



# Scottish Rite Bulletin

March – April 2025



## REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

In Memory of those who passed.



Name	Death Date	Name	Death Date	Name	Death Date
Max S. Abraham	3/21/2024	Wayne W. Grindle	2/14/2024	William E. Nowell	12/2/2024
William T. Anderson	5/19/2024	Stephen E. Harney	6/7/2024	James H. Pickren	7/23/2020
Karl A. Anderson	5/19/2024	Joseph H. Haubenstein	1/24/2021	Charles E. Rinker	6/16/2024
Robert L. Augustad	3/11/2024	William Edward Hershey	11/8/2024	Donald M. Robey	3/4/2024
Leroy H. Barnard, Jr.	1/12/2022	Joseph A. Higgs Jr	4/4/2024	Thomas D. Robinson	7/18/2024
Prenith L. Bartley	9/14/2024	Tommie C. Hillis	1/22/2024	Floyd N. Ryan	10/17/2024
Olin D. Bockes	6/27/2024	Morris C. Hoven Jr	5/25/2024	Fred Saah	6/16/2024
Phillip J. Christie	8/20/2024	Carl H. Johnson	11/12/2023	William Arthur Shortt	6/13/2024
Ridgley E. Davis	1/31/2024	George M. Kavros	8/21/2024	Scott S. Simms	12/3/2024
Walter R. De Groot	8/15/2021	Wayne D. Kemper	5/14/2019	William E. Stripling	12/28/2024
Carl Hampton Dunn	8/15/2024	Leonard S. Kimmel Sr	8/29/2024	James P. Sutherland	9/2/2024
Delano Farmer	11/27/2024	Joel D. Klimoski	2/2/2024	William H. Swan Jr	11/1/2024
Thomas Fass	1/13/2024	J. Ben Mathis	9/22/2024	Robert G. Watkins, Jr.	3/11/2024
James C. Felton	4/19/2024	Houston E. McNeal	5/5/2015	Dale Weed	1/25/2024
Franklin D. Gilbert	2/5/2024	Mac H. Morris	5/28/2024	Charles S. Yates	4/9/2024
Jackie G. Glover	2/1/2024	Ward E. Myers, jr.	5/30/2020		

### Personal Representative Message

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33 Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

In our Jan-Feb Bulletin, we included an announcement that our SGIG had appointed Illustrious Peter Terrill as the Assistant Personal Representative at Alexandria Valley. To introduce him to those who may not reside in the local area or may not have worked directly with him previously, we included Ill. Peter's biography in that Bulletin. Those who do know him, already know well of his long involvement in and his many contributions to our Valley.

I am very happy to welcome my Illustrious Brother in his new role of assisting me both in representing our SGIG at our Alexandria Valley, and in ensuring that the SGIG is always kept aware of our Valley's many ongoing activities as well as the occasional challenge. In addition to assuring a continuity of the SGIG's representation in the event of my absence, I know that Illustrious Peter will be a significantly beneficial force in our Valley's future. Accordingly, I have asked him to use this space in this Bulletin to share with us his insights into our Valley's current posture, as well as where he thinks we might be headed in the future.



Illustrious Brother Peter, congratulations and please share your thoughts on your new job at Alexandria Valley with us. *[Peter's thoughts are on Page 2.]*

## *Assistant Personal Representative's Message*

Peter E. Terrill, 33°, Assistant Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

Brethren, I'm pleased to be in this new role helping Ill. Norm and the Valley. I joined the Scottish Rite in 2007 looking for further light, searching for more ways to get involved and get engaged with my brothers. I got started by joining the 28th Degree cast, and shortly after that I found myself at the bottom of the Consistory line. Every 2nd Friday of every month I would show up for Valley meetings, look around at the multitude of people in the Lodge room, and then go home wondering about how I best fit into the Scottish Rite. It took a few years before I concluded that there are a multitude of ways to get involved in the Valley, and all that is required is to 'lean forward' a little and have a conversation with a member of our Valley's leadership to express an interest. Everyone has a place and an opportunity to do meaningful work in the Scottish Rite.



