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Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers for 2025

January 28th – Scottish Rite Meeting

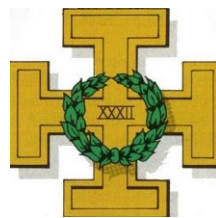
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Venerable Master, Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Frank Todd Anthony, KCCH
Wise Master, Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix



Jeffrey Lynn Sparrow
Commander, Alexandria Council of Kadosh

Jack William Gibbs
Master of Kadosh, Alexandria Consistory

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Ladies and Family Welcome

RSVP – Call Secretary for Reservations by Jan 22th at 703.998.9044



Venerable Master's BIO

Richard E. Saunders, KCCH

Brother Richard (Rick) Saunders was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, but grew up in Alexandria and Woodbridge, Virginia. He is a graduate of Liberty University and Andersonville Theological Seminary. He is a bi-vocational minister, currently serving as Congregational Care Pastor for First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Virginia, and has worked in the IT Department for Inova Health System for 38 years.

Brother Rick's Masonic journey began in October 2004, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Dale City Lodge, No. 319, Dale City, VA. He served as Worshipful Master in 2008 and District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1B in 2011. He is also a charter member of the George Washington Lodge of Research No. 1732 and served as WM in 2013. He is a member and Past High Priest of Manassas Royal Arch Chapter No. 81 and Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14. He is a member of the Knights Templar in Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 and Sinclair Commandery No. 37 and currently serves as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia.

He is also a member of the Kena Shriners and Martha Washington Chapter No 42 Order of the Eastern Star. He joined the Alexandria Scottish Rite in 2008 and served as Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 2016.

Brother Rick is happily married to Teresa Wiley Saunders since 1996. They have two adult sons and two grandsons. His hobbies and interests include motorcycling, playing bass guitar and Native American flute, and performing as a clown and amateur magician.



Wise Master's BIO

Frank T. Anthony, KCCH

Brother Frank Anthony was born in Elgin, Illinois and spent his first eight years living in Cary, IL before moving to Los Angeles, CA. After graduating Westchester High School and attending Santa Monica College, he decided to join the U.S. Air Force.

During this time, Bro. Frank performed various facets of intelligence, security and cybersecurity in both combat and peacetime environments while stationed in Europe and the US; with multiple deployments to Europe and the Middle East, including two tours to Iraq. Bro. Frank retired honorably after serving 21 years, and started work as a government contractor supporting the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) as a systems engineer and cybersecurity expert.

In 2006, Bro. Frank was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Aviano Lodge No. 643, F.&A.M., Aviano Italy, and is a life member. Later that year, he joined the American Military Scottish Rite Bodies (AMSRB), Orient of NATO Bases and received his 32° during the Fall Reunion in Naples, Italy. In 2007, the AMSRB was changed to a Club under the D.C Scottish Rite.

In 2013, Bro. Frank proudly affiliated with Alexandria Scottish Rite. On October 10, 2014, Brother Frank was knighted in the inaugural class of the Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA). In 2017, a great mentor and friend, Ill. Allen Beckner 33°, asked if he would join the Lodge of Perfection line. In 2018, Bro. Frank was selected to the Grand Commander's Fellows Program and in 2019 received the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH). He is currently on various ASR committees and recently took over as the degree master for 15th degree.

In 2022, Frank served as both the Worshipful Master of Acacia 16, A.F. & A.M, Clifton, VA and the Venerable Master of the ASR Rite Lodge of Perfection. Bro. Frank holds a Bachelor's from Bellevue University and Master's from The George Washington University. He also has various certifications in Cybersecurity. He resides with his wife, Sheelagh, in Chantilly. Sheelagh is an Electrical Engineer who chooses to stay home and raise their four wonderful children.

Commander's BIO

Jeffrey T. Sparrow

Brother Sparrow grew up in Delmar, on the Eastern Shore (Delmarva Peninsula). He says an interesting fact about Delmar is that the Mason-Dixon line runs down the middle of the road in front of the house where he grew up. After high school he attended the University of Delaware and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering Technology with a minor in Civil Engineering. He later obtained an MBA from George Mason University in 2004. After graduation he moved to Fairfax to work with Dewberry & Davis (D&D), a consulting engineering firm and became a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia. He was later employed by AMEC Earth & Environmental to manage and help open a new office in Chantilly, and later with Michael Baker International in Alexandria to assist with leading a nationwide program supporting FEMA. Following 14 years with Michael Baker, he was hired by Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) where he is currently employed as the East Coast and European Operations Manager.

Brother Jeff's masonic journey started in May 2013 when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No. 288 and eventually served as Worshipful Master in 2018. He is also a member of Potomac Royal Arch Chapter No. 88 where he served as High Priest in 2020 and 2021. He also served as the Sovereign Master for Herbert Arthur Fisher AMD Council No. 442 and is currently the Commander for Piedmont Commandery No. 26. Additionally, Brother Sparrow is a member of Knight Masons Rock of Cashel Council No. 100, Athelstan Duke of Cumberland Court No. 101, Washington & Lee York Rite Sovereign College No. 93, and the Royal Order of Scotland. Brother Jeff joined the Scottish Rite with the October 2019 reunion class and participates in the 11th, 25th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees. He also is currently the First Vice President for the Loudoun Scottish Rite Club.

