

# Richmond Double Eagle

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Brethren of the Valley of Richmond,

The Richmond Valley is taking the forth through the fourteenth degrees to King Solomon's Lodge, Charlottesville, October 7, 2017. The Master and Secretary in the Lodges of districts 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 18, 19, & 21 have received personal letters requesting them to inform their Brethren of this opportunity.

We are in the process of visiting one Lodge in each of the eight districts spreading the news and giving out petitions.

Do your part; bring in just one petition for the Fall Conferral in Richmond October 21. We need you there too!



Congratulations to the following in the Richmond Valley;  
33° Elects, Claude Ashley Bass, Jr. and James Thomas Wadkins, III.



KCCH Elects, Michael Gwin Atkins, Sr., James Henry Atkinson, Jr., Robert Clay Dillard, Gary Eugene Hutchinson, Willard Vernon Korb, Jr. and Joseph Alan Towler.

This issue of the RDE makes four years since first started. I dreamed it up, M.: W.: & Ill. John Quinley, 33°, signed off on it and we published the first issue September 2013. It is felt this is an informative tool that many enjoy. It has been a good ride. I am passing the reins to Brother Michael Atkins. Mike has seen that each issue was circulated. He will take the RDE to new horizons.

S&F,

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## 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.

For specific details please read the General Secretary's in-put below.

Tom Wadkins, KCCH, Vice-President

### **Message from our Director General of Work**



Brethren – we are in critical need of volunteers for the Lighting and Sound Committee. This function supports our building rental events as well as our Reunions in the Spring and Fall – usually the third Saturday in April and October.

The primary cause of this need is the outside rental groups that use our auditorium – if we cannot supply lighting and sound support for them, we could lose them. This represents about \$30,000/year in income to our Scottish Rite Valley which is a critical part to our Valley's income – it is hard to make up \$30,000/year. The need is obviously on some Saturdays in the spring and fall but also includes some weeknights so we need people with flexible schedules but your inflexible schedule might fit right in for a particular assignment. Volunteer and learn a new skill.

Please call or email:

- Peter Klei, Chair of Lighting and Sound at 540-907-0219, email: [klei@gmail.com](mailto:klei@gmail.com)
- Ed Swansey, Director General of Work at 804-337-3591, email: [swansey@gmail.com](mailto:swansey@gmail.com)

We can always use more actors, stage and other support personnel. We can start you off as a prompter to get your feet wet and quickly move you to an available part. It is a great emotional and spiritual experience to act in the degrees plus the feeling of a job well-done. Call of email Ed Swansey, DGW at the above contact points.



**Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Annual Golf Tournament**

**Date:** Friday October 6, 2017

**Location:** Sycamore Creek Golf Course

1991 Manakin Road Manakin, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103.

**Time:** Shotgun start 10:00 AM. Lunch follows the tournament.

Lin Spears, 32° KCCH, Golf Tournament Chairman    Contact information: [carsdr@comcast.net](mailto:carsdr@comcast.net)

***Message from our Membership chair***

Good Day Everyone, hope this newsletter finds you all well. It is crucial that we all realize that WE are responsible for the future of this well respected organization. That means that we should ALL reach out to bring in new members and show them the common bond we share for our Scottish Rite. We need to grow our membership to insure this organization remains strong, and lasting for years to come.

Without a steady infusion of new members, and without good involvement from its current members, Our Scottish Rite cannot survive. If we do our part, potential new members will “want” to join our organization. We must lead by example so that the new members see our unity and dedication to the future of this organization. We all have something to bring to the table that can make a difference, so let’s work together to implement those positive ideas.

Let’s all strive to be Good Stewarts of our Scottish Rite. We can start by not only bringing in a petition, but also by being at the Reunion to show support for the candidates. Or better yet, you can participate in the Reunion in some way. You could also join one of the many committees or groups we have within the organization. Why not invite someone to join with you, especially a new member to familiarize them with all our good works and fellowship.

Charles Robinson, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Chairman    Contact information: (804) 730-0191 [carsdr@comcast.net](mailto:carsdr@comcast.net)



Greetings my Brethren from the Richmond Consistory,

As Master of Kadosh, I wish to invite and encourage you on behalf of the officers of the Consistory to join us at our August meeting (Monday, August 21st), which will be “Family Night”. Because this is Family Night, I would likewise encourage you to bring your family (spouse, children, parents, in-laws or other chosen) and make reservation for them on that very night.