When the pandemic emerged exactly five years ago, it brought challenges to every part of our operation. Many Masonic bodies had to suspend operations for some time, and we had to find creative ways to continue our work. The Valley adapted to our new normal by bringing our monthly meetings to you on Zoom, with informative and educational programs delivered directly to you. We also had to find creative ways to adapt so that we could continue our Reunions virtually to bring in new members. As I pointed out in a Valley bulletin article back in January 2021, the pandemic created many challenges, but it also forced us to seize new opportunities for member engagement that might otherwise never have been embraced. I bring this up because I believe we should always be looking for new ways to conduct business, engage our members, and 'break the mold' if it benefits our fraternity, and not just because we are forced to out of necessity.

Over the last year I have heard a growing number of Valley members express constructive ideas about what they want our Valley to be, and how the Valley can best serve its members. I am especially heartened that so many members want to share these thoughts because they feel such strong connection to the Valley and a desire to improve it. Ill. Norm and I agree that the best way to facilitate and capture these ideas into an actionable blueprint is to revise and re-baseline our Valley's current strategic plan, which has guided our Valley operations since 2017. Much has happened since then, and as I mentioned previously, we have new opportunities available in 2025 to break out of "the way we've always done it." I propose that we embark on an "all hands" effort to create a new strategic vision for the Valley that will drive our philanthropic and educational programs, membership services, and investments in facilities. Ill. Norm and I would like to hear from all of you with ideas for who would be best equipped to serve (and lead!) this new strategic planning effort.

Brethren, be well. I'm looking forward to continuing our work in the Valley and seeing all of you at our next meeting!

Fraternally,

*Peter*

## *ROTC Program Plan for 2025*

Aaron Irvin, ROTC Coordinator

Northern Virginia and area Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley supported universities and schools will soon be scheduling their end-of-school year J/ROTC awards ceremonies, and we need your help in presenting the 2025 Scottish Rite J/ROTC Outstanding Cadet certificates, medals, and \$200 checks at the school ceremony. Brothers interested in helping with the presentations, should please contact me as soon as possible at 571-334-8639 or [bigirv7@gmail.com](mailto:bigirv7@gmail.com). I will provide more details on participating schools/locations so you can choose the ceremony location and date that works best for you. I would like to have our presenters aligned with the schools and selected cadets, by 21 March 2025.

# Omne Trium Perfectum

Frank T. Anthony, KCCH, Wise Master

"Omne trium perfectum" is not a spell you would find in a Harry Potter book but is Latin for "everything that comes in threes is perfect." In fact, the number three plays a significant role in Freemasonry. There are the Three Degrees, the Three Principal Officers, and the Three Great Lights. Three also plays an important role all around us. For example, in nature there are Three Phases of Matter (solids, liquids, and gases) and Three Stages of Life (birth, growth, and death). As your incoming Wise Master of the Rose Croix, I would like to say, "Welcome" and my message to you: "2025, is going to be a great year since good things come in three."

**First Good Thing:** We started off the year with the peaceful transfer of power from one President to another on January 20, 2025, commonly referred to every four years as Inauguration Day. This day formally gives the "power of the people" to the person who has been chosen to lead the United States. This is an important part of our history, dating back to 1787, when the Constitution was written and signed by a group of delegates and ratified in 1788. Remember, the Constitution is the world's longest surviving written charter for any government.

**Second Good Thing:** The day after the Inauguration, January 21, 2025, we experienced a rare event known as the "Parade of Planets." That evening Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Venus and Saturn aligned in the sky. Of the six planets, Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn were visible to the naked eye; whereas, Neptune and Uranus needed a telescope. What does this mean? The stars were aligned for this next and most important event of the three good things.

**Third Good Thing:** The following week, we celebrated the Installation of Officers for the Alexandria Scottish Rite on January 28, 2025. Similarly to the Presidential Inauguration, the Officer installation ceremony ensures a smooth and orderly transition of leadership within the Valley. This also reinforces the commitment of the Officers to serve the Valley and the broader Scottish Rite community. We were grateful to have all the "Stars" present in the building to make that night a splendid event. Oh, and those "Stars" are actually "Rock Stars," which you are.