Jeff and his wife, Sue, of 27 years, have lived in Ashburn for the past 26 years. When not working or participating in masonic activities, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and just being outdoors. They have a 12-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, Zeke, they have trained with American Kennel Club (AKC) hunt tests, to qualify for his Master Hunter title.

Master of Kadosh's BIO

Jack W. Gibbs

Brother Gibbs was born in Fairfax, Va., and has remained in Northern Virginia, since. Jack studied Business Administration at Northern VA CC and then completed his education at Strayer University. He has since provided logistics expertise as a government contractor for Computer Science Corp, CACI and Raytheon. He and his wife, Janet have three children and two grandchildren. His children include one business entrepreneur, one Marine Corps/Coast Guardsman, and one newly-wed.

Brother Jack began his Masonic journey at Haymarket Lodge No. 313 in 2019 and after pandemic and family interruptions, became a Master Mason in the Grand Master's November 2020 one-day class. Soon thereafter, he joined the Kena Shriners, where he belonged to the Camel Herders service club, to the Kena Shepherds where he drove children to the Philadelphia Children' Hospital, and eventually to the Highlanders pipes and drum band. Bro. Jack and his wife, Janet, joined the Haymarket Order of the Eastern Star Chapter in 2022, and in 2025, They will become the Chapter's Associate Patron and Matron. Jack is also a member of Warren Royal Arch Chapter No. 5.

Bro. Jack became a Master of the Royal Secret at Alexandria Scottish Rite in April 2021 and by the fall reunion was participating on several degree teams and remains now on the 18th degree. Brother Gibbs entered the Consistory officer line in 2022, soon was appointed Assistant Valley Tiler and jointed the Knights of St. Andrew the same year. From late 2023, through 2024, he served as the KSA Clan Chief.

Jack says that he "can happily say that my masonic journey has given me a renewed sense of purpose and I have met and became friends with some truly great people. In some ways, I joined some appendant bodies too quickly to fully grasp all its teachings. But I look at it with an open heart and feel I was late to this party, and I want to experience more of this brotherhood, and companionship."

Venerable Master's Message

Richard E. Saunders, KCCH, Venerable Master

Fraternal Greetings for 2025! I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season with your family and friends. I would like to begin by thanking you all for electing me to serve as Venerable Master for this year. I will do my best to serve the LOP. I want to thank Bro Terrence Smith, KCCH for a job well done during his year as Venerable Master.

As we reflect on the success of last year, it is my hope that we unite together to build upon what we have already started and make our Valley even better in 2025. As your new Venerable Master, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for us and encourage all of the Scottish Rite Brethren who live in the Valley of Alexandria to be as active as your cable tow permits. This will be our first full year with our new meeting night on the fourth Tuesday of the month, so I want to invite you to come out and see how things go on our new night.

Our year begins on January 28, 2025, with the awards banquet, officer installation and a short meeting. For our February stated, on February 25, 2025, we will have a program before we open at 7:30pm about the Inova Health System Abdominal Transplant Program, which is one of the regions largest and most experienced transplant programs, offering kidney and pancreas transplants for pediatric and adult patients. I hope that you can come out and join us for both of these meetings.

My Brothers, we need new members. Look around your Blue Lodge, Shrine Temple, and York Rite chapters for brethren who are not familiar with what we have to offer and invite them to join with us. The membership committee has set a goal of getting 30 new brethren to join in 2025. We can only accomplish this with your help in getting the word out about Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Lastly, I would like to thank the officers who are serving with me in the Lodge of Perfection. We have an exceptional line of officers who have proven to be workhorses in our valley. With their support, and more importantly, your participation, I am confident that we can look forward to an exciting, enlightening, and educational year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Rick Saunders, KCCH

Valley of Guthrie Oklahoma Spring Reunion -- Invite

Ronald E. Craft, Jr., KCCH

Each Spring, the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma Scottish Rite confers the 4-32 degrees over three days. The Valley is renowned for its degree work, which is wonderfully cast, staged, and wardrobe. This year, I would like to get a contingent of Alexandria's brethren to attend together. The Guthrie Spring Reunion will be held April 4-6, 2025. The 4° begins early on Friday, April 4 and Reunion concludes on Sunday, April 6 with the 32°. The Valley of Guthrie is extremely hospitable, as they offer beds at the Scottish Rite Inn, which is located at the Temple. There is a snack bar and meals are served throughout the three days. One of my favorite features is the many opportunities for fellowship as there is a cigar lounge and game room! I am going to be gathering additional details, but for now please reach out to me if you are interested. I personally plan to get a nearby hotel, but I will help coordinate with any member who is interested in attending. Please contact Brother Ron Craft at ronc2011@gmail.com.

