



Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia  
AlexandriaScottishRite.org

# Scottish Rite Bulletin

September—October 2022



## *Assistant Personal Representative's Message*

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

Our Scottish Rite Reunions are so named because they are a welcomed opportunity for our widely dispersed membership to reunite and share our degrees with those brothers seeking to join our Rite. The degrees are not just for those who are receiving them for the first time. As participants in the degree conferrals, we commit our time either to refresh the roles we have performed many times in the past, or to learn new roles to increase our understanding of the lessons of the degrees. As students desirous of further understanding of our Rite, we attend the Reunions to increase our knowledge...and with time, perhaps even to gain increased wisdom.

We repeatedly hear Brothers say, "Every time I attend a Reunion, or participate in a degree, I realize some new point or interpretation, that had not occurred to me before." Knowledge can be increased through memorization, but wisdom requires understanding.



In addition to being an enjoyable fraternal event and educational refresher on the lessons of our degrees, the Reunions also create new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret. We warmly welcome and encourage them to become active participants in our Valley activities. We eagerly look forward to receiving those who will be joining us at our next Reunion on October 22 and 29, 2022, and to assisting them on their journey in the Scottish Rite.

Our Reunions are made possible by many Brothers who provide the essential "behind-the-scenes" functions, such as stage crews, wardrobe, sound and lighting, projection, and prompters as well as administrative and meal support functions. Many prefer these roles, but the more visible parts of the Reunion are the on-stage degree conferrals and the classroom communications. Our recently completed dramatic conferrals employed 90 Brothers in 162 cast roles, plus nine more communicating the remaining degrees. New members might assume, "All the cast roles are already taken by others," but obviously there are many more roles than current participants. Additionally, many Degree Masters pursue "bench depth" with multiple Brothers who can assume various roles in the Degrees' casts — this not only permits additional opportunity to learn the lessons of the Degrees, but also provides qualified team members to step in when another member is unable to be present due to work, family or health issues. As we study our roles and prepare for the conferrals and communications, we become more effective Soldiers of the Light.

We encourage all members who are not already participating in the degrees to contact our Director of Work or one of the Degree Masters listed on the [Help Wanted](#) file on the home page of our Valley website at [alexandriascottishrite.org](http://alexandriascottishrite.org). The file also identifies non-speaking and relatively brief cast roles that may be perfect for those just beginning as a cast member.

We look forward to each of you getting involved in the work of your Valley and continuing your Masonic education by participating in our Scottish Rite Reunions.

Fraternally,

*Norm*

## *Working tools of the Entered Apprentice*

Brad A. Fox, 32°, Minister of State, Alexandria Consistory

As I pondered what article to write about in Freemasonry, I thought to myself what got me into Freemasonry from the beginning and it's something we all learn early on in our journey as Freemasons. In the Entered Apprentice degree, we are asked to take our first step in Freemasonry to be better men, exceptional neighbors in our communities, upstanding citizens in our government, and to give more to those who are in greater need than we.

As I started thinking about that first step and every step after as I became a Master Mason, I kept going back to those first teachings as an Entered Apprentice and what it meant to me on a personal level and how we can all too often lose sight of what matters most, the precious time we all have on this earth and how we can utilize it to become better men, husbands, fathers, and members of society, but all too often we find ourselves lost in time and trying to find more of it in our daily lives.

Which brings me to the working tools of an Entered Apprentice, which are the 24-inch gauge and common gavel. We are taught to utilize these tools as instruments in our lives and in our Masonic journey, but do we truly know the symbolism behind these working tools beyond what we were told that fateful night in lodge. The 24-inch gauge being an instrument used to measure our time throughout the day to include our service to God and the relief of a distressed worthy brother, and the common gavel with which we are taught to improve ourselves as living stones for that spiritual building.

While the 24-inch gauge can be divided into three equal parts, we are to divide our time in the day to ensure we properly manage our time, to make necessary time blocks to accomplish our goals we set out for our day and not be overwhelmed with all the stresses of work, family life, and our Masonic life. We all have felt that stress but if we take a lesson from the 24-inch gauge and measure out our day and plan accordingly we can all meet those goals and ensure we still find time for the service of God, our work, both Masonic and our jobs, and refreshment and sleep.

