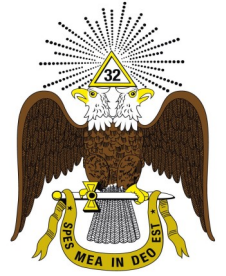




Scottish Rite Bulletin

January—February 2023



Venerable Master's Message

Michael D. Taldo, KCCH, Venerable Master, Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

A Tale of Two Messages

My Brothers, by the time you read this, the time and date of this Message will have passed by some period of time. Let me take you back a couple months, it's currently November 11, 2022, and if you recall, that day was Veterans Day. Many of our body, including myself, have served the United States Government and its Armed Forces in some capacity and it was a period of reflection. I could not help but recall what I have learned since joining Alexandria Scottish Rite and how that related to what I believe. I will not drown you with the individual degree lessons here. No, but will ask you to do something for yourself. Locate the first three degrees in *Morals and Dogma* by Albert Pike and read them. If you have already read them, I encourage you to re-read them. First time or not, as you go through those degrees, I'm sure you will find quotes that stand out to you. Once you have selected your own quotes, call a Brother that is close to you and discuss with him what the quotes might mean. The idea is to start you on your way to exploring what the Scottish Rite offers and there is no better place to start. This Veterans Day, like the Scottish Rite, inspires me to continue that research. And yet, this is where the second half of this message kicks in.



In last years Venerable Masters message, Brother Frank Anthony KCCH, brought your attention to the impact of Covid. In summary it was, "disconnect to reconnect". I'm asking a similar but not so "disconnected" question of the all the Brothers at Alexandria Scottish Rite. My question is not about reconnecting, but about involvement. Do you have a part in a degree? Do you have an interest in forming a Degree Team? There are many degrees open. Have you participated in a Master Craftsman course? Are you a Scottish Rite mentor? Are you a member of a Valley committee? Did you come to our reunion in October 2022? Have you attended one of our recent philanthropic events? Have you recently attended an Executive Council meeting? Are you aware of the Knights of St. Andrew?

Being involved is crucial to your growth not only within Scottish Rite but as a Mason. One of my favorite activities is being part of the 13th Degree team. But other degrees have left marks on me, such as the 5th and the 12th to mention a couple. The work in those degrees has led to investigation and further research in master craftsman courses and growth as a mason. Imagine what that involvement might do for you! Consider, each time you watch a degree at a reunion, you will learn something new no matter how many times you have seen the degree or listened to the degree lecture. The things you hear and "think" you learn come to the front when you discuss them with the Brothers at the Valley or when you meet up with your Master Craftsman cohort class. It's utterly amazing to me how intelligent and insightful our Alexandria Scottish Rite Brethren are and the only way you can take advantage of it is by having those conversations which require involvement. If you prefer supporting our charity efforts, our Philanthropic activities directly impact the larger community. Young boys and girls with speech defects need our help and actively supporting those efforts is a way to be involved not only in our Body, but for the community. For those that like management, attending the Executive Council meetings and getting involved in the committees help support the functioning of the Valley. The Knights of St. Andrew is yet another way to support the Valley in all it's endeavors. As a group, they like to get together to have a little social fun afterwards.

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What is the point? To get to Equilibrium, you must get "Involved". To paraphrase a beautiful sentiment from a former President, "Ask not, what the Scottish Rite can do for you, Step Up and ask, what you can do for the Alexandria Scottish Rite. There are many opportunities and Alexandria Scottish Rite needs you. If you are not sure how, just ask. Do not wait for a tap on the your shoulder. You have just been challenged, do some research, get involved.

Venerable Master's BIO

Brother Michael "Mike" Taldo was born in Dallas, Texas, but his formable years were spent in the ancestral home of the Dallas Cowboys, Irving Texas where he graduated from Nimitz High School. An aspiring professional golfer, Mike spent many years chasing a dream at several colleges before realizing he did not have enough money to crack the professional tour, though he did later play several junior tour tournaments.

Mike joined the USAF in 1985 and spent more than 5 years as an Avionics Technician with his last assignment a long tour at RAF Mildenhall, a.k.a "Moldy-hole", with several very interesting assignments between 1988 and 1990. Mike left the USAF to finish his college studies in the University of Texas system where he received his Bachelor of Science degree which spawned a 30 year career in Software Engineering.

