

Richmond Double Eagle

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Greetings from the Venerable Master March 2019

March is shaping up to be an exciting month for the Richmond Valley. As you know, our immediate past Venerable Master, RW Doug Jones, had planned a trip for all the new Brethren from the Fall Class to visit the House of the Temple. But due to a mix-up at the House of the Temple, the trip had to be postponed until Spring. Well, GOOD NEWS. Over 60 of you have signed up and WE ARE GOING on March 30. It will be a terrific day for everyone. Thanks to those of you who have stepped up to make this trip a true success! I know we will have fun and, if you are like me, you are looking forward to having lunch at the Globe and Laurel restaurant in Stafford.

We have a nice program planned for the Stated meeting on March 25. It will be the 100th year for the Scottish Rite Guard in the Richmond Valley. We will honor those members by a special presentation from Ill. Mack Ruffin detailing some of the high points of Guard History over the last 100 years. Also, Ill. Tom Watkins has prepared a nice banner to help celebrate this event. Congratulations to all Guard members, past and present, for a job well done serving our Valley for 100 years!

2019 is also the 100th Anniversary of the DeMolay youth organization. This was started in Kansas City, MO and continues to develop young men by instilling in them the belief that they can make the world a better place by becoming a better man. There will be a presentation by Bro. Tom Varner and some of the young men from the Petersburg Chapter of DeMolay. I think you will totally enjoy the presentation of the Ceremony of Lights. Please come out and support the DeMolays. We will also recognize any Sr. DeMolay members from our Valley.

Since I seem to be working backwards on the calendar, don't forget March 23. This is the day for the SR Workshop at our SR Temple. SR Masons from all over the state will be joining us for an update on events around the Commonwealth. The guest speaker will be Most Worshipful Mike Smith, Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. Wear your Blue Blazer and grey slacks and join us for a great meeting on Saturday morning. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Remember to invite your Ladies to join us for our meetings. We welcome them and are happy to see them when they join us!

Please put the Scottish Rite on your calendar for 2019. I promise you will not be disappointed!

Fraternally,

Terry Hilton



**VMAP Committee
Whit Hanscom**

Brethren,

The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) was established to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best experience for its Members. VMAP requirements are broken into eleven (11) specific subject areas which cover the full scope of the Scottish Rite experience. Since we are the 3rd month of the year, the 1st three subject areas are 1) Membership Retention / Engagement 2) Scottish Rite Education for Members 3) Membership Recruitment. Each one of these sections provides a list of items that we should be doing to assure a well-established Valley and the best experience for our Members. Having assisted Bro. Lin Spears in the 2018 VMAP submission, I can say with confidence that we scored well in these three subjects, as we did in all of them. However, there is always room to grow, and I look forward to meeting with Venerable Terry Hilton to receive his direction on how we can improve and take our VMAP Program to the next level. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to assist the Valley in this capacity. I truly look forward to this experience and helping our Venerable Master achieve his goals for 2019. God bless everyone.

Whit Hanscom, 32 ° VMAP Committee

Brethren,

Just like the weather, things are heating up at your Scottish Rite. Our Spring Reunion will be a two-day event this year. It will be in memory of Ill. Alvin Lester Lehman, 33°, IGH. Ill. Bro. Lehman faithfully served the Richmond Valley for over 49 years. He was also a very active member of Fraternal Lodge No. 53. Rumor has it that Fraternal Lodge is trying have enough candidates to raise their average high enough to win The Soaring Eagle Award. Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 has been in possession of the award since its inception, but their rein just might be coming to an end. We will kick off the reunion on Friday night, April 26, 2019, with a cookout and then confer the 4th thru the 13th Degrees. We are encouraging the candidates to bring their ladies. While we are doing Degree work, the Ladies will be introduced and entertained by the Scottish Rite Woman's Club. On Saturday the 27th, the candidates will receive the degrees 14 through the 32nd, take a tour of the language center, and set up the leadership for their class. An application can be obtained at the Scottish Rite office, on our web site, or from any Scottish Rite member. Any Master Mason who is in good standing in his Blue Lodge is eligible. Together we can make this a GREAT reunion!