For additional information about the Valley of Guthrie, visit: www.guthriescottishrite.org/

A Strong Start to a Promising Year

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

Brethren, it's a brand new year and I hope it will be a happy one for all of you, for your families, and for our Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley. With the new year comes the installation of a shiny, and eager new slate of Officers for our four Bodies. The top two, and, in some instances, additional Officers have been well trained by our Education Committee Chairman, Brother Mike Taldo, KCCH, to meet their many responsibilities. The Body leadership is prepared and "champing at the bit" to lead us through the coming year. The leadership of our Bodies is important to all of us, since each of us is a member with a vested interest in the activities of each of our four bodies. Our common interest extends throughout our Valley structure to include emphasis on our standing and ad-hoc committees as well as on Reunion activities and special programs conducted throughout the year. This is a good time to review major leadership objectives and consider how they will contribute to the future success and growth of our Valley.



Three major areas may be the primary concerns of any leader, and once the immediate tasks of the Body are addressed, these three all require attention to the future. Typically, we have Brothers with varying degrees of continuity of experience who make up staff, committee membership and recurring volunteer efforts assisting with both today's and near-term coming endeavors. The Bodies' Presiding Officers, and the right-hand, number two officers can rely on those "specialists" to accomplish those functions, leaving them free to apply additional and appropriate attention to the:

- (1) future and long-term welfare of the Body for which he/they lead;
- (2) maintenance, or correction of the desired course on which the Body is traveling toward its near and long-term objectives;
- (3) development and preparation of the Brothers who will be assuming new responsibilities in the following year... and in the years beyond.

Each of the four Bodies has its own unique responsibilities, and a focus on both the immediate and future welfare of the organization is an ever-present concern for every successful Presiding Officer... as well as for his subordinate line. A leader who fails to enable and promote long-range efforts to ensure a continuing flow of trained and capable successors may be considered short-sighted or, at worst, even disinterested in the organization's future welfare. That welfare can be enhanced through the empowering act of delegation.

The practice of delegating tasks may be the leaders' most effective tool in training his subordinates and preparing them to advance, eventually, to the East of that Body. Delegation increases potential gains and gives more junior officers practical exposure to and experience in a wide variety of leadership challenges. A leader, by himself, can accomplish a limited number of goals, but when his subordinate officers are given clear task objectives, provided appropriate training to meet those objectives, and, importantly, given the authority to proceed, then the number of goals to be achieved can be significantly multiplied. It is also important to remember that newer members and junior officers often come to us with extensive, past experience in leading small as well as large groups and it is important to know where those experienced hands exist and then to capitalize on that good fortune and see that those talents and past experiences are put to work in support of the Body and the Valley.

Yet, one word of caution must be remembered: an old maxim states that a leader may delegate *authority* to act, but he cannot delegate the *responsibility* for any resulting errors or problems. This means another Brother can be authorized to take charge of planning and conducting an event, but objectives and requirements should always be clearly communicated and their progress monitored by the leader to ensure success. We often hear "...it is easier and faster if I just do it myself." (Continued on Page 6.)

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This may be true, but the opportunity to receive appropriate training, and then to experience the satisfaction of successfully completing the task will yield far more beneficial results than just getting the job done. Furthermore, the success of delegation will encourage the Brother to follow or even improve on that practice in the coming years when he has then become the “delegator.” He will then be well prepared to promote the continuing and thriving success of his Body.

To the Alexandria Valley members of our four Bodies, note that this information is meant for you as well as for the current Officers - if you want to understand better the organizational functions, responsibilities and activities of the four Bodies, as well as the overall purpose and functions of our Valley, plan to become an Officer in one of the four Bodies and take advantage of the educational and practical experiences you will receive there.

To our new Heads of Bodies - communicate often and clearly with your line officers and involve them in the planning and preparation for the year’s events. Seek out or create opportunities to assign your subordinate officers the lead on specific programs, projects or other activities within the purview of your Body. Discuss options, plans and approaches to ensure that the objective is clear, and then step back while monitoring the plans and progress with the intent of “whispering good counsel” as appropriate.

Finally, ensure that those planning and leading the activities receive the recognition and acclaim they are due. When your Officers are duly rewarded with the knowledge of a “job well done” and with the resulting admiration of others, you will have accomplished as much for them as they have accomplished for your Body and your Valley.

Brethren, we are all looking forward to an excellent 2025 in our Valley and I have no doubt that, as the result of imagination, initiative and strong leadership, our new Officers will be responsible for all of it.

Happy New Year to all,



Valley Leadership Update

Valley Leadership: A letter from Illustrious Alan W. Adkins, 33, G.C., Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia, was read at the November 26th meeting notifying the Valley that he appointed Illustrious Peter E. Terrill, 33, as the Assistant Personal Representative in Alexandria Valley.

Trustees: Rick A. Cady, KCCH and Jason M. Himsey, KCCH were elected as Trustees for a three-year term.

Budget: The budget published in the November-December 2024 bulletin was approved by the membership at the December 17, 2024, meeting. See page 13 for the approved budget.

