

Scottish Rite Bulletin

March - April 2011

Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia,

MISSION: To provide a Masonic experience for members that makes them better educated and more knowledgeable Masons, gives them a venue for fellowship with Masons from Lodges throughout the Northern Virginia area, and offers them meaningful community and philanthropic opportunities.

VISION: To become a "University" of Freemasonry that motivates Masons to gain greater insight into Masonic history, philosophy, and symbolism, and inspires them to become leaders in promoting morality and civic virtue.



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The time to act is at hand

Membership Chairman Evancoe issues 'from-the-heart' appeal

We have begun a new year and it is our ASR 100th anniversary celebration year. As I hope you all know, it is our goal to bring in 100 new ASR members as a tribute to our 100th anniversary. Remember — every member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite is a member of the Membership Committee. As such the task of achieving the goal of 100 new members falls upon each of us.

We are literally just days from our Spring Reunion and we need petitions. If you do the math, there are 42 Masonic Lodges in the districts from which we draw our members. In order for us to bring in 100 new Scottish Rite members, that translates to 2.5 new members per Lodge. Since we can't work with halves, that means we must average 3 or more new petitions from each of the area Lodges.

I strongly urge you to assist your Valley by doing all you can to make our 100th anniversary goal of 100 new members.

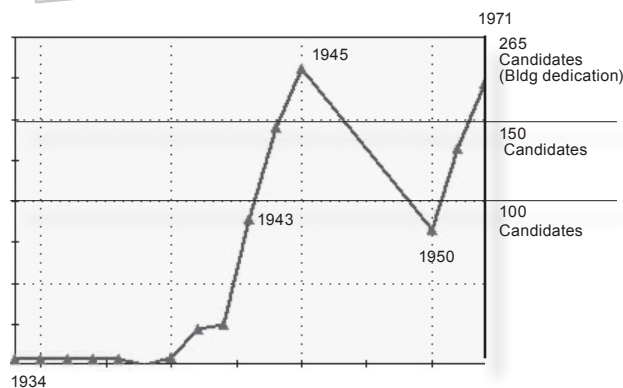
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100 year history documents membership stats over the years

Soon to be published, a 60 plus page history of the Alexandria Scottish Rite has been compiled by Secretary-Emeritus Walter Scott Downs, 33°, GC. As explained by Illustrious Downs in the document's introduction, "Sources for the preparation of this history included: three previous historical sketches; (Boyd J. Richards, 33° (1960); Odie R. Howell, Jr., 33° (1986); Steven M. Hicks, 33° (2001); a review of all the minutes of Valley meetings over the years; other documents; and, of course, my own involvement and recollections over a period of nearly 53 years."

On the subject of membership, we learn from this compilation of facts and figures, that there have been periods of feast and famine during the past 100 years. In the years preceding and during WWII, membership hovered around the 500 mark. But, beginning in 1944 and continuing on through the 1950's, 60's and 70's, net membership (after deaths and NPDs) continued to increase. In 1981, membership in the Alexandria Scottish Rite was 3,578, our high water mark.

Reflecting the experience of other Masonic bodies, we ended 2010 with a membership of around 1900.



As indicated by this line chart (not to scale), 100 new members in a year is not an impossible goal.

Personal Representative's Message

Dear Brethren:

In the United States, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March; in 2011 this is on March 13. It ends at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November, which in 2011 will be on November 6.

When you think about it, Daylight Savings Time is quite Masonic; the very concept is credited to a Mason – Benjamin Franklin. Being industrious is an important Masonic value, and shifting the clock forward in the spring and backward in the fall is designed to make the best use of daylight hours. By moving the clock forward in the spring, we get an extra hour of light and, again, getting more light is what Scottish Rite Masons strive for.

In this issue of the Bulletin, you will read about the many events we have planned to shed more light on Freemasonry, on the Scottish Rite, and on the Alexandria Valley in this our centennial year.

It also is interesting that in the fall, when we move the clock back an hour, the TV commentators often say that we are gaining an extra hour. We know that is not exactly right, but it feels right because we can sleep an extra hour.