Mike has split time between startups and Fortune 500 companies and is currently VP of Engineering at a Cyber Security start up firm in Maryland. He has more than 20 years of experience developing security software for companies and approximately 10 years as an executive. Mike met his future wife in England. He eventually married his wife Isabel and they have a wonderful daughter, Stephanie.

Mike joined Freedom Lodge #112 in Eldersburg, Maryland in 2014. He became the Worshipful Master of Freedom Lodge in 2021 and really hopes that 2023 will be his last and final year as Master. Mike became a 32° Master of the Royal Secret at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley in 2015 and was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2019. Mike is involved in several degree teams, the Master Craftsman Training program and the philanthropy efforts for the RiteCare kids with speech defects. At the time of this publication is a Past President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society.

Personal Representative's Message

Ill. Edmund Cohen, 33° - Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia

I have been reading a number of books by a Mormon minister, Richard L. Evans, who for many years presented inspirational messages on a radio and television program, "Music and the Spoken Word," and in a series of books titled "Thoughts for 100 Days," all of which are well worth your time and which I highly recommend. The following, which I have revised to relate to Freemasonry and more specifically to our annual awards presentation, is derived from two of his messages. One is titled: "*Those who keep things going.*" In this message Reverend Evans notes that there is an aura of grandeur about the dull routine of maintenance. It is easier to build than to maintain. Even a lethargic or debilitated population can be galvanized for a while to achieve something impressive, but the energy that goes into the maintenance of things in good repair day in and day out is the energy of true vigor.



Applying this to the times in which we live, we might note that it was easier to win our freedom, build a nation, and subdue a continent than it is to now maintain that freedom and live peaceably with our fellow citizens. Closer to home, we might similarly reflect that it is easier to win the hand of a lovely girl than it is to do the less glamorous task of keeping that lovely relationship alive.

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It may be easier to jump into a new marriage than it is to keep an old one sweet and sacred, as evidenced by the rate of divorce. It is easier to win converts to a cause than it is to keep them in continued service.

It may be easier to begin new projects than it is to finish good ones already begun. And certainly it is easier to criticize and destroy than to cherish and preserve. Criticism is always easier than creation or preservation. Suddenly turning to something that seems new, or tossing away something we have tired of is easy; maintaining and preserving requires patience and discipline.

But there is a quiet kind of heroism in those who keep things going, who keep contracts, who keep commitments, who rear and teach and care for children; who maintain the sanctity of home and marriage; who live and uphold the law, and who contribute to the freedom, peace, and protection of community and country, and to the preservation of all that is most precious. Rushing into what is new is sometimes exciting. But preserving what is good is an absolute essential, and he who keeps good things going is an often unheralded hero who we are deeply indebted to.

These words are particularly appropriate with respect to those who have been selected to receive our Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Merit because the work of these individuals is what keeps the Alexandria Scottish Rite going. They are there doing the things that need to be done, often behind the scenes, and never seeking the recognition which they so richly deserve. But their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the Brethren want to demonstrate their appreciation by saluting them with a dinner and these certificates.

The other message that caught my attention is titled "*A perspective on being busy.*" In this message Reverend Evans noted some startling contrasts and comparisons between the present and the past. He says that in the prefabricated, prepackaged era in which we live, much of what makes up our material lives comes through machinery and assembly lines, so well organized and operated that we are hardly aware of the effort of anyone. Yet, with all of this done for us by others, we seem to feel more crowded and hard-pressed than did people in the past.

To put the picture in perspective, he suggests we think about the pioneer mother, father, family, wrestling first hand from nature the sheer sustenance and bare necessities of life. Think of being in the wilderness, nursing and caring for loved ones through injuries and illness without professional help or facilities, or much in the way of medicine. Think of breaking ground, of growing and grinding grain, of gathering food and storing it; cutting logs, building protection against the elements, insects, and animals—in short of living starkly next to nature without all the processing, packaging, and provisioning, and without the professional and personal services we have come to rely on.