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Accurate As Of: 12/21/2024 7:10:26 AM

Begin	1055
Gains	33
Losses	61
Current Lodge Membership	1083

Valley Leadership Update - Continued

BIO of Illustrious Peter M. Terrill, 33°

Brother Peter Terrill hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he spent his early years, and, Seattle, Washington, where he attended high school and college.

He was raised a Master Mason in 2006 at Springfield Lodge No. 217, served as its Worshipful Master in 2010 and was the Secretary from 2011-2016. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity at Springfield No. 217 and is also a member at Acacia No. 16. Bro. Terrill twice served as the District Education Officer for Masonic District 1B, and also served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education as the Division Provost for Region VII from 2019-2024. Bro. Terrill is a (twice) Past High Priest of Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77 and a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, and a Past Sovereign Master and Past Secretary of Perfect Ashlar Council No. 349, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is an active member in the York Rite Sovereign College, Knight Masons, the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors. He is also serving as Generalissimo at Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 and is the Virginia Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Brother Terrill joined the Alexandria Scottish Rite in the fall class of 2007. He is a cast member in the 21°, 32°, and 33° and has been the Degree Master for the 28° (Knight Commander of the Temple) since 2016. He was the Alexandria Valley's Scottish Rite Fellow in 2014-2015 and was a charter member of the Valley's Knights of St. Andrew. Bro. Terrill served as Master of Kadosh of the Alexandria Consistory in 2014, and as Venerable Master of the Alexandria Lodge of Perfection in 2021. He is the chairman of the Valley's Strategic Planning Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, and served on the Membership Committee as the coordinator of the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) from 2015-2022. Bro. Terrill received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2015 and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 2021. He is currently the Alexandria Valley Vice President for the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia.

Brother Terrill graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and a master's degree from Stanford University, both in mechanical engineering. He also has graduate certificates in Legislative Studies and in Applied Intelligence. After 10 years of service at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and at the Pentagon, Bro. Terrill joined Booz Allen Hamilton in 2007 and has supported clients in the Department of Defense, managing programs involving advanced technology development, non-proliferation, and elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

He resides with his wife Jill in Burke, Virginia. Jill is a 3rd grade teacher at White Oaks Elementary School in Burke. Peter and Jill have three children: Charlotte, Amelia, and Henry.

THE CORRECT POSITION DURING SCOTTISH RITE PRAYER

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



2025 Scholarship Announcement

Eric J. LeHew, 32°, Scholarship Chairman

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 2025 Glass Scholarship Applications will be available starting **January 1, 2025**, on the Alexandria Scottish Rite website under the Valley Groups/Philanthropic tab. The Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite Glass Scholarships provide financial support in the form of several annual \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors or first-time freshmen students and renewals to previous awardees who are U.S. citizens and pursuing:

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

Eric LeHew, 32° at ericjlehew@gmail.com or the Valley Secretary's Office. Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and first-time freshmen and previous year awardees who are related to member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite in good standing (living or deceased) or who are members of one of our Masonic Youth Groups. (DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters). The number of scholarships presented in any year will be determined based upon available funds. **Applications are due to the Valley Secretary's Office postmarked no later than March 31, 2025. No late applications will be accepted.** The expansion of applications to career-focused post-secondary technical training programs (ie: Vo-Tec programs/training schools) was made several years ago and to date, only one scholarship has been awarded to such worthy applicants. The Scholarship Committee would love to see this change this year, so please encourage worthy and deserving graduating Seniors or First-Year Freshmen students that meet the requirements to apply as soon as possible. The Valley membership is encouraged to share this far and wide amongst the Valley Blue Lodges for as much exposure as possible.

Any questions please contact the Scholarship Chair, Bro. Eric LeHew, 32° at ericjlehew@gmail.com or the Valley Secretary's Office.

Knight of the Double Eagle Award (KDEA)

Robert A. Tallent, 32° and Rick A. Cady, KCCH

The Knight of the Double Eagle Award program for the Alexandria Scottish Rite is being introduced in 2025. The following is a summary of the Award program. The Purpose of the Knight of The Double Eagle Award (KDEA) is to recognize members of the Valley of Alexandria who are active and participating in the Scottish Rite. All members of the Valley of Alexandria are eligible to earn a KDEA through their reported involvement in events and activities conducted and sponsored by the Valley. Points for the Award are accumulated on a calendar year basis (January 1st thru December 31st). Any points received after the December 31st cut-off date will be applied to the following calendar year.

The KDEA medallion can be earned through the accumulation of points assigned to Valley activities fairly quickly. Attending Valley events, serving as an officer of a Body, serving on a committee, staffing the Reunion degrees and support crews are all examples of how points are earned towards the KDEA. A detailed listing of all activities and their respective points will be provided on the Alexandria Scottish Rite web site.

Additional points may continue to be accumulated until the maximum of 20,000 is reached. When the maximum points have been achieved, the Brother may still, at his own discretion, continue to gain additional points. An additional gold double-headed eagle pin will be awarded for each additional 5,000 points earned after the initial 20,000 points have been awarded.

