

Richmond Double Eagle

February 2019



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Brethren, we had an outstanding attendance for our “Election and Installation of New Officers” and I know that everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening. Our newly elected officers are already hard at work for our Valley. As hard as they will work, they still need each and every one of us working with them, side-by-side. Let’s all strive to do our part.

Your Executive Council enjoyed a productive meeting in January and the next one is scheduled for April 24th, come on out if your calendar allows and attend the next meeting. This is where we discuss the serious business of running your Valley and you are always welcome.

Our VMAP has been in great hands under the leadership of Brother Lin Spears, KCCH, and we have achieved the goals each and every year under his guidance. This year Brother Whitt Hanscom will take over as Chairman and Brother Lin will assist in the transition. We have already submitted our paperwork to participate in the 2019 VMAP Program. You will be hearing more from Brother Whitt as the year progresses.

Please get busy and bring in new petitions for we need to add to our roles and there are many Masons who have not become Masters of the Royal Secret. Do your part and lets work hard to make our Spring Reunion one to remember.

S&F

Brother Stuart, PR

Greetings from the Venerable Master February 2019

Thank you for allowing me to become your Venerable Master. This is truly an honor and I look forward to serving all the Brethren of the A&ASR during 2019. Those that have gone before me have set the bar high, and I will do my best to continue the fine work they have done. My special thanks to Bro. Doug Jones for his complete confidence in me and for his overwhelming support in all things Masonic.

We have a lot of work to do in an effort to build the Richmond Scottish Rite into a fun and fulfilling Valley for each member and his family. Yes, I want to focus on the family, and try to include them in many areas of our Valley. VMAP programs suggest this, and I think we can add new events this year that will be enjoyed by all. I am very excited about starting off the year with a very special event on March 30.

Coming up next month is the first opportunity for you and your family, even your friends, to ride the bus to the House of The Temple, enjoy a terrific tour of this beautiful facility that is the home of all Scottish Rite Masons, and then have lunch at the renowned Globe and Laurel restaurant in Stafford. For those of you who were members of the fall Reunion class this is your chance to learn more about our wonderful Fraternity. The House of The Temple has a long and rich history of Scottish Rite Masonry, and one of the nicest libraries of Masonic information in the world. It will truly be a trip to remember. Sign up NOW with the SR Office. Bus tickets are only \$30, and the buffet lunch will be about \$23 per person.

Another example will be the continuing tradition of going to a FLYING SQUIRRELS Baseball game in May. These games are always fun. The theme for this game is STAR WARS. Talk about a good event for the whole family, this will be GREAT. The game will be MAY 4. Further details will be announced soon.

Don't forget our stated meeting on Feb. 25. Ill. Bro. Matt Szramoski will be joining us as our speaker. The SR Woman's Club will also have a speaker for their meeting, and we will have a delicious dinner of Lee's Famous Chicken tenders prepared by our own staff of chefs led by Bro. Ronnie Butler! It will be a great night. I look forward to seeing you and your wife at this meeting!

Please put the Scottish Rite on your calendar for 2019. I promise you will not be disappointed!

Fraternally,

Terry Hilton, 32° KCCH



Rt. Wor. Rick Kidd, Worshipful Master of Metropolitan Lodge No.11, was pleased to continue his Lodge's track record of winning The Traveling Soaring Eagle Award. They can now display The Eagle in their Lodge until our Spring reunion. Since the competition was started in 2016, Metropolitan No.11 has won every time, thus making them undefeated! They had the highest percentage of their Lodge's membership belonging to The Richmond Scottish Rite. Will your Lodge be the next to win this award? Your opportunity is coming up with the 2019 Spring Reunion.

It will be in Memory of Ill. ALVIN LESTER LEHMAN, 33°, IGH and will be a two-day event. The first day, Friday evening April 26, 2019, we will cover the 4th thru the 13th Degrees. Then on Saturday the 27th, we will start with the 14th Degree and proceed through the 32nd. Petitions can be found at The Scottish Rite or on our web site, <http://www.richmondscottishrite.org> and can be given to any Master Mason in good standing in his Blue Lodge.

Charles Robinson, Jr. 32 ° KCCH

Rappahannock Area Scottish Rite Club.