How did those who lived on far frontiers find the time to do what they did—to fish, hunt, feed and defend; to make a meal or a shirt, or a shelter out of the simplest essentials?

The answer, of course, is work and faith—a great degree of self-reliance and a great dependence on Divine Providence. But out of this comes a question: What do we do—we who sometimes think ourselves busier than anyone has ever been before—what do we do with the time our forebears used in providing those absolute essentials? Our very busyness is a paradox, and we need to make repeated appraisal of what occupies our lives, our time—what keeps us forever on the run. "Nothing is more unworthy of a wise man," said Plato "than to have allotted more time for trifling and useless things than they deserve."

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Time is limited, and the things to be done with it are limitless. We are accountable for what we do with ourselves, our time and talents, our efforts and opportunities—with the hours and days that God has given us. “Spend your time,” said Richard Baxter, “on nothing which you know must be repented of; on nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; on nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your death bed; on nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.”

These words resonated with me because so many of us are blessed, not only with the essentials our forebears struggled to obtain, but with so much more, and yet we feel stressed and unable to find the time to do all the things we think we need to do, much less the things we want to do. Yet, when we look around us, we see those who are able to accomplish so much. I think that part of the answer may be that they derive energy and satisfaction from paying it forward, by doing things that benefit others and, thus, leaving a legacy for those who follow.

We in the Scottish Rite have such an opportunity to lend our support to our Brethren, and to others in our communities. All we need to do is to remember our obligations to do good unto all. It does not take much to touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact. Little courtesies like a helping hand, a smile, a willingness to spend a few moments with someone and listen to their concerns can go a long way to brightening their day and leaving a lasting impression.

Finally, in the context of doing important work, remember our Spring Reunion and start now to get candidates for our 2023 Spring Reunion.

Fraternally,

Ed Cohen

2023 Scottish Rite Workshop

Allen D. Beckner, KCCH, President, VA Scottish Rite Conference

I pray the New Year will fill your lives with great joy, peace and prosperity for you and your family!

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to the 2023 VA Scottish Rite (SR) Workshop on Saturday, March 25, 2023. The Workshop will be held at the ACCA Shrine Center, 1712 Bellvue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227. Coffee and donuts will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. with the Workshop beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Workshop will conclude at 12:00 Noon followed by a delicious lunch served by the Richmond Valley.

It is my great honor and privilege to represent the Valley of Alexandria and serve as the President of the SR Workshop and SR Conference of Virginia for 2023. Additional information as well as updates on the Workshop event can be found on the Scottish Rite Orient of Virginia website at <https://www.vascottishrite.org/va-workshop>.

The tentative agenda for the Workshop will include the Valley Vice Presidents introducing their respective leadership. There will be a brief message from MW Donald E. Strehle, KCCH, Grand Master, and a few words of wisdom from our SGIG, Ill. Alan W. Adkins, 33°, Grand Cross and PGM. In addition, Ill. Brother Adkins has arranged for a special guest speaker from the Supreme Council of 33° Southern Jurisdiction to present a program.

Please come out and support our great Valley of Alexandria under the leadership of our Venerable Master, Michael D. Taldo, 32°, KCCH. The Alexandria Valley recommended attire is a navy blue blazer, grey slacks, blue button-down shirt and our Alexandria Valley tie. No caps are required for this event.

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The Workshop is a no cost event that will offer you great information and genuine Virginia Southern hospitality.

Please contact our Valley General Secretary, Ill. David C. Morris, 33^o, at: secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org or call 703-998-9044 if you plan to attend this event. Our Richmond Brethren need our anticipated numbers to prepare breakfast and lunch for all attendees.