Reporting: Each committee chairman, degree master, or other activity coordinating individual is responsible for submitting or verifying individual names of members participating in each meeting or event to ensure they receive KDEA points. The lists shall be turned into Brother Tallent or at the Secretary's Office for recording.

2024 Alexandria Gala and Auction

I am excited to tell you about our 2 November 2024 Alexandria Scottish Rite Gala and Auction - the results were incredible. The purpose of our Annual Gala is to raise money for the RiteCare Charity to help children with speech challenges, and the net proceeds from the Gala to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia for Rite Care was over \$50,000. RiteCare in Virginia Scottish Rite is executed through donations to various Virginia Universities and a stand-alone clinic in Richmond Virginia. There were one hundred ninety-nine attendees at the Gala, where we honored Illustrious David H. Smith Sr. 33°, Inspector General Honorary, for his commitment to Alexandria Valley and the RiteCare Program. Illustrious Smith has attended visits to the RiteCare effort at James Madison University (JMU) since 1990 and has served on the Virginia Scottish Rite Foundation. He also has served the Valley in numerous capacities for many years and currently serves as Assistant Secretary and Chairman of the Valley Trustees.



We were fortunate to have Ms. Gabi Vallejo as a speaker at the Gala. She is an Alumnus of Longwood University and was once a Scottish Rite Fellowship recipient. We also had Dr. Ayaskanta Rout as a speaker. Dr. Rout is Academic Unit Head of Communication Sciences and Disorders at James Madison University and ensures that the RiteCare Program is executed at JMU. The Alexandria Scottish Rite has a special relationship with JMU RiteCare - we visit in July of every year to observe the RiteCare Boot Camp assisting children with speech challenges who are provided speech therapy by Graduate Assistants sponsored by Orient's Scottish Rite Foundation. I strongly encourage everyone interested in RiteCare to attend the Valley's annual visit to JMU.



An event as successful as the Gala requires a lot of planning and execution of its every aspect and, while risking leaving someone out, I must say a special thanks to everybody who contributed in anyway as part of the Philanthropy Committee. Next, a special thanks to our Honoree, Ill. Dave Smith, 33°, for his commitment to Rite Care and for his incredible support with the program for the event. Thanks, also, to Rt. Wor James D. Baker, KCCH, for his support of every aspect from administrative matters to site set up and tear down. A special thanks to Rt. Wor Michael P. Bible, KCCH, for help with the caterer and building access control, and to Ill. Jim Anagnos, 33°, for his support in many ways to include set up and for being a sponsor this year and many prior years. Special thanks to Rt. Wor. Eric LeHew, 32°, who not only ran the Silent and Live Auctions but was indispensable with set up and tear down. A special thanks to Rt. Wor. and Ill. Matthew Szramoski 33°, and our Deputy Grand Master, who went above and beyond to help in many aspects of the Gala. A special thanks to Ill. Peter Terrill 33°, who directed and executed the Chocolate and Wine tasting. A special thanks to Javier Amaya, 32°, who oversaw registration, and a special thanks to brother Michael Taldo, KCCH, who directed the bourbon tasting. Thanks to brother Ron Craft, KCCH, who helped with site set up and take down and aided in many ways with the bourbon tasting. A special thanks to Beth Suit who conducted the book signing event, and a special thanks to Old Dominion Commandery for presenting the colors.

Thanks to Illustrious Michael Aulicino 33°, for serving as our Photographer. Thanks to John Dahik, 32°, who helped with set up and tear down. Thanks to Ed Wilkinson, 32°, who helped with set up and with the Chocolate Tasting. Thanks to Andrew Marotta, 32°, who helped with the Chocolate and Wine tasting. Thanks to Will Bryan, 32°, who helped with the bourbon tasting, and to Frank Anthony, KCCH, who helped with putting Gala content on the website. Thanks to Brad Watts, 32°, for his help in many ways, and thanks to Carlos Fernandez, 32°, for help with signage for the event. Thanks to Ill. Scott Springer, 33°, for helping with set up.

2024 Alexandria Gala and Auction

This year's Gala certainly showed the strength of the Masonic family as we had representatives from Commandery, Royal Arch, Shriners, Eastern Star, Masonic Youth Groups (Rainbow Girls and DeMolay) and the Ladies Oriental Shrine, and many Masonic Lodges. Simply put "WOW." To the masonic family and the brothers of Alexandria Scottish Rite thank you for your support. Ultimately, thanks to all our sponsors who are listed at <https://www.alexandriascottishrite.com/charity>.

Thank You!

