment which bears the Roman numerals III, V, VII, IX. Suspended from the hinge is a radiant five pointed star, and on the summit of the compasses is a crown. The compasses remind us that science, united to honor and virtue, made the architects of the temple the companions of kings.

The Officers of the ASR LOP want to hear from you. It can be about what matters most. Or, if you need a ride to an ASR meeting. Feel free to contact me or any of the officers (below).

- Venerable Master—Terence M. Smith, tbolt144@gmail.com
- Senior Warden—Richard E. Saunders, KCCH, roadpreacher@verizon.net
- Junior Warden—Farley W. Warner, KCCH, cw_netguru@yahoo.com
- Orator—John T. G. Aakesson, KCCH, aakesson.john@gmail.com
- Master of Ceremonies—Rick A. Cady, KCCH, rickcady@gmail.com
- Expert—John M. Suit, KCCH, john.suit@gmail.com
- Assistant Expert—Ronald E. Kraft, Jr., KCCH, ronc2011@gmail.com
- Captain of the Host—TBD



Venerable Master's BIO

Brother Terence M. Smith was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to Cleveland, Milwaukee and eventually Atlanta, Georgia to attend a military high school/college. He worked his way through college by cooking in restaurants and entered St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA, as a sophomore at age 16. Bro. Terence quickly earned a BA in English. After graduation, he went to work for U.S. Senator Gary Hart as a speech writer and campaign worker. After Senator Hart resigned, he started his career on Wall Street working for E.F. Hutton & Co., Citibank, AMBAC Insurance, and Global Guaranty. In 1992, Bro. Terence founded "*Smith's Research & Gradings*," specializing in Critical Infrastructure Assets and municipal bonds, providing independent conflict-free credit analytics to institutional investors.

Brother Terence's Masonic journey started in August 2015, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Henry Lodge No. 57, Oakton, VA. He then joined Columbia Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons, Washington D.C. (Life Member) and Adoniram-Zabud No. 2 Council, Cryptic Masons Washington, D.C. where he is a Past Illustrious Master (PIM) and Life Member. Bro. Terence served as High Priest for Fauquier No. 25 Royal Arch Chapter in District 17 of VA (PHP). He is a member of the Knights Templar, Old Dominion No. 11 VA and has published extensively on Royal Arch Masonry and Cryptic Masonry. Closer to home in the Scottish Rite (Life Member), during Covid, Bro. Terence was the Chief of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew. He also highly recommends the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Course (Levels 1, 2, 3) which he completed as a correspondence course. Bro. Terence is a life member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, which has provided him many hours of insightful reading. He enjoyed being a Cast Member of the 5°, 14°, 15°, 20°, 28° and 32°. Bro. Terence is also honored to belong to Virginia Counsel No. 12 Knight Masons and C.A. Sinclair Council of Allied Masonic Degrees.

Bro. Terence is happily married to Pamela Kilbourn Smith and live with their dog, Seamus, a Golden Doodle, in Great Falls, VA. Bro. Terence has a son, TJ (Terence Junior), who was married last June to Kaitlyn at the Saratoga Resort on Lake George in NY. His hobbies and interests include Music (Degree from Combs Conservatory of Music in Germantown, PA) and Cyber Security. He earned board certifications as Cyber Intelligence Officer, Cyber Forensic Expert, White/Black Hat Hacker, and Social Media Expert. Bro. Terence is a licensed FAA 107 UAS (Drone) Pilot and a PADI/NAUI Certified Advanced Open Water II Scuba Diver. His skill set includes being a Grade 9 Locksmith and black belt in martial arts. He is proud to be a Lifetime Patriot/Benefactor Member of NRA.

The Scottish Rite Funeral

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative

"Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite," published by The Supreme Council, 33°, S.J., U.S.A., provides much information about our Scottish Rite, its various forms of opening and closing the Bodies of the Rite, Balloting procedure, and general guidelines for conferring the degrees and conducting special programs such as the Feast of Tishri or the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. It also provides guidance, protocol and script for the Scottish Rite Funeral Ceremony.



Some twenty-five years ago, Alexandria Valley conducted the Scottish Rite Funeral Ceremony for one of our Brothers who had previously made it known that he desired to have the ceremony performed when his time to lay down his working tools eventually arrived. When that time did inevitably arrive, the ceremony was led by Illustrious Walter Downs, 33°, Grand Cross, who was simultaneously both our General Secretary and the Personal Representative of Illustrious David Kruger, the SGIG in Virginia. It was, even then, something that was not often performed in our Valley, and it has not been performed here since then.

