



Scottish Rite Bulletin

January – February 2026

Moving In

Ill. Peter E. Terrill, Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

Brethren: Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a very enjoyable holiday season and are now looking forward to 2026. I am honored and excited to be installed in January as the SGIG's new Personal Representative at the Alexandria Valley. I would like to thank my immediate predecessor, Ill. Norm Hoff, Jr., 33°, for his leadership of the Valley and for his many years of service to the Scottish Rite.



But what exactly is a "Personal Representative" and what are his duties and responsibilities? Since the Scottish Rite has a somewhat different structure from the other Masonic appendant bodies, an explanation is probably in order. As most are already aware, the leader in each Orient (like Virginia, North Carolina, etc.) of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite is either a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG) or a Deputy of the Supreme Council. SGIGs are active/voting members of the Supreme Council, while Deputies are not (there are over 40 Orients in the Southern Jurisdiction, but membership of the Supreme Council is limited to 33 including the Sovereign Grand Commander (SGC)).

In most cases, the SGIG/Deputy will have an assistant in each Valley in his Orient known as a Personal Representative. He, in fact, represents the SGIG in the Valley and makes frequent reports to the SGIG on the works, condition, and financial stability of the local organization similar in the way the SGIG makes reports to the SGC. He also ensures that the Valley is following all of the applicable rules and regulations.

There are a few responsibilities granted to the Personal Representative in our Valley by-laws, such as serving as chair of the Valley Executive Council and appointing the members of the standing committees, but the core duties of the Personal Representative are established by the Supreme Council Statutes (Article IV). They are:

- To serve as the eyes and ears of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council to the end that peace and harmony may be promoted and brotherly love prevail;
- To see that customs, usages, and laws of the Supreme Council are properly observed;
- To carry out the instructions of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council; and
- To exercise such powers as may be delegated to him by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council in writing.

I want to congratulate the Brethren elected to serve the Valley of Alexandria for 2026. Specifically, I am talking about our new Venerable Master, Brother Farley W. Warner, 32° KCCH, our new Wise Master, Brother Andrew O. Marotta, 32°, our new Commander of Kadosh, Brother J. Javier Amaya, 32°, and our new Master of Kadosh, Brother Brad A. Fox, 32°. These Brethren along with the rest of the officers and committeemen will be working hard during 2026 to provide the leadership and new ideas necessary for us to have a successful year. To accomplish this we will need the support and participation of as many of our members as possible.

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My main piece of advice for each of the new Heads of Bodies is this: communicate early and often with your officers and remind them of their duties as spelled out in the 2026 planning guidance. Ensure that you are involving them in the ongoing tasks assigned to each Body and they know where they need to be and when. And encourage them to attend all of the meetings, Reunions, and events that the Valley holds so that they can better understand the role they play in helping to lead the Scottish Rite.

As I step into this new role there are many ideas that I would like to explore, discuss, and try with your help and support. Foremost in my mind is a re-look at our shared vision for what we want the Valley to be and how we want to achieve that vision. To help accomplish this I have asked Brother Ron Leibfried, 32° KCCH, to lead an effort to refresh our Valley strategic plan. Brother Ron will be looking for your input on this so please give some thought to the top current “strengths” of the Valley, and your top ideas on “gaps” or “areas for improvement.”

Other areas I would like to explore include the utilization of our Valley building and grounds, the maintenance cycle of our building systems, and planned capital improvement efforts that would most benefit our membership. I also believe that we need more outreach with better ways of engaging the local Lodges, the lifeblood of our membership base (and I have asked Brother Jeffrey Sparrow, 32° KCCH, to take on the role of Membership Committee Chairman). And I would like to examine how we hold our stated meetings so that we can increase the quality of our pre-meeting dinners, provide a range of engaging speakers and programs, and keep our meetings to a reasonable length.

Finally, Brethren, I want to thank all our existing members who have made a choice to invest their time and be active in our Valley. It is to you that we owe all our successes, and I'd like to recognize that in our modern world with many competing interests and pastimes you have chosen the Scottish Rite. On that note, I want to ask each of you two questions:

- 1) At our one-day conferral last April we brought in over 30 new members. What would our Valley look like if we did that for every Reunion?
- 2) What would we be able to accomplish in our Valley if every new member continued to be involved after receiving their degrees?