Of course, gaining or saving time seems to motivate many people. We have often seen a driver weaving in and out of traffic always trying to get past the car in front of him. We know statistically that all this extra risk will only save a few minutes, and we may wonder what that person is going to do with those few minutes he has “saved.” We also may know people who have elaborate check lists of things they want to do and who get enormous satisfaction as they check off each item. It is all about the next thing, the next relationship, the next acquisition, or the next success, but they never live in the moment, and never seem to enjoy what they are doing now.

Each year our life account is credited with 525,600 minutes.* We cannot really gain or save time, we can only spend this time, and our goal should be to spend it wisely. For Masons that means living a moral and committed life, it means spending time to develop relationships, and it means being with our family and our Brethren. It also means using our time to develop ourselves intellectually, morally, and spiritually in order

to better serve God, to support our families, to interact, assist and, when necessary, to comfort our Brethren and friends, and to improve our community.

There are opportunities to do some of this in March and April as a member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite. We will be remembering our departed Brethren at our March 11 meeting in a beautiful Ceremony of Remembrance and Light. We will be remembering our charitable obligations at a fun “Friends and Family Dinner and Charity Auction” on Saturday March 19, and we will be receiving more light in Masonry and expanding our friendships at the Scottish Rite Workshop in Richmond on Saturday March 26.

In April, the day after our Valley meeting on April 8, we will be having our Centennial Spring Reunion. New candidates will receive the 4th through the 19th degrees on Saturday April 9, and the 20th through the 32nd degrees on Saturday April 16. If you are not in the cast of any of these degrees and not serving on one of the various Reunion support teams, I hope you will be in the audience watching the degrees and renewing your understanding of Masonic philosophy, history, and ethics. In addition, there will be a good lunch each Saturday, the opportunity to meet our candidates, and time to socialize with your Scottish Rite Brethren from all over Northern Virginia.

Beyond supporting these specific events, I hope you will take the occasion of our Centennial year to think about the contributions that the Scottish Rite has made over the past century, and how you can continue that tradition by acting in a manner that will both enhance the image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite and support and expand the philanthropic activities of the Alexandria Valley. Show your pride in the Scottish Rite by getting a commemorative ball cap, a good looking Scottish Rite golf shirt, and a very handsome Alexandria Scottish Rite tie. I hope you will look these items over at the next meeting or during the Reunion.

Fraternally,

Ed Cohen
Personal Representative in Alexandria

** Editor's note: See discussion of the number of minutes in a year on page 4. – JDH*



Ed Cohen, 33^o

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Brethren –

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Wise Master's Message

Celebration of Remembrance and Light

The Chapter of Rose Croix has the responsibility of holding an annual meeting to honor the memory of all Knights Rose Croix who passed away during the previous year. At our March 11th meeting we will conduct a program of "Remembrance and Light" as we celebrate the lives of those Brethren whose passing occurred, or was reported to us, during 2010.

Our Prelate, Bro. Richard E. Saunders, will deliver a talk that focuses on the friends and brethren we lost, remind us of the transitory nature of our being, and motivate us to live up to the moral precepts and ethical standards of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. We will also lay emphasis on our commitment to the living.

Please take a few moments to reflect on the names listed below and recall that each Brother was a part of the Scottish Rite Body of Freemasonry during his years in Masonry.

Carl Raymond Gagliardi, KCCH

Carl Raymond Gagliardi was born in Hamden, Connecticut in 1943. He graduated from North Haven [CT] High School in 1961. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting in 1967 and an Associate's Degree in Computer Science in 1981. His working life began with the Riggs National Bank as Auditor for the Trust Department; a position he also held with American Security Bank [now Bank of America]. He began working as a computer programmer for the Institute of Modern Procedures in 1980. He joined the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 1983 and became part of the Department of Homeland Security when FEMA was merged into that department. He is now retired from government service.

Brother Gagliardi was made a Master Mason in 1972 in Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 and served as its Master in 1979, 1999, and 2005. He was District Deputy Grand Master for District 1-A in 2006. Currently he is Secretary of his Lodge.

