



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

**CLUB MEETINGS
ENJOYED BY ALL**

With the restart of the meetings of the two clubs in January, attendees at both enjoyed the renewed fellowship as well as the excellent meals. Those of us from the Alexandria area were especially pleased that weather conditions did not affect our travel to each location.

The February and March dinner/meetings with dinner at 6:30 are shown below along with locations and times to leave our Scottish Rite Temple.

Blue Ridge

Monday, Feb 16 at The Plains.
Leave the S.R. Temple at 4:30.
Monday, Mar 16 at Culpeper.
Leave the S.R. Temple at 4 PM.

Shenandoah Valley

Wednesday, Feb 25 at Woodstock.
Leave the S.R. Temple at 4 PM.
Wednesday, Mar 25 at Front Royal.
Leave the S.R. Temple at 4 PM.

We encourage brethren and their ladies in the Alexandria area to join in on these occasions. Let the Secretary know by the Friday before each meeting that you would like to attend so an adequate number of meals can be prepared.

**SCOTTISH RITE
“FAMILY NIGHT OUT”**

“It Runs In The Family” is the comedy play to be presented at the LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA on Tuesday, June 23. We have “bought out” the theatre of 213 seats on that night for our members, families, and friends. Now what we have to do is sell 213 tickets to fill up the seats!



Ticket cost is \$15 per person – the same price we charged in 2000, 2003, and 2006 despite increased theatre charges. Tickets have been distributed to Heads of the four Bodies and their officers; they are also available at the Secretary’s office.

The theatre is located in downtown Alexandria at 600 Wolfe Street. Parking in that area can be difficult. However, attendees can park at the Scottish Rite parking lot and ride free on chartered buses to and from the theatre.

This is a guaranteed fun and enjoyable event every three years. Plan to be a part of it this year.

2009 DUES STATUS

Most of our members paid these dues during the last three months of 2008. An additional number paid them in January. There are still others who will be paying them in February and March. Please remember that your 2009 membership card was – if you were current in 2008 – included with the dues notice you received in October.

If you pay your dues after February 6 (the cutoff date for preparing follow-up dues notices), you will also receive a follow-up dues notice, but disregard it.

If you owe dues for more than the 2009 year, please endeavor to “catch up” in the next few months.

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.

The Secretary of the four coordinate Bodies is Walter S. Downs, 33°, G.C. Address: P.O. Box 175, Alexandria, VA 22313 Office Phone: (703) 998-9044.

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



January was filled with those events necessary to organize the Valley for our year ahead. Elections were held at our first meeting of the year and all of the officers of the four Scottish Rite Bodies were installed in an impressive ceremony a week later. Now, we focus on the activities of the Valley for 2009 which promise to be historic in their impact on our Rite.

In addition to the events that have been noted in the Scottish Rite Bulletin, 2009 will be of special importance as the year of the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council which will take place in Washington D.C. in October. Our own Alexandria Valley Degree Team has again been selected to confer the 33rd degree. And, coincidentally, the Alexandria Valley will provide the members of the team who confer the KCCH investiture to the 2009 Class of Honor Men in Richmond.

2009 as the Year of Albert Pike

In addition, 2009 offers some additional special occasions to commemorate. For example, I think of 2009 as the Year of Albert Pike. It is the 200th anniversary of his birth. It is also the 150th anniversary of his election as Sovereign Grand Commander. In coordination with the Orient of the District of Columbia we hope to conduct an informal program observing these occasions - all of which are scheduled to take place on "First

Saturday” mornings at the House of the Temple. These include:

√ February 7 - Wreath Laying observing Pike’s election as Grand Commander.

√ May 2 - Robert Burns Library Re-dedication

√ August 1 - Louis D. Carman Lincoln Collection

√ December 5 – Wreath Laying observing Pike’s 200th birthday (in conjunction with our Valley’s annual group visit to the House of the Temple.)

Please note that the House of the Temple is generally open the first Saturday of each month for tours and visits. We in the Alexandria Valley are very fortunate to be located only a few minutes drive from the House of the Temple and can easily visit this impressive facility.

I hope that all of the gatherings and ceremonies of 2009 will be ablaze with all the symbolic colors of the Scottish rite caps and regalia - along with the gold and purple of our leadership. And most of all I hope that these activities will be full of meaning and interest for all of you – the brethren and families of the Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies.