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The Scottish Rite Funeral

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Until recently, when on the 20th of November, Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley conducted the Scottish Rite Funeral Ceremony for our recently departed Worshipful Brother Gerald Davis van Antwerp, 32°. Our late Brother's family stated that they had been informed by him of the Ceremony with his request that, upon his demise, our Valley be asked to perform the Funeral Ceremony for him. This, then, was a rare opportunity to both honor our late Brother's request, and to experience a very impressive and poignant Scottish Rite ceremony... something that most of our members were seeing for the first time.

The ceremony provides a strong reminder that in gathering together following the loss of a Brother, "we should assemble in the character of Freemasons to conduct his funeral in the manner of Masonry." The service continues with "... it is not done to persons undiscerning as a fallen tree, but whose souls yet live, and can perceive our neglect and be witnesses of our transient affections and forgetfulness; and if not so, yet God sees us."

The ceremony reminds us of those commitments we have made to one another as Brother Masons, as well as to the families of those lost Brothers. We are reminded that "Those things that can outlast us - our works, our words, our immortal thoughts, our influence, and the effects of our good deeds are more to those that survive us than we ourselves are. We pass away and are soon forgotten, but these continue and live."

So mote it be.

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2024 Glass Scholarship Applications

Eric LeHew, 32°, Scholarship Chair

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 2024 Glass Scholarship Applications will be available starting **January 1, 2024**, on the Alexandria Scottish Rite website. The Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Glass Scholarships provide financial support in the form of several annual \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors or first-time freshmen students and renewals to previous awardees who are U.S. citizens and pursuing:

- a) A four-year college degree program
- b) A two-year junior college associate degree program, or
- c) A career-focused post-secondary school technical training program

Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and first-time freshmen and previous year awardees who are related to a member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite in good standing (living or deceased) or who are members of one of our Masonic Youth Groups (DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters). The number of scholarships presented in any year will be determined based on available funds. **Applications are due to the Valley Secretary's Office postmarked no later than March 30, 2024. No late applications will be accepted.** The expansion of applications to career-focused post-secondary technical training programs (i.e., Vo-Tec programs/training schools) was made several years ago and to date, no scholarships have been awarded. The Scholarship Committee would love to see this change this year, so please encourage worthy and deserving graduating Seniors or First-Year Freshmen students who meet the requirements to apply as soon as possible. The Valley membership is encouraged to share this far and wide amongst the Valley Blue Lodges for as much exposure as possible.

Any questions please contact the Scholarship Chair, Brother Eric LeHew at ericlehew@gmail.com or the Valley Secretary's Office at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org.

Master Craftsman 1

Ronald E. Craft, Jr., KCCH, Chair, Master Craftsman Study Group



As Free and Accepted Masons, we all experienced the three Blue Lodge or Symbolic degrees. On their completion however, we are only given very surface level explanations of what those degrees are telling us to do. Illustrious Brother Albert Pike spent a good portion of his life uncovering the reasons our first three degrees were developed. Pike came to believe that the degrees contained instructions, encoded in the symbols, which he recorded in his book *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*. Over the past few months, the Alexandria Scottish Rite Education team has held a study group, using the Master Craftsman 1 material provided by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. The group began by discussing Pike's sources which include early exposures of the degrees. Next, they discussed several symbols with which every Freemason should be familiar, however the actual meanings may not have been apparent. While *Esoterika* is one of Pike's more accessible works, working through the course in a virtual study group format helps to clarify his original ideas, generate discussion, and debate his conclusions.

The Brothers who successfully completed the Summer course were:

Brother Edward Eric C. Wilkinson, Jr., 32°

Brother Bradly James Watts, 32°

Brother Erik Nicholas Schultz, 32°

Life Membership:

One of the opportunities offered by the Alexandria Valley is a life membership option which locks in your dues against any future increases. Over the long run this can be quite a savings - and is one less bill to worry about in the future. It also means that you will not have to have to write dues checks each year or ever have to worry about being suspended for non-payment of dues.

But you also will be doing something important for your Valley. A life membership is a legacy to your Valley. When a Brother reaches the Celestial Lodge his dues cease, but the dues of the life member continue to help his Valley - it is truly the gift that keeps on giving. We all know that Masonic membership cycles include times when we have a large number of members, and times when we have fewer members. As the number of life members increase, their dues support the Valley through the lean years.

If you are able, we hope you will consider the life membership option.

The "Operating Plan" referred to in the application for life membership simply provides that:

- Current year's dues must be paid before purchasing Life Membership.
- The fee is not refundable or transferable to a Valley outside of the Orient of Virginia.
- A Life Member certificate shall be issued to each purchaser.
- The funds from purchases shall be placed in a special Trust Fund administered by the Trustees.

