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From the Education Committee

“Edumacation”



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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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You've heard this so-called word – maybe even jokingly used it yourself. If you “Google” it on the internet, you'll find lots of definitions, but they all refer cynically to an incomplete or substandard education, usually based on self-taught or “street learned” misperceptions, at best, or misinformation, at worst. Our Valley Education Committee is charged with the non-trivial task of helping you avoid an edumacation.

OK, so your Education Committee is actually going to educate you? Well, maybe. In some cases we may be able to do that, but it may be better to say that we hope to help you educate yourself with the best inputs possible. We want to make sure that you are aware of the many sources of good information that are available, as well as the many opportunities that are offered to increase your knowledge of our Masonic Fraternity and the Scottish Rite. We will encourage you to seek out and take advantage of those many opportunities, but also, we want to capitalize on the economies of scale offered by our Valley, to bring some of those sources of information and special educational activities to you as a group.

Those of you who routinely pursue increased Masonic knowledge know that our Masonic experience becomes increasingly valuable and even more relevant to us as our

understanding grows. You and I can capitalize on the Scottish Rite's offer to be the “University of Masonry”. While we all enjoy the expanded fellowship that our Scottish Rite membership affords, and while we appreciate the value of our many contributions to our Communities through our outreach and philanthropic programs, most of us will surely agree that our individual development as Masons, and the impact within our society that is a byproduct of that development, are the core reasons for our continuing participation in the Scottish Rite.

In the coming months, your Education Committee will take advantage of the space afforded us by our excellent new Bulletin format, to bring you information on what you may do to take advantage of the wealth of good material that is both now and soon-to-be available, and to tell you about upcoming educational programs – both within and without the Lodge room. From time to time, we will also provide short, but informative, articles about the Scottish Rite's history and philosophy, book reviews of interest to us as Scottish Rite Masons, and other subjects selected to increase your understanding and appreciation of our Rite.

We look forward to traveling with you as you replace “edumacation” with Masonic Light.

SR Spring Workshop to be held in Richmond March 27th

The Scottish Rite Conference's Spring Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple, located at 4204 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, Virginia 23227. As usual, the day will begin with coffee and donoughts at 8:30 A.M. The Workshop will begin at 9:30 A.M. and a lunch will be served after the meeting. The Workshop agenda has not been published, but there is always an excellent speaker on a topic of significant interest to the Craft in addition to the usual presentations on the state of the Scottish Rite in Virginia and programs that have been planned for the year.

At our March meeting we will be taking a count of those who plan to attend. For those who cannot make the March meeting and plan to attend the workshop, please contact me or Ill. Dave Morris to be added to the list. The Valley of Alexandria has always had a big turnout at the Workshop, so please plan on attending. Check with other members to arrange carpools. I hope to see many of you there.

Wm. Larry Alexander, 33°
Valley Vice President

Personal Representative's Message

Brethren:

I think most of us have had enough of winter and are waiting for spring to arrive – and that means our Spring Reunion. I hope each of you is talking to one of your Masonic friends who is not yet a Scottish Rite Mason and getting him a petition. You don't have a petition handy? It is as close as our website. Just go to <http://alexandriascottishrite.org> and click on the "How to Join" tab.

I hope you will get in the habit of using our website, and have your prospective candidates check it out as well – it is full of information about the Rite. You also want to go to the website and become part of our group email. While not a discussion forum, this will allow members to be quickly notified about matters of importance. Of course,

there also is a suggestion tab on the website, and we want to hear your ideas and get your feedback on what we are or are not doing.

Indeed, there is a big effort to have more open communications and a better two-way dialogue with all of you. Beginning at the top, the Grand Commander is inviting 2010 Scottish Rite Fellows from all over the jurisdiction to spend a day with him during the bi-annual National Leadership Conference in April. Brother Keith Butler will be the Fellow participating from the Alexandria Valley.

