

Richmond Double Eagle

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Chapter Rose Croix



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Brethren,

I hope that each of you and your families enjoyed a Very Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah, depending upon your beliefs and will now have a Happy and Healthy New Year! We have much work to do within our Valley and Your Executive Committee has hit the ground running for the coming year. We, and I mean WE, you, me and every member of our Richmond Valley must get to work if we truly have the desire to grow our membership, make our building useable and rentable and indeed, make the Richmond Valley sustainable. Sounds pretty stark doesn't it? Well Brethren, it is pretty harsh and as you will be hearing as our members of the sub-committees put their findings together I am afraid that it will be even more stark than you or I want to believe. This is your Valley, if you truly love it, want it to be sustainable and make it even more of an organization where you desire to expand your education in Masonry, share a good meal with your spouse and Brethren, fellowship and share good times, then we all need to be more active and even more attentive to what takes place on the business side of our Valley.

I am counting on each of you my Brethren and I know that your heart is in the right place, now all you need to do is get your posterior there and put your brain to work.

Happy New Year and make fulfilling your obligations to Masonry one of your New Year's Resolutions.

S&F

Brother Stuart, PR

Brethren and All,

We have just experienced the most magical part of the year. God has given us his son. It is a wonderful time of year for celebrating his birth, a time of fond memories, and giving thanks for our bounty.

It is an honor to be a member of the Valley of Richmond, and an even a greater honor to serve as Venerable Master. Not many men have experienced this privilege. Thanks for the ride! My personal gratitude is extended to each of you for your support. It has been a pleasure serving the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite this past year. THANK YOU!

Personal thanks go to our committee chairmen and their teams for remarkable accomplishments. Working with the **WISE MASTER** - Richmond Chapter of Rose Croix, **COMMANDER** - Richmond Council Knights of Kadosh, and **MASTER OF KADOSH** - Richmond Consistory has been a pleasure. Commander Mack Ruffin, and the Scottish Rite guard are great contributors. No one could ask for a better team of officers, especially those in the Lodge of Perfection. Our Valley is blessed to have an outstanding Treasurer, Brother Herb Eades - KCCH, we have excellent guidance from Ill. Bob Carpenter General Secretary, and Ill. M.: W.: Stuart Cook - our Personal Rep, plus super meals by Stewards committee. Your support keeps these Brethren energized.

The Valley is especially pleased that Ill. M.: W.: Stuart will continue as Personal Rep. for another year. We will greatly miss Ill. Charles W. "Chuck" Seward, a long serving true and faithful Prelate, as he moves to Texas.

A very special thank you is extended to my bride, Annye D. Gravitt, for her encouragement and support during this exciting year. She has been present at each stated, and traveled with me to several districts, plus the two Richmond Valley Clubs. She also attended to the Biennial Session in DC, and the SR Conference in Portsmouth.

Elections and installations are January 22, 2018. We look forward to an exciting year with Brother Doug and the entire 2018 Scottish Rite team! Make it your 2018 goal to support the endeavors of the Scottish Rite. With you, our beloved Scottish Rite will flourish.

Please continue to support our children at the Childhood Language Center (**RiteCare**). If you desire to help the kids, speak with the Valley leadership, or call the Center. There are many ways to participate. It is because of you that children are able to understand, learn, speak, and to have a better quality of life. It has been a pleasure serving the Valley of Richmond during 2017.

Moring E. "Grav" Gravitt, 33° IGH, Venerable Master ∴



Congratulations to Metropolitan #11 on winning the Traveling Soaring Eagle Award following our 2017 fall reunion. They had the highest percentage of their Lodge's membership belonging to The Richmond Scottish Rite. At their November Stated, the then Master, Wor. Robert Cook was glad to accept The Soaring Eagle back into their Lodge. They have had possession of the award since the fall of 2016. I must say it looks pretty good sitting on the secretary's desk, next to the Masters and Wardens award, which they have had for most of 2016. Keep up the good work Metropolitan Lodge.