Fraternally,

ROBERT G. WATKINS, JR., 33^o

FEB 13 PROGRAM

Presentation on Life

&

Works of Albert Pike.

FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Friday, February 13 – 7:30 PM

Lodge of Perfection

Friday, March 13

6:30 PM – Pre-Meeting Dinner

(Reservations Required)

7:30 PM – All Four Bodies

Celebration of Remembrance & Light

Special Events

Saturday, March 7 – 6:30 PM

S.R. Friends Dinner

(Dining Room)

Saturday, March 28 – 9:30 AM

Spring Workshop – Richmond

I hope the “full house” attendance at our January meeting was a harbinger of what lies ahead. Of course, there were elections in three of the Bodies, so each brother involved in an office SHOULD have been present. And so, why not think in terms of SHOULD ALWAYS be present at his, and other Bodies, meetings?

Also at the January meeting, a standing and prolonged ovation in appreciation of my services to the Valley and the brethren over the years was unexpected, but greatly appreciated. It gave me a sense of the close and harmonious connection I have had with so many of our members in advancing the great purposes of the Scottish Rite and the activities within the Alexandria Valley. The great journey continues on!

WALTER S. DOWNS, 33^o GC

Personal Representative

of the SGIG in Virginia and

Secretary of all Four Bodies

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHT

AT MARCH 13 MEETING OF CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

The March meeting of the **Chapter of Rose Croix** will feature the annual observance of the *Ceremony of Remembrance and Light*. The Masonic significance of this ceremony is to pay final tribute to our recently departed brethren. It is said that one lives on in the memory of others. As we recall the names of the **64 Knights Rose Croix** of our Valley who died (or whose deaths were reported to us) during 2008, we will be able to reflect on what the lives

of these men meant — and still mean — to us.

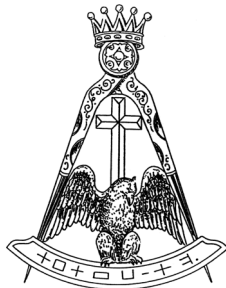
Masons have a tradition of responding to the call of the Master of the lodge to participate in a Masonic memorial service. Won't you respond to my call to be present at the upcoming memorial service for our Scottish Rite brethren?

JAMES D. HAWKINS, KCCH
Wise Master

Monroe Mace Anstine
 Arthur Wayne Appleby
 Ray Lester Ashe
 Francis Kenneth Bascue
 Gary Jay Bean
 William Roy Bearden
 Jesse Garry Berry, Jr.
 Jimmie Lee Bishop
 Robert C. Black
 Noble Nathaniel Bowie, Sr.
 William James Boyd
 James William Bradbury
 William Ernest Brown, Jr.
 Christopher Jones Burriss, Jr.
 Carl Joseph Catlett
 Frederick Henry Chandler
 Henry Frederick Connor
 Ronald Charles Devol
 Van Elga Eitel
 William Herbert Evans, Jr.
 Leon Robert Fleisher
 Milton Jerome Friedman
 Alvin Warren Frinks
 James Thomas Givens
 Royce Lee Givens, Jr.
 Thomas Leon Grove
 Merlin Courtney Gup-ton

Deaths for 2008

EIGHTEENTH DEGREE OF FREEMASONRY Knight Rose Croix



Thomas Elbert Hatcher, Jr.
 Edward Lee Hensel, Jr.
 David Adam Hubbard
 John Morrison Kerr, Jr.
 Kenneth Eugene Kerrick
 Carl Reuben Lambert
 Matthew Jackson Largen
 Earl Maurice Loveless
 Elton Mace Manning

Robert Weston Marsh
 Joseph Matthew Mc Dowell
 William Orlando Moncure
 John Anderson Newman
 George Robert Orndorff
 John Willis Parsons, Jr.
 Thurman Stuart Perry
 Kenneth Oreon Rafferty
 Ralph Stevenson Richard
 Victor McKee Rudy
 Charles Wesley Schaffer
 Leonard Wilhelm Seip
 Paul Harris Shelton
 Donald Austin Smith
 Finis Lemney Smith
 Norman Richardson Sparks, Jr.
 Wilbur Clifford Stivers
 Donald Robert Strawser
 Virgil Hahn Swadley
 Joseph Fisher Thompson
 Nathan Andrew Thompson
 James Lewis Trotter
 Allen Coolidge Troutman
 William Hawley Van Wyck
 Buford Talmadge Walters
 Benjamin Edward West, Jr.
 Roger Spillman Woodward

PRE-MEETING DINNERS

There will not be a pre-meeting dinner in February. Instead, refreshments will be served after the meeting. Always good food and good fellowship in the dining room.