If you're reading this, you have a role to play in helping to grow something that will outlast any honor or award: the future of our Valley. Why is this?

Because every new member brings something irreplaceable to the table—fresh perspectives, new energy, and a new voice in our ongoing work. With more members in our Valley, we can create fuller degree casts, fill committees, start new programs, and increase our support for philanthropic initiatives like the RiteCare Childhood Language Program. Growth doesn't just benefit the Valley: it benefits everyone involved and a larger, more active membership strengthens the experience for all of us.

Imagine our stage filled with eager new ritualists, our meetings bustling with ideas, and our events drawing crowds that reflect the strength of Masonry in Alexandria. That future starts with a simple invite from you to a Brother in your Lodge.

So, let's do what we can to fill the seats at our next Reunion - not just with our own members, but with those who are ready for the next step in their Masonic journey. Let them see what we're building. Let them hear our stories, meet our Brethren, and feel the spirit of fellowship that defines this Valley.



January 27th – Scottish Rite Meeting
Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers
Ladies and Family Welcome

RSVP – Call Secretary for Reservations by Jan 21st at 703.998.9044

Looking Forward to 2026

Farley W. Warner, KCCH, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

This upcoming year for our Valley offers many rich opportunities for growth, both as individuals, and as an organization. Coordination of all four Scottish Rite bodies, committees, and other key groups, and effective delegation of the core responsibilities of our leaders and associated tasks to those brethren and their close associates assuming leadership roles are critical to support and to continue building a strong and thriving Valley. I encourage active involvement by the brethren in our committees and by their leaders in Valley activities, for committees discharge most valuable functions in our Valley and they give our members excellent opportunities for participation. This includes effective communication among leaders and brethren, essential to planning and executing those activities that are part of our blueprint and other activities for this upcoming year. We must also maintain coordination and effective financial oversight of Valley expenses and investments as clearly stated in the Valley bylaws and where we can bring the audit committee into a more central role in financial planning and review.

One very important goal is to encourage education for our members, both those who are new to the Scottish Rite, and for those brethren who want to enhance their journey toward the light by accumulating greater knowledge and wisdom. Education can take several forms including educational programs that are part of our meetings, study groups such as master craftsman, active mentoring of new Scottish Rite members, and even informal discussions among brethren about various topics of interest. Another key activity at which I want to encourage attendance is the Scottish Rite workshop scheduled for March 28 in Richmond, Virginia, where interesting and vital information relative to the Scottish Rite is disseminated.

An activity I believe would be very beneficial to include in many of our meetings is what I would term a "Masonic Minute". This, as its name implies, is a short period of time where brethren have a chance to summarize and share thoughts and talk about meaningful experiences and ideas. I believe communication, in which brethren can freely express their opinions and ideas about ideas and Valley planning, including Executive Council meetings, is necessary to help forge the best path ahead for our organization and membership, however, we must always remember to be supportive of and respectful to each other in order to create an open and safe environment necessary to promote Masonic growth and personal fulfillment. As Venerable Master, I want to hear our brothers' ideas, even those expressing dissenting opinions and constructive criticisms. This is a critical part of the thought crucible, where we examine and process ideas to arrive at optimal solutions and compromises.

Outreach to our community in terms of philanthropic contributions and recognition of key accomplishments, such as our teacher of the year award in June, is a very important part of our activities as a Valley. Another key activity is our outreach to aid high school students who show great promise for the future. Our annual Feast of Tishri on September 22nd will be another activity of major importance and where I encourage our members' participation. We must also continue to emphasize outreach to our sick and distressed brethren, their families, and remembrance for those who have passed to the celestial lodge above.

I strongly want to emphasize the importance of our two reunions in the Spring and Fall wherein we bring in new members and whereby we provide effective demonstrations of the Scottish Rite Degrees as part of their induction into our Valley. We can also facilitate membership outreach through our blue lodge Scottish Rite representatives, to encourage them to talk about Alexandria Valley, the Scottish Rite, and to provide news about events and activities in the Scottish Rite and at the Alexandria Valley.

I believe that together we can have a most rewarding and productive year, and we can celebrate life and enrich our experiences and knowledge as we journey toward greater light.