Our guest Speaker for the night will be Rachel Cochrane, who served as the Grand Worthy Advisor for the year 2015-2016 for the Grand Assembly of Virginia, International Rainbow for Girls. Lady Rachel will be speaking on growing up among Masons and how it has influenced and impacted her life, what she has learned and why this heritage is so important to her.

As our Masonic Youth Groups are part of our family and because many of our Scottish Rite brethren have children who are members of these groups, I would likewise encourage each of you to invite other of these kids to join us on that night so that we can recognize, not only their contributions to this fraternity, but to likewise acknowledge that they are our future.

As members of the Eastern Star and Amaranth are likewise part of our family, invite them as well; not just because they are our family members but because it is important to me (and I hope to you as well), that these bodies know that the Scottish Rite support them as part of our family and that we wish for them to reciprocate that support in our endeavors.

To all Scottish Rite Masons - The Scottish Rite Conference is coming in September and will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia. All members of the Scottish Rite are welcomed to attend this event. Also, let us remember that the Fall Reunion is coming in October and that we need to encourage our Blue Lodge brethren that the Scottish Rite is right for them too.

Please continue to join us in both faith & fellowship and do not become a stranger to your own Scottish Rite temple. Let us know that you are still a proud Mason of the Scottish Rite and may the Great Architect watch over you, yours and this, our gentle Craft.

With Fraternal respect,

Shelby L Chandler, KCCH, 2017 Master of Kadosh Richmond Consistory



Brethren,

As you may or may not have been at the last Stated meeting in June, it was announced that we will have a very special guest for the Feast of Tishri [on Sept. 25, 2017](#). Can you guess who? It will be none other than our Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale! What an honor it will be for us to receive him! We need your attendance at this meeting to show our support for the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Richmond Valley as well. At the present time I am receiving direction as to how to handle this affair, although I understand that he does not like pomp and circumstance, and we will respect his wishes. If you have any ideas, please give me a shout at the next stated or give me a call.

Fraternally,

Bro. Whit Hanscom

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

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



## HAPPENINGS

### ***Harold R. Stephenson of Fork Union***

The next meeting of the H.R Stevenson Scottish Rite Association is 26 October. We will be meeting at the First Run Catering restaurant at 630 pm. The restaurant is located at the corner of 15 and 53. Our business consists of our annual auction to benefit the Learning Center. All are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship.

To rsvp or to ask questions please contact Eugene Goin at 4349896290 or [neggoin@gmail.com](mailto:neggoin@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on the 26th of my October.

Fraternally,

Eugene Goin

President 2017 – R.: W.: Eugene Goin, 32°

### ***Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Club (Valley of Richmond)***

The Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Club (along with the Knights of St. Andrew) meet quarterly on the second Thursday during the months of January, April, July and October at 6:00pm in Fredericksburg, VA; and is open to all Scottish Rite masons. Our next meeting will be held October 12, 2017; and during this meeting we will be holding officer elections for the upcoming year. For any questions or interest with the Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Club, please feel free to contact our Secretary, Dan Thompson, 32° KCCH at [dant12944@gmail.com](mailto:dant12944@gmail.com).

Fraternally,

President 2017 –Ron Reuschling, 32°

Contact information: (540) 846-3034 cell [greekron22@yahoo.com](mailto:greekron22@yahoo.com)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday quarterly – next meeting –Oct 12, 2017 Aladdin, 20552 Plank Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Fredericksburg

***Scottish Rite Woman's Club*** – dark – June, July, & August

- no report



### **Knights of Saint Andrew**

Brethren,

Well it is the middle of summer I hope that it has been a good one. We have been working with our internal structure. We will be getting together to practice our rituals to see if we can work out any issues before the end of the year.

We will be asking for knights to step up for the reunion and the spaghetti dinner this fall. This has been a year with challenges but we are working through them as they come to us.

Let's make the rest of the year great, have fun, work hard for the rest of this year.