As for the common gavel, it is used to assist us in getting rid of all the vices and superfluities of life thus leaving us as those living stones for our spiritual building in which we will live in once we reach our final Masonic resting spot in heaven. We are reminded by the rough and perfect Ashlars that nothing comes without hard work and determination and that throughout our several stages in life we strive to use that common gavel towards making us better men. At no point are we truly perfect Ashlars. While we all have work that needs to be done in our daily lives, we always have opportunities to improve ourselves beyond what we were yesterday but not as great as our future image may be.

So, as we go forth throughout our life let us not forget who we were before becoming Freemasons, who we were as Entered Apprentices, and how we can become better men as Master Masons. Become that student who learns from those who have held the working tools of Freemasonry longer than we have. Use these tools to become teachers for those just joining Freemasonry, for the student becomes the teacher as we become better men and Master Masons. Our journey will continue; even after we enter the eternal heavens, what we leave behind will be learning lessons for generations to come.

In becoming a 32° Scottish Rite mason we are taught to expand upon becoming a "True Soldier" to our God, our community, our brethren, and ourselves. We look towards making great men even greater and encourage ourselves to be self-reliant and independent. Our service is expanded through our charitable work and our communities, not only the ones we live in but also that community of our appendant body which allows for a broader group of mentors and mentees as we seek further light in Masonry.

Always focus on all the working tools more especially those we first started with, as they are the foundational building tools we use in our daily lives. Also, be sure to mark your calendars with those important dates and reminders, so we don't become overwhelmed.

## ***Feast of Tishri***

*Jason M. Himsey, KCCH, Wise Master, Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix*

The Valley will observe the Feast of Tishri at our pre-meeting dinner in September. This annual Scottish Rite event celebrates the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. It is also the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival. It is necessary to have understanding of some Jewish Holy Days to understand the significance of the Feast of Tishri and its connection to Freemasonry.

In Leviticus, the Lord spoke to Moses, "Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of the LORD seven days... And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees [citron], branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees [myrtle], and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year: it is a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall keep it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are homeborn in Israel shall dwell in booths... when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 23:39-43 RV1895)

Tishri is a month occurring in September or October of the Gregorian calendar. According to the Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible, before the Babylonian Exile, it was known as the seventh month of the ecclesiastical calendar. It was called Ethanim, which means "endurance" and references the brooks and streams flowing at this time of year. The word Ethanim is based on the root word "ethan," which means, "strength."

The current name of the month, Tishri, is Babylonian. The Babylonians took the Jews into captivity over a period of 50-60 years after the First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC. Henceforth, the Jews have used the Babylonian name of the month, Tishri, to refer to the beginning of their civil year. The two names of this month, Ethanim, the seventh ecclesiastical month, and Tishri, the first civil month, may be taken as references to the principles of strength and establishment. These two principles are referenced by the Hebrew names of the two bronze pillars that were at the portico of the Temple, Boaz for strength and Jachin for establishment. (1 King's 7:21)

There are some key points throughout the Bible that hold significance to Masons. First, the Temple is not a place that contains God. Solomon declares that nothing, not even the highest heavens can contain God. Rather, he prays for the Temple to be a dwelling place for God's presence, a place to communicate with God. As a dwelling place for Shekinah, God's presence, the Temple was more than just a place to offer praise and prayers. The Temple also housed the Ark Covenant, which contained the Tablets of the Law communicated by God to Moses and was the foundation of the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark where Shekinah, also known as the "glory of the Lord," would manifest in smoke and flame. So, in addition to being a place for the communication of praise and prayer, the Temple was a place of communion with God. King Solomon promised to always have a presence in the Temple, and to bestow blessings of justice, prosperity, and peace, so long as the people of Israel continued following God's laws. He further declared that God's name, eyes, ears, and heart would be in the Temple, open not only to the people of Israel, but to foreigners as well.

The last point in the preceding paragraph discussing foreigners is of particular importance to Freemasons. Freemasonry pays careful attention to the fact that the building of the Temple was not accomplished by King Solomon and the Israelites alone. The Bible tells us the Phoenician King Hiram of Tyre, his architect, Hiram Abif, and a great number of his workmen were essential to the building of the Temple. Masonic tradition also teaches that King Hiram of Tyre provided much of the financial and material resources for the Temple's construction. In short, King Solomon's Temple could not have been built without the foreigners. Think on this...the Temple, dedicated to God, who is therein worshipped through Jewish names and religious customs, owed its existence to non-Jews.