BIO of Farley W. Warner, KCCH, Venerable Master, LOP

Raised in Falls Church, Virginia, Farley W. Warner's commitment to ethical leadership and lifelong learning naturally led him to Freemasonry. His Masonic service includes two terms as Worshipful Master in Elmer Timberman No. 54 and one term as High Priest in Loudoun Royal Arch Chapter No. 55. He also served as Sovereign Master of Herbert Arthur Fisher Council No. 442, Allied Masonic Degrees. Farley has twice received Certificates of Appreciation from the Alexandria Valley, and in 2021 he was elected by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction to be invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH).



Farley is a seasoned technology professional with more than 30 years of experience in the national security arena. As a Senior Network Engineer, he currently develops, implements, tests, and troubleshoots advanced Department of Defense Information Technology systems, specializing in highly technical Software Defined Network (SDN) routing and switching architectures for core and edge infrastructure.

Farley recently completed a graduate certificate in Generative Artificial Intelligence, is actively pursuing a graduate certificate in Agentic AI, and continues advanced study in AI Neural Networks. His academic background also includes undergraduate (cum laude) and graduate-level work in Telecommunications and Computers, Project Management, and Business Administration.

Outside of his professional pursuits, he prioritizes health and well-being through regular training at the gym, a focus on nutrition, and active study of esoteric and metaphysical subjects. He also enjoys spending quality time with friends and family, traveling, immersing himself in nature, and listening to music across a wide range of genres. He enjoys working with, teaching, and mentoring others, and greatly values opportunities to enrich the experience, knowledge, and growth of his fellow Brothers in the Scottish Rite and in Masonry more broadly.

Valley Leadership Update

Valley Leadership: A letter from Illustrious Alan W. Adkins, 33°, G.C., SGIG in Virginia, was read stating his intention to appoint Ill. Peter E. Terrill, 33°, as the Personal Representative in Alexandria replacing Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33° at our January 2026 meeting.

Trustees: Ill. Steve M. Hicks, 33° was elected as Trustee for a three-year term replacing Ill. David H. Smith, Sr., 33°.

Budget: The budget published in the November-December 2025 bulletin was approved by the membership at the January 26, 2026, meeting.

| Current Year Membership Statistical Changes | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Accurate As Of: 12/20/2025 | | |
| Begin | | 999 |
| Gains | | 46 |
| Losses | | 38 |
| Current Lodge Membership | | 1007 |

2025 Awards/Recognition

At our January 27 Awards dinner, we will recognize those Brothers who have served our Valley exceptionally well in the past year and are listed below.

2025 Elected Body / Activity Leaders

Richard E. Saunders, KCCH - 2025 Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection.

Frank T. Anthony, KCCH - 2025 Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix.

Jeffrey L. Sparrow, KCCH - 2025 Commander of the Council of Kadosh.

Jack W. Gibbs, 32° - 2025 Master of Kadosh of the Consistory.

J. Javier Amaya, 32° - July 2024 - June 2025 - President of the Loudoun SR Club.

Wayne Barringer, KCCH - July 2024 - June 2025 - President of the Shenandoah Scottish Rite Club.

Jack W. Gibbs, 32° - December 2023 - February 2025 - Clan Chief of the Knights of Saint Andrew.

Certificate of Appreciation

Robert Tallent, 32° - For creation, coordination and data base management of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Knight of Double Eagle Awards for member participation in Valley activities.

Ronald E. Craft, Jr., KCCH - For coordination of Alexandria Valley participation, including two Alexandria elected candidates and eight members, in the Orient of Virginia's travel to the April 2025 Guthrie, Oklahoma Valley's 29 conferred degree Scottish Rite Reunion.

III. Earl Jones, 33° - Following his long-term leadership as Past-Director and current Senior Advisor of Reunion Production Operations, his quick-reaction reconstitution and preparation of the Knight Kadosh, 30° cast, resulted in the successful conferral of this essential degree during the Fall 2025 Reunion.

Beth Suit - As the Alexandria Valley "Ladies Loop" creator and coordinator, she consistently kept our Valley's Ladies informed of upcoming activities and conferences and also coordinated Ladies' programs following dinner meetings when the members had retired to the Valley Stated Meetings.

Certificate of Merit

John T.G. Aakesson, KCCH - For continued outstanding services in support of general and emergent Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley Facility needs as well as Reunion Degree stage lighting requirements.

