



MAY 2009

**SCOTTISH RITE NIGHT  
AT THE LITTLE THEATRE**  
See details on page 4



*Private Performance  
for Our Scottish Rite Valley  
Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

It Runs in the Family is not only a comedy, it is a farce, which depends on fast-paced timing and a great amount of energy from all characters. As

the staff of a London hospital prepare for the annual Christmas show, Dr. Mortimore prepares a lecture that is sure to guarantee him knighthood and much needed funds. All goes well until a nurse, with whom the doctor had an affair eighteen years and nine months ago, shows up with a present of her own! Sharp syringes, crashing wheelchairs, squirting seltzer bottles, doctors in drag, and window-ledge wrestling matches gear this farce into overdrive.

Row **B** Seat **2**

ADMIT ONE THIS DATE ONLY

The Little Theatre of Alexandria presents

***It Runs in the Family***

600 Wolfe Street  
Alexandria, VA

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www.thelittletheatre.com

Tue., June 23  
8:00 P.M.

THE BULLETIN

of the

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia

James D. Hawkins, KCCH, Bulletin Coordinator

All Scottish Rite Members whose names appear in this Bulletin are of the Thirty-second Degree, unless otherwise indicated.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please notify the Secretary immediately of any change of address. This is very important in order that you may receive The Scottish Rite Journal and other publications and correspondence without delay.

**ALLEGIANCE**

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is in Charleston, in the State of South Carolina.

of which

ILLUSTRIOUS RONALD A. SEALE, 33°  
is Sovereign Grand Commander

ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES D. COLE, 33°  
is Grand Treasurer General and  
S.G.I.G. in the Orient of Virginia

**STATED MEETINGS**

**Alexandria Lodge of Perfection**  
Second Friday of each month  
*ROBERT G. WATKINS, JR., 33°*  
Venerable Master

**Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix**  
Second Friday,  
January, March, May, November  
*JAMES D. HAWKINS, KCCH*  
Wise Master

**Alexandria Council of Kadosh**  
Second Friday,  
January, March, May, November  
*WILLIAM L. ALEXANDER, KCCH*  
Commander

**Alexandria Consistory**  
Second Friday,  
March, June, September, December  
*JOHN W. PEARSON, KCCH*  
Master of Kadosh

*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.*

VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to all cast members, stage crew, and other participants for conducting a successful Spring Reunion. I applaud the new brethren for their decision to join our fraternity, and look forward to welcoming each one at the upcoming Stated Meetings and welcoming your spouses and families at our social activities.

June is the month for two special social events which are described in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin. First, is our annual Outstanding Teacher Award Night on Friday, June 12; secondly, the Alexandria Valley tradition of Little Theatre Night on Tuesday, June 23. I want to promote the widest possible attendance at both.

The "Teacher of the Year" program is one of the Valley's most important programs of the year as it highlights our Masonic community service program. I hope that each of you will bring your wife and children to this event which will honor three exceptional teachers from our local area. As an aside to this event, you might like to see what our educators and students across America are doing in 2009. I recommend that you look at [www.studentcam2009.org](http://www.studentcam2009.org) and view the video messages which high school and middle school students sent to President Obama about events in our society that are most important

to them. C-SPAN sponsored this contest. I especially took note of entry #19 about “Consumerism in America” and entry #225 entitled “Requiem for a Honey Bee”. However, all the entries were exceptional in their content and presentation. Please let me know what you think

The Little Theatre Night is a special family social outing that only occurs every three years. It is always a highlight of the year. The play is a light comedy that is certain to appeal to the widest range of audiences. Bus transportation will be provided from the Scottish Rite Temple to the theatre and return to ease parking concerns. As in past years, refreshments will be served at intermission. Please purchase your tickets early

As a closing note, I want to remind everyone that our Supreme Council building, The House of the Temple, located at 1733 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. in Washington D.C., is open the first Saturday of the month. I have been, and plan to be, there each month, and invite you to join me if your schedule permits. If you give me advance notice, I’ll even arrange for coffee and donuts and a short personal tour. This magnificent structure is the embodiment of Scottish Rite Masonry to the general public. Our members’ awareness of The House of the Temple Historic Preservation Fund is a program that I believe we should all know about and actively support.