At the Orient level, our SGIG, Jim Cole, is having additional meetings with all of the Personal Representatives and Assistant Personal Representatives, the Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries, and the Treasurers to trade information and ideas amongst the eight valleys in Virginia.

And, at the Valley level, I just had our first Executive Council meeting - meeting with the heads of the four bodies and many of our committee chairs. We will try to meet every other month to discuss ideas and coordinate our efforts.

I already have received suggestions and ideas from many of you about ways to move forward, and I met on January 30 with our strategic planning committee under the leadership of Ill. Robert Watkins to discuss

its draft plan. We reviewed a wide array of goals and objectives, and over 100 very specific actions we could take.

We shared the draft plan with the Executive Council and the next step is to have all of you look at it, give us feedback, and help us to prioritize our efforts.

Also to improve a two-way dialogue, and give you a larger role in Valley affairs, I'd like to have a discussion topic at each meeting. Let me know what topics you would like to have on the agenda.

Finally, in the context of better communications, I hope all of you have gotten invitations to our gala dinner for Ill. Walter Scott Downs on Saturday, March 6, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Our Grand Master cancelled a prior engagement to be there, and I hope you also will be able to attend. In addition to our Grand Master, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and our SGIG will be there, and you can expect a very enjoyable evening. I also hope you will clear your calendar to attend the Spring Workshop on Saturday morning March 27, at the Richmond Scottish Rite. Car pools will be available.

Ed Cohen

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**Be sure to attend the Special
dinner meeting in honor of
Ill. Walter Scott Downs, 33°, G.C.
on Saturday, March 6, 2010.**



...make a difference in the life of a child who is struggling with speech and hearing difficulties by sending a tax deductible donation for the ...Childhood Language Disorders Program.



Ed Cohen, 33°

*Personal Representative
of the SGIG in
Alexandria*

March 12, 2010

Chapter of Rose Croix to Observe Ceremony of Remembrance and Light

The Chapter of Rose Croix in March will conduct the Ceremony of Remembrance and Light, an annual feature in our Valley.

This ceremony is designed to pay final tribute to our recently departed brethren. Man can achieve a measure of immortality if he and his good deeds continue to live on in the memory of others.

During this ceremony, we will recall the names of the Knights Rose Croix of the Valley of Alexandria whose souls were reunited with their Creator (or whose deaths were reported to us) during 2009. We shall take a moment of solitude for reflection on the significance and meaning of the lives of our late brethren.

Some Masons, for many different reasons, are laid to rest without the benefit of a Masonic funeral service or memorial service. For the benefit of all departed Scottish Rite Masons — especially those for whom no Masonic service was performed — I humbly plead with you, my Brothers, to attend the Ceremony of Remembrance and Light in March to participate in a final tribute to our departed brethren.

2009 Deaths

Melvin Mickey Ander
Herman Lemuel Arvin
Gordon Phillip Ayers
David Alexander Balcom
Richard Burditt Baldwin
James Howard Banton
Ralph Ira Bassford
Dona Cleveland Bedingfield, Jr.
Marion Claxton Blackmon
Charles Henry Brown, Sr.
John Franklin Buchanan
Oscar Linwood Buchanan
Joe Howard Buckles
Charles Henry Carter
William Ray Cressall
Robert Crosser
James Carl Davis
Wilfrid Dean, Jr.
Robert Barley Dix, Sr.
Richard Joseph Donovan
Charles Ernest Douglas
John Donald Dunnett
Kenneth McKeller Elliott, Jr.
Samuel Page Entsminger, Sr.
John Ciro Ferrara
Harlan Baker Forbes, Jr.
Ward Cummings Foulkes
Brian Wells Galusha
Walter John Gaylord, Sr.
Rolando Escover Guzman
Rudolph Wellmon Hardesty
Terry Lynn Hare
Richard Martin Henderson
Dale Albert Hoffman