The every-other-month pre-meeting dinner will take place on Friday, March 13 at 6:30. Since all four Bodies will meet that night, it would be a good opportunity for many to be present for dinner.

The cost is \$6 per person, with the Valley adding to it to pay the ladies who prepare and serve the meals. And the meals have been **excellent!**

Reservations are a **MUST**. Please make them with the Secretary by the end of the day on Monday, March 9. Payment can be made beforehand or at the door on Friday. **One caution:** if you make a reservation, don't pay in advance, and don't show up for dinner, you will still be expected to pay. Why? Reservations tell us how many to prepare for and to pay for. If the reservation is not used, we still pay for it.

BUILDING FUND

Thanks for all your contributions to this Fund during the past four months. They will help build up the Fund which has been used extensively for building needs in the last couple of years.

In recognition of those who contribute \$100 or more, we add their names to nameplates on plaques in the main lobby. Since our January Bulletin, the following contributors are being added:

GRANVILLE C. CANARD, JR.
MALCOLM S. CRANDELL
PAUL R. EVANCOE
BRIAN W. GALUSHA
KENNETH M. SOTER
KENT S. WEBBER

MEMBERSHIP

As Chairman of the Membership Committee, I wish to thank all of you for your continued support and contributions toward increasing the membership of the Alexandria Valley. Once again, we are in the forefront of leading the state in acquiring new members. This should be a goal that we continue to set for ourselves as we look forward to our Spring Reunion in April. With renewed interest and personal commitment this objective can be accomplished.

I must again remind you that the Membership Committee consists of all the members of this Valley. As a team, we must put forth an effort not only to bring in new petitions, but to encourage our brethren who have not been attending our meetings — for whatever reason — to once again become active. Maybe someone might need a ride or telephone call to remind them of our meetings and how much we would enjoy seeing them. If you know of someone who fits in this category, please contact them and let them know of their importance to us. Let us always welcome and make everyone feel at home when they attend our functions.

Just a reminder, our Spring Reunion will be here before we know it (yes, April) and we look forward to all of the petitions that you will be submitting.

Again, thanks for all your help.

THOMAS A. REESE, KCCH
Chairman

ROBERT G. WATKINS, JR., 33^o
LODGE OF PERFECTION
Venerable Master

Bob attended secondary school in Phoenix, AZ and did university work at The Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies in Monterey, CA where he earned a BA in Russian Language and International Relations. He also holds an MBA from American University and has done post graduate work at Old Dominion University.

After graduation from the Monterey Institute he accepted employment with a Federal Government Agency in Washington, D.C. and moved to Falls Church, Virginia. Later while in Russia, he was assigned as a member of a U.S. Government Cooperative Threat Reduction Contract as Manager of the Vladivostok Logistics Base. On returning to the U.S.A. in 1999 he took up residence in Alexandria, Virginia where he completed a one-year special DOD program to train retired U.S. military personnel to become public school teachers. A licensed high school teacher, he is employed with Fairfax County Public Schools.

In 1991 Robert became interested in the philosophy and rituals of Freemasonry. He petitioned Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, and was initiated, passed, and raised during 1993. In 2000 he was elected Junior Deacon and progressed through the officer line serving as the lodge's 148th Worshipful Master in 2007. Brother Watkins has been a Scottish Rite Mason since 1995. He received the 33^o in Charleston, South Carolina in 2001.

JAMES D. HAWKINS, KCCH
CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
Wise Master

Jim was born in Ohio in 1940. He received a pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University in 1962. That same year, he joined the Washington, DC staff of the American Pharmacists Association and married the former Linda Lynn, an OSU classmate. He earned an MBA degree from Florida Atlantic University in 1979.