It's always more fun to travel together to get to know your brothers. However, if you desire to stay close by, there are hotels in the area for your convenience.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to gather, share a meal, and make lasting friendships across the Orient of Virginia.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Beckner, 32^o, KCCH
President Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia

Background on the Baylot Manuscript

Brian Walaszczyk, 32^o

Many people are familiar with the 1783 Franken Manuscript (MS), but few are aware of an earlier manuscript commonly known as the Baylot MS. According to Illustrious Brent Morris 33^o, Grand Cross, Supreme Council 33^o, AASR, USA, the Baylot MS “is a French collection of rituals that is a near if not direct relative of Franken’s manuscripts” (S. Brent Morris, 2015). The Franken MS contains “the rituals of the twenty-five degrees of the ‘Order of the Royal Secret’ (ORS) a ‘High Degree’ system of Freemasonry, created around the early-1760s, which is best known for being the parent of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR)...” (Arturo de Hoyos, 2014) The Baylot Ms. is estimated to have been compiled approximately 20 years earlier than the Franken MS., and therefore, it is of interest to those wishing to study early versions of the degrees that developed into the AASR. The Baylot MS also contains references to another esoteric system known as the Élus Coëns, which developed into Martinism, a form of esoteric Christianity.

The Baylot MS’s association with the Franken MS, ORS degrees, and the AASR is an important reason to consider its study. Many of the ORS degrees were preserved in the Baylot MS circa 1964-1968 (Arturo de Hoyos, 2014). An announcement for a Legends of the Craft Symposium presentation by prominent masonic author Josef Wages, 32^o and member of the esteemed Society of Blue Friars (Masonic Authors) notes, “... the Baylot manuscript forms the nucleus of what became the Order of the Royal Secret, and later still developing into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite” (Wages, n.d.).

The Baylot is part of the Fonds Maçonique du Cabinet located at the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) (Souverains, 2018). The Baylot MS received its name from its owner, Jean Baylot, who provided the manuscript to the BnF (Phosphoros, 2020).

The manuscript was written in French and a copy is available at <https://archive.org/details/Fm93_manuscrit_baylot_bnf_fm4_15_transcription_personnelle>. The Baylot MS does not have many translations available. Paul Edward Rana translated and published extracts of the Baylot MS in “Élus Coëns excerpts of the Baylot MS” as part of his Ordre Martinistes Sovereigns (OMS) Élus Coëns Source Series, which is available for free on academia.edu. I am only aware of one complete English translation of the manuscript titled, “The Baylot Manuscript in Translation,” which was published by Sâr Phosphoros (Phosphoros, 2020).

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Background on the Baylot Manuscript

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The Baylot MS consists of 73 Folios and likely contains the earliest known documents on the Rite of Perfection grades and picture of the Encampment of the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret (Souverains, 2018). Many of the degrees are also included in the Franken manuscript. It contains a version of the grade of Knight of the Eagle and the Sun or The Chaos Unraveled, which is the 21st degree in the Baylot MS and the 27th degree in the AASR Southern Jurisdiction.

Folio 73 is titled “Addresses and names of the principal officers to whom we are to address our letters or packets for the tribunal.” It lists Dom Martinez de Pasqually, Grand Sovereign ++ of the Grand Orient of Oriens of France, Bordeaux, September 25, 1767, along with other members of the regiment. The Folio contains Pasqually’s personal sigil and then goes on with the following statement, “In the name of the Gr. Arch. Of the Universe from the Orient of Oriens of the Knights Elus Coen of the Universe, in the Masonic year 333.357.9/3567/601, of the rebirth of the virtues 2448, of the world 45, of the Hebrew era 5727, of Christ 1767.” (Phosphoros, 2020)

Martinez de Pasqually developed and founded the Knights Élus Coëns of the Universe also known as the Élus Coëns, which was a high degree system requiring members to have the Master Mason’s degree in regular blue lodge masonry. The rite utilized theurgy, ritual, and ceremonial magic. Its teaching dealt with the fall of man and his ultimate reintegration with the divine. This system would develop and be integrated into other systems. “The Régime Ecossais Rectifi (Scottish Rectified Rite), more commonly known as the Chevaliers Bienfaisant de la Cité Sainte (C.B.C.S.) was founded by [Jean-Baptiste] Willermoz in 1774 and at the Convention of Wilhemsbad in 1782 replaced the older Rite of the Strict Observance from which it took much of its inspiration” (Rev. Kevin L. Davis). The teaching of the Élus Coëns was supposedly preserved in the highest degrees of Willermoz’s C.B.C.S. (Rev. Kevin L. Davis). A version of the C.B.C.S. exists today as a regular masonic body and meets during Masonic week in Arlington, VA.