Milton Henry Hoffmann
Frederick David Jenkins
Elmo Ristau Johnson
Richard Arlen Kirkman
Alfred Eric Krieg
John William Langford
Paul Scott Letherow
William Hamilton Long
John Francis Mattos
Hans Maximillian Mende
Charles Edward Munday
Clarence John Myers
Norman Leslie Page
Joseph Kimbrough Pierce
Calvin Warren Price
Howard Lee Rivenbark, Jr.
Owen Glass Robertson
James Douglas Rogers
Leslie Allen Rouse
Walter Lester Rumsey
Robert Steele Shifflett
Albert George Shmokler
Donald Kramer Smith
Edgar Irwin Smoke, Jr.
Brower Cox Spransy
Lambert Evans Stewart
Julius Burson Taylor
Jeffrey Charles Trimble
Robert Nelson Vandiver
Paul George Varoutsos
Floyd Delong Vetter
Eugene Arnold Von-Gonten
Talbot Millard Walls, Jr.
Selden Bersch White
Robert Preston Wyne

Bro. Sheldon B. Richman, KCCH, is an antitrust lawyer employed by The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. for 38 years in Washington, D.C., and Arlington, VA. He has lectured on antitrust enforcement before conferences sponsored by national, state, and international bar associations.

Shelley was raised in Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, in New York City, in February 1968. He served five terms as Master while residing in Mt. Vernon District of Fairfax County. He affiliated with Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 and served as Master in 1999. As District Deputy Grand Master for District 1A in 2002, he was sandwiched between two Honormen in our Valley: Ill. George W. Allison, III, and Ill. Matthew T. Szramaski. Shelley served on the Editorial Board of the Virginia Masonic Herald and is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Shelley joined the Valley of Alexandria in the Spring 1995 Reunion that was dedicated to memory of Mt. Wor. Werner H. Morlock. He was one of our Valley's Honormen in October 2009. He was appointed an officer in the Chapter of Rose Croix by Bro. Kenneth L. Foran, KCCH (DC). He serves as Content Manager of our Valley's website.



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Richman, KCCH**

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III. Walter Scott Downs, 33°, G.C.

by

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

A man is as tall as the sum of his deeds. Illustrious Walter Scott Downs' height is immeasurable.

Since accepting the position of Secretary of the Valley of Alexandria 27 years ago, Illustrious Walter S. Downs has gotten up each morning, put on a coat and tie and headed for his labor of love. His normal ritual would include a stop at the Post Office to pick up the mail. Upon arriving at the Temple he would drive around the building, checking the outside area and parking lot lights, noting anything that needed his attention. He initially would go throughout the building and unlock the many interior doors so the custodian could gain access to do his work, all the time looking and checking to ensure things were okay or making a note of what might need attention. There was never any such thing as a typical day. Not a morning would go by that something different or unusual would not come to his attention. Every day had its different challenges. Take the time when he discovered the ladies bathroom flooded and water going everywhere or the sewer line backed up in the

furnace room, emitting its unique odor; and the discolored ceiling tile in the Lodge room clearly indicating a roof water leak—only to mention a few. You can only imagine the number of stories that can be told.

Walter had no previous knowledge of using a computer, but persisted in the late 1980s to set up a computer membership data base to replace the prevailing manual system. This also served as a prototype for other Valleys in Virginia. The Alexandria system became operational in January of 1990. While Walter claims no computer expertise, he has adjusted to several modification upgrades and technical advancements, and has been very effective with the computer to meet daily operating needs of the Valley.

He is very generous with his time in helping to find a correct solution for many Masonic problems that arise.

Illustrious Walter was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 24, 1928. He attended public schools in Alexandria, Virginia, graduating from George Washington high school in 1945. He served eighteen months in the United States Army and graduated from American University, Washington, D.C. in 1950. Walter was employed by the United States Air Force as a Management Analyst and retired in 1983. Upon his retirement he was presented with the "Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service," the highest decoration that could be awarded to a civilian employee.