He holds membership in Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14 and Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar and holds office in both bodies. He joined the Alexandria Scottish Rite in the fall of 1988. Over the years, he has participated in the 27th, 28th and 15th Degrees and continues today as a member of the Degree Communications Team. He received his KCCH honor in Charleston, SC at the 200th Anniversary of Scottish Rite in 2001.

He enjoys cooking and wood turning and holds membership in the Capital Area Wood Turners and the American Association of Wood Turners.



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Gagliardi, KCCH**
*Wise Master
Chapter of Rose Croix
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2010 Deaths

Joseph Frank Abosso	06/16/2010	Charles Dean Gray, KCCH	06/22/2010
George William Allison III, 33°	10/17/2010	George Fred Harrington, 33°	08/01/2010
Gene Coy Bedsole	07/17/2010	Marcus Alonzo Harrison Jr	01/28/2010
David Ronald Begal	01/28/2010	William Roger Housley Jr	11/2/2010
John Richard Borland, KCCH	01/09/2010	Joseph Melvin Kerby	04/16/2010
Julian Henry Buncutter	09/02/2010	Garland Bowdoin Mapp Jr	04/8/2010
Jerome Junior Cantrell	09/14/2010	Nick Noley Matheodakis	6/27/2010
Andre Joseph Capoen	09/05/2010	Philip Gene Meikle	10/21/2010
Charles H. Carlin	02/10/2010	Edward Charles Metzgar	10/4/2010
Frederick John Cole	01/02/2010	George Howard Negley	8/24/2010
Samuel Benjamin Conlon	10/25/2010	Harry William Partlow	01/01/2010
Robert Charles Cooper	09/01/2010	Robert Wallace Reese	07/31/2010
Roy Louis Daisey	01/27/2010	Andrew Maurice Saunders	07/20/2010
Alvin Gardiner Dodd	06/13/2010	Robert James Scroggie	06/12/2010
Robert Franklin Dresel	11/07/2010	Eugene Allison Shaw	06/12/2010
Alfred James Dumas	12/25/2010	James Morrison Smith	02/15/2010
Frank Garland Eubank Jr	05/23/2010	Ralston Jule Smith	01/14/2010
Leonard Jack Fischer	05/25/2010	Joseph Sutton Snead	05/09/2010
Orville Edgar Fleming	02/14/2010	Lloyd Clayton Sorrell	12/18/2010
John Gruber Fox	03/01/2010	Walter Lamar Stringfellow	12/10/2010
Stanley Craun Frank	12/12/2010	Brenton Swearingen	09/01/2010
Charles Irvin Garrett Jr	02/28/2010	Emery Bernard Trott	03/22/2010
Jonathan J. Geisel	05/31/2010	Alexander Brunto Waddell, KCCH	05/07/2010
Wallace West George Jr	09/16/2010	Gerry Wallace Wright	02/05/2010
Marvin Layman Gillum	01/20/2010		

Scottish Rite Spring Workshop

Richmond Scottish Rite Temple

March 26, 2011

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Spring Workshop of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia. It will be held at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple at 4204 Hermitage Rd, Richmond. For your convenience, the Richmond Scottish Rite has an interactive map on their web page at <http://www.richmondscottishrite.org/>

Coffee and pastries will be available at 8:30 a.m. with the workshop starting at 9:00 a.m. A free lunch will be served after the meeting at noon.

The workshop represents a mid-point between the annual week-end Conference in September, and helps Valley members stay up-to-date on current Scottish Rite and Masonic matters. It also is an excellent opportunity to meet Scottish Rite Masons from all over the Commonwealth. Ill. Edmund Cohen, our Valley Personal Representative of the SGIG, will speak on Strategic Planning. Let's have a great turnout to support Ill. Ed.

Start organizing your car pools now. If you are able – wear a blue blazer jacket, gray slacks, blue shirt and tie. We will be taking a head count at our March meeting so that we can let the Richmond Valley know how many to expect.

