

Scottish Rite Bulletin

July – August, 2010

Alexandria, Virginia Bodies

The class members from the 2010 Spring Reunion are shown with the officers (front row) of the four Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies.



2010 Spring Class

Mourad Beni-ich
Jonathan D. Berger
Theodore E. DeLozier, Jr.
James R. Dooley, Jr.
Ron F. Kellogg
Stephen F. Palmerton
Robert E. Rudolph, III
Eduardo A. G. Sanchez
Farley W. Warner
Carl E. Weaver
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Spring Reunion Team Conferred 15 Degrees and Communicated 14 Degrees



photo by Michael R. Aulicino, KCCH

Fall Reunion to be held Oct. 16 & 23

The 2010 Fall Reunion of the Alexandria Scottish Rite will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in October, October 16 and October 23.

The Reunions begin with coffee and donuts being served at 7:15 A.M. each of the two Saturday mornings while class members, Cast members, and Reunion support members gather and report to their respective stations.

On each Saturday, one of our Bodies presides at the luncheon which offers a time of instruction in a different setting. During the two day Reunion, 15 Scottish Rite Degrees are conferred by casts consisting of skilled ritualists who deliver their parts in theatrical form with the benefit of costumes, props, stage lighting and special effects. These conferrals take place in a theatrical auditorium designed with the purpose of the degrees in mind.

Several times during the days, candidates go to the lodge room where certain of the degrees are communicated by Scottish Rite men who are accomplished narrators

Master Masons who desire to receive the degrees of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction should download a petition for membership from the Alexandria Scottish Rite Website —

www.AlexandriaScottishrite.org. September 10 is the deadline for submitting applications for the Fall Reunion. Candidates needing recommenders should submit their application without the recommender section filled out and the Membership Committee will identify potential sponsors to contact.



Class Representative to speak at July 9 meeting

As is customary, the Spring Reunion Class selected one of its members to present remarks at a meeting of one of the Scottish Rite Bodies. The person selected is Eduardo Sanchez who will give a talk at the July meeting of the Lodge of Perfection.

Brother Sanchez jumped into Masonry with both feet since being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2009. He currently is serving as Junior Deacon at his mother lodge, Henry Lodge No. 57 in Fairfax.



Eduardo Sanchez

Because the entire cast of the 20th Degree is made up of members of Henry Lodge, arrangements were made to have Eduardo serve as the candidate for this degree. This made the degree even more meaningful for both the candidate and the cast.

You will want to be in attendance at our July meeting to meet and hear one of our newest Scottish Rite Masons, Eduardo Sanchez.

There will be a **pre-meeting dinner prior to the July meeting** at 6:30 P.M. The cost to members is just \$6. **Reservations are a MUST.** Please make them with the Secretary by Tuesday, July 6th. As you know, the policy is that if you make a reservation, you will be expected to pay even if it turns out you are unable to attend. Pay in advance or pay at the door, but pay you must. Let's break bread together on July 9th.

Personal Representative's message

I hope you are enjoying the summer and perhaps even have been able to take a vacation to recharge the batteries and enjoy a change from your daily routine. But I find that it is always good to get back home after any vacation, no matter how good or how restful.

Thus far this year we have been seeking to build upon the wonderful foundation established by Ill. Walter Scott Downs by creating additional infrastructure to help us address the challenges that lie ahead. I think this will help to put us in the best position possible to deliver a meaningful Scottish Rite experience to all of our members both today and in the future.

To this end, we established an Executive Council, which meets every other month to develop and coordinate policies and plans for the good of the Valley and to oversee progress in meeting the objectives in the Valley Strategic Plan.

We established and are staffing seven standing committees and have adopted charters for each – which are posted on our website.

We developed and adopted new By-Laws – which are posted on our website [Go to the members only tab, then documents, then Bylaws].

We developed and adopted a strategic plan which we are beginning to implement – and which is posted on our website [Go to the members only tab, then documents].

And Ill. Norman Hoff has developed a first-rate officer training program with an impressive amount of detail that should be required reading for all Scottish Rite Brethren, not only the officers. This has been adopted by the Executive Council, and it too is posted on our website [Go to the members only tab, then committees, then Education and Americanism, then Valley Education Programs, then officer training materials].

If a common theme seems to be “posted on the website,” it is because we have spent a good deal of time improving the appearance and functionality of the Alexandria Scottish Rite website and adding content. Thanks to our webmaster Brother Dave Horton and the rest of the Internet Committee, it is now possible for visitors to our site [www.AlexandriaScottishRite.org] to learn about Scottish Rite and even to get a petition on-line. In addition, it is now possible for Scottish Rite members to visit the website and learn a great deal about the operation of the Valley and what we are trying to accomplish.

