

Richmond Double Eagle

October 2017



Chapter Rose Croix



Knights Kadosh



Consistory



Lodge of Perfection



KSA



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33° IGH

Brethren,

Behold how pleasant it is to dwell among Brethren. Many opportunities this month - RiteCare (CLC) Golf tournament **10/6**. 4th – 14th Degrees on the road **10/7**. Honour Court is **10/11**. MAHOVA Family Day **10/14**. Executive Council **10/18**. Conferral of 4th – 32nd Degrees in Richmond, **10/21**. SR stated **10/23**. RiteCare spaghetti dinner **10/28**.

Our team has given programs in eight different Masonic districts this summer, promoting Scottish Rite and RiteCare(SR Childhood Language Center).

We did Eurica No. 195 in d6, Clinton No. 73 in d21, Linn Banks No. 126 in d7, Shuler No. 74 in d5, King Solomon's No. 194 in d18, Waddell No. 228 in d10, & Staunton 13 in d19. We had an information table in Widow's Sons' 60 in d18. All visits were promoting the degrees on the road. We also spoke at the Fredericksburg Scottish Rite Association meeting, d8.

Called meetings for October 2017

1. Lodge of Perfection, October 7 @ 12:45 PM in King Solomon's Lodge, Crozet.
2. All four SR Lodges in the Scottish Rite Temple October 21, @ 7 AM. Both calls are to ballot on petitions of candidates receiving degrees on that day.

October 23, is our stated. Past Venerable Masters and fifty year Scottish Rite Veterans of the Richmond Valley will be honored. There is a special program for these distinguished Brethren. M.: W.: Illustrious James Dean Cole, 33°, SGIG, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction will be our honored guest speaker. This Brother always brings an uplifting and inspiring message.

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Save the Date- **APRIL 7, 2018**

Friends Dinner and Charity Auction

Greetings Brethren of the Scottish Rite. Please note the new date for the 8th Annual Friends Dinner to support our Childhood Language Center and SR Charities. It will be held at the WYNDHAM Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center. We had a great time there last year! Please mark your calendars NOW so you won't forget. Meanwhile, if you have any great auction items or corporate sponsor info, please contact Bro. Herb Turner, Chairman. Thanks.

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

FROM THE

CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER

Joseph Towler, President, Board of Directors

We are nearing the Christmas holidays. That time of year when feelings generate good wishes and fellowship. I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much your yearlong support of our Childhood Language Center is appreciated. Our Center was born of concern and is being sustained by love and support.

Help a young child overcome those disabilities that pose a terrible and negative impact on their lives. Their ability to live that life to its fullest potential is the result of us, as Masons, living up to our charge to "do good unto all".

The work of the Center's trained professionals goes on all year round and is done in your name. Your support to allow our Center to continue to grow and expand its efforts to help our children be able to live their lives to the fullest, is critical. Their development in many cases is dependent upon your donations.

Our annual appeal will reach your home soon. Don't set it aside. Don't throw it away. Write that check to help continue the great work being performed by our staff. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

The staff of the Childhood Language Center and your Board of Directors wishes everyone happy holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year.

MOMMA MIA'

All you can eat Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, French bread, desserts and drinks (water, tea and lemonade).

Oh, my goodness, do not miss a great meal, wonderful entertainment, great fellowship and the opportunity to help a child.

October 28, 2017 – 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM

It is that time again. Time for the Childhood Language Center Annual Spaghetti Dinner. I can only hope that you are as excited as I am about our dinner/fundraiser.

Every year over one hundred volunteers work tirelessly to prepare the best spaghetti dinner known to man in order to raise funds for our CLC. These funds go toward speech and language therapy for children who in are in need of our services but unable to fully pay for the gift of speech, the gift most of us take for granted. Most insurance companies do not deem speech important enough to cover any of the cost. Can you imagine having a child unable to look at you and say, "I LOVE YOU MOM OR DAD"? I have had the pleasure of serving on the CLC Board for many years and I have personally seen children come to the Center unable to communicate, and within months of therapy, they are talking up a storm. You cannot put a price on the miracles that come out of our Center. Since we opened in 1991, we have treated almost 11,000 children, and through your generous support, we have been able to help with the financial cost of the treatments with scholarships totaling almost \$3 million.

We are trying some new things this year: 1) a change of date, no longer to be held in June, but to be held October 28, 2017, and 2) new entertainment. You will be treated to the sounds of Jean Weatherford and Friends Band (the sweetest music this side of Heaven).

On or about the first of October, you will be mailed six tickets at a cost of \$7 each. I truly hope that you will purchase the tickets and bring your friends and family out for an evening of delicious food and fantastic musical entertainment. Please remember that this is a fundraiser. Consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$42 to the CLC and know that this money will be used to help heal a child with a speech/language disorder. JUST THINK – YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN NEED, IT IS PRICELESS. Please do not ignore the CLC appeal when it arrives in your mailbox.

On behalf of our children, we all say" THANK YOU" and "GOD BLESS YOU" for your continued support.



My Brethren, Greetings:

My Brethren,

My message comes after some thought as to why we relish this fraternity with such joy. We all know that individually, there are many reasons but it came to mind that this is the first and only association where a meeting is never called just for the sake if meeting. I mean we probably could exist by having the treasurer's report sent out to us out to us in a newsletter each month, and Heaven forbid that my message would be relegated to common email and forego getting together like a stated



meeting. Brethren I submit to you that we don't have to meet every month, WE GET TO MEET EVERY MONTH!