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This observation is of utmost Masonic significance because it is reflected in our own commitment to welcome men of all faiths who acknowledge a Supreme Being and are willing to take our moral and fraternal obligations. That's how Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and others can sit side by side, bow their heads in reverence together, pray together, and together dedicate their work to Deity, even though their hearts may be silently speaking different names for Deity.

Masonic initiation and instruction offer each of us the opportunity to take our bodies and soul and mold them to be a more complete and refined temple for God's presence in this world. And, just as with King Solomon's Temple, it's important to understand that in order accomplish this, we need the help of others. Masonry not only offers us the opportunity, but actually expects us to both give and accept help from our Brothers who often have very different experiences.

In closing, we can see that the Feast of Tishri holds a special place in Scottish Rite Masonry - not just because it commemorates the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, but because that event is symbolic of things each of us should be doing in our own lives. The rich legend of the Temple's dedication, held in connection with the Feast of Tishri, furnish symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishings, and decoration carry special meaning as they apply to the metaphorical Temple of Freemasonry built in the heart of every Brother. When King Solomon dedicated the first Temple, he was not dedicating a mere structure, he was praying for all mankind. Through the symbols of the Temple we learn to rededicate ourselves to building Freemasonry in the hearts of men. We can and should give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for our many blessings: home, family, friends and for our Country.

### *New Director of Work*

Scott C. Springer, KCCH, Director of Work

Greetings Brethren. For those who are not already aware, I have been appointed as the new Director of Work for the Alexandria Valley after the untimely passing of Illustrious Jim Loudermilk, 33°. Brother Jim will be sorely missed and I know that I have some very big shoes to fill. I am both honored and humbled that the Valley leadership considers me worthy to follow in his footsteps. It will take me some time to get my sea legs and grow into the role, but I know that I will have plenty of support from all of you.

I don't really have a lot to say right now, but I would like to share a couple of thoughts. First, I want to thank Illustrious Phil Rhodes, 33° for filling in on an interim basis as the Director of Work for this past Spring Reunion, and to thank all of the Degree casts and support crews who volunteered their time to make the Reunion a success. It takes a lot of people to put on a Reunion and that brings me to my second point: participation. I am appealing to those of you who are not currently involved in the Reunions to give serious consideration to getting involved. We have been increasing the number of Degrees that are being conferred as opposed to communicated and have been struggling to have enough cast and support crew members to pull it off effectively. If we can get some more Brothers to help out, it will really make a difference in the Reunion experience for everyone; casts, crews, and candidates. Rather than try to guilt trip you by saying that you have an obligation as a Valley member to participate (assuming you still live in the area), I would like suggest that you do it for a more selfish reason. It's fun. Yes, you heard me, participating in the Reunions is FUN! Whether you're in a Degree as a cast member, or working with the various stage and support crews, the camaraderie and esprit de corps you will experience, and the sense of pride and accomplishment you will feel, is priceless. Those of you who are not participating are really missing out. So please, give it some thought. Our next Reunion will be in the Fall on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and I would love to see some new faces.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Scott*

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD DINNER

Philip N. Rhodes, 33°, Program Coordinator

The Alexandria Valley established a tradition of honoring the individuals selected by the Washington Post as Outstanding Teachers in our area in 2000. We have so honored three (3) Teachers each year since that time excluding 2020 when the pandemic prevented us from meeting in person.

On June 10, 2022, we awarded three distinguished teachers with the Certificate of Appreciation and a \$500.00 check. They are as follows

- 1) Alexandra Bender of the John Adams Elementary School located in Alexandria, Virginia teaches first grade. She is described as a fierce advocate towards the needs of her students. She integrates Art into her curriculum to support her students and assists recent Afghani refugee children in their attempts to assimilate in their new country.
- 2) David Worst (Dave) is a physical education teacher at Rose Hill Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. He has a background in Adapted PE which uniquely qualifies him to address needs of all students especially those operating with a disability. Dave has an effervescent personality which makes him a highly effective teacher.
- 3) Iris Gibson teaches at Langston High School which is the Alternative High School for Arlington County. Her school addresses those students who for a variety of reasons are not realizing their potential in the mainstream school system. Her high school provides a much needed second chance to children who would otherwise be left behind. She teaches Economics and Personal Finance. With her background she mentored a group of young people in an investment exercise and her group came in first.

We had the banquet and visited with our awardees and their guests. Approximately 50 people attended this highly successful and entertaining evening. The teacher award program provides a tangible benefit to those serving our community. The Alexandria Valley of the Scottish Rite has developed a terrific program to honor our teachers. We are proud of the program, as we should be. Let us continue this tradition.

