

Richmond Double Eagle

June 2017



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Education Night! Teacher of year & Scholarships

Brethren of the Valley of Richmond,

June 26, is Education Night. We have the members of the James Monroe Camp of the Heroes of 1776, Fort Lee - Richmond Chapter #72, National Sojourners Inc. to present the colors and give the Toast at the Flag. Robert R. Siegel, 32° KCCH, and Richard T. McGrath, 33° IGH, will present several scholarships, and recognize peer nominated outstanding teachers from Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond City.

Scottish Rite Degrees on the Road

Master Masons residing in **Masonic Districts 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 18, and 21** have an opportunity to join the University of Freemasonry, and receive the Scottish Rite degrees at a location nearer them Saturday, **October 7, 2017**. The Scottish Rite 4th through the 14th degrees will start at 1 PM. We will complete the degrees by 3 PM. The remaining degrees through 32nd for these Brethren will be conferred in the Richmond Valley on Saturday October 21 at 11 AM. They will have completed the 32 degrees by 5 PM on this date. This arrangement will eliminate their early hour drive times.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 194 AM & FM, Crozet VA, is reserved for the Valley of Richmond Scottish Rite for the purposes of conferring the 4th through the 14th degrees October 7, 2017, Saturday morning for the hours of 1100 to 1600 hours. Scottish Rite Brethren are encouraged to attend.

We thank Right Worshipful Goldie Tomlin for extending this courtesy to the Richmond Valley. Goldie is the Master of King Solomon's Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master in District 18.

Please open the 2nd attachment – Fall Ritual Conferral petition, print a few and get them circulated in your Blue Lodge.

Contact the Scottish Rite Office 804-264-3050 or email srsecy@verizon.net for more information, hard copy petitions, or with questions.

Guess who is coming to present the September dinner program. The Commander of Knights of Kadosh has a real treat for us! Something EXTRA SPECIAL is coming our way!!! Brother Whit Hanscom, 32°, did not go for the low hanging fruit when choosing this speaker, he selected from the top of the tree.

S & F,

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Brethren,

Time is moving rapidly in my eye and I am sure that this is because of what we often heard our parents say to us, "the older you get the faster time flies". This must be true because I am definitely older and time is rapidly moving in my life. Speaking of which my Brethren, for those of you who have not been with us in a while, I would ask "where have you been spending your time and what have you been engaged in"? For many of you, too many of you in fact, we have missed you at your Scottish Rite Stated Meetings! We sure would like for you to strongly consider coming back and spending time with us and sharing in the great fellowship that you are missing.

As we have been keeping you up-to-date on our building as it pertains to the asbestos abatement and future heating and air-conditioning needs, the Building and Grounds Committee has been moving forward and we should all be appreciative of their good work. Our auditorium has been cleared for use and the next steps are being taken as finalization of this project is near.

The newly painted dining hall looks great, plans are underway for contracting with a new grounds grooming company and all-in-all we are in relatively good shape.

Where we continue to be lacking is in the area of petitions from our Brethren seeking light by receiving the remaining 29 degrees! You and I are the only ones who can make this happen. You and I must get to work in bringing in those petitions and helping to re-build our membership. Brethren this is a must and if we fail, we fail our Valley, we fail our Brother Master Mason who is not yet a Scottish Rite Mason and we fail ourselves by not doing our duty to our Valley. Please think about this and get to work on this one very important task that you can do by just talking about our Rite and what a great organization we are.

Thank you for all that you do and remember that in spite of all that we do we can do a little more.

S&F,

Brother *Stuart*, PR, 33° IGH, Grand Master ∴ of Masons in Virginia

PORTSMOUTH VALLEY TO HOST 2017 CONFERENCE

The 2017 Scottish Rite Conference is being held at the *Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center*, 425 Water St., Portsmouth, VA 23704, (757) 673-3000, commencing Thursday, September 28, 2017 with the annual golf tournament at the *Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club*, One "Ace" Parker Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23701. Check-in time is 3:00PM and checkout time is Noon. Reservations will be made for those delegates being sponsored by the Richmond Valley. You will be required to present a credit card upon check-in for incidentals. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend. The room cost is still under discussion.

The Friday afternoon program will include two dynamic speakers. I understand that Ill. Bill Sizemore, Grand Executive Director, will be one, and the other is yet to be announced. Both presentations will be available to all in attendance.

Banquets are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights, and a ladies breakfast/brunch on Saturday. The Friday night meal will be a broiled chicken breast with champagne sauce or beef burgundy with wild mushrooms, thyme and tomatoes. On Saturday, the dinner will include flat iron steak and broiled Atlantic salmon. Costs for the three meals are expected to be in the neighborhood of \$100.

On Saturday, the general business session and the Foundation meeting will start at approximately 9:00 AM and end at Noon. On Saturday afternoon, the Portsmouth Temple will host the Investiture for those who will be receiving the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. The address of the Temple is 3 Harris Road, Portsmouth, VA 23702.