As Masters of the Royal Secret, we are all Masons! We at the Scottish Rite try to assist and include the Blue Lodges as much as possible. That being said, we want to invite all Blue Lodges to not only join us, but to use this event as a "Bring a Friend Night". What is the event you say, a trip to the Diamond on May 4 to watch the Flying Squirrels play and enjoy a nice fireworks show. The Diamond has designated it as "Star Wars night". We were able to secure Terrace level seats for the reduced price of \$8. We are planning on having a cookout at the Shrine pavilion before going over to the Diamond.

Let's all get involved in OUR Scottish Rite.

Charles

NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING NOW!

February will bring some changes to our Newsletter. Starting with the March – April issue, 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.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

We are all glad to see the winter doldrums disappear and spring arrive. Trees in bud, flowers in bloom, and the cheerful sound of our neighbors working in their yards. All of which means that another beautiful season is upon us.

It also means that another Reunion is just around the corner. Remember brethren, we can't make our Scottish Rite grow (like the flowers) without some hard work in getting Petitions for membership from our Masonic friends. Just like Spring when everything grows and flourishes, so the Scottish Rite must grow and flourish. But only with your help. Think about working in your yard and working in the quarries of Freemasonry. Almost one and the same. Flowers and membership do not grow without being nurtured. Brethren, please work on membership now.

The Reunion will be on Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27. The tentative schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Make your plans now to attend and bring your candidate. We must continue to think PETITIONS, PETITIONS, PETITIONS!

Please check your dues card. If it does not say 2019, you are delinquent in the eyes of the Supreme Council. Without a 2019 dues card, you cannot attend tiled Scottish Rite functions. At this time, we have 70 members who have not paid last year's dues, are delinquent, and in danger of being suspended. Your dues are important to the Valley as they keep our doors open. Dues for those 70 members equates to \$10,500 to help our budget.

COME TOUR THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

We will leave by bus from the Scottish Rite Temple at 7:30 AM. We should arrive at the House of the Temple between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.

We will leave the House of the Temple at approximately 12:30 PM and travel to Stafford, VA to the Globe and Laurel Restaurant. Arrangements are under way for a buffet meal. Cost yet to be determined.

Please call the office to make your reservation.

Your lady is welcome.

Cost of the bus is \$30 per person. Cash, check or charge up front.

The buffet is in addition to the transportation.

We expect to arrive back in Richmond around 4:00 PM.

Seating is limited.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

2019

MARCH

Saturday 23 – Scottish Rite Workshop

Monday 25 – Stated Meeting

Saturday 30 – House of the Temple Bus Trip & Tour

APRIL

Wednesday 10 – Honour Court

Sunday 21 – Easter

Monday 22 – Easter Monday Holiday Office Closed

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 – Reunion

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25, 2019

5:30 PM – Guard Meeting

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

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

Program – 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Guard & DeMolay International

“RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”

Monday, April 29, 2019

5:30 PM – Ceremony of Remembrance

6:00 PM – Business Meeting

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

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**Tentative Time Schedule for 2019 Spring Reunion
Friday Night 4/26/2019**

5:00 PM Candidates and their Ladies meet for a Cookout, Candidates Register and meet Class Custodians.
5:45 PM Venerable Master’s Remarks, Personal Rep’s. Remarks.
6:00 PM 4th Degree
6:30 PM 5th Degree
7:00 PM 6th Degree
7:30 PM 7th Degree
8:00 PM Communicate the 8th through the 12th Degrees
8:05 PM 13th Degree
8:35 PM Questions and Dismiss

Saturday, 4/27/2019

8:55 AM Roll Call of Candidates
9:00 AM 14th Degree
10:15 AM Communicate the 15th, 16th and 17th Degrees
10:20 AM Break
10:30 AM 18th Degree
11:45 AM Communicate the 19th through the 29th Degrees
11:55 AM 29th Degree Lecture
12:05 PM Election of Officers and Class Picture
12:25 PM Lunch & Language Center Video
1:00 PM Tour of Language Center
1:15 PM 30th Degree. (1st Apartment)
1:50 PM Knights of St. Andrew Presentation
1:55 PM 30th Degree (3rd and 4th Apartments)
2.35 PM Break
2:45 PM Communicate 31st Degree
2:50 PM 32nd Degree. (Scene 1.)
3:15 PM Master Craftsman Presentation
3:20 PM 32nd Degree. (Scene 2).
3:50 PM Closing Remarks and Presentation of Class Materials

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