It reminded me of the story of our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt. During his second term, he returned home to Oyster Bay, New York and visited his home Lodge, Matinecock No. 806. He spoke of the visit afterward seeing his gardener presiding as Worshipful Master while he sat on the sidelines. (Quote) "Clearly I could not call upon him when I came home. It would have embarrassed him. Neither could he, without embarrassment, call on me. In the Lodge it was different. He was over me, though I was president, and it was good for him, and good for me."

Imagine that! The President of the United States, seat right there among the Brethren, with no particular fanfare and it was good for him and he enjoyed the visit to his Mother Lodge, and that hinged totally on the love of each other as Brothers. Clearly, we thought more of our Presidents back in 1908, but that wasn't an issue. In Masonry the trappings of status or prestige and worldly whatever worn in the outside world are left on the other side of the door when we meet as Brothers.....even for Presidents.

Brethren it's the bond of friendship and brotherly love that draws us together, not because we have to, it draws us together because we GET TO.

Thank you Brethren for all you do, SO SAITH THE ORATOR!

Brother Rob Eades

Secretary/Treasurer, Richmond Honour Court

Message from our Membership Chair

Atlee High School Bands



"A sixteen time Virginia Honor Band Program"

Dear Military Personnel, Fire and EMS Personnel, and Law Enforcement Officers;
This year, the Atlee Marching Raiders are proud to present our 2017 Field Show, "Heroes Fallen Not Forgotten," to honor of all the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country and community with valor and bravery. First responders stand on the front lines when tragedy strikes and put their lives on the line daily to protect us. For your courage and selfless sacrifice, we are proud to honor each of you with every performance of our show this year.

In your honor, the Atlee Marching Raiders will have a special time of recognition and appreciation on October 17 at 7:30 p.m. We will present a special show with a reception to follow at the Atlee High School Football Stadium located at 9414 Atlee Station Road in Mechanicsville. We invite you and your family to attend as our guest of honor at this special event. We also encourage you to wear your uniform.

We hope that you can join us for this special presentation as it would be an honor to have you and your families as our guest. The Atlee Marching Raiders, Staff, and parents extend our deepest gratitude to our Armed Forces and First Responders who are serving both at home and abroad. We appreciate your ongoing support of our school and its students.

We feel it is important to instill positive qualities in the students in our band program. We are very fortunate to have very motivated, talented, and dedicated students as they are the future leaders of our community. In addition to the Marching Raiders presenting their show at every Atlee football game, the band will travel throughout the Commonwealth performing at various competitions and paying tribute to each of you. Unfortunately, weather does impact marching band performances. If it rains, we will cancel the event. If this is the case, we will post an announcement on the Atlee Band Booster Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/atleebandboosters/>)

Thank you, and we hope to see you on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Atlee High School Football Stadium.

Charles Robinson, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Chairman

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- no report



**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. 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)

- no report

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Meets 2nd 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

Brother Knights,

We are now into our first week of fall the KSA is getting ready for the Spaghetti Dinner and the Reunion. As well as finishing up the business year activities. We have so far had an active year this year. Along with the usual activities this year we have had some internal challenges that needed to be addressed and dealt with.

I am excited to get the final meetings started to close the books on this year. I hope that future years will look at this as a year that the KSA started looking toward the future of our KSA. We will be having a meeting before the Spaghetti Dinner to start the end of year activities.

This year has been a challenge and a joy. I look forward to my next set of challenges, after these are complete.

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Chairman, Education Committee Chairman

FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK

III. Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°

Our delinquent list is slowly shrinking. We now have only 38 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. If you have some time, and would like to assist the Richmond Valley, we could use your help in contacting some of our delinquent members. Please call or stop in to make arrangements. Suspensions will be effective December 31, 2017.

Our Fall Reunion is on Saturday, October 21. We still need Petitions and your presence during that day to support our degree casts. We can take Petitions right up to the start of the Reunion.

We will once again recognize our new 50-year members at the October dinner, along with our Past Venerable Masters. November will bring the reception of our newly installed 173rd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

Remember that the Valley is dark in December.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FALL REUNION

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Candidates Report & Continental Breakfast	6:45 A.M.
Venerable Master Welcome & Introductions	7:30 A.M.
Fourth Degree	8:00 A.M.
Fifth Degree	8:40 A.M.
Sixth Degree	9:20 A.M.
Break	9:40 A.M.
Thirteenth Degree	10:00 A.M.
Class - CLC Visit	10:30 A.M.
Fourteenth Degree	10:45 A.M.
Eighteenth Degree	11:53 A.M.
Class Organization (Picture after Lunch)	1:10 P.M.
Lunch	1:15 P.M.
Twenty-Ninth Degree Lecture	2:15 P.M.
Thirtieth Degree	2:30 P.M.
Break	3:50 P.M.
Thirty-Second Degree	4:07 P.M.

**Scottish Knights of St. Andrew &
Master Craftsman Program
Presentations between the Scenes
of the Thirty-Second Degree
Reunion Conclusion**

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS 2017

OCTOBER

Wednesday 11 – Honour Court Meeting
Saturday 14 – MAHOVA Family Day
Saturday 21 – Degree Conferrals
Monday 23 – Stated Meeting
Saturday 28 – CLC Spaghetti Dinner

November

Wednesday 8 through Saturday 11 – Grand
Annual Communication of the GLOVA
Wednesday 22 – Office Closed
Thursday 23 – Thanksgiving
Monday 27 – Stated Meeting

DECEMBER

NO STATED MEETING

Saturday 9 – Evening Family Dinner

Monday 25 – Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 26 – Office is Closed

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RICHMOND VALLEY UPCOMING EVENTS

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