



VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Lin Spears, KCCH

Our Richmond Valley is working its way through some trying times. Our leadership is operating with a lot of unanswered questions. The status of the building sale is ongoing. In our previous newsletter, Ill. Sam Dunn, 33°, Personal Representative, gave the information regarding the contract for sale of the building. Keep your fingers crossed and hope everything goes well. As Ill. Sam said, "a contract is not a sale, but it is a necessary step in that direction".

Our Reunion and Education Night went very well due to the hard work and flexibility of individuals planning these events, Charles Robinson, 33°, Bill Heltzel, KCCH, and Robert Siegel, KCCH.

Our August meeting, on August 23, will include Family Night. Please attend and support your officers. We will be having a free meal for Family Night. As always, **RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED**. Call the office to make your reservation so that we can have sufficient seating and food for everyone.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tom Varner, KCCH

In the current issue of the Scottish Rite Journal, an author expounds on one of the lessons in our Intimate Secretary (Sixth) Degree and points out that we should be hesitant and slow to criticize members who are not as active as we think they should be.

As I thought about this, I realized that there are other lessons we can learn from the Degree as well. It contains a supposed conversation between King Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre, based on a real event as related in 1 Kings 9: *"At the end of twenty years, during which Solomon built these two buildings — the Temple of the Lord and the royal palace — King Solomon gave twenty towns in Galilee to Hiram King of Tyre, because Hiram had supplied him with all the cedar and juniper and gold he wanted. But, when Hiram went from Tyre to see the towns that Solomon had given him, he was not pleased with them. "What kind of towns are these you have given me, my brother?" he asked. And he called them the Land of Kabul, a name they have to this day."*

In the Degree, as a result, King Hiram hastily enters the Temple with great anger and accosts King Solomon. To compound his error, he then grabs Chief Guard Joabert and drags him before King Solomon as a spy. It turns out that Solomon was preparing to make the gift towns full of abundance and plenty, but that he had not communicated this plan to Hiram, and also, that Joabert was listening at the door because he feared for Solomon's safety. How often does this happen to us? How often do we misjudge others' actions or motives when a brotherly conversation would have cleared up any concerns? It always seems to me that difficult interactions between brethren could usually be resolved by listening more and talking less. It is certainly a lesson that I have had to learn the hard way.

However, perhaps these are the other lessons of the Degree: We should try to be a peacemaker because "a soft answer turneth away wrath", we should withhold judgment until we get all the facts, we should not let misunderstandings fester and grow, we know that communication of motives and intent is valuable and that we should keep the spirit and letter of our promises.

Perhaps the Order of DeMolay, which the Scottish Rite founded 102 years ago, says it best: *"I promise...that I will not be hasty in my judgment of others, but will give them the benefit of the doubt, realizing that they may have been actuated by worthy motives unknown to me, and that under the same circumstances I might have acted even more unwisely than I judge them to have acted" and that "we should think twice before speaking once"*.

Out of the mouths of babes, indeed, are these important lessons of life.

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, August 23, 2021

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
7:00 PM.....Free Dinner
in our Dining Room
RSVP's are REQUIRED.

Monday, September 27, 2021

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
7:00 PM..... Dinner & Feast of Tishri
Cost to be announced

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HONOR MEN

The Richmond Valley has again been honored by the Supreme Council with several of our members singled out for honors.

Bro. Barrye Lane Absher, KCCH and Bro. Ronald Everette Butler, Sr., KCCH, have both been designated to receive the 33°.

Bro's Matthew John Johnson, Michael Derwin Joyner, Stanley Ralph Katz, Doyle Lee Miller, and Terry Wah Woo, have all been selected by the Supreme Council to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

Our heartiest congratulations to them all. The Conferral and the Investiture will both take place at the Scottish Rite Conference in Roanoke in September. The 33° will be conferred on Thursday night, September 23, and the Investiture will take place as an open ceremony at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 25, both taking place at the Roanoke Scottish Rite Temple.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°



The "dog days" of summer are upon us. It is that time of the year when we look for ways to stay indoors and enjoy the cool air from our air conditioning. It is also that time of the year when we are recovering from our spring yard work and waiting for our blisters to heal.

Our delinquent list is now down to 24 members who have not paid their 2020 dues. This is a slight improvement from last year. Call the office if you would like to assist in contacting our brethren about their dues obligations.

Our Fall Reunion in memory of Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33°, IGH, will soon be upon us. Take the time now to contact your prospects and get them signed up for October 23. It is important that each of us replace ourselves, at least once, during our time as members of the Richmond Valley. Let us do it now. A Petition is included in this newsletter. Please use it.

The programs for August and September are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Preparations for Family night and the Feast of Tishri are well under way. Your next newsletter will be for October - December, so please save this issue for reference and to remind you of upcoming events.