William Larry Alexander, 33°

Vice President

Critical mass in Masonry

by

James Deloss Hawkins, KCCH

I gave a talk on this subject when I was Master of Henry Lodge No. 57 back in 1999. Although I had in mind the membership issues confronting our blue lodges at the time, I think the point of this piece also is applicable to the Scottish Rite.

I observed the following:

“...regardless of how the powers that be may ultimately deal with the issue of Masonry's critical mass from a macro scope, how we approach the dispatch of business, and work and instruction in our own lodges can definitely make a difference in the satisfaction, fulfillment and enjoyment we and other brethren get from their experience in Masonry.

“It is well to remember, that while pundits can argue about how large Freemasonry should grow, our ritual teaches us that just three or more constitute a Master Masons Lodge...

“The late Alan Roberts in his book ‘Key to Freemasonry's Growth’ says: ‘We have forgotten the primary reasons for the existence of Freemasonry — brotherhood, friendship, closeness. We have been idolizing bigness – big lodges, big bank accounts, big men. A Masonic lodge should be small to promote the purpose for the existence of the Fraternity’...”

How many minutes are there in a year?



To make his point that we should use our time wisely, Illustrious Cohen mentioned in his Personal Representative's Message on page two that each of us is allotted a certain number of minutes each year. The straightforward way to calculate the number of minutes in a year is simply to multiply 365 (days in a year) by 24 (hours in a day) and multiply this number by 60 (the number of minutes in an hour). Your calculator should yield 525,600 which is the number that appears in Illustrious Cohen's article.

Remembering something about “leap seconds”, I asked Illustrious Roger M. Firestone to reflect on the above question. I trust you will find his comments of interest and perhaps entertaining.

Jim Hawkins, Editor

365-day year: 525,600 seconds. 366-day year: 527,040. Tropical year: 525,949, roughly - when the sun returns to the same position on the ecliptic, which is affected by the precession of the equinoxes. Sidereal year: 525,969, roughly — when the sun returns to the same position with respect to the fixed stars — the 20 minutes difference is the amount of the precession of the equinoxes.

However, the length of the day is changing, due to the effect of tidal friction slowing the rotation of the earth, among other factors, and there will be fewer days in the year. If we maintain the 24:60:60 components of the day, the length of seconds and minutes will change. But we don't exactly do that right now: A second was defined as a specific fraction of the year 1900 (and now defined by a physical phenomenon involving cesium atoms, making it easily measured in any laboratory), so that other units dependent on it are not affected and the value of physical constants (the speed of light, Planck's constant, etc.) do not change (other than by having their measured values' accuracy improve). Instead, we add leap seconds from time to time (at 0 hours UTC on 01 July and/or 01 January) when the discrepancy accumulates sufficiently. Otherwise, midnight by the clock would not come at midnight by astronomical measurement.

As measurement has improved over the years, we have even reached the point where the effects of general relativity must be taken into account in determining time.

As Fellow Crafts, we were supposed to master the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, one of which is astronomy. So everyone at the Scottish Rite should already know all of this, right? :-)

Roger

<http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/leapsec.html>

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/howto/basics/3304611.html>

Do we have your e-mail address?

Every effort is being made to keep in touch with our membership and to let you know about the various events and happenings in the Valley. One way is through the Bulletin which you receive every two months. Another way is through a centralized e-mail service. The Valley has established a "members" e-mail list that currently has about 700 addresses. We use this list to notify brethren of the various activities planned or on-going. These notifications provide a reminder so that you and your family can participate if you wish.



We need your e-mail address to provide this notification. With a membership of 2000 and having only 700 addresses on file we have a way to go to reach all our members.

Please forward your e-mail address to Dave Smith Sr., Assistant Secretary, at AssistantSecretary@alexandriascottishrite.org so that you can be added to the list.

Dave Smith Sr.
Assistant Secretary

DINNER PAYMENT PLAN

We have a pre-meeting dinner every other month. Instead of paying individually for each meal, we now offer a six ticket plan (a full year of every-other month dinners) for \$36.00. Sign up for this plan NOW and not only will you find it more convenient, but also you will be protected against an increase in meal costs projected for May.