Ronald J. Leibfreid, KCCH - For continued annual reporting of Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley's planning and successful execution of activities in support of our Supreme Council's "Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) Report" requirements.

Aaron Irvin, 32° - For continued annual J/ROTC Outstanding Cadet presentations including coordination with participating High Schools and Colleges, as well as the selection and coordination of Valley members to make the presentations.

B. Richard Laaken, KCCH - For continued service as Co-Chairman of Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley's Reunion Degree Communications and coordinating presenters of all Spring and Fall Reunion communicated degrees.

Gregory M. Valker, KCCH - For continuing direction of Fall and Spring Reunion Degree Production Operations including coordination of staffing and training as well as oversight of all required materials and system support needs.

John T. Tillery, KCCH - For faithful, always prepared and long-term service as Valley Prelate providing spiritual leadership in our devotions to Deity at meals, ceremonies, special programs and meetings.

Reflections on My First Year in the Scottish Rite

William R. Hollaway, 32°, 2024 Fall Reunion Class Member

The last year has been a whirlwind of illumination. I joined the Scottish Rite in the 2024 Fall Reunion of the Valley of Alexandria. Valley Leadership asked for reflections on my first year. One word sums it up – fulfilling. One principle made it a success – *personal invitations from trusted Brothers*.

Freemasonry offers many paths forward from the Blue Lodge. This is the one for me. Scottish Rite Masonry involves exercising the mind, with like-minded Brothers, while continuing our key objective of making good men into better men. The Scottish Rite is not “iron sharpens iron” – it’s not combat – but rather Brothers working together to forge a sharper blade. We work together to develop sharper minds and filter out impurities, in order to purify and refine our faith, hope, and charity.

What has worked so well at the Alexandria Valley to make this first year successful? It all starts with – *a personal invitation from a trusted Brother*.

First, *a personal invitation from a trusted brother in the Blue Lodge*. That was Ill. Scott Springer, 33°, who is also a member of Acacia No. 16, and a friend. Ill. Scott offered his hand to me, and personally invited me to apply for the 2024 Fall Reunion. He offered his sponsorship and answered all my questions. Ill. Scott recognized the potential that I could thrive in the Scottish Rite – and *he acted on it*.

Second, *a personal invitation from a trusted brother* for “More Light, Right from the Start.” That was, again, Ill. Scott Springer, 33°. Ill. Scott directed me towards “*The Ivory Key*” introductory course in the Master Craftsman Online College. He put me on a path of education and enlightenment. The Ivory Key is fantastic. Because of his recommendation, I took the course *before* the Reunion. As a result, I arrived at the Reunion aware, not bewildered, understanding the context of the journey I was about to embark on. I cannot recommend The Ivory Key more highly.

Third, *active participation in the Reunion*. I had the good fortune of playing the role of the Candidate in the conferral of the 18th Degree – Knight, Rose Croix. That invitation got me out of the seat, and into the action. The invitation to become an active participant encouraged me to get involved.

Fourth, *another personal invitation from another trusted brother*. That was Bro. Tim Goolsby, KCCH. Bro. Tim personally invited me to participate actively in the next Reunion. He offered the opportunity to take an active speaking part in a Degree, as Master of Ceremonies for the 18th Degree, Knight, Rose Croix. After saying “yes,” I found out it is a substantial role. But it provided a real challenge to rise to, and an opportunity to buy a tuxedo.

Fifth, *another personal invitation from a trusted brother*. That was, again, Bro. Tim Goolsby, KCCH. Bro. Tim invited me to take on more responsibility for the Reunion. He asked me to become the Assistant Degree Master for the 18th Degree. Bro. Tim has been providing active support, training, and encouragement in my new role. With Bro. Tim’s support, I will be stepping up to become Degree Master in the near future.

Sixth, and finally, *yet another personal invitation from another trusted brother*. That was Bro. Frank Anthony, KCCH. Bro. Frank personally invited me to join the line of leadership as an Officer in the Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix.

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Reflections on My First Year in the Scottish Rite

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At Bro. Frank's request, I was appointed Guardian of the Temple for 2025 and stepped up to the position of Orator for 2026. With Bro. Frank's encouragement, I look forward to learning more about leadership as I progress, God willing, towards service as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix.