In the 18th century, the Élus Coëns also developed into an esoteric system known today as Martinism. “It was not known by that name, however, until the latter part of the 19th - century when the focus seems to have shifted more to the writings and letters of his secretary and student, Louis Claude de St.-Martin” (Rev. Kevin L. Davis). The first Martinist order was created by Gerard Écausse (Papus) in 1886 when he established the Ordre Martiniste (OM). Today there are many different Martinist orders that continue to teach the esoteric concepts developed by Martinez and his disciples.

The Baylot MS is an important document for the masonic scholar wishing to study early versions of the degrees that developed into the ORS and AASR. It also provides a glimpse into the esoteric system of the Élus Coëns, which influenced the RER, C.B.C.S., and many Martinist orders. I hope you will consider researching the Baylot MS as it provides an interesting glimpse into the history of our degrees.

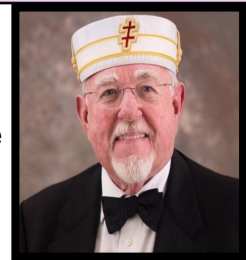
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Another Year of Opportunities

Ill. Norman L. Hoff, Jr., 33°, Assistant Personal Representative

Hold on, here we go again! Another year - another opportunity to experience the many and varied aspects of our Scottish Rite. I'm excited about this year, with its special activities that rise above and go beyond the terrific activities we normally enjoy each year. I really think you're going to enjoy them and not just because of the excellent leadership of our Bodies, but rather because of the energy, enthusiasm and creativity that each of you add to our meetings, programs, degrees, charities and social activities.



We often tend to rely on the Presiding Officers of our Bodies, and those who are assigned responsibilities for making various programs and events happen. It is obvious, however, that we have many other Brothers who are bringing special talents and imagination to our activities, and are thinking of new and interesting ways to exceed normal expectations. Brethren, this is not to say we don't appreciate those who plan for and ensure that our normal responsibilities are all met, but rather to acknowledge that creative thinking from our larger membership is bringing new life to old activities.

We have seen a number of these sparkling, new approaches emerge recently. After the close of our recent Réunions, our stage crew has been treating our newest members to hot dogs and hamburgers, thereby creating an informal, social opportunity to know each other better in a more casual environment. Many of our Philanthropic fund-raisers have taken the form of informal outings and more social opportunities for enjoying our Brothers, their wives and guests. I hear that some new ideas will be on exhibit at our May Friends and Family Charity Gala. Maybe some of these new ideas are spinning off from the typical practices and special events at the KSA social gatherings, or maybe our newer Brothers are now feeling empowered to bring their fresh thoughts to our normal procedures. Whatever it is, or wherever it comes from, it is a good thing and we hope to see many more such signs of enthusiasm and fun.

2023 will bring all the programs and activities we routinely experience and enjoy, but this year there is a good chance that it's going to be special and I hope you take advantage of them. I can only imagine what new ideas and flourishes are going to be added to these planned events:

- ◆ 25 March SR Workshop in Richmond
- ◆ 22 April One-Day Reunion
- ◆ 12 May Ladies Appreciation and Widows Recognition Dinner with our wives
- ◆ 6 May Friends and Family Dinner and Charity Auction at the GWMNM with our wives
- ◆ 9 June Outstanding Teachers Recognition Dinner with our wives
- ◆ July Trip to JMU for the Kruger Scottish Rite Summer Speech and Language Clinic
- ◆ July Family Picnic with Kena Shrine with our families
- ◆ 19-22 August Biennial Session of our Supreme Council
- ◆ 26 August Blue Lodge Event
- ◆ 8 September Feast of Tishri with our wives
- ◆ 28-30 September SR Conference hosted by Alexandria Valley with our wives
- ◆ 21 and 28 October Fall Reunion

We Masons strive each day to be better than we were yesterday. Let's apply that same concept to our 2023 activities and make each of them better than they were last year. I look forward to seeing you in the Valley.

2022 ASR Awards Dinner and Installation—January 13th at 6 P.M.

We hope you and your lady will attend our Awards Dinner on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. After dinner we will have our installation of officers for 2023, followed by a short meeting of the Lodge of Perfection.

