

Brethren of the Valley of Richmond,

The Fall Conferral was some awesome work, and well-done performances! The actors, class custodians, degree reader, directors, KSA, lighting, make up, prompters, Scottish Rite Guard, sound, stage crew, stewards, along with the shakers and movers did an excellent job. It has been an entire year since they last worked, some of the crew are virgin, still it was outstanding. We had four Past Grand Masters in attendance. It is shameful that so few were able to perceive the terrific event. The Brethren not attending were the losers!

These Brethren are the winners!

Charles Pershing Barbour, Richard Joseph Fisher, Mark William Gilday, Joseph Kenneth Gilkerson, Steven Robert Haines, Evan Joseph Hunt, Earl Vincent Jorgensen, Joshua Michael Morris, William Scott Vosper, and Larry Eugene White attained the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret.

Congratulations to the new Honour Men in the Valley of Richmond.

33° IGH, Claude Ashley Bass, Jr., and J. Thomas Wadkins III

Attaining the rank and decoration of KCCH are; Michael Gwin Atkins, Sr., James Henry Atkinson, Jr., Robert Clay Dillard, Gary Eugene Hutchinson, Willard Vernon Korb, Jr., and Joseph Alan Towler

The Supreme Council met in Special Session during August 2016 and enacted the following.

ARTICLE IV, Section 8 and ARTICLE XIV, Section 3 pertaining to nominations for Honours were amended as follows: Dues are due and payable by December 31 for the following year. As an example, dues for 2018 are due and payable before December 31, 2017. A member's dues for 2018 are in arrears if they are not posted as paid in the Sentinel Program on January 1, 2018. Therefore, any member whose dues have been in arrears during the preceding forty-four months, is not eligible for nomination for Honours (Knight Commander or the 33rd Degree). Brethren, please insure your dues for 2018 are paid by December 31, 2017 to eliminate any question concerning your good standing.

GHOST WARNING! We have a stealth young lady slinking about the Temple. She is taking pictures at the CLC fundraising events? She was at the RiteCare Charity golf tournament, and seen again Saturday evening during the CLC spaghetti fund raiser. She is the web master for the Center. <u>http://srclc.org/</u> Check out her work, she has been doing it quietly for about four years! Seek out Katey McCarney, and thank her for the fine work she does.

November 27, we will receive the 2017-2018 Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He will be received under the arch of steel by our Scottish Rite Guard. The Jack Jouett Camp of Heroes, James Monroe Chapter #549, of National Sojourners will present the Colors. The Grand Master will make his remarks after dinner. Make your dinner reservations early and let us meet on the level!

December 09, 6:00 PM, the *Ladies, Widows and Family Night Banquet* is set. The Scottish Rite dining room is reserved for this event. This is to be a festive evening for the Brethren, Ladies, Widows, and all the family. (children and grandchildren) Brother Shelby Chandler, KCCH, Master of Kadosh has a nice family event planned at no cost to you or the Rite. Bring a dish and enjoy! Contact Shelby - <u>schandler@warbard.com</u> or the SR office with the number attending.

Wishing you a Wonderful Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Glorious Happy New Year!

It has been a pleasure serving the Valley of Richmond during 2017. Moring E. "Grav" Gravitt, 33° IGH, Venerable Master :.

Friends Dinner and Auction April 7, 2018

Greetings friends of the Childhood Language Center. We know you have had fun in the past and enjoyed coming to the Friends Dinner.

Now that it is time to start thinking about another one, we need your help. We need sponsors and Friends who will consider donating their Fine antiques, Vacation condos, or New Sporting equipment for the silent and live auctions. Or who might be interested in purchasing their dinner tickets in advance. The advantage to that is of course you can take your tax deductions this year for your ticket purchases.

We are looking forward to a magnificent event. Please contact Bro. Herb Turner for more information. There will be some surprises for sure, and I know we will all have an enjoyable time. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for good friends, good cheer, and helping our Childhood Language Center!

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

FROM THE

CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER

Joseph Towler, KCCH, President, Board of Directors

We are nearing the Christmas holidays. That time of year when feelings generate good wishes and fellowship. I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much your yearlong support of our Childhood Language Center is appreciated. Our Center was born of concern and is being sustained by love and support.

