

# Richmond Double Eagle

September 2018



Chapter Rose Croix



Knights Kadosh



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Brethren:

At our Stated Meeting in June, sixty-nine of our Brethren were present and after hearing the “Motion to Sell” our Temple Building, along with a brief report on the study conducted into the vitality and solvency of our Valley, a unanimous vote was received to sell. This is a very bold step to take but one that needs to be implemented as clearly revealed by the three committees formed to conduct the study and their respective findings.

While we are all very appreciative of the significant amount of time and effort expended by our Brethren who made up the sub-committees that conducted the study of our Valley, the real work will now begin. Many questions are in the minds of us all; When ***will the building be sold? Where will we meet? What about the Blue Lodges who meet in our building? What about the Childhood Language Center? Will we build a new building? Where will it be located? Will we rent? Will we buy and renovate a building? What about our furniture? What, what, what?*** All are excellent questions and we are in the process of establishing a number of committees to answer all of your questions and many more as we move forward.

As a precursor to a full-fledged plan for the future I have established three (3) sub-committees with specific charges to each. Keep in mind that this is preliminary, yet very important work that needs to be performed. The sub-committees are as follows:

- “**Sale & Future Home of Richmond Valley**” – Co-chaired by Rt. Wor. Doug Jones, KCCH and Ill. Sam Dunn
- “**What Should Future Building Look Like**” – Chaired by Ill. Claude A. “Buddy” Bass
- “**Disposition of Valley Furniture, Library, Backdrops & Artifacts** – Chaired By Rick Kidd, 32<sup>nd</sup>
- “**S.R. Childhood Language Center**” – Co-Chaired by Ill. Sam Dunn & Rt.Wor. Doug Jones, KCCH

The Chairmen of the above sub-committees have a number of our brethren assigned and if you are interested in severing on one of them please contact the Chairman and offer your services as I am confident that they will be readily received.

I thank each and every one of you who attended our June meeting and voted with your keen minds and not with your hearts as no one, not the first single member, could say that we are happy to be selling our building but we all

know that it is the correct action to take. With everyone's support and backing the Richmond Valley will end up in a much better place both physically and fiscally and with an even brighter future.

A number of you have inquired as to when the L.M.I.P. for Scottish Rite will be reinstated? The good news is that the Supreme Council, while not having taken a collective position on this as of yet, our S.G.I.G., III. and M.W. Jim Cole will approve a Valley in his Orient reinstating the program on a case by case basis and with a minimum number of steps required. Your Executive Council will be discussing this at our July meeting and we will keep you informed.

S&F

Brother Stuart, PR



***First impressions matter! And as our Grand Master this year has often reminded us, we only get *one chance* to make a good *first impression*. Very few days pass by that we don't have the opportunity to make a favorable impression on those we meet and interact with. On October***

**6<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity—and within the length of your cable tow, the obligation—to make a good *first impression* on a new class of Scottish Rite Masons.**

**We've all attended Degree work either in our Lodges or at a Scottish Rite Reunion when there were too many empty seats. Empty seats are a *missed opportunity* to make a good *first impression* on the candidate(s) being received. Your presence makes a powerful statement, one of importance, significance and welcome to the candidate. Empty seats are also a missed opportunity to show support for our Degree Teams and many others who work very hard to ensure a memorable Reunion experience. Again, your presence makes a strong statement and show of appreciation to those who work hard to make the Reunion experience special.**

**Here's the thing, I fully understand what it's like to have a demanding schedule. But if we're honest, we have to admit there have been way too many empty seats at our recent Reunions. Health, family, jobs and many other very legitimate commitments can keep us away but my challenge to each of you is to think it over—and find a way if you can and to do the best you can—to devote at least part of your day on October 6<sup>th</sup> to the Richmond Valley Scottish Rite Fall Reunion.**

**Your presence will make a strong and powerful statement to our candidates!**

**Fill an empty seat—don't miss this opportunity to make a good *first impression!***

**Thanks for all you do and for considering this challenge and invitation!**

**Venerable Master**



From the Chapter of Rose Croix. Happy September Brethren. I ran across some information the other day that I thought was interesting and pertains to the ole Rosy Cross. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated every year on September 14<sup>th</sup>. According to tradition the true cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery. The feast recalls three events: the [finding of the True Cross](#) ; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the Byzantine emperor [Heraclius](#) after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian emperor [Chosroes II](#) in the AD 614 Sasanian conquest of Jerusalem.



Orthodox Cross set for special veneration on the feast of *The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life Giving Cross.*

Brethren,

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The special Degree fee of \$300 covers Dues through the end of 2019, the books "Morals and Dogma" and "A Bridge To Light", a symbolic 14th degree ring, meals both days and transportation to/from The House of the Temple. What a Deal! Petitions can be found on our web site ([richmondscottishrite.org](http://richmondscottishrite.org)) or at the Scottish Rite office.

Let's all do what we can to secure our future!

Charles

## **FEAST OF TISHRI**

Barry C, Faison, KCCH, Commander of Kadosh

As the year moves into its second half, the members of the Council of Kadosh are anticipating our stated communication in September. That evening, we will again celebrate the Feast of Tishri with a program and dinner.

The Feast of Tishri has its origins in the Jewish feast of Sukkot, which is held in during the Jewish month of Tishri. Sukkot means booths commemorating the temporary shelters used by the Jewish people as they wandered in the desert. The feast marks a period following the liberation and salvation of the Jewish people from Egypt and represents a renewed fellowship with God. Later, this feast was celebrated as a time of thanksgiving in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. For Masons, the Feast of Tishri represents an opportunity for all of us to reflect of the things for which we should give thanks and to renew our fellowship with God and the members of our fraternity.

Please mark your calendars and join me and the members of my line: William M. Myers, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander; Peter D Klei, KSA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander; Paul M. Moss, III, Chancellor; Edwin G. Willeman, Orator; Jonathan M. Lumpkin, Master of Ceremonies; Richard C Kidd, Turcopolier; Albert A Dranoff, KCCH, Draper; and James P Gregory, III, 1<sup>st</sup> Deacon; for this important evening of fellowship and renewal.

## Membership Chairman

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### 2018 Annual Childhood Language Center Spaghetti Dinner

Brethren, Family, and Friends,

The 2018 Annual Childhood Language Center Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is one of the primary fund raisers for the Language Center. Please bring family and friends out for a great meal and

fellowship.

P.S. might be a wonderful time to introduce a young man to our Great Masonic fraternity or a Brother Mason to the Scottish Rite.

Illustrious Sam Dunn "aka: Pillar of Beauty"



## **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 Scottish Rite.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**

### ***Scottish Rite Woman's Club***

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We welcome any ladies to our meeting in the library.

I hope to see you there.

Valerie Layman, President

### **NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING SOON!**

Next year will bring some changes to our Newsletter. Starting with issues mailed after January 1, 2019, 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.

### **Secretary's Notes**

Remember, Masonry is not a “Sleeping Giant”. Freemasons are men of good character who strive to improve themselves and make the world a better place. Think about what a powerful force we can be. Are you doing your part? Sympathy, kindness, and helpfulness are our wages. Those who seek otherwise will always be disappointed.

Remember our Fall Reunion and do your part. Each one of us needs to replace ourselves with a new Master of the Royal Secret. Membership is the lifeblood of our precious Scottish Rite. Do not be a “sleeping giant”. Become the powerful force we all know we can be. Get those Petitions in for the Fall Reunion now!

## **SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

**5:30 PM – Guard Meeting**

**6:00 PM – Business Meeting**

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

**Program – Feast of Tishri**

**“RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”**

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