I have been welcomed, and made to feel welcome, *by all of you*, including our Illustrious leadership. I have, in turn, encouraged other Brothers to take an active role in the Reunion and the Valley, as appropriate to their gifts. Many Brothers have responded and stepped up.

The repeated theme here is - *Personal Invitations from Trusted Brothers*. They gave me an opportunity to grow, to contribute, and to become a better man. I encourage all of you to do what these Brothers have done – *extend an invitation to a potential Candidate* and *continue to extend invitations* to new Brothers *after the Reunion*. Offer them an opportunity to grow and thrive in the Scottish Rite and as Brothers.

Membership

Jeffery Lynn Sparrow, KCCH, Membership Chairman

As the calendar turns to a New Year it is time to begin thinking about the Spring Reunion. It will be fabulous to have a very large Spring Reunion class. This will only be possible if we begin to discuss the value of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley and increasing interest in the Scottish Rite in our Blue Lodges.

Many Brothers may be hearing about the benefits of Scottish Rite for the first time. Other Brothers may be encouraged to petition by being reminded. Please share the Masonic "University" level learning value of our degrees, the monthly educational presentations in our meetings, and the Master Craftsman program we offer. Also discuss how we learn from each other and the fellowship we share. Let them know they have an opportunity to expand their Masonic camaraderie from their lodge to Brothers throughout our region. Inform them that they will be joining a group of Masons helping children with speech and language disorders through the Rite Care Program's 178 clinics in the Southern Jurisdiction.

From your mouth to the prospective Brother's ears is the most effective tool we have to get the word out to bolster membership. Let them know why you joined the Scottish Rite and the value you receive from membership. Another helpful tool is our Membership brochures. They are in each of your lodges. Please make sure they are prominently displayed at meetings and events. They are a quick and simple way to share the benefits of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Remember that petitioners can submit their petitions online by going to the Alexandria Valley website and clicking on the "petition" link at the top of the home page or by using the QR Code on this Bulletin's address page or on the back of the Membership Brochure to go straight to the "fillable" digital petition form.

If all of us pull together and play a part in sharing the Masonic benefits of joining our Valley, we will have a large Spring Reunion class. Let's talk it up!!!

If you need any information, please contact me at jlsparrow@verizon.net or 703.967.8116.

Jeff

Knight of the Double Eagle Award Recipients 2025

Robert Tallent, 32°, KDEA Program Chairman

The Knight of the Double Eagle Award (KDEA) program has completed its inaugural year. The program recognizes 44 Alexandria Scottish Rite brothers who have participated in qualifying activities during 2025. The award is based on points earned for events attended, positions held, services performed. Program details with points associated with various activities are posted on our Valley website under the Member Center tab. For this year, the following award levels are presented.



**Basic Medallion
with Black Ribbon
500 POINTS**



**Red Hanging Bar
1,000 POINTS**



**White Hanging Bar
1,500 POINTS**



**Blue Hanging Bar
2,000 POINTS**

| Name | | Points | Award | Name | | Points | Award |
|------------|---------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Bible | Michael | 2350 | Medal, Red, White, Blue bars | Springer | Scott | 905 | Medal |
| Hoff, Jr. | Norman | 2150 | Medal, Red, White, Blue bars | Bartley | James | 850 | Medal |
| Craft | Ronald | 1750 | Medal, Red, White bars | Laaken | Bernard | 850 | Medal |
| Rhodes | Philip | 1700 | Medal, Red, White bars | Goolsby | Thomas | 825 | Medal |
| Baker | James | 1525 | Medal, Red, White bars | Marotta | Andrew | 825 | Medal |
| Terrill | Peter | 1525 | Medal, Red, White bars | Omotola | Alahandro | 825 | Medal |
| Taldo | Michael | 1400 | Medal, Red bar | LeHew | Eric | 775 | Medal |
| Banowit | Steven | 1375 | Medal, Red bar | Watts | Bradley | 750 | Medal |
| Tallent | Robert | 1325 | Medal, Red bar | Saunders | Richard | 725 | Medal |
| Smith, Sr. | David | 1300 | Medal, Red bar | Patterson | Jay | 700 | Medal |
| Aakesson | John | 1225 | Medal, Red bar | Schultz | Erik | 700 | Medal |
| Anthony | Frank | 1175 | Medal, Red bar | Shepard | Ralph | 700 | Medal |
| Cady | Rick | 1175 | Medal, Red bar | Aulicino | Michael | 675 | Medal |
| Valker | Gregory | 1100 | Medal, Red bar | Canard | Granville | 650 | Medal |
| Sparrow | Jeffrey | 1075 | Medal, Red bar | Jones | Earl | 650 | Medal |
| Little | Thomas | 1055 | Medal, Red bar | Parker | Jack | 650 | Medal |
| Anagnos | James | 1050 | Medal, Red bar | Wilkinson | Edward | 625 | Medal |
| Dahik | John | 935 | Medal | Richman | Sheldon | 575 | Medal |
| Gibbs | Jack | 930 | Medal | Calonge | Generoso | 525 | Medal |
| Tillery | John | 930 | Medal | Cummings | Mark | 525 | Medal |
| Warner | Farley | 925 | Medal | Lotz | Jason | 525 | Medal |
| Suit | John | 910 | Medal | | | | |