Fee Basis:

Current Annual Dues	\$ 146.00
	X 25
TOTAL	\$ 3,650.00
Age 75 and above - 2/3 of \$ 3,650 =	\$ 2,433.00

See Life Membership Application on Page 6.

**THE CORRECT POSITION DURING
SCOTTISH RITE PRAYER**

Predicated upon its basic foundation of belief in a personal God, the Scottish Rite gives primary importance in its Degrees and at its meetings to prayer. While there is an established position and sign to be used by all Scottish Rite Masons during prayer, this position and sign are sometimes not uniformly practiced. Scottish Rite Masons (except when engaged in ritual at the altar) stand during prayer, with caps remaining on the head as part of a uniform. What is also required is giving the accompanying "Sign of the Good Shepherd." This is done by folding the arms, the left over the right, with the out-stretched fingers touching the shoulders. This position is comfortable and easily remembered if it is realized that the sign represents the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb around his neck and holding its feet by his crossed hands. During the prayer, in this position, the head is slightly bowed.



**In Remembrance of those who passed.
November and December**

James Timothy Edwards	09/21/2023
Thomas Gerald Staples	08/24/2023
Gerald Davis Van Antwerp	11/03/2023
Marvin Monroe Shoaf	11/19/2023
Donald Edward Perry	11/19/2023
Ralph Taylor Woodrow, KCCH	11/30/2023
David Robert Wilcox	12/06/2023

**Life
Membership Application**

**Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia
APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Date of Birth: _____
 Telephone: _____
 (Cell Phone) _____
 E-Mail: _____

I hereby apply for Life Membership in the Valley of Alexandria, I have read the Operating Plan and understand the basis for the purchase fee as well as the duration effects of Life Membership.

 (Purchaser's Signature) (Date)

Fee Basis:

Current Annual Dues	\$ 146.00
	<u> X 25</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,650.00
Age 75 and under - 2/3 of \$3,650 =	\$ 2,433.00

 FOR SECRETARY'S USE
 Application and Fee received on: _____
 Dues paid through: _____
 (Date)

 (Secretary's Signature)

2023 Award Ceremony

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

At our January 12 Awards dinner, we will recognize three groups of Brothers who have served our Valley exceptionally well in the past year: four who have contributed significantly to a specific Valley need; six who have performed at a continuously high level for an extended period of time; and our four Heads of Bodies and the KSA Clan Chief who have all now completed their organizational leadership duties to great Valley benefit.

Those being recognized for specific accomplishments are:

- **Matthew T. Duley, 32°** for assuming reunion production leadership duties when Bro. Valker was out for surgery.
- **Thomas L. Ammazalorso, 32°** for arranging vendor selection and contract management for our Friends and Family Casino Night Charity fundraiser.
- **Ronald E. Craft, Jr., KCCH**, for revising the Valley training program for the Master Craftsman Program.
- **Frank T. Anthony, KCCH**, for adapting the Scottish Rite 14° ring ceremony for Reunion use.

Those Brothers to be recognized for their long term contributions to the Valley programs and activities are:

- **Harold A. Chadsey, KCCH**, for his long term support of Reunion Production as well as Sound System operations and training,
- **John T. G. Aakesson, KCCH**, or his long term support of Reunion Production activities and lighting and prop carpentry support;
- **Rick A. Cady, KCCH**, for his extended period of service to the Valley Production support activities;
- **Raymond L. Lambert, 32°** for his extended period of service to the Valley Production support activities;
- **Thomas G. Little, KCCH**, for his musical contributions to our Valley Reunions for over the past decade as our Valley Organist.
- **Illustrious Allen D. Beckner, 33°** for his 8 year Valley representation to the SR Conference of Virginia and for his the exceptional leadership and handling of the 2023 Virginia SR Conference annual gathering at Alexandria, VA by him and his wife **Linda**.

The Leadership of our four Bodies and the KSA will be recognized for the services of:

- **Michael D. Taldo, KCCH**, 2023 Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection
- **Mark E. Cummings, KCCH**, 2023 Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix
- **Dylan M. Phillips, 32°**, 2023 Commander of the Council of Kadosh
- **Ronald E. Craft, Jr., KCCH**, 2023 Master of Kadosh of the Consistory
- **Terence M. Smith, 32°**, KSA Clan Chief from July 2022 through June 2023

Please plan to attend our 12 January 2024 Awards Banquet and express your appreciation to each of these award recipients.