Caps will be worn for the Investiture ceremony only. Dress for the banquets is coat and tie for the men and church dress for the ladies. Friday afternoon is business casual and Saturday will be coat & tie all day.

More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is received from the Portsmouth Valley.

Tom Wadkins, KCCH, Vice-President

Thank you for supporting the CELEBRATING THE CRAFT!!!

What a terrific year for our Richmond Valley. We asked for your support of the *House of the Temple* and the *CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE Center* and boy, did you come thru! Congratulations to all the Brethren of the Scottish Rite and the Blue Lodges who stepped forth to support this worthy cause. In case you haven't heard, we had a terrific night at the Richmond Flying Squirrels with 61 tickets sold. We had great fellowship and enjoyed the game.

We also were able to raise \$2000 for the *Celebrating the Craft 2017*. That is a new record for the Richmond Valley. Thanks to each one of you who stepped up and made a generous donation. Let's remember this and do even better next year! Congratulations once again!!!

Thank you,

Terry Hilton, 32° KCCH, Chairman CTC terry4tees@gmail.com

Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday October 6, 2017 at **Sycamore Creek Golf Course**, 1991 Manakin Road Manakin, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103. Shot gun start 10:00 AM. Lunch follows the tournament. Complete information to follow shortly.

Lin Spears, 32° KCCH, Golf Tournament Chairman Contact information: spears7@rivnet.net

Message from our Membership chair

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is a correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. The first course, Program I: The Symbolic Lodge will familiarize students with aspects of the development of Blue Lodge Masonry and explore some of its developing symbolism.

Since the first course deals with the first 3 degrees in Freemasonry, We at the Richmond Scottish Rite have decided to open up our next session to all Master Masons. We are planning on initiating a course class in September, so if you are interested, call the Scottish Rite office at 264-2050 and get your name on the list.

This is a great opportunity to expose our Blue Lodge Brothers to The Scottish Rite. What we need from you is to invite a Master Mason, or two or three, to come join us for some good fellowship as we improve ourselves in Masonry.

Charles Robinson, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Chairman

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Whit Hanscom, 32°, Commander ∴ Richmond Council Knights of Kadosh

BIG NEWS to be announced at the June stated, listen for it.

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Richmond Scottish Rite Valley Clubs, or Associations, & KSA HAPPENINGS

Harold R. Stephenson of Fork Union, President 2017 ó R.: W.: Eugene Goin, 32°

The next meeting of the H.R Stevenson Scottish Rite Association is 27 July 2017. We will meet at Glenn Acres on state route 53 at 630 pm. This is a picnic and a very nice shelter is on site with concrete floor.

Business to be discussed is the upcoming fundraising auction at the October meeting. We are fundraising for the Richmond Valley Scottish Rite Learning center. We are blessed to be one of their most valuable donors.

Spouses and children are welcome. I look forward to seeing you on the 27th. Please rsvp by 24 July to Eugene Goin. Contact information: (434) 989-6290 neggoin@gmail.com

Fredericksburg S. R. Association ó President 2017 ó Ron Reuschling, 32° - no report

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Meets 2nd Thursday quarterly ó next meeting -July 13, 2017 Aladdin, 20552 Plank Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Fredericksburg

Scottish Rite Woman's Club ó dark ó June, July, & August - no report

Knights of Saint Andrew



Knight Commander ó Hon. Gary Clayton Bonner 2017 - no report

Knight Warden – Jonathan Turner Knight Captain – Sam Gomez

Honorable Bonner's contact information: (804) 221-6030 niffler53@gmail.com

Chief Knight (**Rappahannock** Clan) - Hon. John Bradford óBradó Mena, 32° KSA 2017 - no report

Jeremy Utt, 32°, KSA, Chief Deputy Knight 2017, Chad Tudor, 32°, KSA, Knight Bursar

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Chief Knight (**Capital** Clan) ó Hon. Matthew John Johnson, 32° KSA 2017 - no report

James Dean, 32° Deputy Chief 2017, Richard Kidd, 32° Knight Busar

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Chief Knight (**Piedmont** Clan) - Hon. Aubrey Durwood Fones, 32° KSA 2017

Ed Creasy, 32° Deputy Chief 2017, David Alvin Carl 32° Knight Busar

The Piedmont Clan presented \$811 to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language center on 5/22. The funds were from the annual pancake breakfast held in May.

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Education Night

Brethren, the June stated is a time for recognizing our student scholarship winners, and our Teachers of the Year from Chesterfield County, Hanover County, Henrico County, and Richmond City Public Schools. The recognition of these award recipients is only enhanced by your presence. Your enthusiastic support will help make this occasion a very memorable experience for the students and teachers who will receive the awards. Please attend the meeting on June 26, to honor our teachers and students and to show that the members of the Richmond Valley are very supportive of public education. Let's fill the dining room! I predict you will have a very enjoyable evening, and will agree that it was a good use of your time.