Well done Brothers!

Interested in Joining the Knights of Saint Andrew?

The Call to the Valley: Join the Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew

In the mist-shrouded history of Scotland, a legend was forged that would echo through the centuries. In 1314, as King Robert the Bruce faced overwhelming odds at the Battle of Bannockburn, sixty-three mysterious knights appeared without notice on the second day. These were no ordinary soldiers; they were the Knights of Saint Andrew.

Within the Scottish Rite, this noble heritage is preserved in the 29th Degree. This degree is titled the Knights of Saint Andrew to commemorate the founding of the Order by Robert the Bruce. Legend dictates that the original order was established to reward the sixty-three Knights Templar who had sought refuge in Scotland after the destruction of their Order by Pope Clement V. By appearing as a mounted unit at the height of the battle, they turned the tide of history and defeated the invading army of King Edward II.

Today, that same spirit of selfless dedication lives on in the Alexandria Valley Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA). If you are a 32° "Black Hat" Scottish Rite Mason looking to deepen your involvement in the Fraternity, we are calling you to join our modern-day KSA.

A Modern Order with Ancient Roots

The modern Order was established in 1993 by Ill. Weldon J. Good, 33°, with a specific mission: to provide a service organization comprised of 32°, "Black Hat" Masters of the Royal Secret dedicated to the promotion of our Scottish Rite Fraternity. The Alexandria Valley Chapter, founded on September 17, 2014, continues this legacy. We exist to support the Alexandria Valley, assisting in its growth, protecting its longevity, and promoting the work of the Scottish Rite within our community and the Orient.

Why Seek the Title of Knight?

The KSA is the "working arm" of the Valley. While many organizations focus on the intellectual or social aspects of Masonry, the Knights of Saint Andrew focus on action. We provide the labor, the presence, and the honor guard that make our Valley events prestigious and professional.

When you join the KSA, you aren't just joining another club; you are joining a brotherhood of active Masons who take pride in the Valley. From serving in the Honor Guard (The Vanguard) to managing the Clan's resupply, every role is vital to the Valley's success.

The Journey: From Squire to Knight

Membership in the Alexandria KSA is a journey of merit. Every prospective member begins as a Squire.

The Squiring Ceremony is a highly ritualized experience, featuring a ritual cleansing to symbolize the purification of one's previous life and the installment of a new sense of nobility. As a Squire, you enter a 12-month probationary period. During this year, you have the opportunity to prove your worthiness through active participation in Valley activities. After this year of service, the Clan examines your dedication and votes a second time.

If found worthy, you participate in the Knighting Ceremony, where you finally earn the right to wear the badge on your Glengarry (i.e. black traditional Scottish cap).

The Structure of the Clan

The leadership of our Clan is steeped in tradition, with each officer holding responsibilities that ensure the smooth operation of our service.

Furthermore, we are guided by "The Hand", a Patron Knight selected from our K.C.C.H. or 33° Emeritus Members who acts as our senior advisor to the Chief, ensuring that the wisdom of experienced brothers always informs the actions of the young Knights.

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General Secretary's Corner

Ill. Michael P. Bible, 33°, General Secretary

WISHING YOU AND YOURS MANY BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!

