

# Richmond Double Eagle

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**Brethren and All,**

I hope you will make your plans now to attend our March Stated Meeting when WRVA 1140 radio personality—and Brother—Jeff Katz will be our dinner speaker. Brother Jeff has had a multi-faceted career and is well-informed on many topics so we can count on an interesting and entertaining evening.

Petitions for the Fall Reunion are now available in the Scottish Rite Office and on the Website. Don't forget the rare and unique opportunity candidates will have to receive the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC.

If you want to get water from a well, at some point, you'll probably have to prime the pump. Think about this story:

*"In the 1960s, the Kingston Trio released a song called Desert Pete. The ballad tells of a thirsty cowboy who is crossing the desert and finds a hand pump. Next to it, Desert Pete has left a note urging the reader not to drink the water in the jar left there but to use its contents to prime the pump.*

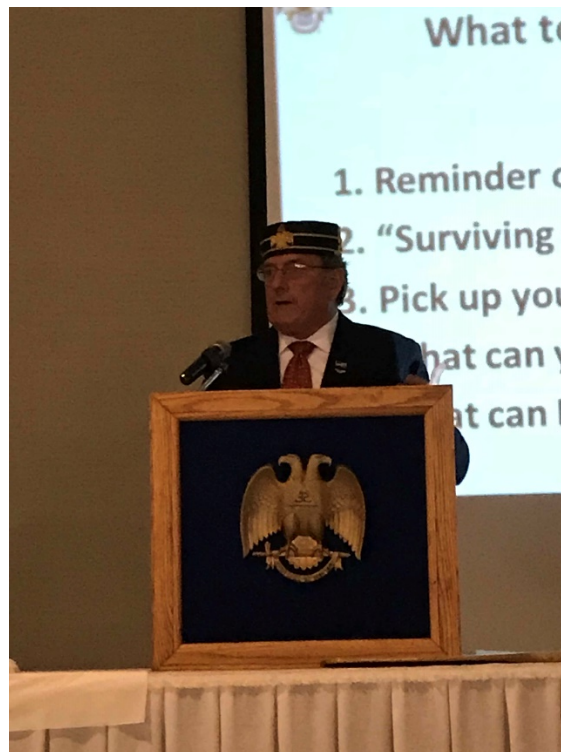
*The cowboy resists the temptation to drink the water as the note instructs. In reward for his obedience, he receives an abundance of cold, satisfying water. Had he not acted in faith, he would have had only a jar of unsatisfying, warm water to drink."*

Brethren, there's refreshing water in the well for Scottish Rite Freemasonry, we just have to prime the pump. We have to avoid the jar of warm, unsatisfying water—the path of least resistance or no action at all. Our Stated meetings inform and enlighten and the fellowship is always good. But you have to be there to receive the satisfying drink of water. Our

degrees impart as much knowledge as we are able and willing to absorb. The work of our Childhood Language Center not only brings healing to children and families—it also refreshes and inspires the heart of those who work for such a worthy cause. Many of you know just what I’m talking about so why not tell the story of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in your Blue Lodge—you might just find a Brother waiting for the refreshing water it has to offer.

*Prime the pump!*

Brother Doug Jones, 32 ° KCCH, Venerable Master :



**Brother Thomas Broderick, 32°**

He was the guest speaker for February 2018 from the House of the Temple. Brother Broderick presented some historical information, where our Valley lined up with others, was energetic and just an absolute delight to listen too.

**SCOTTISH RITE AND MASONIC FRATERNITY NIGHT  
YOU ARE INVITED!  
Richmond Flying Squirrels**



**When: May 19, 2018      Time: 6:05 p.m.**  
**Location: The Diamond      Game Tickets: \$8**

**ALL MASONS, wives, families, neighbors, friends, and  
EVERYONE is welcome.**

**Picnic Dinner for ONLY \$5 at Shrine Picnic Pavilion at 4 p.m.**

- 2 Nathan's hot dogs
- Bag of chips
- Can of soda
- Bag of cookies

**Plenty of parking is available at Shrine  
Carpooling is a possibility to save parking fees**

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## Scottish Rite Friends Dinner Announcement

Brethren, the Friends Dinner Committee has canceled the Friends Dinner and Auction for Spring 2018. As you know, we have had this terrific event for the past few years and we want to thank everyone for their support. Think of it as taking a year off so we can come back in 2019 with a bigger and better event that everyone will enjoy. We are also looking for a couple of new members for this committee so if you are interested please contact Herb Turner 804-920-6986, Chairman.

Thank you.

### **VMAP Committee - Lin Spears and Whit Hanscom**

**Our Valley will be involved with the VMAP Program again this year. The program information can be found on [Scottish Rite.org](http://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**

Brethren,

With spring just around the corner, what better way to get out and enjoy it than The Great American Past-time. May 19, 2018 will be the 7th annual Celebrating the Craft event. Your Scottish Rite will be participating in this event by going to the Diamond to watch The Flying Squirrels take on the Harrisburg Senators. We are able to get the Terrace level seats at the reduced price of \$8. We just need a count by May 1.

We have also opened this event up to ALL Blue Lodge Brethren, their families and friends. And that's not all. In an effort to help support our Blue Lodges as they try to increase their membership, we are encouraging them to use this outing as a bring a friend event for their Lodge.

Help us get the word out in the Lodges and let's make a big Masonic showing in our community.

Charles Robinson, 32 ° KCCH, Membership Chair

## *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



Annye D. Gravitt wishes to thank each of you for prayers, calls and the many cards. The picture shows her enjoying the cards. She is in the second phase of chemo treatments and handling them well. Your continued devotions are appreciated and are working.

Annye Gravitt, 12805 Harrowgate Road, Chester VA 23831. (804) 748-7942

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

**Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°**

Bro. Jeff Katz from WRVA radio will be our featured speaker for the March meeting. I urge everyone to attend and hear Bro. Jeff. The time spent at our dinner meeting that evening will be enjoyable.

Scholarship applications are still available in the office. Let us know where to send the application for your deserving student. They must be returned to the Scottish Rite office, no later than Noon on April 19, 2018. Applications received after that time will not be considered. Awards will be announced in mid-May and each recipient must be present at the June Stated dinner to receive their scholarship.

We will not be hosting a Spring Reunion this year. Instead, we have a special treat for our Fall Reunion Class. Degrees 4 through 31 will be presented on Saturday, October 6. Then, on Saturday October 27, we will take the Fall Class, and those interested brethren of the Valley, to the House of the Temple in Washington, DC for the presentation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in the Temple Room. Arrangements are well under way. There will be tours of the House of the Temple, a luncheon and the degree. **Petitions are available NOW** in the office and on our website. We are looking for at least 100 new Masters of the Royal Secret. Get your Petitions in and make your own reservations. More details on the cost will be available shortly.

Looking ahead, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May falls on Memorial Day this year. Our Stated Meeting in May will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, May 21, not on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Please schedule accordingly, and **do not forget to make your DINNER RESERVATIONS!**

## RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

**2018**

**March**

Monday 26 – Stated Meeting

**5:30 PM – Guard Meeting**

**6:00 PM – Business Meeting**

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

**Program – Bro. Jeff Katz, WRVA**

**“RESERVATIONS REQUIRED”**

March (cont)

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

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