

Richmond Double Eagle

November 2019



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Words from the Personal Representative:

I am still in awe as I became the Personal Representative for the Richmond Valley to our new Supreme Council Deputy Ill. and MW Alan Adkins, 33°, Grand Cross. Two years ago, one of my best friends and Mentors Ill. and MW V. Stuart Cook, 33°, had me appointed as the assistant Personal Representative. He has worked very closely with me to assure that I would be ready to assume this new position. The trust that Ill. and MW Stuart and Ill. and MW Alan have shown me is a very humbling experience, and one I do not take lightly. Both of these wonderful men have given me the same promise as my Savior did saying they will never leave me or forsake me, with this assurance I am ready for the task ahead.

We had a very successful golf tournament under the leadership of Lin Spears, KCCH, and his talented committee. We also had the second largest spaghetti dinner in my 14 years thanks to the 75 plus volunteers. Both of these events are for the benefit of the Childhood Language Center, all net proceeds go to helping a child who without these events may not receive the treatment they need. You as a Scottish Rite Mason have so much to be proud of, the knowledge that your support of the Childhood Language Center helps so many of our children. Since it's opening in 1991, we have treated over 11,000 children and you have contributed to the over \$3,000,000 in aid needed to help these children. Go ahead and pat yourself on the back, be proud, tell your friends what great things you do as a Scottish Rite Mason. I do want to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and all the supporters who purchased tickets

to the dinner. I also want to extend a very warm THANK YOU to the Jean Weatherford and Friends Band, for providing beautiful music for our guests to enjoy. Also, our Masonic Youth the DeMolay from Westhampton Chapter and A.W. Smith Chapter, the Jobs Daughters from Bethel 51 and Bethel 53, THANK YOU. We could not do this dinner without your help. To all of our volunteers, THANK YOU and God Bless each of you.

As many of you know we had to postpone the Fall Reunion because of lack of petitions. We are approximately 5 months from the spring reunion. We will still honor Ill. Park Dodd, 33°, at the Spring Reunion. Ill. Park was a giant and a legend in the Richmond Valley. Always ready, willing and able to contribute to the Valley with his spirit, time, talent and means. My Brethren, this is your Valley, your Rite, be Proud of your Valley invite your Lodge Brother to join in the fun. Give him a petition for the Spring Reunion. We have lowered the price to \$265 to help attract new members. Also, as an incentive to get petitions, don't forget top line sign 3 petitions for the first time and receive a membership medallion, top line 5 petitions and receive a \$100 gas card and I will contact our new Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. and MW James Dean Cole about a Jefferson Cup award. As Scottish Rite Masons, we have one of two choices. We can sit back and do nothing and watch this great Valley wither into non- existence, or we can get off the sideline and go out and help grow our membership. IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME.

Just as an update, the building is still for sale. I have employed the team at S.L. Nusbaum, commercial brokers, to co-list our building as of November 1, 2019. I ask that you join me, in your daily devotions. Please ask for the Supreme Architect of the Universe to add his blessing on the sale of this property.

If you have a desire for any information about things at our Temple please feel free to reach out to me, I will do my best to answer your questions. One of the greatest ways to know what is happening is to attend the stated meeting. Also, please attend the Executive Council Meetings. Next Executive Council meeting is Jan. 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the library. Also, you don't want to miss our stated meeting this month on Nov. 25, 2019, as we will be receiving our very own Ill. and MW Doug Jones, 33°, our

175th Grand Master in Virginia. (DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS). Please turn out to show your love and support to this great Mason. Let him know that you and our Valley support him and his programs.

With the upcoming holiday season, I wish each of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Consider giving your Scottish Rite the greatest gift you could give, a petition, or even better petitions for our upcoming Spring Reunion.

Thank you for all you do, and may God bless you, our Rite and this great United States of America.

Sam Dunn, Valley Personal Representative

Message from the Venerable Master;

This is a special month for the Richmond Valley of the Scottish Rite. It will be the first time since MW Fred Martin in 2003 that a Past Venerable Master of the Richmond Valley has returned to the Valley to be received under the Arch of Steel as the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia!

Yes, it is true. Please join me in giving our congratulations to Douglas V. Jones, the 175th Grand Master as he embarks on his year as the leader of over 30,000 Masons across the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are fortunate to have this fine man who has been the Worshipful Master of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 who meets in our building, and then the Venerable Master in 2018, and now the Grand Master. Come out and join us for a festive night as we all prepare for the coming holidays.

I hope you were able to join us last month for a terrific presentation by the Childhood Language Center Director and Staff. It was a moving experience, and we all need to be thankful for the passionate and caring clinicians who do so much to help our young

children who need these services. Reach out and thank one of them when you see them!

I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 25!

Fraternally, Terry Hilton

Membership

Brethren,

I remember the year I was Worshipful Master of my Blue Lodge. About this time of my year, I was still running full speed ahead, but as soon as my successor was elected and installed, everything came to a screeching halt. They put me in as Marshal, which made me feel like a race horse put to pasture after his short career. I remember thinking, "now what?". I believe this is one of the reasons why so many Masters disappear after their year in the East is over.

The Scottish Rite has the solution to this problem. If they are already a Scottish Rite Mason, lets encourage them to get involved in our Valley. And if they are not a member, lets invite them to join! Each one of us belongs to a Blue Lodge, so if we could just make sure our retiring Master is an active member of the Scottish Rite, it would be a win-win situation for everyone.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all in January with a Petition in your hand.

Charles

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

The response of our brethren in paying their 2020 dues has been encouraging. Many of you have already taken advantage of the early payment methods. Just as a reminder, the Supreme Council required that 2020 dues be paid by December 31, 2019. Unfortunately, we still have 34 brethren on our delinquent list. They will be subject to suspension by the end of 2019. Please check your dues card and make sure you are current.

Petitions are now available for our Spring Reunion on April 25, 2020. Grab a Petition and get a brother to fill it out. We need your support, brethren. Please note that this will be a special One-Day Reunion with just the five required degrees. We are also offering a special one-time reduced fee. Only \$265 including 2020 dues. The growth of the Richmond Valley is in your hands. Let's do it now.

The Night Building Superintendent's position is still available. It is perfect for one of our retired members. Just call the office or stop in to get further details.

Our newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Virginia will be making his official visit to the Richmond Valley on November 25, 2020. Come out show your support. Make sure you have a reservation for dinner.

This will be the last issue of the Double Eagle for 2019. The office staff wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2020. Remember there is no meeting in December.

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, November 25, 2019

5:30 PM – No Guard Meeting

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

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

Program – “Reception of the Grand Master”

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

2019 - 2020

NOVEMBER

Monday 25 – Stated Meeting

Thursday 28 – Thanksgiving (Office will be Closed on Wednesday and Thursday)

DECEMBER

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Wednesday 25 – Christmas (Office will be Closed on Tuesday and Thursday)

Tuesday 31 – Office Closed for New Year’s Eve

2020

JANUARY

Wednesday 1 – New Year's Day (office closed)

Wednesday 8 – Honour Court

Monday 27 – Stated Meeting

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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our meal cost at \$8 per person.

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