



JANUARY 2009

Open to All

**Installation of Officers
of All Four Bodies
Saturday, January 17, 2009
Auditorium, Scottish Rite Temple**

- All members, families and friends invited
- Total program of one hour
- Music by tenor soloist Gerald J. Connelly, III, 33°
- Finger tip buffet following program

Date: 01/17/09

Time: 7:30 pm

PRE-MEETING DINNER THIS MONTH

Only \$6

6:30 PM, January 9

Make reservations by Monday the 5th

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

Mar 7 — S.R. Friends' Dinner – 6:30

Apr 18 & 25 — Spring Reunion

Mar 13 — Rose Croix Remembrance
& Light Ceremony

S.R. Temple

Mar 28 — Spring Workshop – Richmond
S.R. Temple—9:30 AM

Jun 23 — Little Theatre of
Alexandria—8 PM

THE BULLETIN

of the

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

Valley of Alexandria, Orient of Virginia

James D. Hawkins, KCCH, Bulletin Coordinator

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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

ALLEGIANCE

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

of which

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

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

STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection
Second Friday of each month
THOMAS A. REESE, KCCH
Venerable Master

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

Alexandria Council of Kadosh
Second Friday,
January, March, May, November
NOE R. POBLETE, KCCH
Commander

Alexandria Consistory
Second Friday,
March, June, September, December
GEORGE D. SEGHERS, 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



Brethren,

The time has arrived to bid each of you farewell as your Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. This has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding years of my Fraternal Life. I would not be so ungrateful as not to again express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Alexandria Valley for the opportunity of serving as Venerable Master.

First, I would like to thank our Heavenly Father for giving me the health and strength to perform my duties and for guiding me throughout the year.

This has been a good year made possible by our many fine members working together to make it that way. For this, I thank all that have been actively involved.

The leadership of the Lodge of Perfection is passing into competent hands, and I wish for them success in all their hopes and plans.

Thank you my brethren, and may the good Lord bless and keep each of you safe in the palm of His hand.

Fraternally,

THOMAS A. REESE, KCCH

FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Friday, January 9 — 6:30 PM

Pre-Meeting Dinner

(Reservations Required)

Council, Chapter and Lodge of Perfection Meetings (Elections) — 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 17 — 7:30 PM

Open Installation of Officers (All four Bodies)

Auditorium

The year 2008 came to an end on December 31, but the Scottish Rite year extends just a bit beyond that. Officially our new year will begin when the officers of all four Bodies are installed on January 17. So, at the start of 2009 we look back on the previous year and anticipate the future in our Valley in 2008.

First, I want to commend the outgoing Presiding Officers on their skill and devotion in carrying

out the responsibility of their respective offices. They exemplified that high standard of service so adequately laid down by their predecessors. And, we anticipate equal performances by the 2009 leaders.

January also marks my beginning as Secretary of this Valley – in 1983 – and appointment the following year as the SGIG’s Personal Representative in Alexandria.

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been! I plan to end this great journey in my life at the end of 2009.

WALTER S. DOWNS, 33° GC

Personal Representative of the SGIG in Virginia and Secretary of all Four Bodies

VIRGINIA SCOTTISH RITE LICENSE PLATES

A move is underway to have the State authorize a license plate bearing the Scottish Rite emblem. What is required is an application by at least 350 individuals, along with a pre-paid fee of \$10, for the plate and an additional \$10 if the plate is to be personalized.

More detail and applications are available in the September 2008 “THE VIRGINIA LIGHT” (<http://www.acacia16.org/thevirginialight/>). Applications are also available at the Secretary’s office.

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS RESUME THIS MONTH

After a two month lapse – because their meeting dates conflicted with the holidays – our two clubs will again hold their monthly dinner/meetings.

The Blue Ridge Club's meeting will take place at the Cochran Lodge in The Plains on Monday, January 19. Dinner begins at 6:30, and the informal meeting which follows will end at about 7:45. Carpools, if desired, will leave the Scottish Rite Temple at 4:30.