An important but perhaps overlooked part of our website is the suggestion tab. We really want to hear from you – both what you like and what you do not, what you have found to be useful and what you want us to add. If you have ideas about new content for the website, send them to Shelley Richman, our Web Content Manager, and if you want to write something for the website, please do — and send it to Shelley or me. Remember, communicating with any of the Valley officers or committee chairmen is simply a matter of clicking on their link under the “Contact and Directions” tab on our website and their e-mail address will be populated for you in a blank out-going email message form.

Our next step is to ramp up our efforts on programs to, as we said earlier – deliver a meaningful Scottish Rite experience to all of our members. To do this effectively, we need your input, help, and participation. As you look at the committee charters and the Valley Strategic Plan, I am sure you will find aspects of our program that are particularly appealing and find areas where you may be able to contribute your time and talent. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will become an active participant in these efforts.

My Brethren, stay healthy, be happy, and God bless.

Ed Cohen



Ed Cohen, 33^o

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of the SGIG in
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If you don't have the password to access the members only section of our website, call Ill. Dave Morris, 33^o, Secretary.
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Heber C. Willis, III
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Heber Willis was born and grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia. Graduating from The Citadel in 1982 he was commissioned in the United States Army and served 23 years, retiring out of the Virginia Army National Guard with over nine years of active duty service. He worked for five years with the American Red Cross in Richmond, Virginia and currently works for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a Senior Policy Specialist.

Heber was raised as a Master Mason in Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in July 2003, and served that Lodge as its Master in 2009. He received the 32° in the Alexandria Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in October 2003.

He also is a member of the Arlington Royal Arch Chapter No. 35 as well as: the Scottish Rite Research Society; The Quator Coronati Lodge No. 2076, Correspondence Circle; and The Masonic Society. He is a founding member and Treasurer of the Bull Run Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association.

Heber and his wife Heather reside in Arlington and have two children, Elizabeth and Charles.

Message from the Master of Kadosh, Alexandria Consistory

We were glad to see so many people with friends and family members attend the Outstanding Teachers Award ceremony at our June meeting. Providing equal opportunity for education to all of our children is a critical function of preserving democracy. The significance of public education as one of the primary institutions supporting a free society is woven throughout the Scottish Rite degrees and their accompanying lectures. Recognizing some of the teachers who provide excellence to this endeavor is one way our Valley demonstrates its support to their contributions.

As announced in the May-June Bulletin, three teachers from our Valley's Northern Virginia school districts were selected for recognition by our Scottish Rite Bodies from the recipients of the Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. Maryel Barry, Falls Church, (above) and Jennifer Willment, Alexandria, (below) received their honors at our May 11th Awards Program.



M. T. Tate Kenneally, Prince William, (below) was called away for a family emergency and was unable to attend. The Valley will let readers know when we can recognize her.



Several Brothers deserve recognition for their work in planning and implementing such a successful event: Ralph W. Smith, Jr., KCCH was the backbone of this ceremony coordinating everything from accommodations for Dr. Reed, the evening's guest speaker, to arranging for the musical entertainment for our family members and friends during the business meeting. Illustrious Norm Hoff, 33° ensured all the details were attended to, ably assisted by Jay Patterson, KCCH and Illustrious David C. Morris, 33°. I thank each of you for your hard work and for helping me to make the event such a success.



RiteCare Program at James Madison Univ.

Equally enjoyable was the Valley's annual participation in the James Madison University David Kruger RiteCare Program Celebration on June 29th. Those who volunteered to help with the morning classes will never forget the rewarding experience of assisting the teachers working with the morning classes. The tour of the classrooms was interesting and the picnic lunch enjoyable. This event occurs each year and those of you who could not make it this year should make every effort to attend next year and experience first hand how your contributions to the RiteCare program make a difference in the lives of so many children.

I thank all of you for your continued support of the Scottish Rite and the Alexandria Valley and I look forward to seeing you at future meetings and activities.

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Following the Outstanding Teachers Recognition Dinner, beautiful chamber music was provided by the Oak Hill Trio, local area teens who are accomplished musicians as well as high school students. Members of the trio include Madison Lee, the granddaughter of Ralph and Dottie Smith, and (l-r between Madison and her grandmother), Zachary Thayer and Alexander Scheetz. (Madison's parents are Brother and Mrs. Don Lee.)



