

VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Lin Spears, KCCH

The reception of our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr., 33°, was impressive and the Scottish Rite Honor Guard did an excellent job with the Arch of Steel. Every Grand Master remembers this introduction. When the Guard excels, it makes the Valley look good! Thanks again to all those who took part.

The Reunion is coming up and the presentation will be very gratifying for the candidates and all who participate. Most Worshipful Alan Adkins, 33°, G.C., and Brother Bill Heltzel, KCCH, did a terrific job with the format in October and thanks again to all who assisted them. There are quite a few people who work hard to make this happen – thanks to all.

Our Childhood Language Center is such a great part of our Valley. Anytime we can help a child and add strength to them and their family, it is very rewarding. Thank you, Ill. Buddy Bass, 33°, and Executive Director Susan Combee.

The VMAP Program has been helpful to our Valley thanks to the leadership of Brother Whit Hanscom, KCCH. Our Valley is very fortunate to have many outstanding members ranging from our administrative staff, membership, and valley leadership to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General and our Grand Commander. Thanks to all.

Make sure you make your reservation for the January Stated dinner. This will be our election and installation of officers. Remember, a reservation for dinner is required. Annual meal tickets are now available which makes your reservation permanent for 2022.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tom Varner, KCCH

“Spes mea in Deo est”. These are the words of our Scottish Rite motto, which mean “My hope is in God”. What relevance do they have for us in this day and age? As we begin our second winter of Covid-19, we may wonder where God is and what He is doing in our lives and in this world. You can be assured that He is watching over the world and wants the best for us. How can we be sure? Because it is written in his Holy Word, which we in Masonry call “the rule and guide of our faith”.

For example, the Israelites are told in Deuteronomy, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you”. Imagine the terror of the Israelites, who had fled Egypt and followed Moses into a barren wilderness without food or water. Yet God provided them with manna, quail, and springs of water from the earth. The Israelites responded by erecting a tabernacle in order to worship Him, which we are reminded in the Entered Apprentice Degree now serves as a model for our Lodge buildings.

As our circumstances are not so dire as theirs, we should be even more grateful than they were. So, what are we hoping for and how are we showing our gratitude? Our hopes should not be material objects, but instead spiritual in nature. One of the things we can certainly hope for is good health and safety for our brethren and their families. Are we giving out of our abundance to those who have little? Are we reaching out our hand to a falling brother?

As it is written, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” As American Masons, we are better off than 99% of the world’s population and live in a land of plenty. Much should be asked of us and as we enter into a new year, I encourage you to put your hope in God, ask him to direct your actions, to strengthen your faith, and to carry out your Masonic obligations even better.

SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 24, 2022

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
7:00 PM.....Dinner
Installation of Officers
Cost \$10.00
(\$15 without reservation)

Monday, February 28, 2022

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....Business Meeting
7:00 PM.....Dinner
Program to be Announced
Cost \$10.00
(\$15 without reservation)

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

We are working diligently to keep our meal cost at \$10 per person.

THE 2022 ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOURS NOW!

\$100 Value for a Cost of only \$90

THE ONLY PERMANENT DINNER LIST WILL BE FOR ANNUAL TICKETS ONLY!

If you do not have an Annual Dinner Ticket, you MUST call in your dinner reservation no later than Wednesday before the dinner. Reservations after that time will be \$15 per person.

*For those who purchased 2020 meal tickets before the Pandemic, you still have a \$56 credit.

Your ticket for 2022 will be only \$34.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°



What a wonderful time of the year. We just completed our Christmas and New Year celebrations and now look forward to a new year of service to Freemasonry and the Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies. January not only brings a new year, but a re-commitment and re-dedication to the ideals of the Scottish Rite through the election of new officers for 2022. Your New Year's Resolutions should have already been made and acted upon. Be an active Mason.