As your Wise Master, it would be remiss of me not to give you a little Scottish Rite educational lesson. The Rose Croix is named after the 18th Degree or Knight Rose Croix. This degree emphasizes that life and its strength come from God. The Three Concepts of this degree are to practice virtue, labor to eliminate vice, and be tolerant of the faith and creed of others. Highlighting the last concept, especially in this day and age. The Rose Croix hosts the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal annually.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is a special day and is an invitation to our Scottish Rite brethren of the Rose Croix to break bread together in tribute of our fraternal ties to one another and gather for a solemn commemoration of our brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge. This is a celebration of the gift of life. Quoting from the Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, "The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet, is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days." If you have not been to one of these Ceremony's, I highly encourage you to attend at the March Stated meeting.

For those Alexandria Scottish Rite Brothers who have not been to a stated meeting or a Valley event (e.g. Reunion, workshop, etc.). I challenge you to attend at least three programs this year, in line with the "three" theme of this article. My goal is for you to reconnect with your Brethren, your Valley, and most importantly, your Scottish Rite Education.

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## Omne Trium Perfectum

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Lastly, would like to call out three major events coming up soon which you could attend.

- First is the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal hosted by the Chapter of the Rose Croix on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. We will have a ceremony remembering our recently deceased Brethren and having a very special guest speaker. Dinner is at 6pm and the Stated will start at 7:30pm. Please RSVP for dinner at [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)
- Second is the Scottish Rite Spring Workshop held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 - at the ACCA Shrine Temple in Richmond, VA. This is where all the Valleys in Virginia converge in one place to discuss happenings in each Scottish Rite Valley. As a reminder we are encouraged to wear our Alexandria Valley uniform, which is a blue blazer, grey pants, and Valley tie. Please make your reservations by COB Wednesday, March 12 at [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org).
- Third is the One-Day Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 26, 2025. This is different from our normal two-day reunion and happens every fourth reunion. Registration starts at 7:30am, Reunion starts at 8am. Please get petitions in ASAP, since this will be here before we know it.

Speaking on behalf of your 2025 Valley Officers, I would like to say, "Thank You" for putting your trust in us and looking forward to having a great year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Frank Anthony, KCCH, Wise Master

## Award Ceremony Pictures

Pictures by Ill. Michael Aulicino, 33°



## *Commander's Intent and Freemasonry*

Paul E. Evancoe, 33°

Straight away, I want to credit my friend Steven Pressfield for many of the words you will read. Steve is a bestselling author of numerous novels that deal with historical fiction. About 10 years ago he published a non-fiction book titled, "Turning Pro." In this article I will approach our beloved fraternity from a different vector employing Steve's "Turning Pro" philosophy.

In 1862, during the Battle of Shiloh, after several days of fighting and maneuvering against the rebels, the forces of Ulysses S. Grant found themselves at a tactical disadvantage. They were not only outnumbered, they had their backs to the Tennessee River with no clear means of escape. One of Grant's senior officers, Col. McPherson, suggested that they might be able to cut their losses and retreat across the river on wooden steamboats under the cover of Union gunboats if they did it quickly. Yes, he's the man who is honored in the statue at McPherson Square in downtown DC. Grant quietly sized up McPherson and replied, "Retreat? No. I propose to attack at daylight and whip them." The next morning that is exactly what Grant did in a resounding victory over the Confederate forces.

That is an example of what the military still refers to today as "Commander's Intent." Commander's intent is clear concise top-level guidance - guidance that has no ambiguity. It is direction that everyone understands. It is the epitome of leadership. It is exactly what our Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole conveys to all Scottish Rite Masons – Commander's intent.

On September 12th, 1962 (and I remember watching this on a black and white TV), President John F. Kennedy gave his famous speech that got us into the space race against the Soviets. His speech is a superb example of Commander's Intent. "We choose to go to the moon," he proclaimed. "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do all the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure our best energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one that we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

What both Grant and Kennedy examples have in common is that they are mission focused and designed to create unity of effort. I see parallels when I watch a school of fish swim or a large flock of birds fly? Somehow, they have unity of effort and, acting like a single being, they all seem to change direction and turn at the same moment. They act, and even look like a self-morphing yet purposeful being. Do they have a leader? Or, do they all just somehow know what to do at exactly the same moment? Man is a tribal being. Mankind has evolved that way and we are all wired that way no matter how sophisticated we think we are or how many advanced degrees we hold. Our tribal roots can easily be observed whenever we deal with events we don't understand and/or feel threatened by.