Charles

Celebrating the Craft

May 19, 2018

Brethren and Ladies, please add this date to your calendars. This will be the 7th Annual Celebrating the Craft. The Richmond Valley has supported this Webcast since the beginning in different ways. Last year was the best yet when we had 62 people who came for a picnic lunch at the Temple, and then headed over to the Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game. We want to do the same thing this year and have set a goal of 100 people. Imagine 100 Masons and their families sitting in the same section of the stands all wearing Masonic or Scottish Rite emblems, hats and shirts.

Not only will we be helping the House of the Temple, we will be raising money for our own CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER. Sounds like a WIN-WIN to me.

Start talking it up with your family and at your Lodges! EVERYONE is invited, even potential candidates and friends and neighbors. Let's take a public stance and let the world know what a great group of people the Masonic Fraternity really is.

I guarantee prices will be good, and the fun and fellowship will make it all worthwhile.

The webcast will be at the Alexandria Valley from 6:30-11:30. We can support it just by being together, making some donations, and talking Masonry!

I look forward to seeing you on May 19! Contact Terry Hilton with Questions.

Terry4tees@gmail.com 804-794-1329

A MILLION THANKS TO EVERYONE

Another Childhood Language Center spaghetti dinner is complete. Thanks to all of our loyal members who support this event year in and year out, without your help we could not raise the funds to help our children. To date we have a net profit of \$5,500.00, I hold out hope that some of our members will find our letter of appeal under a stack of mail and send in a check of support.

This is a one day event that is in the planning and preparation stage for well over six months, requiring over 100 volunteers. Almost all of our food product is supplied at no cost by Rebecca Meadows of Southern Hospitality Training Services of Virginia, without this donation we would have to give this project up. Which would result in a lack of funds to help our children. Also, this year we had new entertainment by way of Jean Weatherford and Friends Band, they provided some of the sweetest music this side of Heaven and they donated their services. Thank you.

To the members of the committee who set through many meeting making plans to ensure that this event was a success, thank you.

To the ladies of the Scottish Rite Woman's Club for providing the sweets, or as I like to say sweets from the sweets, thank you, thank you.

To our DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters and their Dad's, Advisors and Guardians thank you for your continued loyal support, you make things run so smooth.

To our ladies of the Childhood Language Center thank you so much for your hard work, our children love you and so do we.

To the kitchen staff most who have been with me since the beginning, your service is appreciated more than words can say.

To the Knights of St. Andrews we could not preform the service of delivering a quality meal to our patrons without your help, working the serving line like a well-oiled machine, God bless you.

To Brother Doug Jones for being the best trouble shooter in the business, keeping the heat off me, thank you my Brother.

To all who took part in this important event, the drink men, the sanitation men, ticket takers, money handlers and the list goes on and on. Thank you. This newsletter is not large enough to mention everybody who took part in this event by name, but trust me I know who you are and pray for you every day.

We already have reserved the dining hall for our next dinner which I ask that you mark your calendars and make plans to be with us on October 20, 2018.

Bear in mind that all profits from this dinner go directly to helping a child with speech language needs.

Remember that the Childhood Language Center is your Center, our clients are your children, you can go by any day and witness a miracle take place.

God bless each of you and God bless our children and our Center.

On behalf of myself and our children thank you, thank you.

Sincerely,

Sam Dunn, 33° IGH

Your humble servant



Thank you all for the experience you have afforded me by allowing me to be your Commander of the Council of Kadosh this past year. It has been a great year and I have enjoyed each minute working with such amazing men as you. Whoever was able to convince the Sovereign Grand Commander into coming for the Feast of Tishri, I am deeply indebted. It was a wonderful experience that we only get once every decade or two. As the new officers take their places in their respective chairs, I wish them much success and hope they enjoy their time fulfilling their duties. It's all about the work.

