



## VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE

*Rob Eades, KCCH*

Spring is the beginning of the season of renewal in the Richmond Valley, and what better way to kickstart our renewal than dedicating our March Stated Meeting to "Bring-A-Mason Night". Mark your calendars for **March 28** for this opportunity to introduce prospective candidates to Scottish Rite Masonry. Bring-A-Mason Night is dedicated to sharing with Master Masons not affiliated with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry – who we are and what we do. To generate interest and help recruit new members, we are buying dinner for our guest. There are two simple steps to making this night a success, and I urge you all to jump in and help, because without you it will not happen.

- Step One: Look around your Lodge and invite a Master Mason who is not a Scottish Rite Mason to join you for dinner on March 28.
- Step Two: Call the Richmond Scottish Rite Office and make the reservation. (804) 264-2050.

Now is the time to make that invitation and call in that reservation. Guests check in at 6:00 PM in the lobby where they will be greeted while you are attending our business meeting. We will conduct tours of the Childhood Language Center. Susan Combee, our CLC Executive Director, will also be on hand to help with questions. We will all meet back for dinner at approximately 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Ill. Matt Szramoski, 33°, Director of Development.

The Spring Workshop, under the direction of the Conference President from Norfolk, Ill. Leon Parks, 33°, will be held at ACCA Shrine Center on **April 2**. This is a great time to renew friendships from around the State, and there are always some interesting speakers with new ideas and a great opportunity to learn something new.

***Our Spring Reunion will be held on April 9.*** This Reunion is dedicated to the memory of Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH. We knew Ill. Lewis as a Mason Extraordinaire, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, a dedicated Scottish Rite Mason and a brother who was always willing to lend a hand. All Petitions received between now and April 9 will be included in this class. What better way to honor his memory than to bring forth a candidate in the Class named for him? I urge everyone to come out so we might give our new brothers a proper welcome. Stay as long as you can. Believe me, your presence alone will build interest and energy.

Our April Stated Meeting is dedicated to our Ceremony of Remembrance and is conducted by our Richmond Chapter of Rose Croix under the guidance of our Wise Master, Brother Duane Cunningham.

Lastly Brethren, it is your efforts, ideas and hard work that make things happen here in the Richmond Valley and I ask you to commit now to be a part of the next page in our history. Thank you, brethren, for all you do, I look forward to seeing you in March.

***Come Out and Join in – Take Part in Your Scottish Rite!***

## MEMBERSHIP

*Charles Robinson, 33°, Chairman*

Most of us have probably caught spring fever and are ready to get out and go. We have a perfect outing for you and your brethren. Our Venerable Master has designated the March Stated as Bring-a-Mason Night. This will be great exposure to any brother that you think would make a nice addition to our Valley. You just need to call the office and let us know how many will be coming for dinner. Running out of food would not make a good first impression!

If they like what they see, they will still have time to put in a Petition for our 2022 Spring Reunion. It will be held on April 9, 2022, and will be in memory of Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH. He was a pillar in our Masonic community, and it would be great if we could have a large class to honor him. Petitions can be downloaded from our web site or picked up at the office, filled out, and turned in at the Scottish Rite when you come to our Stated Meeting on March 28, 2022.

## SCOTTISH RITE MEETING SCHEDULE

### Monday, March 28, 2022

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING

**6:00 PM.....Business Meeting**

7:00 PM.....Dinner  
Speaker - Ill. Matt Szramoski, 33°

Cost \$10.00 / \$15 without reservation

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### Monday, April 25, 2022

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING

**6:00 PM.....Business Meeting**

7:00 PM.....Dinner  
Ceremony of Remembrance

Cost \$10.00 / \$15 without reservation

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## SOME NOTES TO REMEMBER

1. Remember to use the new office Email address. It is **srsecy@richmondscottishrite.org**. The old email will not be monitored after February 28th.
2. Make sure you are using the new Valley mailing address – **PO Box 9581, Henrico, VA 23228-0581**. The post office is no longer forwarding our mail, and, in many cases, it just disappears instead of being returned to the sender.
3. Please make your dinner reservations on time. No later than the Wednesday before the meeting. Remember – late reservations now cost \$15.
4. If you have questions, please call, or stop by the office. We are there Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.
5. My cell phone is available for calls when the office is closed. 804-837-0360.
6. Petitions for the Spring Reunion need to be turned in as soon as possible. Do not wait for the morning of the Reunion.

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

**Bob Carpenter, Jr., 33°**



Spring is right around the corner. Heading through March and into April, we will look forward to showers to bring the May flowers. A new Spring! A new beginning for the Richmond Scottish Rite. Flowers, yard work, golf, and Scottish Rite membership. None of these activities flourish without being nurtured. Let us all pull together and make it happen.

The Spring Degree Conferral in memory of Ill. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, is almost upon us. His dedication and service to the Richmond Valley, and Masonry in general, deserves our consideration to hold a fine Conferral in his memory. Get those Petitions. Do it now! Do not wait until the last minute!