Take 9/11 for example. During and following the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks people banded together. There was a sense of unity, a sense of purpose. It was us against those who attacked us. President Bush classically proclaimed, "In our pursuit of those responsible in this fight against terrorism, you are either with us or against us."

Some of you may remember all the public gushing of Americanism following the attack. American flags were displayed everywhere. Flags of all sizes were hung on many buildings, on bridge overpasses and everyone had a flag flying from a small banner clipped to his car window. It was a time of great national unity. Do you remember hearing anything from the agendas of liberals, conservatives, Democrats or Republicans? No – there was a singular mindset – a tribal mindset, and that tribe was the United States of America.

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## *Commander's Intent and Freemasonry*

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As Masons we share like-mindedness. We revere one another. We treat one another with equality even though there is a vast diversity of education, talent, ambition, success and interest among us. We call each other Brother. We are a tribe or perhaps, a clan of sorts.

Let me give you an example. If you look anyplace on our planet where people are geographically isolated and lacking infrastructure ties to the population centers you will find clans. Afghanistan is an excellent modern day example, as is the Middle East as a whole which shares religion-based clanship. Due to the rugged geography, so might be Kentucky and West Virginia, especially during the 1800 and early 1900's. Even today they are clannish. Unlike large population centers, the terrain at these locations lends itself to isolation by retarding easy transit. Infrastructure is largely lacking. The people who inhabit those areas reside in small semi-isolated pockets. Hence, clanship flourishes.

As Masons we are clannish as well. This is not necessarily bad. In fact, it might be explained in Masonic terms as simply being a shadow form of a more noble and exalted calling. But not everyone hears the calling.

As Masons we have secrets we do not share with non-Masons. We view Masons in other States and Masonic Districts as Brothers, but certainly not the same as we see the sister Lodges within our own District. This is nothing to be ashamed of. We are after all, only human. As I said previously, we are wired that way, and at times we fail.

There is, for many of us, a painful side to being human and it is our failure to recognize and act upon success. There's a difference between failing (which is a natural and normal part of life) and being addicted to failure. When we're addicted to failure we enjoy it. Each time we fail, we are secretly relieved. Celebrated by Hollywood and furthered by liberal media, today's culture glamorizes failure. Starving poets, romantic suicides and other self-defined doomed souls invert failure and twist it into success. An addict seeks to escape the pain of being human by transcending it with drugs and/or by anesthetizing it with alcohol. Both ways work - the pain goes away resulting in numbing human failure. Masons take a different track.

Being a Mason is a metaphor for our best selves, the coded version of our higher aspirations. We strive to reach the upper realm, not by chemicals, but by labor and brotherly love. If the upper realm is, as Plato suggested, the sphere of perfect love, truth, justice and beauty, then as Masons we seek to call upon the magic of this world and to create, by dint of labor and brotherhood, the closest-to-sublime simulacra of those qualities. And it is this pursuit for the Mason that produces peace of mind.

Becoming yourself means becoming authentic and being different from others and perhaps, exceeding their expectations. It means defining your individual worth and identity and not leaving it to others to define for you. Masons don't fear self-definition, they celebrate it. Masons don't wait for inspiration; they practice the craft in anticipation of it. Practice means following a rigorous, prescribed regimen with the intention of elevating the mind and the spirit to a higher level. Practice implies engagement in a ritual. And as Masons we have many.

Practice may be defined as the dedicated, daily exercise of commitment, will, and focused intention aimed, on one level, at the achievement of mastery in a particular field but, on a loftier level, intended to produce a communion with a power greater than ourselves – call it whatever you like: God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Supreme Being, the Light, etc. Regardless, it is a mindset, and it is what we practice in our Masonic journey Eastward.

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## Commander's Intent and Freemasonry

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This is our Commander's Intent – "Practice and follow the Masonic ethos." It is not necessarily an easy path to follow. Nor is it a painless path to walk. Staying on this path often requires sacrifice and selflessness. It requires discipline and most of all courage to do what is right. But, with commitment it is an achievable path that will lengthen your cable tow beyond any limit you have imagined.