The Shenandoah Valley Club will start the new year at Unity Lodge in Front Royal on Wednesday, January 28. The same time for dinner, meeting, and conclusion as at the Blue Ridge Club. Carpools, if any, will leave our Temple at 4 PM.

These clubs do much to broaden friendships among the brethren and their ladies in the two respective areas, as well as between them and the brethren from the Alexandria area. Those of us who frequently attend these meetings attest to the enjoyment these clubs provide. We would like to have more members join us on these occasions. Call the Secretary by the Friday before each meeting that you would like to attend so food preparations can be adequate.

BUILDING FUND

This Fund has been invaluable to the Alexandria Valley as our building has aged. We have experienced many maintenance needs, equipment replacements, and upgrades within and outside the building – more so in recent years. What has enabled us to have this Fund has been individual contributions to it by our members.

Although not tax deductible, each contribution to it has helped the Fund grow and provide a resource for funding increasingly expensive needs. Our Dues Notice includes a space for Building Fund contributions if desired. A

contribution of \$100 or more is recognized by placing the donor's name on a plaque in the main lobby.

Brethren who included a \$100 contribution on their 2009 dues notices to date are:

WILLIAM H. ATKINSON
ROBERT J. CAMPBELL
DAVID A. LANE
DENNIS S. LAVERY
WILLIAM B. MALONE
MAC H. MORRIS
WALTER L. RUMSEY
MURRAY SCHEINE
JAMES R. SCOTT
DAVID H. SMITH, SR.

MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season spent with family and friends. The busy time of preparation and travel is over, once again until next year. A good way to start the New Year is to promote the importance of membership.

We completed two outstanding reunions in 2008. Hopefully, we can accomplish the same for the new year. To achieve this goal, an extra effort is needed by all members. Carry a petition with you and do not hesitate to approach someone that you feel would benefit in becoming a member. I have been informed that the District of Columbia's 2008 spring reunion added twenty new members, ten of whom brought petitions for their fall reunion. As membership chairman, I challenge our Valley's **new** members to make an extra effort to do the same.

We welcome the new members and encourage their participation in our activities and meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings. May I suggest that each member invite an eligible non member to our January 17 open installation of Officers.

THOMAS A. REESE, KCCH

Chairman

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

How much do you know about our Life Membership program? Have you thought about Life Membership? Just think, one financial outlay and then no more dues the rest of your life. Life membership would also help reduce the loss of members by demits or suspensions that often occur later in life.

I purchased a Life Membership, and encourage you to do the same. It will help you as well as the Alexandria Valley.

Purchasing Life Membership is a particularly good investment for brethren between the ages of 30 and 65 – the productive years when finances can better afford such a purchase. How much does it cost? For members under age 75, \$935; for those 75 and above, \$625. Since the fees are based on the amount of current dues, the purchase amount will also increase as dues increase.

Contact the Secretary with questions concerning the program and an application form.



SCOTTISH RITE FRIENDS DINNER

On March 7, our Valley will be hosting a new Supreme Council Program-*the Scottish Rite Friends Dinner*. This program will consist of a prime rib dinner followed by a silent and live auction with a variety of items. The proceeds from this event will be split between the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation and our Virginia RiteCare program. Tickets will be available beginning in January.

We are looking for members who can help in one of the following ways:

1. Make a cash donation of \$25 or more to help underwrite auction items
2. Donate items for the silent/live auction, e.g., free dinner for two at a local restaurant, a piece of jewelry, etc.
3. Be a SRFD sponsor (\$200) which also benefits you with two dinner tickets

All donations are tax deductible! If you would like to make a cash donation, contribute an auction item, become a SRFD sponsor or have any other questions, please contact Matt Szramoski at 202-777-3143 or by E-Mail at mszramoski@scottishrite.org.