Tim Shrum, KCCH

Chairman, Alexandria Scottish Rite Philanthropy Committee



Thank You

Ill. David H. Smith, Sr., 33°, Assistant Secretary

Brethren,

My sincere thanks for your outstanding support of this year's Alexandria Valley's Gala and Auction and my selection as the Honoree for the event. I'm humbled and honored to have been recognized in such a position and was overjoyed and amazed by the tremendous turnout. Our Valley was filled with members from the entire Masonic related community in the Commonwealth, many of whom traveled from afar to attend. A special thanks for their extended travel and the generous donations each of the attendees presented. As you heard at our December meeting, a total of \$50,000 plus was raised and forwarded to the Virginia Scottish Rite Foundation. Thank you again for making this year's event a big success and for the honor bestowed on me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Dave

2024 Annual Awards

At our January 28 Awards dinner, we will recognize those Brothers who have served our Valley exceptionally well in the past year: three who have performed at a continuously high level for an extended period of time; twelve who have contributed significantly to a specific Valley event or need; and those who have performed in leadership roles for our four Heads of Bodies, our two Scottish Rite Clubs and our Knights of St. Andrew, and who have now completed their organizational leadership duties to great Valley benefit.

Those being recognized for Meritorious Service and contributions over extended periods are:

- **Allen D. Beckner, 33°**, for his many years of service as the Investments Advisor to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley.
- **Michael R. Aulicino, 33°**, for his many years of service as Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley's photographer for official portrait photos of Heads of Bodies, Honourmen, Inspector Generals Honorary, Reunion Class photos and event photos for Valley publications.
- **Timmy E. Shrum, KCCH**, for his many years of service to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley as Philanthropy Committee Chairman, as the primary force behind the Valley's Annual Charity Gala and as the Alexandria Representative to the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia.

Those being recognized for specific services and contributions are:

- **Aaron Irvin, 32°**, for outstanding contributions upon assuming role as 2024 coordinator of Alexandria Valley Junior/Reserve Officer Training Corps Outstanding Cadet Recognition program, including establishing contact with key personnel at participating schools and universities, and coordinating Scottish Rite award presentations to selected Cadet recipients.
- **Tyler E. Vanice, 32°**, for services to guide and support the Valley Library renewal, with increased holdings and revised management approaches for increased availability and use.
- **Eric J. LeHew, 32°**, for services supporting the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction including collecting auction items, planning and executing both silent and live auction events and overseeing the collection and accounting of all auction receipts.
- **J. Javier Amaya, 32°**, for services supporting the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction including oversight of all registration and assistance needs of the 210 guests in attendance at the event.
- **Andrew O. Marotta, 32°**, for services supporting the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction including significant assistance in the execution of the Chocolate Tasting fundraising event.
- **Bradley J. Watts, 32°**, for services supporting the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction including accounting of charitable donations and auction receipts.
- **John S. Dahik, 32°**, for services supporting the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction including venue set-up as well as material and logistical needs prior to, during and following the event.
- **Edward E. C. Wilkinson, Jr., 32°**, for exceptional services in support of both the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction and the 2024 Joint Alexandria Valley and Kena Shrine Family Picnic.
- **Jack W. Gibbs, 32°**, for general services in support of both the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction and the 2024 Joint Alexandria Valley and Kena Shrine Family Picnic.

Additionally, three more Brothers will receive Certificates of Recognition for specific services and contributions made within only a few months of becoming a Master of the Royal Secret in April 2024:

- **Carlos Fernandez, 32°**, for his contributions to the 2024 Alexandria Valley Gala and Charity Auction with informative displays directing guests through the Valley building to the various centers of activity, plus a video display of the Longwood University RiteCare program.

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2024 Annual Awards

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- **Alan J. Whitehead, 32°**, for his outstanding engagement in and contributions to Alexandria Valley by volunteering to join the Education Committee where he applies his professional qualifications as a University Professor to lead Master Craftsman Program study and discussion groups.
- **Alahandro Omotola, 32°**, for his several contributions to Alexandria Valley including volunteering to fill the Consistory's recently vacated Captain of the Guard position and also by participating in both speaking and non-speaking roles in the 14th, 25th and 32nd Degrees in the 2024 Fall Reunion.

The leadership of our four Bodies, KSA and two SR Clubs will be recognized for services by:

- **Terence M. Smith, 32°**, 2024 Venerable Master of the Alexandria Lodge of Perfection.
- **Timmy E. Shrum, KCCH**, 2024 Wise Master of the Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix.
- **Jeremy D. Anspaugh, KCCH**, 2024 Commander of the Alexandria Council of Kadosh.
- **John S. Dahik, 32°**, 2024 Master of Kadosh of the Alexandria Consistory.
- **Jack W. Gibbs, 32°**, 2024 Clan Chief of the Alexandria Valley Knights of St. Andrew
- **Ralph R. Choueiri, 32°**, July '23-June '24 President of the Loudoun SR Club
- **Geoffrey D. Hoyt, 32°**, Valley of Martinsburg, WV July '23-June '24 President of the Shenandoah Valley SR Club

Have You Considered the Valley in your Estate Plan?

Planned gifts mean a legacy in support of the Alexandria Valley. The donor makes plans today to create funds for the Valley to use in the future. Legacy gifts allow the donor's impact to be felt after he is no longer with us.

Estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging, during your life, for the disposal of your estate. Estate planning is a vital part of your financial plan at virtually any income level. It can give you greater control, privacy, and security of your legacy.

Initially, you could purchase a Life Membership in the Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley. This purchase would eliminate you ever paying annual dues again and provide immediate help and support to the Valley. Your dues will support the Valley forever!