So - I ask you as fellow Masons and as my Brothers, is the Commander's Intent a large part of your life or do you employ inaction and failure as an excuse? Only you can make the call, and I hope it's the one that leads to Practice.

### 50-Year Veterans Award for a Distinguished Brother

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

It was a great honor and privilege for the Alexandria Valley to perform a courtesy 50-year Veterans Award presentation on behalf of Los Angeles Valley for Brother David Vuich, KCCH. We conducted the presentation on Monday, February 10th at Alexandria Hospital where Brother Vuich is currently admitted. Brother David was in great spirits and couldn't have expressed more how much he appreciated this honor. We presented Brother David with his 50-year certificate, pin, and cap.



Bro Vuich is a very respected and accomplished member of our Rite. Wikipedia lists Bro. Vuich with the following; "American scientist of Serbian origin and the last living member of the "Serbian Seven" that participated in the Apollo space mission. He was a NASA Project Coordinator.



While working on the Apollo project, Vuich befriended astronaut Neil Armstrong.

On 23 July 2019, the President of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, received David Vuich during his stay in Serbia. On the same day, David Vuich gave a lecture at the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

On the Day of Serbian Statehood on 15 February 2020, the President of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, awarded Vuich with the Order of Karađorđe's Star, first class".

The members in the picture are, from left to right, Michael Bible, KCCH, Alexandria Valley, Bro. David Vuich, KCCH, Loas Angeles Valley, Ralph Sheppard, KCCH, Alexandria Valley, and Milos Jankovic, DC Scottish Rite.

Article source: [https://wikitia.com/wiki/David\\_Vuji%C4%87#](https://wikitia.com/wiki/David_Vuji%C4%87#)

### Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Accurate As Of: 02/24/2025 7:10:26 AM

Begin	1000
Gains	35
Losses	39
Current Lodge Membership	996



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## Valley Installation Pictures

Pictures by Ill. Michael Aulicino, 33°



### THE CORRECT POSITION DURING SCOTTISH RITE PRAYER

Predicated upon its basic foundation of belief in a personal God, the Scottish Rite gives primary importance in its Degrees and at its meetings to prayer. While there is an established position and sign to be used by all Scottish Rite Masons during prayer, this position and sign are sometimes not uniformly practiced. Scottish Rite Masons (except when engaged in ritual at the altar) stand during prayer, with caps remaining on the head as part of a uniform. So much is known and done. What is also required is giving the accompanying "Sign of the Good Shepherd." This is done by folding the arms, the left over the right, with the outstretched fingers touching the shoulders. This position is comfortable and easily remembered if it is realized that the sign represents the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb around his neck and holding its feet by his crossed hands. During the prayer, in this position, the head is slightly bowed.





## ***2025 Undergraduate College and Technical Training Scholarship Program***

Eric J. LeHew, Chairman Scholarships

The Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Scholarship Program provides financial support in the form of several annual \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors or first-time freshmen students and renewals to previous awardees who are U.S. citizens and pursuing:

- a) A four-year college degree program
- b) A two-year junior college associate degree program, or
- c) A career-focused post-secondary school technical training program

Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and previous year awardees who are related to member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite in good standing (living or deceased) or who are members of one of our Masonic Youth Groups: DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters. The number of scholarships presented in any year will be determined based upon available funds. Successful applicants will be recognized during an appropriate award ceremony. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Financial Office of the educational institution or trade school in the name of the student.

### ALL Applicants Must\*

1. Be a US Citizen
2. Be a member of Job's Daughters, Rainbow, or DeMolay; or related to a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Alexandria, VA in good standing (living or deceased)  
Consideration may be given for someone connected to a Freemason in general but not the Alexandria Valley
3. Be attending (or planning to attend) a two- or four-year college or university or seeking a post-secondary vocational training or certification

*\*No preference is given to any person based on race, gender, or religion.*

### New Application Directions (First Time)

1. Complete ALL Items on the Application
2. Provide high school or most current college transcript
3. Provide a 250-to-500-word essay
4. Recommended but not required, letters of recommendation (limit of 3)

