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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, 32nd
- “**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., Ill. 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



"Take due notice thereof....."

Are you talking to your Blue Lodge friends about becoming a Scottish Rite Mason? Have you given them a petition yet? The candidates for this reunion class will have the opportunity to receive the 32nd Degree at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC. If you've been thinking about inviting someone to join us, please don't let this rare opportunity pass by. The 4th through 31st Degrees will be conferred in Richmond on Saturday, October 6th and the 32nd Degree will be conferred in Washington on Saturday, October 27th. Share the opportunity!!

The summer *has not* been a quiet time for the Richmond Valley. We have faced some difficult decisions head on all the while looking to the horizon for the promise of a new beginning.....yes, we embrace the past and we especially remember the sacrifice of those who walked before us but we also know the path ahead is filled with promise if we boldly take the next step—and with a clear and open mind—dedication, determination—and an unwavering commitment to Masonic values—look behind the door waiting to be opened. Are you ready?

At our June Stated meeting the Brethren approved the sale of our Scottish Rite Building and Grounds. After a period of serious, heartfelt discussion, the affirmative vote was unanimous. By letter dated, June 29, 2018, the SGIG, James D. Cole, 33°, affirmed the action to sell the building.

Now the hard work really begins! First, we have to sell the building. At this point, we've had interest but no offers. We have to decide where we are moving to and just what we want our new building to look like. Many questions have to be answered. Will we take on new construction or will we repurpose an existing building to meet our needs? Assuming we want to generate an income stream through rentals, we have to consider an assessable location, as well as a facility that is attractive and functional for rental clients all the while fulfilling our Masonic needs. Of course, there's the budget, how much can we afford? And finally, deciding what to do with the furniture in our current building and all the other stuff we have some of which still has a useful purpose, some things are historic, and other items, well, they have seen better days and need to find a new home. To move this work forward our Personal Representative has formed four committees: Sale & Future Home of the Richmond Valley; What Should Our Future Building Look Like; Disposition of Valley Furniture, Library, Backdrops and Artifacts; and, the fourth committee will coordinate

all matters relating to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center. If you are interested in working with any of these committees, please contact the Valley Secretary.

Each of you are important to the Valley, and "as the length of your cable tow will permit," please be present, be involved, you are our future! Remember this, "Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come."

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, 1st Lt. Commander; Peter D Klei, KSA, 2nd 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, 1st Deacon; for this important evening of fellowship and renewal.

Membership Chairman

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a good summer. As the weather cools, and vacations now are over, I am sure we will all become more active in our Lodges. This will be the perfect opportunity to seek out that Brother you want to have a special experience. Your Scottish Rite has planned such an event. This reunion will be a two-day event with the first day being October 6, where the class will advance from the 4th through the 31st degrees along with some extra events planned. Then on October 27th, we will be taking the entire class to The House of the Temple in Washington, DC where they will receive a tour of the Temple and a presentation of the 32nd Degree in the Temple Room. This is only the second time we have done this and could well be the last time we put on the 32nd Degree in the House of the Temple.

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) or at the Scottish Rite office.

Charles



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 20th, 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 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

Scottish Rite Woman's Club

Scottish Rite Woman's Club,

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!

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

2018

AUGUST

Saturday 18 – GMOV to Districts 15 A, B, & C

Saturday 25 – Hermitage Road Closed for

Moonlight Bicycle Ride

Monday 27 – Stated Meeting

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, August 27, 2018

5:30 PM – Guard Meeting

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

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

Program – Family Night

“RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”

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

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