Brother Walter Scott Downs was made a Master Mason on May 21, 1957 in Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349. He served that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1964, and as District Deputy Grand Master for



Ill. Downs served as Master of Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 in 1964.

Masonic District 1 in 1965. Brother Downs serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees which managed the sale of the lodge's building in 1987 and now administers the lodge's funds of more than \$600,000. Right Worshipful Brother Downs originated the plan in 1992 for the Lodge to purchase Life memberships for all members on record at that time.

Brother Downs became a member of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies in the Spring Reunion of on April 26, and May 6, 1958. He has served as Secretary since January 1983 and became the Valley's Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia in 1984. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1973, coronated a 33°, Inspector General Honorary in 1979, and invested with the *Grand Cross of the Court of Honour* in October 1991—the 2nd and only living Grand Cross recipient in Virginia at that time. The brethren of Alexandria Valley and around the state were and are very proud and happy about this well deserved recognition of Illustrious Brother Downs.

In 1986, the Grand Commander decided that future Biennial Sessions



Ill. Downs is shown speaking to the brethren of Manasseh Lodge No. 182 in 2007 during the terms of Wor. James Meador as Master of his Lodge and of Ill. Dave Morris as DDGM for Masonic District No. 4.

would include a large-scale Thirty-third degree conferral. He initially chose a group from Kansas to do this, but because of the death of its director in early 1987, the Grand Commander asked Walter Downs to put together a cast and confer the degree that October. Within that short time period, Walter formed the cast, modified the ritual to meet time constraints specified by the Grand Commander, directed the cast and stage personnel through a series of rehearsals, and finally presented the degree before an overflowing audience at the District of Columbia Scottish Rite Temple.



and has been its director since 1975, performing the lead part as Venerable Master. The degree — not unexpectedly — has been one of the superlative degrees of every Reunion.

In 1973, he developed and continues to carry out a program each year called the “Blue Lodge Visitation Night” in which the Scottish Rite hosts representatives from as many as 51 Blue Lodges and assists one of the lodges to confer the Master Mason’s degree following a dinner furnished by the Valley. This activity helps shape the relations between the subordinate Lodges and the Scottish Rite and continues to be very successful. Having 250

As word spread about the impressiveness of the Supreme Council’s Thirty-third Degree, more interest developed in the Orients so that the 1989 conferral — again under Brother Downs’ direction — was held in the larger-capacity Lisner Auditorium of George Washington University. While the excellence of the staging and direction were evident, Walter’s dramatic portrayal of the Sovereign Grand Commander gave everyone present a sense of inspiration and appreciation. The active candidate, U.S. Senator Jesse A. Helms, openly remarked at the end of the degree, “I am really impressed!” (A similar reaction to Walter’s performance was expressed by Senator Alan K. Simpson at the 33rd Degree Conferral in 1985 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.) Since 2007 at the Biennial Joint Session of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, Walter’s overwhelming excellence in the conferral of the degree has continually been acknowledged and referred to by members of both Jurisdictions.

Downs has combined his administrative skills, an extensive experience in Masonry, and an in-depth knowledge of Scottish Rite law and procedures to not only serve the Valley exceptionally well, but also to assist the Supreme Council’s Grand Secretary General’s office on numerous occasions.

During Illustrious Bo Bowman’s four years as Assistant Grand Secretary General, he regularly consulted Walter Downs before responding to a variety of questions received from Valleys. He also sought Walter’s “Valley” perspective and/or assessment of policies and procedural changes under consideration by the Supreme Council. He was a “sounding board” for many of Bo’s innovative ideas, and was especially helpful to him in refining procedures of the computer billing system and planning future adaptations to the program.

Illustrious Brother Downs first participated in Alexandria Valley’s Reunions in the 21st Degree when he sat on a stump and had 2 lines to say. He joined the 14th Degree cast in 1969

Masons attend a small lodge’s degree does much for the lodge, the candidate, and the Scottish Rite.