A SCOTTISH RITE “FAMILY NIGHT OUT”



Since the year 2000, and every third year thereafter, we have arranged for an entertaining night at the LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA. This year's theatre event will take place on Tuesday, **June 23**.

There are 213 seats in the theatre, and we have been able to sell tickets for the capacity; we want to do it again

this year! The tickets are being made available to officers in all four Bodies, plus a supply in the Secretary's office. We are continuing the price of \$15 although the cost to the Valley has increased since we started in 2000.

To ease the parking situation in downtown Alexandria, attendees will be able to park at the Scottish Rite parking lot and travel via bus (at no cost) to and from the theatre.

The play to be presented is a light comedy titled "It's All In The Family." You'll hear more about this event at our meetings and in the Bulletin. Don't delay getting your tickets!

**Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies
Proposed Budget For 2009**

Read on December 12, 2008; For Action on January 9, 2009

ESTIMATED INCOME	\$133,290
DUES	78,895
FEES	10,000
RENT	25,995
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND INTEREST	11,500
MISCELLANEOUS	6,900
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$54,900
SALARIES	29,000
PAYROLL TAXES	2,300
TELEPHONE	1,000
POSTAGE & MAILING	5,500
PRINTING	11,800
AUDIT	3,300
MISCELLANEOUS	2,000
BUILDING & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$53,800
INSURANCE	12,000
UTILITIES	24,000
SECURITY	2,800
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	15,000
PHILANTHROPIC	\$3,050
YOUTH	200
CHURCH & STATE	250
GEORGE MASON UNIV. (WEBBER FUND)	1,000
EDUCATION & OTHER	100
TEACHER OF THE YEAR	1,500
CONTRIBUTIONS & FEES	\$22,093
SUPREME COUNCIL CAPITATION FEE	18,717
SUPREME COUNCIL CANDIDATE FEE	1,560
SR CONFERENCE OF VIRGINIA	1,513
GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL	303
DINNERS, REFRESHMENTS / INSTALLATION	\$15,075
REGULAR MEETINGS / INSTALLATION	4,000
SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS	3,000
FEAST OF TISHRI	100
BLUE LODGE RELATIONS	1,500
REUNIONS	4,000
LADIES NIGHTS	2,475
GENERAL ITEMS	\$7,086
DEGREE WORK, ROBES, ETC.	300
TRANSPORTATION	2,250
33rd & KCCH INVESTITURE	500
SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE HOST	700
14th DEGREE RINGS	3,336
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$156,004
EXPENSES OVER INCOME	\$22,714

ALEXANDRIA'S ROLE IN THE 2009 HONORS PROGRAM

Every other (odd numbered) year, at the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, deserving brethren are elected to receive the decoration of "Knight Commander of the Court of Honour" or to receive the highest honor of "Inspector General Honorary" [the 33rd degree].

This year the Alexandria Valley has been asked to again confer the 33rd degree in Washington on brethren from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, as well as selectees from many other states. Illustrious Brother Downs will head this degree team.

Under the rotation system in Virginia, it is Alexandria's "turn" to perform the KCCH Investiture in Richmond for Virginia's selectees for this honor. Brother Larry Alexander, KCCH will direct this effort.

Casts for each group will be formed by each director and rehearsal schedules developed later this month or in February.

SPRING REUNION 2009

April 18 and 25

In Memory of

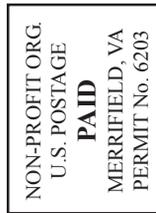
H. H. "Jerry" Thompson, 33^o

Godfrey P. Runaldue, 33^o

ELECTRONIC SCOTTISH RITE PUBLICATION

"THE VIRGINIA LIGHT," a publication of the Scottish Rite in Virginia, contains articles about activities of the eight Valleys in Virginia, research reports, historical matters, and items of philosophical significance.

It can be viewed at <http://www.acacia16.org/thevirginialight/>.



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