### *Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia*

*Allen D. Beckner, KCCH, Alexandria's Conference Vice President*

You are cordially invited to attend the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia which is being hosted by the Norfolk SR Valley on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 2022. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach located at 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Our Conference President is Illustrious J. Leon Stocks, 33°.



All attendees will enjoy banquets on Friday and Saturday evenings, and there is a special Ladies Luncheon on Saturday. The Alexandria Valley provides our Brethren and guests these meals at no cost as a thank you for supporting our great Valley at this State-wide event. **Registration is required if you plan to attend and you need to notify our Secretary, Illustrious David C. Morris at 703-998-9044 or via email at [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org).**

The only cost to attend the 2022 Conference is your room at the Holiday Inn. Reservations can be made by contacting the Holiday Inn at 1-800-567-3856 or 757-499-4400 or at [HIVABeachNorfolk.com](http://HIVABeachNorfolk.com). You must use "Code VSR" to receive the discounted room rate of \$119 plus tax for a double queen or king-sized bed.

There will be Friday afternoon breakout sessions featuring esteemed guest speakers and special programs. Saturday morning will be the opening of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Session followed by business meetings.

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# Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia

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The Alexandria Valley and the Richmond Valley will be working together to provide our Valleys with an outstanding Hospitality Suite experience.

Linda and I look forward to seeing you in October!

*Allen*

Save the date!

**VIRGINIA SCOTTISH RITE  
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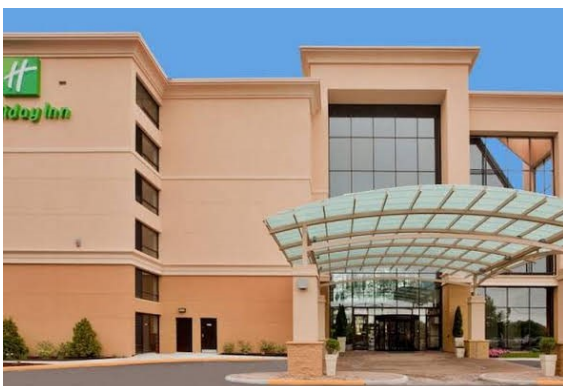
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**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS TO PLAY BY  
SEPTEMBER 25TH**



The Conference will be held at the  
**Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center**  
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Use Code "VSR"  
**Notify Secretary to make meal selection.**

## *Brotherly Love*

*Barry Mensh, Worshipful Master, John A. Lejeune Lodge No. 350*

Embedded within the Tenets of our Masonic Profession rests “Brotherly Love”, exemplified in our Entered Apprentice’s Lecture, wherein we hear, “Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion...and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance.” What a beautiful admonition to our Craft. In the first decade of the 20th century, a related writing is found of “THE ROBBER AND THE SPIDER”:

The selfishness and disregard for the welfare of others that we find in the world today brings to mind the Japanese fable of the robber and the spider. The robber had been sent to the infernal regions. One day the Lord Buddha paid a visit to the gloomy underworld and the robber cried out to be returned to the world of light. When questioned by Buddha as to the kind deeds he had performed while on earth, he could think of only one. Once, instead of crushing with his foot a spider in his path, he lifted the spider to the side of the road, where it would be safe from the feet of others.

Buddha responded not. He merely smiled and went his way, but soon the robber saw before him a thread of finest silk glittering in the darkness. It was a thread of spider’s silk leading upward. To his astonishment the robber found the silk strong enough to bear his weight, so hand over hand he climbed upward. As he was nearing the light, he heard below him the voices of many others who were climbing the apparently frail spider’s thread. Fearing that all the weight would break the thin, trembling silk, the robber called angrily to those below, “Get off, get back, this thread belongs to me!” The words had scarcely been spoken when the thread snapped and the robber fell to the gloomy depths from which he had so nearly escaped.

The robber of the fable has many human imitators. Every day we see cases of those who have given all their efforts to acquiring material things for themselves without thought for others. The physical body cannot stand the effort and the silken cord snaps. On the other hand, we see others who have no ambition to have more than enough to provide for their own comfort, but who get much out of life because of their regard for the welfare and happiness of others.

Interest in others is not demonstrated by contributions of material things, **but** rather by forgetting material things long enough to show a keen interest in what *others are endeavoring to accomplish*. By forgetting material things long enough to have time to mingle with friends. By forgetting material things long enough to have time to take a smile into a sick room. By forgetting the race for material possessions long enough to have time to **sympathize with the misfortunes of others**, and by taking time we might otherwise employ to our own profit to show others how they may follow in the way where we have succeeded.