CONGRATULATIONS

Remembering a Masonic Brother's Story from Italy

Frank T. Anthony, KCCH

Sei un massone? These were the first Italian words spoken to me after being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Vicenza, Italy. It means, "Are you a Freemason?" At that time, I didn't know what to say except for, "grazie" or "thank you." Everyone got a laugh. As the newest Master Mason, I still had no idea what was really going on. We have all been there.

Current events in the world, plus a the "Statement of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and Religion," on November 16, 2023, from Ill. James D. Cole, 33° SGC, made me start thinking about my time being a Mason in Italy. Especially since Italy is not the most welcoming place for Masons.

My Masonic journey started in Italy. My Mother Lodge is a military lodge in Aviano, (Northern) Italy and I was raised by Brothers from another military lodge in Vicenza, Italy. During my degree, a few Italian Freemasons were present and Brother Fabrizio welcomed me in Italian, He ended up becoming a life-long friend until his passing a few years ago. He was 30 years my senior. We had many philosophical discussions about Masonry and life in general, over copious amounts of vino (wine) both in Italy and here in Northern Virginia. One conversation, three months after I was raised, was about Masonry in Italy, and opened my eyes to how different countries view Masonry.

Brother Fabrizio began by saying that Italian Masons don't "advertise" that they are Masons, like we do here in America, and that it would be difficult to find a square and compass in Italy, unless you know where to look. He said that Italian Masons have been persecuted over the centuries, by either religious institutions or by political parties. Therefore, they are cautious in their actions and have long memories, especially Brother Fabrizio.

He always wanted to be a Mason, since his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were Masons. It is like a rite of passage for the men in his family. I will always remember him saying, "*If the winds of history blew a different direction, life would be different, and I would not be sitting here in front of you today.*" Brother Fabrizio was born a few years after World War II. He told me how his father and members of his lodge supported Benito Mussolini many years prior to the war. In 1925, Mussolini banned Masonry in Italy since it didn't coincide with fascism. Brother Fabrizio's father hid his Masonic affiliation and managed to maintain his banking career during the war.

That was until a bit over a year before the end of World War II, between 1943 and 1944. Brother Fabrizio's father went on a business trip to Austria where he and another co-worker were captured and sent to Mauthausen concentration camp as political prisoners for being Freemasons. Someone in the Milan bank where he worked, had reported them.

The conditions at Mauthausen were horrible, and Brother Fabrizio's father was forced to work from sunrise to sundown every day or risk being executed. His father didn't see his co-worker/Brother ever again, since he went off to another part of the camp. Eventually, his father made it out of the concentration camp alive and was always grateful for the Americans who rescued him.

When Brother Fabrizio was eight years old, he remembered finding his father in the barn, in tears, with a newspaper lying next to him. It was early May and on the front page of the paper was an article about the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. That was also the same day Brother Fabrizio found out that his father was a Freemason and that he knew he wanted to be one.

I do miss Brother Fabrizio, since he taught me a lot. Especially seeing life through other people's eyes. Two of his quotes have stuck with me:

- "*Be kind to everyone you meet, since they are fighting their own war.*"
Russian Proverb
- "*Knowledge is realizing that the street is one way; wisdom is looking in both directions anyway.*" Albert Einstein

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Remembering a Masonic Brother's Story from Italy

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During my time in Italy, I was able to attend many Italian lodge meetings, which is an experience in itself. What I found interesting is none of the Italian Brothers wore or displayed any Masonic symbols. Which I am sure is because of the long, difficult history of Masonry in Italy. So, if you are ever in Italy and someone asks in Italian, "Sei un massone?" You now know your best response is, "grazie."

Frank

Valley Updates—Announcements

Valley Leadership—Three letters from Illustrious Alan W. Adkins, 33°, G.C., Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia, were read at the December 8th meeting notifying of the following changes effective with the January 12, 2024, meeting.

- Illustrious Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, is appointed the Personal Representative
- Michael P. Bible, KCCH, is appointed the General Secretary
- James D. Baker, KCCH, is appointed the Treasurer

Illustrious Edmund Cohen, 33°, Illustrious David C. Morris, 33°, and Illustrious Oral "Neal" M. Marple, 33°, have served the Valley well. Please join me in congratulating these fine Scottish Rite members who have labored in many capacities over the years on behalf of the Scottish Rite, in particular, and the Craft, in general.

2024 Budget—The 2024 budget as presented in the November-December 2023 bulletin, was approved by the membership at the December 8th meeting.

Trustees—Rick A. Cady, KCCH, was elected as Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Ronald G. Elliott, 32° who passed in October 2023.

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Alexandria, VA 22302
is **NOT** a mailing address.