We will recognize the heads of the four Alexandria Bodies: **Frank T. Anthony, KCCH**, Venerable Master of the Alexandria Lodge of Perfection; **Jason M. Himsey, KCCH**, Wise Master of the Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix; **John M. Suit, KCCH**, Commander of the Alexandria Council of Kadosh; and **Edward E. C. Wilkinson, Jr.**, Master of Kadosh of the Alexandria Consistory; and **Timothy A. Dahlman, 32°**, President, Loudoun Scottish Rite Club for 2020-2022. Each of these officers performed in exemplary fashion and we are grateful for their leadership.

Certificate of Merit for long-term service to the Valley

The Executive Council selected **Joshua W. Payne, 32°** and **Robert J. Worthington, 32°** to receive the Certificate of Merit.

Brother **Payne** for his long-term service to the Valley through his long-time management, training and supervision of our Valley Audio Support and Production activities associated with our Valley's many critical Reunion and special audio production needs.

Brother **Worthington** for his extraordinary leadership and management of the Valley's ROTC and JROTC program in coordinating with 24 schools and award presenters. The program has been an outstanding success for the Valley and community at large.

Certificate of Appreciation for notable work in 2022

This year the Executive Council is recognizing, with the Certificate of Appreciation, the Co-Chairmen for the 2022 Friends and Family Charity Gala and Auction for their leadership, planning, coordination and execution of this most successful event. They are **Michael D. Taldo, KCCH**, and **Jason M. Himsey, KCCH**.

In addition, those Brethren who supported the tremendous efforts of these Co-Chairmen, the Executive Council is recognizing the several Brethren with the Certificate of Appreciation. They are: **Jeremy D. Anspaugh, 32°**, **James D. Baker, KCCH**, **Michael P. Bible, KCCH**, **Mark E. Cummings, 32°**, **John S. Dahik, 32°**, **Daniel E. Froggett, 32°**, **Ronald J. Leibfreid, KCCH**, **Philip A. Shortt, KCCH**, **John T. Tillery, KCCH**, and **Robert J. Worthington, 32°**.

The Executive Council also selected to receive the **Certificate of Appreciation**:

Ronald E. Craft, Jr., 32° for his leadership, planning, coordination and hosting of a successful Polo Charity event in support of the Valley's Philanthropy efforts.

Daniel E. Froggett, 32° for his critical management and support of the Valley's Reunion wardrobe activities which are so vital to the success of our reunions.

Eric J. LeHew, 32° for bringing his professional experience and skill as an educator to updating and restyling the Valley's Scholarship program, and extending the program to technical and vocational training.

Matthew T. Duley, 32° for his critical audio management and technical support measures in support of the Blue Lodge Night and Valley's reunions.

John M. Suit, KCCH for his software design and implementation of the member contact and tracking system, for a project to scan and archive Valley photography, and for his material contributions to the Valley speakers' bureau.

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2022 ASR Awards Dinner and Installation—January 13th at 6 P.M.

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Community Service Award: This year we selected two community service awards:

The **Senior Services of Alexandria / Meals on Wheels.** Senior Services of Alexandria provides meals to Alexandria seniors through the Senior Nutrition Program, which includes the DAAS (Division on Aging and Adult Services) Meals on Wheels and SSA Direct Pay Meals on Wheels programs. Meals on Wheels is a life-sustaining program that allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or have difficulty preparing a meal, to have two healthy meals a day delivered to their homes. Meals are delivered by volunteers 365 days a year.

Deputy Chief Willie F. Bailey, Sr., Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, graduated from T. C. Williams High School in 1983 and later served in the United States Army, retiring with over 21 years of service. He has been an active firefighter for over 27 years and is currently the Deputy Chief of the Health, Safety and Wellness Division of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. A professional firefighter who clearly is one who makes things happen and when he sees a child in need he springs into action. Alexandria is fortunate to benefit from the dedication of Will Bailey, whose tireless efforts have improved the lives of countless children over the years.

The 2023 Budget

J. Patrick Weyant, Jr., 33rd, Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee



The 2023 Budget published in the November—December 2022 bulletin was approved by the membership attending the meeting on Friday, December 9, 2022.