Brother Walter has been a regular and faithful supporter of the Scottish Rite Clubs. The Shenandoah Valley Scottish Rite Club was formed in 1979 and the Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club in 1990. Twice a month Walter would form a carpool from the Temple or pick Brethren up at the Vienna Metro Station or stops along the way to the meetings. Walter has rarely missed a meeting of these clubs in the last 28 years. The clubs serve to extend the fraternal fellowship beyond the



Ill. Downs is shown addressing the 1990 SR Conference in Dallas.

As an ardent Secretary, Brother



Ill. Downs was invested with the Grand Cross of the Court of Honour in October 1991.

“beltway” and provide a venue for members, friends and family to get together and embrace fraternal camaraderie.

Assisting the Valley’s Trustees, Walter must be credited with taking a small amount of investment money in the Scottish Rite and having it invested so that the fund is now of great value. His requirement that things must be done right and every penny accounted for is one of his trademarks.

Illustrious Walter has been the Installing Officer for Alexandria’s annual public installation of officers since 1980, and has delivered the “In Memoriam” portion of the Maundy Thursday program as well as the successor program “Celebration of Remembrance and Light” in memory of our deceased members.

In Blue Lodge circles, Illustrious Walter is well known throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is affectionately and respectfully generally referred to as “Walter Scott Downs.” He has served in several Grand Lodge capacities for nearly 48 years. These are summarized below:

- 1962 - 1970 Committee on Work
- 1971 - Grand Chaplain
- 1971 - 1972 Committee on General Purposes
- 1971 - 1973 Editor of publication

“District Deputy Guidelines” on behalf of Grand Masters

- 1972 - 1985 Jurisprudence Committee
- 1992 – Present Chair, Jurisprudence Committee

He is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on Masonic law in Virginia. As Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, he gives clear and simple explanations to the Grand Lodge delegates of oftentimes complex proposed changes to laws so they could vote on them with understanding and confidence based on his recommendations.

In 1997, Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins recognized Illustrious Walter and presented him with The George Washington Distinguished Service Award citing many accomplishments for this special recognition and as he said at that time – “suffice it to say, Walter IS ‘Investing In Mankind’.”

In addition to a full Masonic schedule, Walter also serves his local community’s civic association. His dear wife and soul mate of 49 years, Elizabeth, passed away in 1999. Walter has a daughter, Deborah, who resides in the Northern Virginia area.

As Illustrious James D. Cole, SGIG in Virginia, said in his December 15, 2009 letter announcing the selection of a new Secretary: “Words will never adequately express the appreciation owed to our retiring Secretary, Illustrious Walter S. Downs, 33° G.C. for his longstanding service to Freemasonry in general and Scottish Rite in particular. Wherever my travels take me in Freemasonry, especially with Scottish Rite, people inquire about and extend compliments toward Ill. Brother Walter. His dedicated service will forever stand as a tribute to the potential of all Masons to live up to their obligations and indeed, as an example of just how far beyond our obligations the impact and good results of one man’s service can extend.”

Acknowledgements: A special thanks to Illustrious and Admiral William G. Sizemore, 33°, G.C., Grand Executive Director of the Supreme Council, Most Worshipful Alan W. Adkins, 33°, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Illustrious Robert L. Augustad, 33°, Illustrious Ralph E. Simmons, 33° and Illustrious Raymond D. Steele, 33°, for their contributions for the preparation of this article.

At the 1997 Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins presented Ill. Walter with The George Washington Distinguished Service Award.



Plan to Attend the Monthly Club Meetings

Charlie Seaford, President of the Blue Ridge SR Club invites all Valley members and ladies to attend the Club's monthly dinner meetings. Held on the third Monday of the month at the lodge in The Plains, the evening begins with fellowship and enjoyable meal followed by a short program.

Shenandoah Valley Club President Bob Hume extend a cordial invitation to attend his Club's meetings on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month. The Shenandoah Club meets at the lodge in Front Royal.

Both clubs follow the same format: dinner at 6:30, a short informal meeting, and the program, ending at about 7:45.