Please note that 2022 dues notices will be mailed shortly and you should have it in August. If your dues were current on June 1, 2021, your 2022 membership card will be included with the dues notice. If not, we will be mailing your card from the office. Let us all try and make sure our dues are current so that your Valley can fulfill its obligations.

MEMBERSHIP

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., 33°, Chairman

Summer is winding down, the kids are heading back to school and eager to get back out and socialize. We will be attending more Lodge meetings. This is the perfect time to offer those that are not yet Scottish Rite Masons a chance to join us. The Fall Reunion will be held on October 23, 2021 and will be conferred by Ill. Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C., and Bill Heltzel, KCCH. If you haven't seen these two put on a Reunion, you have missed quite a presentation. This will probably be your last chance to see the degrees put on this way.

Ill. Sam Dunn, 33°, IGH, has set the fees for the Reunion at the low price of \$265 (includes 2022 dues) and it is in Memory of Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33°, IGH. Anyone who is the top line signer on five Petitions, and they receive the degrees at this Reunion, will have their 2022 dues paid. For the candidates, anyone who comes in while we are conferring the Degrees this way, will get to go through again, at no charge, when we are allowed to preform them on stage.

Get those Petitions in now!

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE
Peter Klei, Commander of Kadosh
Feast of Tishri in September



The origin of the Feast of Tishri (also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle) is described in the Old Testament where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying when “ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days. And ye shall dwell in booths seven days... That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 23:39,40-43).

The Feast of Tabernacles also Commemorates the ceremonies of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which began in the year 2992 A.L.*, and finished in a little more than seven years. Six months after its completion, in the month of Tishri—the seventh month of the Jewish calendar—the temple was dedicated with reverential ceremonies to the one Living and True God. That these ceremonies would reach the highest religious significance, King Solomon postponed the dedication until the Feast of Tabernacles, the 15th day of Tishri, a day he well knew would bring every zealous Israelite to Jerusalem.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has proclaimed the Feast of Tabernacles as the Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection, the 15th day of Tishri, (October).

As did the Israelites of old and the New England Pilgrims, Scottish Rite Freemasons gather to acknowledge the mercies that God has poured upon them with lavish hand. It is a time of rejoicing, yet a time to pay humble adoration to the Great Architect of the Universe, without whom there would be no harvest.

* Anno Lucius—Freemasonry adds 4,000 years to the Gregorian year (Example: 2021 becomes 6021 A.L.)

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RICHMOND CONSISTORY
Jacob Crocker, Master of Kadosh
Family Night and Our Masonic Future

As summer winds down, Freemasonry in Virginia continues to come alive and once again, the Scottish Rite, our associated Blue Lodges, and appendant Masonic organizations are abuzz with activity. After a year and a half of challenges, it has been welcome and encouraging to see the renewed energy and optimism bring our world, country, and Masonic community back to life!

One of great signs and symbols of energy and vitality is our youth, which is not only the future of this world, but also the future of our fraternity. Our values and principles extend further beyond just our members, meetings and walls. They extend though toward our future with our many affiliated youth organizations. These include the DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and our guests for our August dinner, the young ladies from Jobs Daughters.

The example of these organizations represent both the future of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. Their example of vigor and enthusiasm should not be lost on us. As the Richmond Valley both figuratively and literally builds its future on its illustrious foundation, we need to keep in mind the generations that have yet to be welcomed into our fold. For it is this future generation of Scottish Rite Masons and their families that we we will pass on the very wisdom and benefits that have been kept alive and passed down from the generations proceeding us.

Let us be cognizant to the fact that the youth this organization interacts with will carry their impression of the Scottish Rite with them for the rest of their lives. That impression should and must be positive and influence them to bring more faith, hope and charity to their communities from our example and their youthful vitality.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sam Dunn, 33^o

How great it is to be back in a state of somewhat normalcy. We may not be where we have been, but we are far better off than at this time last year. I pray that God continues to shine on us and to keep our membership well. We still continue with the due diligent stage of the building contract, and I ask that you continue to pray for a positive outcome.

At June's Stated we celebrated Education month. We presented four Teacher of the Year Awards to Teachers from the schools in our immediate area. Teachers of the year this year were: Ms. Raegan Dinelli from Chesterfield County Public Schools, Ms. Stacie Taylor from Hanover County Public Schools, Mr. Eric Byers from Henrico County Public Schools and Ms. Ashley Bland from the City of Richmond Public Schools. We are very proud of the wonderful teachers and we appreciate the work of our Education Committee. Led by Bro. Robert Siegel, KCCH, they did another fantastic job.