Secondly, you could establish in your will a legacy gift to the Valley that will provide benefits well into the future. Even a small gift will help the Valley to make major capital improvements projects to maintain our Temple and can help in many other ways.

We hope that you will consider these options. If you need assistance in making these arrangements, call our General Secretary and we will get you the help you need.





Alexandria Scottish Rite Gala & Auction

The International Association for Spelling as Communication (I-ASC) was truly honored to be invited to the Alexandria Scottish Rite Gala and Auction, supporting the incredible work of RiteCare in meeting communication needs.

A huge thank you to Tim and Karen Shrum for their dedication. It's always inspiring to see communities come together for such an impactful cause. We're proud to stand alongside you in this mission!



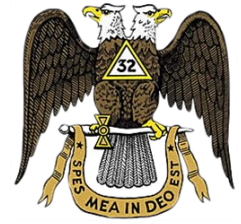


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2025 Approved Budget

Alexandria Scottish Rite Operating Budget				
Category	2024			2025
	Approved Budget	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-End Projection	Proposed
Income	\$214,950	\$199,705	\$505,042	\$339,580
Dues	\$130,200	\$36,434	\$117,262	\$110,883
Fees	\$11,250	\$2,982	\$4,980	\$5,625
Rent	\$47,000	\$41,343	\$48,800	\$64,350
LMIP interest	\$19,200	\$18,611	\$24,200	\$21,817
Dinner	\$3,300	\$2,687	\$3,000	\$3,300
Glass Fund Income	\$0	\$23,700	\$48,700	\$35,400
Bayliss Fund Income	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Perm. Building Fund (Cap. Improve.)	\$0	\$62,000	\$92,000	\$25,200
Perm. Building Fund (Ops Supplement)	\$0	\$0	\$154,000	\$60,505
Misc/Bldg Fund	\$4,000	\$1,948	\$2,100	\$2,500
Expenses				
Admin. Expenses	\$59,400	\$66,496	\$90,900	\$89,000
Salaries	\$38,000	\$43,050	\$51,100	\$47,800
Payroll Taxes	\$3,100	\$7,417	\$8,100	\$3,800
Postage and Mailing	\$3,000	\$4,225	\$5,000	\$5,200
Printing	\$11,000	\$8,467	\$13,800	\$14,200
Audit	\$3,300	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Professional Fees	\$0	\$725	\$9,900	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies	\$0	\$2,612	\$3,000	\$4,000
Building & Operating	\$118,073	\$147,655	\$212,843	\$145,030
Insurance	\$25,273	\$5,377	\$19,400	\$20,000
Taxes-Stormwater Utility Fee	\$12,000	\$7,872	\$15,700	\$16,200
Telephone + IT	\$8,000	\$6,796	\$8,600	\$8,900
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$850
Internet/Phone for Elevator		\$1,272	\$1,600	\$1,600
Utilities	\$33,000	\$28,518	\$35,939	\$37,020
Electricity		\$13,806	\$18,500	\$19,100
Gas		\$9,245	\$10,239	\$10,500
Water		\$1,319	\$2,000	\$2,100
Sewage		\$3,898	\$4,700	\$4,800
Refuse Collection		\$250	\$500	\$520
Security & Fire	\$13,800	\$411	\$400	\$400
Software and IT Equipment		\$1,988	\$3,000	\$3,100
Maintenance & repairs	\$26,000	\$95,421	\$128,204	\$56,960
Scheduled				
Elevator		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Kitchen		\$265	\$500	\$520
Cleaning		\$9,020	\$12,500	\$12,900
Cleaning Supplies		\$1,100	\$1,400	\$1,440
Lawn Service		\$8,212	\$8,212	\$8,500
HVAC		\$9,091	\$13,300	\$8,500
Unscheduled				
Plumbing		\$120	\$100	\$2,200
Landscaping		\$9,243	\$9,243	\$2,000
Roof		\$40,139	\$64,500	\$0
HVAC		\$3,224	\$3,224	\$0
Kitchen		\$550	\$550	\$0
Security System		\$7,575	\$7,575	\$0
Flooring/Carpeting		\$0	\$0	\$0
Painting (Office)		\$0	\$0	\$1,700
Library Improve.				\$2,000
Miscellaneous		\$3,882	\$4,100	\$14,200
Philanthropic	\$6,500	\$33,804	\$33,900	\$35,400
Youth		\$200	\$200	\$200
Grand Lodge (Bayliss)		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Memorials/Other		\$104	\$200	\$200
ROTC/JROTC	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Scholarships (Glass)		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Teachers/Community Award	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Contributions & Fees	\$26,675	\$11,010	\$36,334	\$37,950
Supreme Council - Cap	\$25,000	\$2,220	\$27,200	\$27,000
Supreme Council - Candi	\$1,550	\$456	\$800	\$800
SR Foundation of VA (per capita)		\$7,385	\$7,385	\$7,300
SR Conf of VA (fee)		\$791	\$791	\$1,500
SR Workshop (fee)				\$1,200
GWMNM	\$125	\$158	\$158	\$150
Dinners/Refreshments	\$13,000	\$14,188	\$17,012	\$15,600
Meetings & Installation	\$4,800	\$3,309	\$4,100	\$4,200
SR Conference Meals	\$3,000	\$6,537	\$6,537	\$6,000
Feast of Tishri	\$300	\$975	\$975	\$500
Reunions	\$3,500	\$2,007	\$4,000	\$3,500
Ladies Nights	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Special Events - Picnic	\$800	\$760	\$800	\$800
General Items	\$3,250	\$6,446	\$28,300	\$16,600
Degrees, Robes, etc	\$1,500	\$4,450	\$25,000	\$10,000
Reunion Expenses		\$346	\$600	\$600
33 & KCCH investiture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
SR Conference Host	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
14th degree rings	\$1,750	\$1,565	\$2,600	\$1,000
Miscellaneous		\$85	\$100	\$0
Total Expenses	\$226,898	\$279,599	\$419,289	\$339,580
Income over Expenses	-\$11,948	-\$79,894	\$85,753	\$0