Our incoming Masters have been hard at work preparing their programs for 2022 and will be communicating those plans during the coming months. The incoming Venerable Master will have announcements concerning his programs and appointments at the January meeting. All officers will be expected to attend so that they can be installed.

In April, the newly installed Wise Master will present his program involving Easter and the celebration of the lives of our deceased members since the last Ceremony of Remembrance. His plans are still being formulated, but look for a memorable evening.

As we turn our attention to the coming months, we cannot forget our Spring Reunion on April 9. This Reunion is in memory of Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH, who served not only the Scottish Rite, but Masonry through our Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Work for many years. Our Membership Chairman is already working on plans for April, and we hope that it will result in a sizeable class to honor Lewis' memory. Give him all the help you can.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR
DINNER RESERVATIONS AND PAY YOUR DUES!
DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE NOW REQUIRED!
ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED THROUGH THE OFFICE!**

NEW VALLEY MAILING ADDRESS

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CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER
Susan Combee, Executive Director
A TIME FOR CHEER

We met your son, a little bundle of energy, about two years ago. He had short blonde hair and beautiful blue eyes. We remember his first visit like it was yesterday. This little guy was only 18 months old, and he had about 10 intelligible words in his vocabulary.

This energetic boy and his affectionate therapist clicked almost instantly and began building the foundation for infinite possibilities between this little guy, his attentive parents, and his therapist. Because of the therapist's kind and loving nature, it was obvious from the beginning that this incredible bond would play an important role in helping this little one learn to communicate with the world.

As weeks and months go by, this spirited young boy continues with speech therapy on a weekly basis. Without a doubt, the genuine care of the therapist and the enthusiasm of the young boy makes it obvious that success is imminent. When others doubt this little one's potential, the Center advocates. We continue to give him a chance; we continue to provide opportunities!

This lively little guy, now 3.5 years old, would be unrecognizable by his speech and language skills compared to the toddler he was when we met him. The little one who then struggled to say a few words now speaks in sentences with great self-assurance. He can talk. Oh, how he can talk! And, while he still has some work to do with developing his speech and language, the work being done at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center is helping to close the communication gap between him and his peers.

Please know that your involvement at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center helps change children's lives for the better. Your acts of kindness bring joy in connecting, interacting, and communicating with families. Through your generous contributions you continue to provide families with the gift of support, understanding and encouragement.

Please consider giving to our Center: donate through our secure website – speech4children.org; mail a monetary gift to 4202 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227 or call our office at 804-266-6699 to place a gift on your credit card. On behalf of the families we serve, but more importantly, our children whose lives you've touched, we thank you so very much!

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

Now that the Holidays are behind us, it's time to start a new year with a clean slate. I wonder how many of our brethren have included, "Improve Myself in Masonry", as one of their resolutions. Over the years, no one has done more to help the brothers in the 15th and 16th Districts achieve that goal, than Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH. We will be honoring him by having our Spring Reunion in his memory on April 9, 2022. We still have a lot of details to work out, but Ill. Sam Dunn, 33°, IGH, has agreed to keep the fees for the Spring Reunion at the low price of \$265. As more information becomes available, we will have our Scottish Rite Ambassadors share it in the Blue Lodges.

It would be nice to have a large class to show our appreciation for a man that did so much for so many over the years. Petitions can be downloaded from our web site or picked up at the Scottish Rite office when you come to our Stated Meeting on January 24, 2022, to show your support for your newly elected and installed officers. The election will be in the business meeting and the installation will be at dinner. Dinner reservations are required by the week before the meeting.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sam Dunn, 33°

A happy and healthy New Year for each of you. I know that you will all join me in prayer that the Omicron variant will soon be a thing of the past. We spent 2020 mostly in lockdown with little chance of fellowship, 2021 came along and we were able to gather in fellowship again. What a grand and glorious time it has been. God, we ask that you keep us safe and that we can continue to fellowship together.