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

General Secretary scribbling

ANNUAL TRIP TO JMU Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Attire for the day will be casual – Scottish Rite or Masonic golf shirts are appropriate. Please come along and learn how your funding support from the Scottish Rite Foundation is used by the University, and what benefits are realized by the students we support.

For those leaving from Richmond, we will depart from the Scottish Rite by car pool at 7:00 AM. This will be a non-stop trip, so please have breakfast before you arrive. We must send a count to JMU so they know how many to expect. Please call the office at 804-264-2050 or send me an email at srsecy@verizon.net no later than June 30 to indicate your attendance. If you need directions, let me know. If you register now, I will keep you updated as to the arrangements.

The trip is free, the lunch and program are free, and the fellowship is priceless.

As of this writing, we still have 54 members whose dues are delinquent and are subject to suspension. Please check your dues cards. If your dues are current, you will have a 2017 card. Dues are one way of showing your support for your Valley. Your membership is very important to the Valley and I encourage you to make those dues payments today.

We all need to work to increase our membership now. New Petitions – Affiliations – Retentions – and Reinstatements. Petitions are now available for the Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Please encourage your Blue Lodge brethren who are not Scottish Rite Masons, to take advantage of our one-day educational and thought provoking Reunion. Remember, brethren, we all need to replace ourselves at least once. Let's do it this year.

Dinner reservations are a must. In order to adequately prepare our menu and purchase the food, we need to know how many are going to be in attendance. We prefer a week in advance, but if you call no later than the Wednesday before the Stated Meeting we can hold your cost at \$8. Reservations received after Wednesday are \$10 each.

June 26 is Education Night. Make your reservation now to show your support for our students and their teachers.

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°, IGH, General Secretary Contact information: (804) 264-2050

RICHMOND VALLEY UPCOMING EVENTS

June

Sunday 18 - Fathers Day

Monday 26 - Stated meeting – Education night, July 4th Celebration, Scholarships, Teacher awards

July Richmond Valley SR is dark in July

Monday 3 – Office Closed

Tuesday 4 – Office Closed – Independence Day

Tuesday 11 – Annual Visit to JMU

Wednesday 26 – Executive Council 6:00 PM

AUGUST

Monday 21 – Stated Meeting

Sunday 27 thru Wednesday 30 – Supreme Council Biennial Session – Washington, DC

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4 – Office Closed – Labor Day

Saturday 16 – Area Wide Blood Drive

Saturday 23 – Grand Master's Official Visit to the 15th Districts @ Scottish Rite Temple

Monday 25 – Stated Meeting

Thursday 28 thru Saturday 30 – Scottish Rite Conference – Portsmouth, VA

ROTC & Jr. ROTC awards

Brethren, here is a June 5, up date and summary form the Americanism and Patriotism Committee.

The 2016-2017 school year the General Secretary's office has heard back from 26 Schools ROTC and JROTC programs, requesting presenters of the Scottish Rite Medals and Certificates.

Your Valley has made presentations at 23 Schools. We could not get presenters for 3 Schools, but that being said, we have presented at more schools this school year than since we started this program.

I would like to thank all the Brethren who Presented, and especially the Knights of Saint Andrew, which put forth a superb effort. I will not attempt to name all those Brethren who presented, but you know who you are, and your Valley thanks you for your efforts.

As the school year is winding down and I do not know if we will hear form any more schools. If we do I will get the word out via the e-mail list, as the July Double Eagle will be after schools have adjourned.

Again, many thanks tor all the Brethren who made the presentations. I know the Schools, and especially the Cadets who received awards, thank you as well. These Young Men and Women who will be the members and leaders in our future Military deserve all the recognition we can give them. They are truly Great!!

Your Committee will meet to see if we can improve on our efforts for next year and I hope we can do an even better job of presenting next year. Your Committee thanks you for your support and efforts.

Fraternally,

Nelson C. Trinkle, 32° KCCH, Chairman

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Good news in the Valley

Saturday, April 29, the Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies welcomed six new Masters of the Royal Secret into our ranks. Peter Whitefield Congdon, Douglas Howard Davies, Richard Tobin Logue, Mark Anthony Moore, Richard Thomas Thomas, Alex Von der Becke are all new Masters of the Royal Secret.

When you see these Brothers please congratulate them on becoming 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Seek them out at our meeting, and make them welcome.

Verizon E-mail server will be cease to exist very soon.

Verizon will switch you to AOL, or a server of your choice.

Please advise your new email address to us, either Mike Atkins or Moring Gravitt. We will notify the RDE, Prelate, General Secretary, and Grand Secretary.

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There will no July **RDE**, as the Temple is dark.

Next issue **deadline** is August 9th, 9PM. Shipping date is August 14th, 2017

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