Vicki A. Reed, Ed.D.
 Professor
 James Madison University
 Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

Dyslexia (A Language Disorder)

Contributing to the success of our recent Outstanding Teacher Award dinner celebration was the presentation made by our distinguished guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Vicki A. Reed, Academic and Clinical Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders at James Madison University.

Dr. Reed has been an enthusiastic mentor and leader for the James Madison University David Kruger Summer Scottish Rite Program for children with language disorders since her joining the university in 2004. Her area of expertise is child and adolescent language disorders, with a particular focus on the ways in which childhood language disorders persist throughout the life span and the impacts that language disorders have on lives.

The audience found her talk very illuminating. Among her many significant points about child language disorders was the fact that the commonly held belief that dyslexia has to do with the child seeing letters or words backwards (b instead of d) simply is not true. (See side bar).

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK Special Events



VIRGINIA SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE

September 24 – 25, 2010

The Scottish Rite Annual Conference of Virginia Convention will be held in Lynchburg this year. Our host will be the Valley of Danville. Reservations need to be made with the hotel by September 1st. You will want to arrive on September 23rd.

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Use code SRA

There will be Banquets on Friday and Saturday nights and a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday. Please let the Alexandria Valley Secretary know, you are planning to be part of our delegation. The reservation forms and more information will be available on our web site.



RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Radford University will hold its' RiteCare Program Celebration Wednesday, July 28, 2010. The program starts mid-morning. All Valleys are invited. Anyone who wishes to go, please contact the Valley Secretary, no later than July 14th.

DAVID C. MORRIS, 33^o
Secretary of all Four Bodies

From MedicineNet.com:

“Two commonly held beliefs about dyslexia are that children with it are prone to seeing letters or words backward, and that the problem is linked to intelligence. Both beliefs are incorrect. The problem is a linguistic one, not a visual one, in dyslexia. And dyslexia in no way stems from any lack of intelligence. People with severe dyslexia can be brilliant.”

Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21

will be the Host Lodge for the
**Blue Lodge Visitation
 Program**
Saturday, August 14



Mark your calendars for 5 P.M. Saturday, August 14, for our Annual (BLVP). The BLVP is when we, as Scottish Rite Masons of the Alexandria Valley, confer the First Section of the Master Mason's Degree and perform the Second Section in full costume on a candidate from a Host Lodge which is selected from the Lodges in the Valley. The Host Lodge opens and closes the Master Mason's Lodge and Calls the Lodge from Labor to Refreshment for dinner between the sections. This year, Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 will be the Host Lodge. This program is an opportunity for us to create a favorable impression of the Scottish Rite on those Master Masons who are not yet members of the Rite and will hopefully entice them to join. It also provides us an opportunity to display our ritual work and allegiance to the Blue Lodge. Please encourage all Master Masons, especially those who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite, to attend this event. Make it a point to sign up at your July Blue Lodge communication for the number of Dinner tickets you will want for yourself and your non-Scottish Rite guests. Remember, there is no charge for these tickets. Check with your Lodge Secretary or Scottish Rite Representative for tickets. Hope to see you there! Questions can be addressed by James Baker at (home): 703-825-1345 or jamesdbaker13@hotmail.com

Are you a Soldier of the Light?

Yes, of course you are... we all are because we are 32° Masons, but the real question is: are we living up to that title?

You and I said that we were going to help those around us become wiser and better, but we also noted, quite practically, that before attempting such a significant undertaking, we would first work on our own education to qualify ourselves – after all, how could we expect to instruct someone else if we haven't first properly prepared ourselves?

When we were talking so earnestly about all this, we agreed that we would attend the meetings of the various Bodies of our Valley. This wasn't just a clever way to build attendance at our meetings and Reunions. Consider the context in which we made this statement - we were talking about educating ourselves by taking advantage of the instruction and the insightful commentary offered in our meetings. We were talking about participating in, or about attending and paying attention to the lessons of our Degrees presented at our Reunions. We were saying that we would avail ourselves of our Valley's regular efforts to help us to qualify ourselves.

It goes further than that. The next thing we said about qualifying ourselves to help others was that we were going to take advantage of the many books that have been written for instruction in the Rite... we said that we were going to read and study them, and we were given a book about the degrees to get started. Some years ago, it was Grand Commander Pike's *Morals and Dogma*, but more recently we have each received a copy of what many have found to be the far more accessible *A Bridge to Light* written by Dr. Rex Hutchens, 33°, G.C. This is a great place to begin to study the lessons and meanings of our Degrees.