After a 30 year career in association management, Jim and his wife owned and operated a small format printing and copying firm in Fairfax for 12 years until 2001. Thereafter he reactivated his pharmacy license and currently is Senior Pharmacist at the Fairfax County Health Department.

A Past Master of Henry Lodge No. 57 in Fairfax, Jim is a York Rite Mason, currently serving as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of DC. He served as Master of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 in 2006.

A Life Member of the Scottish Rite, he was a member of the May 1991 one day class. He has been a member of the 20th and the 32nd Degree casts and has helped with prompting at the Reunions. He has served as Coordinator of the Bulletin for several years. He was invested with the KCCH in 2007.

Jim and his wife have a son, daughter and seven grandchildren. They reside in Fairfax.

*Officers of all four B
at an open event
Biographical sketches
are shown on*

WILLIAM L. ALEXANDER, KCCH
COUNCIL OF KADOSH
Commander

Larry was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1947 where he lived through the 9th grade after which he moved to Homestead, Florida. His first association with Masonry was joining Royal Vista Chapter Order of DeMolay in Homestead where he served as Master Councilor. He graduated from South Dade SHS in 1964.

After one year in college, he accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Upon graduation and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in June

*Bodies were installed
on January 17.
of the new Masters
these pages*

1969, Larry attended pilot training at Moody AFB, Georgia, and began a nearly 24-year career in the USAF with assignments in the

Republic of Viet Nam, Japan, Hawaii, Texas and Virginia (twice) – with stops along the way for school in Washington, New Mexico, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. He has been employed by SAIC for 15 years.

Brother Alexander was raised in Occoquan Lodge #310, Woodbridge, in February 1995, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1999 and 2005. He is now slated to become DDGM of District 1B in 2010. Larry was in Alexandria's Fall Class of 1996. He has served in several degrees and on committees. He is now an Assistant Director of Work. He received the KCCH honor in 2003. Larry also holds membership in Kena Shrine, Quantico Chapter #44, National Sojourners (Past President), and Samuel Nichols Camp, Heroes of '76.

He and his wife, Junelea, live in Montclair, Virginia. They have two sons and one daughter.

JOHN W. PEARSON, KCCH
CONSISTORY
Master of Kadosh

John was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1960. His education was received in schools at various locations because his military family was frequently reassigned. John himself became a member of the U. S. Air Force at age 18 and made a career of it until retiring in 1998.

His Masonry began in August of 1998 at Springfield Lodge No. 217 where he served as Master in 2004. He was also Master of Fort Hunt-Skidmore Daylight Lodge 353 in 2007. Brother Pearson was in Alexandria's Fall Class of 1998. Today he is the Degree Master for the 28th Degree, and is a member of the 15th, 18th, 29th, and 32nd degrees. He is the Valley's Blue Lodge Ambassador to Springfield Lodge #217. His investiture as a Knight Commander Court of Honor occurred in 2005.

Brother Pearson is also active in the York Rite where he is a Past High Priest of two Royal Arch Chapters and a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District #1. He is now the Commander of Arlington Commandery #29. He is also a Past Sovereign Master of Lord Fairfax Council #90 AMD, and is a Kena Shriner.

He now works for the Defense Intelligence Agency as a Counterterrorism Senior Intelligence Analyst. John and his wife Alicia reside in Lorton, Virginia.

SPRING WORKSHOP IN MARCH

The Scottish Rite Conference's Spring Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at the Richmond Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Rd. As usual, the day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30, and the Workshop will start at 9:30. A lunch will be served after the meeting.

The Workshop agenda has not yet been published. However, 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 and programs planned for the year. At our March meeting we will take a count of those who plan to attend. If you cannot make the March meeting and plan to attend the workshop, please contact me or our Secretary.

We have 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, KCCH
Vice President

SPRING REUNION 2009

April 18 and 25

In Memory of

H. H. "Jerry" Thompson, 33^o

Godfrey P. Runaldue, 33^o

COHEN APPOINTED ASST PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

In light of Illustrious Brother Downs' plan (announced in the January Bulletin) to retire at the end of the year, SGIG Cole has appointed Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, 33^o to serve as the Assistant Personal Representative in the Valley of Alexandria for an indefinite period. He will later assume the position of Personal Representative. This was announced in SGIG Cole's letter read by the Venerable Master at our January 9 meeting.

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