### Renewal Application Directions

1. Complete ONLY Identified Items of Applications
2. Provide an essay update (see Essay Prompt in the Application on Page 4 of Application)

Submit all information to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee by first class mail to:

**Alexandria Scottish Rite  
c/o Scholarship Committee Chair  
1430 W. Braddock Road  
Alexandria, VA 22302**

**Completed signed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2025  
Applications received after March 31 will NOT be considered**

## Membership Committee Changes

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

It is with pleasure that we announce the new Chair of the Membership Committee, Brother Mark Cummings, KCCH. Brother Mark is a Past Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix and has served on other Committees. We are pleased that Mark has accepted this appointment and know he will represent the Alexandria Valley well and will contribute much to the Scottish Rite. We would also like to thank Brother Rick Cady, KCCH for serving as the previous Membership Chair.

## More Installation Pictures



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### March 2025

#### **March 19 - 7:30 P.M.**

Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour 6:30 P.M.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

#### **March 25 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Pre-Meeting Dinner**  
Valley Meeting- 7:30 P.M.  
**Remembrance and Renewal**  
(Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)  
**Reservations by COB Mar 19**

#### **March 26 - 6:30 P.M.**

Shenandoah SR Club  
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

#### **March 29 8:30 A.M.- Noon**

VA Scottish Rite Workshop  
Acca Shrine Center- Richmond

### April 2025

#### **April 16 - 7:30 P.M.**

Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour 6:30 P.M.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

#### **April 20 - Holiday** **Easter**

#### **April 22 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Executive Council Meeting**  
Valley Meeting- 7:30 P.M.  
(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix,  
& Lodge of Perfection)

#### **April 23 - 6:30 P.M.**

Shenandoah SR Club  
Cassia Lodge - Woodstock

#### **April 26 - 7:30 A.M.**

**2025 Spring Reunion**  
**One Day Class**

### May 2025

#### **May 21 - 7:30 P.M.**

Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour 6:30 P.M.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

#### **May 26- Holiday** **Memorial Day**

#### **May 27 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Ladies Night**  
**Pre-Meeting Dinner**  
Valley Meeting- 7:30 P.M.  
**Reservations by COB Mar 21**

#### **May 28 - 6:30 P.M.**

Shenandoah SR Club  
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

## *General Secretary's Corner*

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

### **ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE**

Our regular hours, Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call the office first at 703-998-9044.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY INSTALLED 2025 VALLEY OFFICERS AND 2024 AWARDEE RECIPIENTS!!**



### **REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL CEREMONY**

On March 25 we will holding our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony and Pre-Meeting Dinner. The Scottish Rite Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is an annual event to remember those of our number who have journeyed on before us. Please make your reservations for dinner by COB March 19th. [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)

### **SPRING REUNION**

Our Spring Reunion this year is a One-Day Class Reunion and is scheduled for Saturday April 26. This is a great opportunity for those who find it difficult to attend two consecutive Saturdays, to receive all the degrees in one day. Our Membership Brochures are available in each lodge and available at the Valley. They do a great job of telling our story and they include a QR code which brings up our on-line petition. Our SGIG, Illustrious & Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C. will present a special necktie or bowtie to any member who is a signer on 5 petitions. Let's get those petitions in!

### **CAPS AND PATENTS**

If you ordered a cap and patent, they are in the office. Please make arrangements to pick them up.

### **2025 VIRGINIA ORIENT WORKSHOP - March 29th**

#### **Acca Shrine Center**

1712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227

- ❖ The 2025 Scottish Rite Workshop will be held at Acca Shrine on Saturday March 29th.
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. - Coffee and donuts
- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Workshop
- ❖ 12:00 p.m. - Conclude w/lunch

**If you plan to attend** - please let me know by COB March 12th so we can give a headcount for lunch, 703-998-9044 or [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org). This workshop is always an informative and well attended event by our Valley. Hope you plan to attend!

### **HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

I know it is easy to forget to update the office with new addresses, especially right after a move. Emails and phone numbers also need to be updated when they are changed.

Please let the Secretary know when this happens so that we don't lose contact with you!  
[secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org).





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The Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple is located at  
1430 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary immediately of any change of  
address, phone number, or email address. This is very  
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