**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

Congratulations to all our new Masters of the Royal Secret. See our traditional class picture below.



Alexandria Scottish Rite 2022 Fall Reunion

Salve Frater

Jose J. Amaya
Timothy A. Brown
Mark C. Gabriel
Garrett R. Greenlee
Jose N. Gutierrez, Jr.
James N. Jones
Emmanuel Kuchambi
Gerryford P. Manigbas
Andrew O. Marotta
Rogei S. Meshreki
Franz D. Ortega
Hiram F. Perez
James L. Sears
Robert S. Swanson



Our Creed & Mission Statement

Scottish Rite Creed

*Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.

Planning Ahead

Please add the following events to your calendar. The **Scottish Rite Workshop** will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Acca Shrine Center in Richmond and the **Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia** will be held on September 28—30, 2023, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

Cherry Blossom
Stern-wheeled Riverboat
September 28, 2023



Hilton Mark Center
Alexandria, Virginia
September 28—30, 2023

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

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January 1, 2022 Total	1131
Gains	35
Losses	36
Current Lodge Membership	1130

Secretary's Southeast Corner

III. David C. Morris, 33° General Secretary



ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE

Our regular hours. M-F 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Please call the office first at 703-998-9044.

Our SPRING 2023 REUNION will be “One Day Class” on Saturday April 22, 2023

Plan now to bring in your Blue Lodge Brothers, who would like even more light in Masonry. Ask for a petition or get one online.

Our SGIG, Illustrious & Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C. will present a “Special Neck-Tie or Bow tie” to any member who is a signer on 5 Petitions.

CAPS, RINGS, Patents and Cap Boxes all Reunions

ALL Reunions – Except for Special Order Rings, from the Fall 22 Reunion, we have all items. **Reminder for the December 2020 ZOOM Reunion Class.** Some of you still need to come to the Valley Office to complete your Registration and then pick up your items.

2023 Meal Plan for Stated Meetings

The cost for the 6 meals, including the Feast of Tishri is \$70.00 for the annual meal plan.

IT's DUES TIME - ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

Every member in Good Standing should have received their 2023 Dues Notice. Your Dues should be paid by December 31, 2022, for the 2023 year.

If there are any Problems with your payment amount or your card. PLEASE contact the Valley Office. We can help you to solve the problem.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2023

January 1 - NEW YEARS DAY

January 2 - HOLIDAY

January 13 – 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Awards Dinner

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

Valley Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
(Lodge of Perfection)

January 16 - HOLIDAY

MLK, Jr. Day

January 18 – 7:30 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

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

January 25 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah SR Club

Spurmont Lodge
Strasburg, VA



FEBRUARY 2023

February 10 – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting

Valley Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

(Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix, & Lodge
of Perfection)

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 15 – 7:30 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

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

February 20 – HOLIDAY

Presidents' Day

February 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah SR Club

Cassia Lodge
Woodstock, VA

MARCH 2023

March 10 – 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Dinner

Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

(Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)

March 15 – 7:30 p.m.

Loudoun SR Club

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

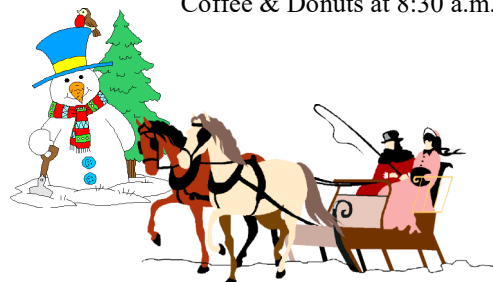
March 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Shenandoah SR Club

Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

March 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Noon

VA Scottish Rite Workshop
Acca Shrine Center, Richmond
Coffee & Donuts at 8:30 a.m.



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STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Second Friday of each month
MICHAEL D. TALDO, KCCH
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Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

Second Friday
February, March, July, November
MARK E. CUMMINGS
Wise Master

Alexandria Council of Kadosh

Second Friday
February, April, July, November
DYLAN M. PHILLIPS
Commander

Alexandria Consistory

Second Friday
April, August, October, December
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