After all, should any man wish to be the only one to reach a goal? He’d be very lonesome, indeed.... As Masons, we **must** focus, as we are taught, on that CHARITY inculcated daily in our lives. Do good unto ALL, every day, when no one is looking.

As we read in the early 1700s Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, “**Charity is a universal characteristic of Masonry.**” **It has been said that “the Masonic Way is to give without remembering and to receive without forgetting.”**

# October 22 and 29 Fall Reunion

Jason M. Himsey, KCCH, Wise Master, Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

Our Fall Reunion will take place October 22nd and October 29th! It would be fantastic to have a large showing of Masters of the Royal Secret in the audience to support our candidates. Speaking of candidates, now is the time to encourage your Lodge Brethren to join the Scottish Rite. So, get those petitions out! If your Lodge is out of copies of our Alexandria Valley Brochure with the QR code link to the petition, contact our Membership Chairman, Mike Bible, 32°, KCCH, at [tinstar123@cox.net](mailto:tinstar123@cox.net) for more copies.

You might be wondering how you can support Reunions? Whenever I think about the Reunions, I see the real and critical need for more Brothers to participate. The most obvious need is for cast members!! Without an infusion of new blood to take on some of the roles, we will simply not be able to continue putting on as many Degrees as we have been doing for the past few years. There is room for any skill level – there are many non-speaking parts, parts with a few lines, and then parts with a lot of lines.

No less important than filling the casts are the stage, lighting, sound, and wardrobe crews, who are all in need of additional members. We can also always use more help with Degree communication and prompting. Another method of participation that often gets overlooked, is also one of the easiest; just show up and be in the audience. It gives a great impression when new candidates look over and see occupied seats. If Brothers who are in degrees can get in to the habit of showing up early and/or staying late so that they can sit in the audience for at least one degree, it will help fill out the audience and go a long way toward making the candidates feel that they are joining a healthy and vibrant Valley, and I believe it will make them more likely to participate themselves.

All of these are necessary to the continued success of our Reunions and those that are not already participating need to help those who are and find some way to get involved. I truly believe that participation is a rewarding experience and those who are not participating are really missing out on the camaraderie and fellowship that are one of greatest benefits of being a Scottish Rite Mason.

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF  
THE ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Alexandria Lodge of Perfection, 4<sup>o</sup>–14<sup>o</sup>*      *Alexandria Council, Knights Kadosh, 19<sup>o</sup>–30<sup>o</sup>*  
*Alexandria Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, 15<sup>o</sup>–18<sup>o</sup>*      *Alexandria Consistory, 31<sup>o</sup>–32<sup>o</sup>*

I am a Master Mason in good standing, and respectfully petition to receive the Fourth through Thirty-second degrees, promising to bear true faith and allegiance to The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

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*The Scottish Rite Creed*  
Human Progress is our cause,  
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Freedom of conscience our mission,  
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Prepared by the Alexandria Scottish Rite Membership Committee





# ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH RITE MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROGRAM

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*Together, if we all contribute even a small amount,  
we can raise enough to purchase a Tympanometer!*

## SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

To foster a closer connection and participation with the Alexandria Valley, Scottish Rite Brethren residing in distant areas from the Alexandria Temple sought approval to establish Scottish Rite Clubs in their geographical areas. This was done in the Shenandoah Valley area in 1979, and in the Loudoun area in 2016. We in the Alexandria area support these clubs by attending their monthly dinner/meetings, and broadening our friendships. In turn, they help spread an interest in the Scottish Rite. We encourage Alexandria area Brethren (and their ladies) to join in on these monthly gatherings.

**NEW OFFICERS.** At each club's May meeting, a Nominating Committee present for consideration a slate of officers for elections in June of those to serve the club for the year July 2022 – June 2023.

**LOUDOUN CLUB MEETINGS.** Ordinarily held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except in November and December to avoid conflicts with the holidays. Club meetings are held at the Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288, Ashburn.

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY CLUB MEETINGS.** These are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except in November and December - to avoid conflicts with the holidays. The September 28th dinner at 6:30 and meeting will be held at Cassia Lodge No. 142, Woodstock and the October 26th dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting will be held at Spurmont Lodge No. 98, Strasburg. RESERVATIONS are required at both locations.