We also presented fourteen scholarships to some of our future leaders. The recipients were: Mr. Michael Atkins, Mr. Jackson Butler, Mr. Mason Gelletly, Ms. Erin Kline, Ms. Anna Marie Mennechey, Mr. Clayton Robinson, Mr. Christopher Bailey, Ms. Ashlyn Doane, Ms. Caitlyn Joseph, Ms. Kelsey McGrath, Ms. Allie Robey, Mr. Heath Robinson, Ms. Haley Szramoski and Ms. Sarah Atkinson.

The Library and Scholarship Committee gave \$1,000 each to thirteen of these students, and our wonderful Woman's Club gave one scholarship to one student for \$1,000. Even though our ladies closed down their club at the end of last year, they are still leaving a legacy by providing a scholarship this year and for the following two years. Please accept our sincere thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Rite.

The teachers of the year were awarded \$500 each for a project of their choice to benefit their school. I want to thank the Scholarship review committee, for reviewing the applications and making their choice of recipients.

We look forward to our August Stated where we celebrate family night. Bro. Jake Crocker, Master of Kadosh, will be in charge of the program. I don't know what Jake has planned, however I know Jake well enough to know it will be first class. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings at NO CHARGE as a thank you for your understanding and support during these troubling times. **YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!**

We look forward to our September meeting led by Bro. Peter Klei, Commander of the Council of Kadosh, as we honor the Feast of Tabernacles. There will be a meal. There will be a charge for this meal, and you must make a reservation to attend. We also will be recognizing our new men of honor at this meeting as their new status will be invested or coroneted at the Scottish Rite Conference in Roanoke from September 23 – 25. I Look forward to seeing everyone soon. Thank you and God bless you, the Rite, the Childhood Language Center and this Great United States of America.

AUGUST MEAL

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

We will have a meal at the August Stated Meeting. The dinner will be free as we celebrate our return to meals with our Stated Meetings. Please call the office to let us know you are coming and how many will be attending. We do not wish to run out of food.

**Call 804-264-2050
with your count.**

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

— 2021 —

AUGUST

Monday 23 Stated Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Monday 6 Labor Day
Office Closed

Friday 24 Annual Scottish Rite
& Saturday 25 Conference in
Roanoke

Monday 27 Stated Meeting

OCTOBER

Wednesday 13 Honour Court

Saturday 23 Fall Reunion in Memory of
Ill. William Young Roper, III, 33^o

Monday 25 Stated Meeting

OCTOBER

Friday 5 Grand Annual
& Saturday 25 Communication
of Grand Lodge

Thursday 11 Veterans' Day

Monday 22 Stated Meeting

Wednesday 24 Office Closed for

Thursday 25 Thanksgiving
Office Closed



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**2021 FALL DEGREE CONFERRAL
IN MEMORY OF
III. WILLIAM YOUNG ROPER, III, 33°, IGH**

PETITION

October 23, 2021

DEGREE FEE (includes 2022 dues) \$265.00

FEE INCLUDES A \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
WHICH MUST ACCOMPANY THE PETITION

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SCOTTISH RITE CONFERENCE

Lin Spears, KCCH, Vice-President

The 97th Scottish Rite Conference will be hosted by the Valley of Roanoke on September 24 – 25, 2021. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood, 4468 Starkey Rd. SW,

Roanoke, VA 24018, telephone: 540-774-4400, www.holidayinn.com/roa-tanglewood. The Roanoke Valley is looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship, education and entertainment.

On Friday, September 24, there will be a variety of programs presented by Scottish Rite Masons. There will be a social hour and banquet on Friday evening. On Saturday, September 25, the opening of the 97th Annual Session will take place at 9:30 AM. The Annual Session will be followed by the election and installation of officers for the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia for 2022. On Thursday, September 23, there will be a golf tournament at Hanging Rock Golf Club, Salem, Virginia.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Ill. Bob Carpenter as soon as possible, so he can forward you the program and pertinent information.

Called from Labor

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1941 - 2021

THEODORE CAMPBELL, JR.

1934 - 2021

PAUL RANDALL CHAPMAN, SR.

1942 - 2021

DAVID ALVIN CARL

1939 - 2021

WILLIAM RADER DOD

1935 - 2018

GEROGE VERNON FERRELL

1932 - 2020

CHARLES EATON KING

1937 - 2021

MICHAEL LEIGH RYAN

1958 - 2021

CLAUDE WILLIAM SEARS

1932 - 2021

BERNARD CARL WOODY

1940 - 2021

Virtus Junxit-Mors non Separabit

"whom virtue has united, Death will not separate"

FELLOWSHIP REPORTS

Please take a moment and communicate with our shut-in Brethren either by card or a phone call. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness and you will feel better for it.

NEW SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

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Charlie Sarbaugh

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