Fraternally,

**ROBERT G. WATKINS, JR., 33<sup>o</sup>**

## **FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK**

### **Schedule of Meetings**

*Friday, May 8*

*6:30 PM – Pre-meeting Dinner*

*(Reservations Required)*

*7:30 PM – Council of Kadosh*

*Chapter of Rose Croix*

*Lodge of Perfection*

The completion of the Spring Reunion added 30 members to our Valley. We welcome all into our fold, and hope that each one will find his membership to be interesting, enjoyable, and fulfilling. There are many activities available to you as you become more acquainted with what takes place in this Valley. The more you attend meetings, join in on the dinners, take some part in a degree or stage support, the more you will enjoy your membership.

One of my functions is to monitor the dues status of all members. Dues notices are sent in September/October for the following year. Then, in March, a follow-up statement is sent to those not yet paying dues. We have received many payments since the follow-up notice was sent. We are also aware of several who have not yet paid 2008 dues. Please check your card and see if it’s 2008 or earlier. If so, please pay those dues!

A good way to avoid any hassle about dues is to purchase Life Membership — \$935, but if age 75 or above, only \$625.

**WALTER S. DOWNS, 33<sup>o</sup> GC**

*Personal Representative*

*of the SGIG in Virginia and*

*Secretary of all Four Bodies*

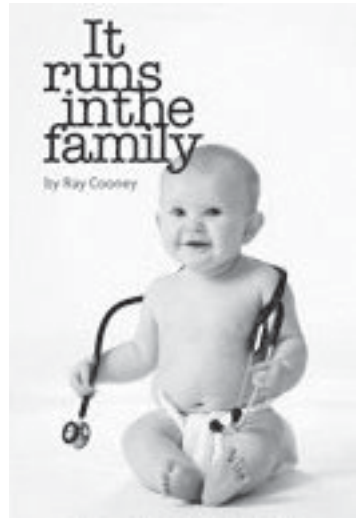
# LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA

*June 23, 2009*

This will be the fourth year since 2000 that we have bought out the 213 seats in this theatre for our members and families to enjoy an evening of entertainment and socializing among a circle of friends. We have filled the room in previous years and hope to do the same next month.

As you read the description of the play on the cover page, you get a flavor of the laughter it will provide! The cost of a ticket is \$15. Tickets are available from any of the Heads of the four Bodies or simply call the office of the Secretary.

We will also help you get to and from the theatre if you want to park at the Scottish Rite parking lot (parking in downtown Alexandria can be very tight and distant from the theatre). We will charter two buses for this purpose. The first bus will leave the Temple at about 6:20; the second bus at 6:50; the first bus will return to the parking lot as soon as possible to pick up any late comers. The play begins at 8



PM. When the play is over, the two buses will return attendees to the Scottish Rite.

For those who wish to drive (and park), the theatre is located at 600 Wolfe Street – which is three blocks south of **King St.** and one block east of **Washington St.**

Get your tickets early and plan on a truly enjoyable evening.



the little theatre of alexandria presents  
*It runs in the family*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Visit to Scottish Rite  
Summer Clinic

At JMU

**June 24**

## MEMBERSHIP



Just prior to the Spring Reunion, I was concerned that we were not receiving a number of petitions in proportion to the number that two exemplary Masons (Godfrey Runaldu and Jerry Thompson) deserved. A last minute surge, though, brought the Class size to a good level.

When I was growing up, our back yard touched the Runaldu's back yard. I attended GW High School with one of his daughters and her future husband. Jerry Thompson attended Washington & Lee High in Arlington, staunch rivals of GW. We enjoyed beating each other in sports.

*...the Alexandria Valley had the largest number of new members within the state of Virginia. [per 2008 report]*

Jerry and I overcame that rivalry and became very good friends and Masonic brothers.

Some recent data published for 2008 showed that the Alexandria Valley had the largest number of new members within the state of Virginia. This accomplishment was not the work of any one person, but by many brethren. With your help, we can maintain this ranking again in 2009.

With over 30 members in the Spring

Class, we've had a good start! Please talk up the Scottish Rite to non-

SR members at your Blue Lodge meetings, among your friends, and help expand our Valley's membership base.

**THOMAS A. REESE, KCCH**  
*Chairman*

## DUES STRUCTURE

The Budget Committee has been reviewing our financial status to include income, disbursements, budget projections, investment earnings, and future outlook. Our last dues adjustment was in 2004. The result of the committee's analysis and recommendations will be reported at the May 8 meeting.