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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection, 4^o–14^o
Alexandria Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, 15^o–18^o

Date _____

Alexandria Council, Knights Kadosh, 19^o–30^o
Alexandria Consistory, 31^o–32^o

I am a Master Mason in good standing, and respectfully petition to receive the Fourth through Thirty-second degrees, promising to bear true faith and allegiance to The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NAME (In Full) _____
(if no middle name, or initial only, please indicate)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____
(No., Street, City, State, ZIP Code)

DESIRED MAILING ADDRESS _____
(if different from above)

BIRTH: DATE _____ PLACE _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

WIFE'S NAME _____

OCCUPATION _____

**Ask a Brother
to join the
Scottish Rite
and Get a
Petition
today!**

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Accurate As Of: 12/10/2023 2:00:26 AM

Begin		1094
Gains		40
Losses		54
Current Lodge Membership		1080

Have You Considered the Valley in your Estate Plan?

Planned gifts mean a legacy in support of the Alexandria Valley. The donor makes plans today to create funds for the Valley to use in the future. Legacy gifts allow the donor's impact to be felt after he is no longer with us.

Estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging, during your life, for the disposal of your estate. Estate planning is a vital part of your financial plan at virtually any income level. It can give you greater control, privacy, and security of your legacy.

Initially, you could purchase a Life Membership in the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley. This purchase would eliminate you ever paying annual dues again and provide immediate help and support to the Valley. Your dues will support the Valley forever!

Secondly, you could establish in your will a legacy gift to the Valley that will provide benefits well into the future. Even a small gift will help the Valley to make major capital improvements projects to maintain our Temple and can help in many other ways.

We hope that you will consider these options. If you need assistance in making these arrangements, call our General Secretary and we will get you the help you need.



50-YEAR MEMBERS

Thirteen more brethren have be added in 2023 to the rolls of this very special group. They are:

Douglas P. Adkins	John E. Foor
Donald L. Blankenship	William J. Grupe
Phillip C. Clarke	Joseph H. Haubenstein
Loyd E. Davis	Angus S. Lamond, Jr.
Paul B. Ebert	Cecil C. Taylor, Jr.
Richard E. Entlich	Miles R. Woolever
John C. Estep	

Our yearly addition of 50-year members proves that our life expectancy has, indeed, increased over the generations. For example, in 1975 with over 3,000 members, there were only **12** 50-year members; today with only 1080 members, there are **84** 50-year members!

Secretary's Corner

Michael P. Bible, General Secretary

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours, Tuesday 10am-2pm, Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-2pm. Please call the office first at 703-998-9044.

Our SPRING 2024 REUNION will be Saturday April 20th and Saturday April 27th.

Now is the time to think about approaching those Blue Lodge members who you think would enjoy and benefit from Scottish Rite Membership. With the recent Grand Lodge One-Day Class, we have the opportunity to bring many new members to our Valley. Our Membership Brochures are in each Lodge and are available in our office. They do a great job of telling our story and they include a QR code which brings up our petition. It's all right there for you to use! Our SGIG, Illustrious & Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C. will present a "Special Neck-Tie or Bow tie" to any member who is a signer on 5 Petitions.



CAPS, RINGS, Patents and Cap Boxes

If you ordered a cap, ring and patent, they are in the office. Please make arrangements to pick them up.

IT's DUES TIME - ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT? A 2024 dues card is required to attend.

Every member in Good Standing should have received their 2024 Dues Notice. Your Dues should be paid by December 31, 2023, for the 2024 year. Please call the office if you have any questions.

VALLEY ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Our Valley Ties are back in stock. The Cost remains \$30.00. We have New Valley Shirt order forms. To order a shirt fill out the form and send to the office with your payment. All Shirt orders must be Pre-paid.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2024

January 1, 2024 - New Years Day

January 2 - HOLIDAY Office Closed

January 12- 6:00 p.m.

Awards Dinner & Installation of Officers for 2024

Pre-Meeting Dinner
Reservations by COB - Jan 10
Short Meeting
(Lodge of Perfection)

January 15 HOLIDAY
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

January 24 - 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah Club Meeting
Spurmont Lodge
Strasburg, VA

FEBRUARY 2024

February 9 - 6:00 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting
Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix, & Lodge of Perfection)

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

February 19- HOLIDAY
Presidents' Day

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

MARCH 2024

March 8 - 6:30 p.m.
Pre-Meeting Dinner
Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Remembrance and Light
(Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)

March 16 - 8:30 a.m. - Noon
VA Scottish Rite Workshop
Acca Shrine Center, Richmond
Workshop starts at 9:30 a.m.

March 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

March 27 - 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah SR Club
Spurmont Lodge
Strasburg, VA

Update your calendars
don't miss these events!



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