As most of you know, I have been absent due to knee replacement surgery in October. The doctor had stated that due to the damage done to my knee it would take 8 to 12 weeks to get back to the new normal. Unfortunately, I took a fall in Physical Therapy at the end of week 6, so we have had a setback. I am hoping by mid-January I will be more mobile and able to join in the Scottish Rite fellowship that I so truly have missed.

I want to thank all the officers of all the bodies for your dedication and diligent service. Many of you have served two years due to Covid. Thank you, thank you and God bless you for your service. We look forward to our new officers being installed and bringing in some new ideas to make the Rite grow and prosper.

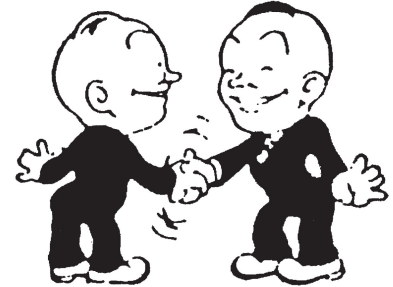
I also want to thank Bro's. Whit Hanscom, KCCH, and Jake Crocker for working on new ideas to bring the Richmond Valley to the forefront of social media. We need to be more visible in the community and this is truly a step in the right direction.

The prospective buyers of the building are hard at work in the due diligence phase of the contract. Hard to believe if you are not familiar with commercial real estate, that it is costly and time consuming. Thus far, the prospective buyers have spent well over \$150,000. So yes, they are very serious about this property. They are deep into the rezoning portion of the due diligence, and it will probably take another two months or longer to get an answer from the City of Richmond. Please continue to pray for a successful closing.

Please see Ill. Charles Robinson's article about our upcoming Reunion. Brethren, it takes members to keep our Valley rolling. Please look around and find some candidates for the Reunion. Let's make it a big one to honor Ill. R. Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH.

Many thanks for the cards, phone calls and prayers during my down time. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 804-370-1861. Thank you. God bless the Rite, God bless the Childhood Language Center, and God bless our great United States of America.

SOMEONE IS WAITING FOR YOU



TO INVITE HIM TO BECOME
A SCOTTISH RITE MASON. . .
DON'T DISAPPOINT HIM.

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

— 2022 —

JANUARY

Saturday 1	New Year's Day Holiday
Wednesday 12	Honour Court
Monday 24	Stated Meeting

FEBRUARY

Monday 14	Valentine's Day
Monday 28	Stated Meeting

MARCH

Monday 28	Stated Meeting
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APRIL

Saturday 9	Reunion
Wednesday 13	Honour Court
Sunday 17	Easter
Monday 18	Office Closed for Easter Monday
Monday 25	Stated Meeting



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2022 SPRING DEGREE CONFERRAL

IN MEMORY OF

Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH

PETITION

PRINT ALL INFORMATION

April 9, 2022

DEGREE FEE (includes 2022 dues) \$265.00

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

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Called from Labor

EMMETT BEVERLY ALCOCK
1926 - 2021

RAYMOND LEWIS ATKINS, SR.
1949 - 2021

WILLIAM ROGER BYERS
1955 - 2021

MILTON DALTON CHANDLER
1928 - 2021

PHILIP ALTON CROWDER
1945 - 2021

EDWARD EDDINS
1927 - 2021

MAX SHAFFER FOLTZ
1931 - 2021

JOHN ROLAND FUSSELL
1929 - 2021

JOHN LAWRENCE GODSEY
1944 - 2021

FRANK DuVAL HARGROVE, SR.
1927 - 2021

ANDERSON WYNN MEREDITH
1935 - 2019

GORDON LEE NEWSOME
1932 - 2021

DOUGLAS RAYMOND POWELL
1951 - 2021

WILLIAM BANNARD STEWART
1952 - 2021

LEWIS AUBREY STRATTON, JR.
1926 - 2021

CHARLES JAMES WILLIAMS, JR.
1931 - 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

Bruce Bullington

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