Those attending from the Alexandria area either fight the commuter traffic on their own or join car pools from our Temple which form at 4:30 for the Monday meetings or 4 for the Wednesday meetings. Please call the Secretary's office by the Friday before each meeting to make reservations.

David C. Morris, 33° Appointed Secretary of all four Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies

Our new Secretary, David Carroll Morris, 33°, was born in Washington D.C. in 1942 and has lived in this area most of his life. Joining the D.C. Fire Department in 1963, Dave became a Chief's Aide, and was promoted to Sergeant, then to Lieutenant in 1975. During his career he attended W.T.I. (now part of The University of D.C.) and The American University before retiring in 1984. While serving in the fire department, Dave also started a printing business, which is still in operation.

Dave has been married for over 45 years to the former Linda Hardy, and they reside in Fairfax Station, Virginia. They have a daughter, Donna and a granddaughter, Meredith, who live in Chantilly, Virginia. They have attended Olivet Episcopal Church, in Alexandria, for 35 years.

Dave was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master

Mason in 1997, in Acacia Lodge No. 16, Clifton, Virginia and served as Worshipful Master in 2002, DDGM of District 4 in 2007, then was appointed as Grand Marshal of The Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2008. He still serves his lodge as its Secretary. He is a Past High Priest in the Royal Arch; Past Commander, and currently serving as DDGC of District 3 in the Knights Templar of Virginia. He is also a member of The York Rite College, Knight Masons, H.R.A.K.T.P. and Kena Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brother Dave joined the Alexandria Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1997. He has served as Tiler since 2000 and he is in the cast of the 18th Degree. In 2001 he was selected to received the KCCH and in 2009 was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary.



*David Morris, 33°
Secretary
of all Four Bodies*

This picture was taken on Jan 27, 2010 at the Shenandoah Scottish Rite Club meeting at Unity Lodge, Front Royal, VA. There were about 42 folks there to help celebrate Walter's birthday.

Left to Right: Robert P. Hume, President, David H. Smith, Sr., 33°, Walter S. Downs, 33°, G.C., Michael A. Judson, 1st Vice President (beard), Raymond D. Steele, 33°, and Ralph E. Simmons, 33°, Secretary.

The Shenandoah Scottish Rite Club meets for dinner and fellowship at 6:30 PM on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Call the Alexandria Scottish Rite office for details.



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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

ILLUSTRIOUS EDMUND COHEN, 33°
is Personal Representative
of the S.G.I.G. in Alexandria

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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www.alexandriascottishrite.org.

Officers for All Four Bodies

The following have been elected or appointed to serve all four Bodies of the Alexandria Scottish Rite for 2010:

- Secretary* David C. Morris, 33°
- Almoner Norman A. Mayo, 33°
- Treasurer Roy M. Heaster, 33°
- Prelate Richard E. Saunders
- Organist F. Reed Brown, 33°
- Tiler David B. Browning

*Recorder, Registrar

Among the more than forty brethren who were installed as officers of the Four Bodies of the Alexandria Valley of the Scottish Rite were the heads of the Bodies listed on the tableau on the left. They are shown here taking the oath of office from the Installing Officer, Illustrious Walter Scott Downs, 33°, G.C.

Photo by
William Baumbach



Dates to Remember

MARCH 2010

Saturday, 6th – 6:30 P.M.
Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
(reservations required)
Reception and Dinner Honoring
Ill. Walter Scott Downs, 33°, G.C.

Friday, 12th – 6:30 P.M.
Pre-Meeting Dinner
(reservations required by Monday, March 8)

All Four Bodies - 7:30 P.M.
Celebration of Remembrance & Light
by the Chapter of Rose Croix

27th – Saturday – 8:30 A.M.
Spring Workshop – Richmond

APRIL 2010

Friday, 12th – 7:30 P.M.
Lodge of Perfection – 7:30 P.M.

17th & 24th – Spring Reunion