Within the last couple of years, the Supreme Council has added a major new resource for our use in qualifying ourselves as Soldiers of the Light. The "Master Craftsman Program" begins with a six-part

correspondence course that uses both *A Bridge to Light* and the excellent new *Scottish Rite Ritual – Monitor and Guide* by Illustrious Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.C. It would be difficult to understand how one could begin a serious attempt to become a true Soldier of the Light in today's Scottish Rite without taking advantage of the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman Program. If you haven't already started, you will learn more on-line about the program and how to enroll at <http://www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html>.

While you are on-line at <http://www.scottishrite.org>, also go look at the Scottish Rite Research Society and all the materials you will find there. Not only are there many excellent books for purchase, but as a SRRS member, you will also receive gift, bonus books to help with your education.

Yes, we are all Soldiers of the Light, at various stages of qualification... some at the earliest stage simply as the result of becoming Masters of the Royal Secret and some at more advanced stages from the continuing pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. Where are you?

Congratulations to our latest member to have completed the programs

MASTER CRAFTSMAN
MASTER CRAFTSMAN II

JAY GARBUS

Administered by the Supreme Council, the courses are self-taught; work at your own pace, opportunities to learn about Freemasonry and about our Scottish Rite, while not feeling driven, to stay on any schedule.

We highly recommend all brethren to look into taking these most worthwhile courses.

For more information view the Alexandria Valley Scottish Rite web site at www.alexandriascottishrite.org or call (202) 232-3579



32° Regalia

This article has been provided by the Alexandria Valley Education and Americanism Committee

The objective of the Education & Americanism Committee is to promote Masonic education, improve officer training, and further our education and Americanism objectives through community outreach.

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THE 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.

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is Sovereign Grand Commander

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is Grand Treasurer General and
SGIG in the Orient of Virginia

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is Personal Representative
of the SGIG in Alexandria

ILLUSTRIOUS WALTER SCOTT DOWNS, 33°, GC
is Secretary Emeritus

STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection
Second Friday of each month
MICHAEL A. RILEY, KCCH
Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix
Second Friday
January, March, May, November
SHELDON B. RICHMAN, KCCH
Wise Master

Alexandria Council of Kadosh
Second Friday
January, March, May, November
JAY E. PATTERSON, KCCH
Commander

Alexandria Consistory
Second Friday
March, June, September, December
HEBER C. WILLIS, III
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Honor a Blue Lodge Brother with the gift of Equilibrium

Greetings from your membership committee! We are 1/3 of the way to our next reunion – have you honored a Master Mason by asking him to be a Scottish Rite Mason? Remember my Brothers, you have the ability to offer *equilibrium* to a Brother in these tumultuous times. Let's all work to offer this wonderful gift to at least one of our Blue Lodge Brothers – someone already did it for you!

John W. Pearson, KCCH
Chairman
Membership Committee

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

The Scottish Rite Clubs will be off to a great start in July, with new officers having been installed in June. On Monday, July 19, the Blue Ridge Club will meet at The Plains with dinner at 6:30. On the 28th, the Shenandoah Valley Club will meet at Front Royal, also with dinner at 6:30. In August, following the same format, it will be Blue Ridge on the 16th at Culpeper; Shenandoah Valley, at Woodstock on the 25th. **Departure times from our Temple will be 4 PM each time, except on July 19 when it will be 4:30.** Please let the Secretary know by the Friday before each meeting you would like to attend.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting items for the bimonthly Bulletin is the first of the month prior to the month of publication.

Dates to Remember

JULY 2010

Friday, 9th – 6:30 P.M.
Pre-Meeting Dinner
(reservations required by Tuesday, July 6th)
Lodge of Perfection - 7:30 P.M.
❖
Monday, 19th – 6:30 P.M. Monday
Blue Ridge Club Meeting
Meeting at Cochran Lodge, The Plains
❖
Wednesday, 28th – 6:30 P.M. Monday
Shenandoah Valley Club Meeting
Meeting in Front Royal

AUGUST 2010

Friday, 13th – 7:30 P.M.
Lodge of Perfection
❖
Saturday, 14th – 5 P.M.
Blue Lodge Visitation Program
❖
Monday, 16th – 6:30 P.M.
Blue Ridge Club Meeting
Meeting in Culpeper
❖
Wednesday, 25th – 6:30 P.M.
Shenandoah Valley Club Meeting
Meeting in Woodstock

Fall Reunion

Saturday, October 16th and
Saturday, October 23rd

Petitions for Fall Reunion The deadline for submitting membership petitions for the Fall Reunion is October 7, 2010. Blank petitions can be downloaded from:

www.alexandriascottishrite.org