The RASRC (formally the Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Association) meets four time a year at a local restaurant in Fredericksburg on the second Thursday in January, April, July and October. Our meetings are always open to all. We start about 6:30 pm with a 'happy hour' followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. A highlight of our meetings is the Poker Raffle where participants try to draw a joker from a deck of cards – next meeting's jackpot is over \$590.00! The Raffle and our Silent Wine Auctions are raising funds for the Childhood Language Center.

The RASRC is also the home of Degree Team 6. Our members help out at the Reunions by participating in the Sixth Degree.

Several of our members have formed a study group and are working on the Master Craftsman program., as well as practicing their parts in the Sixth Degree. If your travels bring you to the Fredericksburg area on April 11th, we hope you can join us. We'll be at Logan's Roadhouse in front of Spotsylvania Mall (Exit 130B off I-95).

Fraternally

Ron Reuschling, 32°, President

Dan Thompson, 32° KCCH, Secretary

Scottish Rite Woman's Club

The Scottish Rite Woman's Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Library. We always have a good time either talking or listening to a speaker. At our February meeting, we are expecting Megan Lowe, Advocate, "Changing the story of human trafficking." We would love to have all the ladies join us in the library at 6 p.m. You do not have to be a member. Just come in and chat with us.

Valerie Layman, President



VMAP Committee

Lin Spears and Whit Hanscom

Our Valley committed to being awarded the VMAP Program again this year. The program information can be found on ScottishRite.org. VMAP gives our Valley a checklist to self-evaluate the many areas that are necessary for our success. The Valley officers would appreciate your input.

Lin Spears, 32 ° KCCH and Whit Hanscom, 32 ° VMAP Committee

NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING NOW!

February will bring some changes to our Newsletter. Starting with the March – April issue, the Richmond Valley Newsletter will be distributed electronically by email. If you have an email address, and we do not have it, please send it to us as soon as possible. Paper copies will only be mailed to those members without an email address. If you are receiving the Fellowship Reports, you will receive the Newsletter. If you have requested to have your email address removed from the Fellowship Report list, you will not receive a Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the office.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

The holidays are over and the Christmas decorations are packed away for another year and as of our Stated Meeting, only 331 shopping days remain until next Christmas. My congratulations to our soon to be elected and installed new Masters for 2019.

I commend last year's leaders of the four Bodies for their fine work and support this past year. Your dedication to the Scottish Rite has greatly enhanced the operation of the office and the activities of the Valley. Our new leadership needs your continued prayers. YOU can make a difference. Participation is YOUR decision, but YOU are always welcome at YOUR Scottish Rite. Make that decision to support our leaders. Our new Masters have been hard at work to prepare their programs for 2019, and will be communicating those plans during the coming months.

Be an active Scottish Rite Mason. Our meetings are listed in the Calendar. The meals are excellent and are only \$8. An annual meal ticket is still available for \$72.

At this writing, we still have over 200 of our members who have not sent in their 2019 dues and over 70 who still owe dues for 2018 and are delinquent. According to the Supreme Council Statutes, your dues are payable by December 31, and you need a current dues card to attend the business meetings. Please remember that the Scottish Rite cannot fulfill its obligations unless you have fulfilled yours. Your dues go a long way toward keeping the Temple open and functioning.

Let us commit to unwavering support for our Scottish Rite Valley and our Childhood Language Center for 2019. I hope to see everyone at our Stated Meetings this year. **Just remember to make your dinner reservations.**

COME TOUR THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

We will leave by bus from the Scottish Rite Temple at 7:30 AM. We should arrive at the House of the Temple between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.

We will leave the House of the Temple at approximately 12:30 PM and travel to Stafford, VA to the Globe and Laurel Restaurant. Arrangements are under way for a buffet meal. Cost yet to be determined.

Please call the office to make your reservation.

Your lady is welcome.

Cost of the bus is \$30 per person. Cash, check or charge up front.

The buffet is in addition to the transportation.

We expect to arrive back in Richmond around 4:00 PM.

Seating is limited.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

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FEBRUARY

Thursday 14 – Valentine’s Day

Monday 25 – Stated Meeting

MARCH

Saturday 23 – Scottish Rite Workshop

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Saturday 30 – House of the Temple Bus Trip & Tour

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 25, 2019

5:30 PM – Guard Meeting

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

7:00 PM – Dinner (\$8 with a Reservation, \$10 without)

Program – Matt Szramoski from the House of the Temple

“RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”

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