To make reservations or for additional information, contact either: Ill. David Morris (703-998-9044; [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)), or Ill. David Smith (703-866-0345; [dhsmith33@gmail.com](mailto:dhsmith33@gmail.com)).

### *Secretary's Southeast Corner*

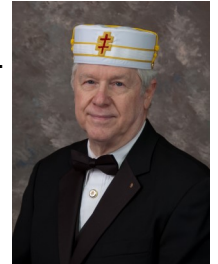
Ill. David C. Morris, 33<sup>o</sup> General Secretary

### ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours. M-F 10:00 am – 3:30 pm, Please Call the office first - 703 998-9044.

### OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING – FEAST of TISHRI

We will have a Pre-meeting Dinner, followed by the Celebration of the Feast of Tishri, which will be open to all. Bring the whole family.



### 2022 VIRGINIA SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE – Virginia Beach, VA

The Valley of Norfolk will be hosting the Virginia Orient Conference, on October 7 & 8 with a Golf Tournament on October 6. See Page 6 for Valley Vice President, Allen D. Beckner, KCCH, article.

The Conference will be held at the HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 – for **ROOM** Reservations call 1-757-499-4400. When making a reservation use: **VSR** code. *This will ensure they know you are there for the Scottish Rite Conference.*

**MEAL RESERVATIONS & Conference REGISTRATION – Will need to be made thru the Alexandria Valley office-** 703-998-9044 or [secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)

### Our 2022 FALL REUNION is set for Saturday, October 22 and October 29

The 4<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees will take place on October 22 and the 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees will take place on October 29.

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**OFFICERS FOR 2023**

Would you like to serve as an Officer in one of our Four Bodies, for 2023?

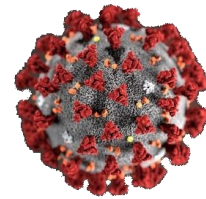
Please contact the Valley office or one of the current Heads of one of the Bodies.

**Current Year Membership Statistical Changes**

Accurate As Of: 08/05/2022 9:45:00 AM

January 1 Total	1131
Gains	15
Losses	28
Current Lodge Membership	1118

**Any Symptoms**



**Get Tested  
and  
Stay Healthy!**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**September 5—  
HOLIDAY—LABOR DAY**

**September 9 – 6:30 p.m.  
FEAST OF TISHRI**  
Pre-Meeting Dinner  
**Reservations by COB—Sep 7**  
Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
(Lodge of Perfection)

**September 21 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

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

**OCTOBER 2022**

**October 7 & 8  
VIRGINIA ORIENT CONFERENCE**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Contact Valley office if attending

**October 14 – 6:00 p.m.**  
Executive Council Meeting  
Valley Meeting - 7:30p.m.  
(Consistory, &  
Lodge of Perfection)

**October 10 –  
HOLIDAY—COLUMBUS DAY**

**October 19 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Loudoun SR Club  
Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

**October 22 – 7:15 a.m.  
2022 FALL REUNION**  
First Day of Reunion

**October 26 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Shenandoah Club Meeting  
Cassia Lodge, Woodstock, VA

**October 29 – 7:15 a.m.  
2022 FALL REUNION**  
Second Day of Reunion

**NOVEMBER 2022**

**November 4 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Pre-Meeting Dinner  
**Reservations by COB – Nov 2**  
Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
**ELECTIONS in C of K & RC**  
(Council of Kadosh, Chapter Rose Croix,  
& Lodge of Perfection)

**November 11 –  
HOLIDAY—VETERANS DAY**

**November 11 & 12**  
Grand Lodge Of Virginia  
Grand Annual Communication  
Short Pump, Richmond, VA

**November 24  
HOLIDAY— THANKSGIVING DAY**

**NOTE: Meeting date  
change—1st Friday,  
November 4, 2022**  
Because the Grand Lodge of  
Virginia meets on the 2nd Friday.

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**STATED MEETINGS**

**Alexandria Lodge of Perfection**

Second Friday of each month  
FRANK T. ANTHONY, KCCH  
Venerable Master

**Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix**

Second Friday  
February, March, July, November  
JASON M. HIMSEY, KCCH  
Wise Master

**Alexandria Council of Kadosh**

Second Friday  
February, April, July, November  
JOHN M. SUIT, KCCH  
Commander

**Alexandria Consistory**

Second Friday  
April, August, October, December  
EDWARD E. C. WILKINSON, JR.  
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