Whit Hanscom, 32 °, Commander ∴ Richmond Council Knights of Kadosh
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Richmond Scottish Rite Valley Clubs, or Associations, & KSA

H.R. Stephenson Fork Union Scottish Rite Association

The next meeting for the H.R. Stephenson Scottish Rite Association is 25 January 2018. We meet at the first run catering restaurant. It is located at the corner of rt 15 and 53 in Palmyra Virginia. Dinner starts at 630pm. All invited. Dues are \$10 annually. We meet quarterly for fellowship and to raise funds for the learning center. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Brother Gene Goin

Scottish Rite Woman's Club

Thanks and Kudos to our November guest Anna. She gave us a wonderful program and hints about quilting. She brought several of the quilts she had made and explained how she picked the colors, materials and patterns.

We had a great group of ladies in attendance and after our meeting we had a delicious dinner and met the new Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. What a night! We will hold our next business meeting on Monday January 22. All ladies are welcome to attend. We hold a short meeting or program before the dinner while the men have their meeting.

Valerie Layman, President

Scottish Rite Woman's Club



Knights of Saint Andrew

Brother Knights of the Knights of St. Andrew ...
Greetings to all and a Happy New Year!

Another year has passed and a new one begins! It is a time to look back from where we came, and press forward to where we are going. The Knights of Saint Andrew, Richmond Chapter now has a history and a charted path to where we are going this year!

I am very honored and excited to be the incoming Knight Commander for 2018, and I am confident that the line of officers and Brother Knights are ready to take us to the next level. I expect that we will not only provide our standard

service to help the SR when asked to do so throughout the year, but the KSA will be ready and willing to support increasing demand for leadership.

This is your call to service!! It is time to come from the sidelines and into the traffic of the Valley. Some lanes move faster than others, but all will get us to the same reward. We are not a spotlight type of group, we' tend to work behind the scenes where people only notices things that are not done. I want every BK to have a job and to know their job, even if it is only one thing they do in a year. If you don't have a job, frankly you're just a guy wearing a hat and you are not the kind of Brother Knight we aspire you to be. I say all that to say this; I hold my fellow Brother Knights and Officers to a very high esteem because you are exceptional and I will not allow or accept anything less than honorable character and behavior.

Thank you for your commitment to support me, the KSA, and the Scottish Rite. I look forward to seeing you at our events and having some fun and fellowship along with the work!

January 1st KSA Dues Deadline, in case you forgot, please send in ASAP. Annual dues are \$20. Make a check payable to 'KSA' and mail to Knight Adjutant, c/o Richmond Scottish Rite PO BOX 9136 Richmond, VA 23227-0136

Knight Commander – Hon. Jonathan Turner 2017

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

Our Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's celebrations have been completed and Resolutions should now be at the top of your to-do list. We all should re-commit and re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry. Be an active Mason. 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 available for \$72 and you receive one free meal.

Our incoming Masters have been hard at work to prepare their programs for 2018, and will be communicating those plans during the coming months. Please do not forget the Election of Officers at the January Stated Meeting, followed by the Installation at dinner. The incoming Venerable Master will have announcements concerning his programs and appointments. **The officers of all four Bodies are expected to attend.**

At this writing, we still have over 300 of our members who have not sent in their 2018 dues. According to the Supreme Council Statutes, your dues were 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.

The officers of the Scottish Rite work hard to keep the building and grounds presentable for you and your family. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts make this a venue you can be proud of and a place you want to bring your family and friends. Remember the Childhood Language Center and the hard work of our clinicians. Make sure you send in your donation in response to the every member canvass that was recently mailed to your home.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are working diligently to keep our meal cost at \$8 per person.

THE 2018 ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

An \$80 Value for a Cost of \$72

**THE PERMANENT DINNER LIST IS FOR
ANNUAL TICKETS ONLY!**

You must call in your dinner reservation no later than the Wednesday before the dinner.
Reservations after that time will be \$10 per person.

Call or Stop by the Office

Cash, Check or Charge

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

Saturday 10 – Change Your Clocks Tonight

Saturday 17 – Annual Scottish Rite Workshop

Monday 26 – Stated Meeting

Friday 30 – Good Friday

APRIL

Sunday 1 – Easter

Monday 2 – Office Closed for Easter Monday

Wednesday 11 – Honour Court Meeting

Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 – Supreme Council

Workshop in Atlanta

Monday 23 – Stated Meeting

Saturday 28 – Tentative Spring Reunion Date

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