### MAY MEETING SPEAKER

Duly elected Speaker  
of the Spring Class

## SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Have you been to either of the two clubs' meetings during the past year? If not, you should consider attending one or both clubs' meetings periodically this year. We endeavor to support these clubs because they are important to the brethren in the somewhat distant areas from our Temple (50, 75, 90 miles away). In turn, the brethren in those areas have a closer feeling of "belonging" to the Scottish Rite. They become more active participants and do more to promote Scottish Rite in general.

The May meetings will be held at these places and dates: Blue Ridge Club – Monday, May 18 at Culpeper; Shenandoah Valley, Wednesday, May 27 at Front Royal Both clubs have dinner at 6:30 and follow it with a brief, informal meeting and program—ending at about 7:45.

We carpool, as necessary, and leave the Temple at 4 PM for each of the May meetings. Ladies are invited to attend these affairs. Let the Secretary know, by the Friday before each meeting that you would like to attend. We welcome your company.

## PRE-MEETING DINNERS



Mainly for the information of our new members but also as a reminder to other members, we have dinner before meetings on an every-month basis. On the other months we have excellent refreshments after the meeting

The dinners cost the attendees only \$6; the Valley pays the additional amount due the ladies that serve the meals. We require those who want to have dinner to make reservations ahead of time – by the Monday before the meeting date. Payment can be made in advance or at the door. However, if one makes a reservation without paying and not showing up for dinner, he will be expected to pay the \$6. This is necessary because we guarantee – and pay for – meals based on the number of reservations made.

Our next pre-meeting dinner will be on Friday, May 8. Deadline for reservations is Monday, May 4.

## BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTORS

This is the first time since the February/March Bulletin (which was prepared in mid-January) to acknowledge the receipt of \$100 or more to the Building Fund by contributors. Nameplates on a plaque in the main lobby are being added to recognize:

MICHAEL R. AULICINO  
DAVID B. BROWNING  
HASSAN HORAIRY

DAVID H. SMITH, SR  
AND  
LOWELL P. STRADER, SR.

## Alexandria Scottish Rite Outstanding Teachers Awards Program

**O**n Friday, June 12, 2009 we will hold our tenth annual Outstanding Teachers Awards Program as part of our continuing efforts to promote public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the Scottish Rite's abiding interest in the American public school system.

Near the end of each school year, public school educators are selected by the Washington Post Educational Foundation as recipients of the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. This year we will recognize the outstanding teachers selected from the Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax County Public Schools. Each will be presented a certificate of appreciation and a \$500 check.

The program is open to your family and friends. It will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Banquet reservations are \$9.00 per person and may be made with our Secretary by using the attached form or the form provided by Ralph Smith, KCCH at our May meeting.

The banquet and program will precede our regular meeting, which we will plan to conclude by the normal 9:00 P.M. hour. We hope you will each help demonstrate our strong support and appreciation for our teachers and our public school system with a large turnout for this event.



### 2009 TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

June 12, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners for the Teacher of the Year Program.

Enclosed is my

check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.00 per person).

Name:

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Daytime Phone No.: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Alexandria Scottish Rite

SEND CHECK TO: PO. Box 175

Alexandria, VA 22313-0175

Reservation deadline is Monday June 08, 2009. SORRY, NO PHONE RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED. No tickets issued, but all reservations will be checked in by name at Dining Room entrances.

## DEATHS OF TWO NOTABLE MEMBERS

In April we felt the unusual loss of two brethren who were currently serving as officers for all four Bodies. Both had long term medical conditions, but retained a positive philosophy about life and their desires to continue to serve Freemasonry and enjoy Masonic friendships.

On April 16, Brother **BRIAN W. GALUSHA** passed away after pancreatic cancer had overcome him. Brian was appointed Almoner in mid 2007 to serve out the remaining term of Ill. Roy T. Mitchell, and then elected in January of 2008 and 2009.

On April 19, Ill. **DAVID A. BALCOM**, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, lost his battle against heart conditions after several years of remedial medical actions. David's ministerial career spanned 40 years. He was our Prelate for the past five and one-half years.

*Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit*



## FALL REUNION 2009

October 17 and 24

*In Memory of*

**FRANCIS O. SOMERVILLE, KCCH**

**WILLIAM H. CONSLA, KCCH**

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