May this new year bring you joy, good health, and meaningful moments.

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

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



JANUARY 27 AWARDS DINNER and INSTALLATION

We encourage you to bring your family to this important and enjoyable event. Our catered dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person payable by cash, check or credit card.

RSVP by COB Wednesday January 21st.

If you are being installed as an officer in one of our bodies, you will need to be present for the installation ceremony, unless you have an unavoidable conflict. If you do have a conflict, please contact the office as soon as possible.

2026 SPRING SR WORKSHOP – MARCH 28 – RICHMOND

The Spring Scottish Rite Workshop will be held on March 28th at the Acca Shrine Temple, Richmond, VA. More information will be provided at our meetings and plan to attend..

2026 SR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - APRIL 9-11 - CHARLOTTE, N.C.

The Rite Works Membership Conference is open to all members of the Valley. Learn hands on ways to build and strengthen the Rite and our Valley. Topics to include using AI tools, reducing administrative burdens, finding new ways to engage brothers living in outlying areas, and much more.



Follow this link for more information and registration:

<https://scottishrite.org/blog/2025/11/03/rite-works-2026-scottish-rite-leadership-conferences/>

Hotel link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/clthuhf-rite-4e354ef4-5aa6-4685-b4e4-82b898587a8c/>

SPRING 2026 REUNION - SATURDAYS - APRIL 18 and 25

Now is the time to think about approaching those Blue Lodge members who you think would enjoy and benefit from Scottish Rite Membership. Our Membership Brochures are in each Lodge and are available in our office. They do a great job of telling our story and they include a QR code which brings up our on-line petition. It's all right there for you to use!

CAPS AND PATENTS: 2025 Fall Class, please make arrangements to pick up your patent, cap, and name badge (if you ordered one) from the office – call 703-998-9044.

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT? A 2026 dues card is required to attend the stated meetings and Reunions. If you haven't received your 2026 dues card, please call the office. If you need to pay your dues, you can pay by going online, calling the office with your credit card, or sending a check to the Secretary:

1. <https://members.scottishrite.org/login/?redirect=https://members.scottishrite.org/members/profile/#mydues>
2. Call the office and pay by credit card 703-998-9044
3. Send a check to: Alexandria Scottish Rite, 1430 W Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302



Interested in Joining the Knights of Saint Andrew?

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Requirements for Membership

The Alexandria KSA is open to those who meet the following criteria:

1. 32° Masonry: You must be a 32° "Black Hat" Mason in good standing.
2. Dedication: You must have a firm will to assist in the growth of the Fraternity.
3. Active Service: You must pledge to be an active member of the Alexandria Valley and assist in its needs as required.

The Regalia of the Order

There is no denying that the Knights of Saint Andrew look the part of a noble Scottish Clan. While the mandatory items are managed by the Clan's Armorer, we highly encourage the wearing of the Kilt, it makes the unit look truly impressive during ceremonies. Charter members and past Chiefs wear the Gold badge, while all other Knights wear the Silver badge on their Glengarry.

Answering the War Cry

When our members gather, our war cry rings out: "TO THE 63!!!" It is a reminder of those original knights who arrived precisely when they were needed most.

The Scottish Rite needs its 32° members to be the lifeblood of the Valley. If you are ready to take your Masonry to the next level, moving from the sidelines to the to joining the KSA, then petition the Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew.

Are you ready to join the KSA? Speak with a member of the Clan today to learn how to begin your year as a Squire.

Calendar of Upcoming Events



Happy New Year

January 2026

January 1- Holiday
News Years Day



January 19 - Holiday
Martin Luther Kings Birthday

January 21 – 7:00 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

January 27 – 6:00 p.m.
Awards Dinner & Installation of
Officers for 2026
Reservations by COB Jan 21

January 28 – 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah SR Club
Spurmont Lodge
Strasburg, VA

February 2026

February 14- Holiday
Valentines Day



February 16– Holiday
Presidents Day

February 18- 7:30 p.m.
Loudoun SR Club
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

February 24- 6:00 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting
Valley Meeting- 7:30 p.m.
(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix, &
Lodge of Perfection)

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Strasburg, VA

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Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Ashburn -Sterling Lodge

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Remembrance and Renewal
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