Help a young child overcome those disabilities that pose a terrible and negative impact on their lives. Their ability to live that life to its fullest potential is the result of us, as Masons, living up to our charge to "do good unto all".

The work of the Center's trained professionals goes on all year round and is done in your name. Your support to allow our Center to continue to grow and expand its efforts to help our children can live their lives to the fullest, is critical. Their development in many cases is dependent upon your donations.

Our annual appeal is under way. Don't set it aside. Don't throw it away. Write that check to help continue the magnificent work being performed by our staff. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

The staff of the Childhood Language Center and your Board of Directors wishes everyone happy holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year.



- no report

Brother Rob Eades Secretary/Treasurer, Richmond Honour Court

Message from our Membership Chair

Brethren,

Our fall reunion went off without a hitch. We made 9 new Masters of the Royal Secret that day. Even though the class was small, the enthusiasm that day was high. Our next step is to make them feel welcome and to help them get involved in what interests them. We have lots of opportunities for involvement.

As our involvement with Scottish Rite winds down for this year, let's not forget to keep our eyes open for any Brother that we think would like to join us.

Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving

Charles Robinson, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Chairman Contact information: (804) 730-0191 carsdr@comcast.net



Brethren,

On Saturday, December 9th, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Scottish Rite Temple, the Richmond Consistory will be hosting the Richmond Consistory Family Dinner.

The dinner for your family will be fried chicken, baked beans and coleslaw and it will be at no cost to you, but we do encourage each family to bring a small side dish or dessert to contribute to the dining as a whole.

We will have a brass quintet who will enhance the ambiance of the event with Christmas carols as well as a fun and entertaining program that you will enjoy. Most important to this is *I must have you RSVP your attendance* so that I may be able to coordinate with the dinner crew.

Please contact me through my email address and let me know that you are attending. Thank you and I look forward to your attendance.

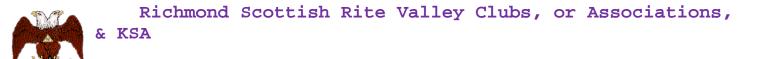
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With fraternal respect, Shelby L Chandler, 32° KCCH Richmond Consistory, Master of Kadosh Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite



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- no report



Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Club (Valley of Richmond)

- no report

President 2017 –Ron Reuschling, 32°Contact information: (540) 846-3034 cellgreekron22@yahoo.comMeets 2nd Thursday quarterly – next meeting –Oct 12, 2017 Aladdin, 20552 Plank Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Fredericksburg

Scottish Rite Woman's Club

The Woman's club will have a guest speaker before our dinner in November. She will be talking about and showing her quilts, she has made. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

Valerie Layman - President



Knights of Saint Andrew

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Robert R. Siegel, 32° KCCH Chairman, Education Committee Chairman

- no report

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Ill. Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

Our delinquent list is still showing 38 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. If you have some time, and would like to assist the Richmond Valley, we could use your help in contacting some of our delinquent members. Please call or stop in to make arrangements. Suspensions will be effective December 31, 2017.

November brings the reception of our newly installed 173rd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. If you would like to meet our new Grand Master, you need to make your reservation for dinner by Monday, November 20, 2017.

Remember that the Valley is dark in December. Our next Stated Meeting after November will be the election and installation of officers in January at our annual meeting. The office staff wants to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season as we celebrate several holidays over the next few months.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

2017

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 22 - Office Closed

Thursday 23 – Thanksgiving

Monday 27 – Stated Meeting

DECEMBER

NO STATED MEETING

Saturday 9 – Evening Family Dinner

Monday 25 - Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 26 – Office is Closed

2018

JANUARY

Monday 1 - New Year's Day - Office is Closed

Wednesday 10 – Honour Court Meeting

Monday 22 – Stated Meeting

FEBRUARY

Monday 26 – Stated Meeting

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There will not be an issue of the Double Eagle for December as the Temple is Dark.

Next issue <u>deadline</u> is January 5th, 9PM. Shipping date is January 10th, 2018

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