DUES REMINDER

If you receive a dues notice this month (March), it means we have not received your dues for 2011. Please send your payment, or contact the office.

Dave Morris
Secretary, All Four Bodies

HISTORICAL NOTES

100 Years Ago – The new Valley's meeting place was shared with Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in the Masonic Temple on the 3rd floor of the City Hall building.

1929 – Alexandria's Fall Reunion was the first Masonic event held in the new, but still under construction, George Washington Masonic Memorial. Alexandria had 110 candidates and many others were from Baltimore and Washington, DC.

1949 – Our first meeting as tenants of the George Washington Masonic Memorial was held on December 9.

1985 – In March, steps were taken by SGIG Kruger and officials at James Madison University to establish the first Scottish Rite Summer Clinic for children with language disorders problems. Scottish Rite sponsorship of clinics soon expanded to three Virginia universities.

2001 – The Supreme Council observed the bicentenary of its founding by holding its Biennial Session and anniversary at the location of its founding – Charleston, South Carolina.

[These Notes were taken from the 100th Anniversary history prepared by Ill. Walter S. Downs, 33°, G.C. Printed copies will be available at the Spring Reunion.]



**Master
Craftsman**

Congratulations to the most recent members to complete the program:

**MASTER
CRAFTSMAN, I**

ALAN D. BECKNER
JEFFREY R. FULLER

**MASTER
CRAFTSMAN, II**

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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 Secretary Emeritus

STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection
Second Friday of each month
JAMES A. LOUDERMILK, KCCH
Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix
Second Friday
January, March, May, November
CARL R. GAGLIARDI, KCCH
Wise Master

Alexandria Council of Kadosh
Second Friday
January, March, May, November
ROGER W. PEAK, KCCH
Commander

Alexandria Consistory
Second Friday
March, June, September, December
RALPH W. SMITH JR., KCCH
Master of Kadosh

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Dates to remember

MARCH 2011

Friday, 11th – 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Dinner

(reservations required by Monday, March 7th)

All Four Bodies – 7:30 p.m.

Celebration of Remembrance & Light by
the Chapter of Rose Croix



Saturday 19th – Scottish Rite Friends
and Family Dinner & Benefit Auction
Scottish Rite Temple
Doors open – 5:30 p.m.

Silent Auction – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Gourmet Chinese Banquet – 6:30 p.m.

Live Auction – 7:30 p.m.

(Paid Reservation (\$50 pp) must be received
by Secretary by Monday, March 14, 2011)



Saturday 26th – Scottish Rite
Spring Workshop

Richmond Scottish Rite Temple
Workshop – 8:30 a.m. – noon.

Continental breakfast available before the
Workshop and a Light Lunch follows.

Car pools are encouraged. Advise the
Secretary by Monday, March 21st
of your plans to attend.

APRIL 2011

Friday, 8th – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting

Lodge of Perfection – 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments – 9:00 p.m.



Saturday, 9th & 16th

Spring Reunion

(April 8th – deadline for petitions)

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

January weather conditions prohibited both clubs from meeting. February, though, allowed both groups to come together to enjoy great meals and the usual wonderful fellowship.

In March, both clubs will meet in the same week: the Blue Ridge on Monday the 21st at Culpeper; the Shenandoah Valley on Wednesday the 23rd at Front Royal.

The April meetings will be: Monday the 18th at The Plains for the Blue Ridge Club; for Shenandoah Valley, Wednesday the 27th at Woodstock.

Both clubs operate in the same manner: dinner at 6:30, followed by a brief meeting and program, ending by 7:45. We encourage our members to attend and be a part of these enjoyable events. Let Illustrious Brother Downs know (703-768-7903) by the Friday before each meeting you would like to attend. Wives also are invited. Directions are available if needed, or go with one of our car pools leaving the Temple at 4 PM.

**We want
100 New Members
in our 100th Year!**

Spring Reunion April 9 and 16
Petition Deadline April 8, 2011