Knight Commander – Hon. Gary Clayton Bonner 2017

Knight Warden – Jonathan Turner Knight Captain – Sam Gomez  
Honorable Bonner’s contact information: (804) 221-6030 [niffler53@gmail.com](mailto:niffler53@gmail.com)

Chief Knight (**Rappahannock** Clan) - Hon. John Bradford “Brad” Mena, 32° KSA 2017 - no report  
*Jeremy Utt, 32°, KSA, Chief Deputy Knight 2017, Chad Tudor, 32°, KSA, Knight Bursar*  
*Brad Mena, 32° KSA–Chief Knight* Contact information: (540) 273-9798 [bradmene@hotmail.com](mailto:bradmene@hotmail.com)

Chief Knight (**Capital** Clan) – 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.  
Contact information: (804) 338-0757 [foneszoo@verizon.net](mailto:foneszoo@verizon.net)

Robert R. Siegel, 32° KCCH - no report  
Chairman, Education Committee Chairman

### Message from the Commander of the Scottish Rite Guard

Brethren,

The Scottish Rite Guard held its Annual Picnic at Glen Allen Lodge on July 15<sup>th</sup>. There were 26 in attendance and we were honored to have the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, MW Cook in attendance. It was a great fellowship opportunity and well received by all.

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting – August 28<sup>th</sup> – Guard Meets at 5:30 PM

GMOV to 15 A, B, C District – September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Guard provides Flag Detail for Colors Presentation  
report time will be discussed at August’s Guard meeting

Stated Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup> – Guard Meets at 5:30 PM

**Mack T. Ruffin, 33° IGH - Commander**

### General Secretary scribbling

Brethren:

The 2017 Scottish Rite Conference is being held at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704, 757-673-3000, commencing Friday, September 29, 2017 at 11:00 AM for lunch provided by the Portsmouth Valley. Official check-in time is 4:00 PM and checkout time is

Noon. Reservations will have already been made for your stay. You will be required to present a credit card upon check-in for incidentals. Your room, tax, and parking charges will be taken care of by the Valley.

Firm times for the following events will be communicated upon your arrival in Portsmouth.

Speakers at the Educational Seminars on Friday afternoon are Ill. Bill Sizemore, 33°, Grand Executive Director of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. The other speaker will be presenting information about the Scottish Rite Foundation. Both programs are given simultaneously and then repeated so that everyone can attend both. Friday afternoon is business casual.

Banquets are scheduled for both Friday and Saturday evenings. Coat and tie required for the men, church attire for the ladies. Investiture candidates and our new Inspectors General Honorary will be required to stay in Tuxedo for the Saturday evening dinner. Hospitality suites will be open following both banquets.

The Friday night banquet is a duet of beef burgundy and marinated chicken breast. The Saturday night banquet is a duet of flat iron steak and broiled Atlantic salmon. You MUST notify me no later than August 24<sup>th</sup> if you want the meal choices on Friday and Saturday, or a vegetarian substitution. Meal costs for your lady are \$105 and must also be paid by August 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, I need to know if there are any food allergies that need to be communicated to the hotel.

The business session for the Conference will be on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM, and will be coat and tie required. The normal Richmond uniform for the business meeting is blue blazer and grey slacks. This is followed by the public meeting of the Scottish Rite Foundation Board.

Ending at Noon, the meetings are followed by the Investiture Ceremony being held at the Portsmouth Scottish Rite Temple, 3401 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth, VA 23703. The starting time for the Investiture has not yet been announced. Directions will be provided upon your registration at the Conference.

Caps are worn for the Investiture Ceremony only.

The KCCH Elects and the new 33°'s should plan on being at the Portsmouth Temple (in tuxedo) at Noon, or shortly thereafter, so that their pictures can be taken.

Meals not included above are on your own and at your own expense. A breakfast each morning is included in the room charge and will be served in the hotel dining room. You will receive a voucher for the breakfast. The hospitality rooms are available and I recommend you take advantage of the free food.

Please comply with the items required by August 24<sup>th</sup>, and if you have any questions, call me at the office.

### The ANNUAL TRIP TO JMU on Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The trip to JMU was a huge success and well received by both the Brethren that attended as well as the students and faculty. This trip was a great example of doing great things within the community and improving community awareness.

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.

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

## RICHMOND VALLEY UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> Districts @ Scottish Rite Temple

Monday 25 – Stated Meeting

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

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