2024 Fall Reunion Class



“Salve Frater”

Juan L. Acosta
 John C. Albert
 Romano Bolkovic
 Nick C. Carroll
 Budoin Brutus Cooper
 Daniel R. Gordon
 Maan Hafiz
 William R. Hollaway
 Tommy Lynch
 Larry D. Meyers
 Richard L. Stubblefield
 Dejan Susic

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2025

January 1- Holiday
New Years Day



January 2 - Office Closed

January 15- 7:00 P.M.
 Loudoun SR Club
 Social Hour 6:30 P.M.
 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

January 20- Holiday
Martin Luther Kings Birthday

January 22- 6:30 P.M.
 Shenandoah SR Club
 Spurmont Lodge
 Spurmont, VA

January 28- 6:00 P.M.
 Awards Dinner & Installation of
 Officers for 2025
 Lodge of Perfection meeting.
Reservations by COB Jan 22

February 2025

February 14- Holiday
Valentine's Day



February 17- Holiday
Presidents Day

February 19- 7:30 P.M.
 Loudoun SR Club
 Social Hour 6:30 P.M.
 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

February 25- 6:00 P.M.
Executive Council Meeting
 Valley Meeting- 7:30 P.M.
 (Council of Kadosh, Rose Croix,
 & Lodge of Perfection)

February 26- 6:30 P.M.
 Shenandoah SR Club
 Cassia Lodge- Woodstock



March 2025

March 19- 7:30 P.M.
 Loudoun SR Club
 Social Hour 6:30 P.M.
 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge

March 25- 6:00 P.M.
Pre-Meeting Dinner
 Valley Meeting- 7:30 P.M.
Remembrance and Renewal
 (Rose Croix & Lodge of Perfection)
Reservations by COB Mar 19

March 26- 6:30 P.M.
 Shenandoah SR Club
 Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg

March 29 8:30 A.M.- Noon
 VA Scottish Rite Workshop
 Acca Shrine Center- Richmond

General Secretary's Corner

Michael P. Bible, KCCH, General Secretary

OUR NEW YEARS WISH FOR YOU: Wishing you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come!

ALEXANDRIA VALLEY OFFICE: Our regular hours, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Wednesday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please call the office first at 703-998-9044 if you plan on visiting.



SPRING REUNION: Our Spring Reunion this year is a one-day Class and is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025. This is a great opportunity for those who find it difficult to attend two consecutive Saturdays to receive all the degrees in one day. Our Membership Brochures do a great job of telling our story and they include a QR code which brings up our on-line petition. Our SGIG will present a special necktie or bowtie to any member who is a signer on 5 petitions.

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

CULINARY COMMITTEE: We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Culinary Committee to assist the LOS with meal preparations/service and other possible special event opportunities, picnics, BBQ's, etc. If you have an interest or questions about this new Committee, please contact our secretary at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.com.

HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? I know it is easy to forget to update the office with new addresses, especially right after a move. Emails and phone numbers need to be updated when they are changed. Please let the Secretary know at secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org when this happens so that we don't lose contact with you!

IT'S DUES TIME - ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT? A 2025 dues card is required to attend the stated meetings and Reunions. If you haven't received your 2025 dues card, please call the office. If you need to pay your dues, you can pay by going online, 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](tel:703-998-9044)
3. [Send a check to: Alexandria Scottish Rite, 1430 W Braddock Rd.. Alexandria, VA 22302](mailto:secretary@alexandriascottishrite.org)



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STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection

Fourth Tuesday of each month
Richard E. Saunders, KCCH
Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix

Fourth Tuesday
February, March, July, November
Anthony T. Frank, KCCH
Wise Master

Alexandria Council of Kadosh

Fourth Tuesday
February, April, July, November
Jeffrey L. Sparrow, 32°
Commander

Alexandria Consistory

Fourth Tuesday
April, August, October, December
Jack W. Gibbs, 32°
Master of Kadosh