Scholarship applications are still available in the office or from the website and must be received no later than Noon on Thursday, April 14. Late applications will not be considered, and successful applicants are required to be present at the June Stated Dinner.

Spring is that time of year when we honor JROTC cadets from surrounding school systems. If you would like to participate in the presentation of these awards, please call the office.

The Chapter Rose Croix, under the leadership of Bro. Duane E. Cunningham, Wise Master, will present the annual Ceremony of Remembrance at the April 25, 2022, business meeting.

Please save the date of May 21, 2022, for a Car Show to benefit the Childhood Language Center. Details to follow.

Brethren, please check your dues card. As of this writing, we have over 25 members who have not paid last year's dues and will be subject to suspension. If your card is not for 2022, let us get together and get your dues straightened out. Your reminder notice may have already been received.

## CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

**Duane E. Cunningham, Wise Master**

I notice it and I imagine you do as well. There is a new enthusiasm in the Richmond Valley, an awakening and renewal. After two long years of limitations, we now see the return of brotherhood, friendships, and camaraderie. And it is so very enjoyable to see a renewed commitment to our Masonic journey.

In some ways, this new light reminds us of the Annual Ceremony of Remembrance where we honor our brethren called from their earthly labors by recognizing that, even after their passing, their light lives on forever as fond memories of their Masonic service and friendship.

The Chapter will be performing this service at the April Meeting and honoring the brethren who have been called over the past year in a ceremony that reinforces the lessons of the Eighteenth Degree: Faith, Hope and Charity.

"That God is good and merciful, and loves and sympathizes with the creatures He has made; ...that all men are our brothers, whose wants we are to supply, their errors to pardon, their opinions to tolerate, their injuries to forgive; that man has an immortal soul, a free will, a right to freedom of thought and action; that all men are equal in God's sight; that we best serve God by humility, meekness, gentleness, kindness, and other virtues which the lowly can practice as well as the lofty; this is the 'new Law,' the 'Word,' for which the world has waited and pined so long; and every true Knight of the Rose will revere the memory..." A. Pike, *Morals and Dogma* p. 310.

I wish to express my thanks to you for electing your 2022 officers of the Richmond Chapter of Rose Croix and giving us the opportunity to serve the Richmond Valley.

## PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, III. Sam Dunn, 33°

Spring is upon us, and I could not be happier. Trees are budding and flowers are pushing through Mother Earth. We have been locked up in our houses long enough. It is time to get out and get moving and shaking and building on our Scottish Rite membership. Our Venerable Master, Rob Eades, KCCH, and III. Charles Robinson, 33°, have been working hard to lay out plans for a successful year with increased membership. Please be sure to read both these brethren's articles in this newsletter. They will spell out what you can do to help your Valley achieve its goal of increased membership. We must all bear in mind that a handful of members cannot make a big change in membership, but with all of us making a united effort, miracles will take place.

Last month was an exciting time as we elected and installed the officers in all four bodies for 2022. I wish to thank every one of our officers, both incoming and outgoing, for your dedication to our gentle Craft. I would like, on behalf of our Valley, to extend a huge thank you to Bro's. Whit Hanscom, KCCH, and Jake Crocker for their efforts getting the Richmond Valley recognized in the social media world, and for the efforts of Bro. Lin Spears, KCCH, in promoting the Richmond Valley in the VMAP program.

There are many things coming up in the very near future that will give our Valley an opportunity to truly shine. March 25-26 in Charlotte, NC, brings the 2022 RITE Way Membership Conference. I will be unable to attend as Sarah's daughter will be wed on the 26th and I have received wise council that I should be there. We do have a wonderful group of learned brethren who will attend and bring us back some important information.

On a more local level, the following weekend April 2, 2022, will be the Orient Scottish Rite Conference Workshop. I ask all members of the Richmond Valley to attend and show the rest of the Orient what a strong group we are. This meeting will start at 9:30 AM at the ACCA Shrine Center (uniform of the day is blue blazer and grey slacks, with your choice of tie). Coffee and doughnuts will be available starting at 8:30 AM. This meeting does not last long, but it provides a lot of useful information, fellowship, and an opportunity to make new friends.

The following weekend, I pray, will be an exciting one as we hold our Spring Reunion in memory of III. Robert Lewis Gibbs, 33°, IGH. I cannot think of a handful of brethren who were not in some fashion touched by III. Gibbs. We owe it to his memory to have a large class. Please talk to your Lodge brethren to encourage them to become members of the Richmond Valley. You can invite them to attend the dinner at our March 28, 2022, meeting. Showcase your Valley and all the great work we do. When you have a confirmed count for your guests, please call the office (by March 23rd) with that number to make your dinner reservations. The dinner will be free to non-Scottish Rite Masons, BUT WE MUST HAVE AN ACURATE COUNT FOR THE MEALS. Let's get on fire for the Rite and make it GROW, GROW and GROW.

God bless each of you, the Rite, The Childhood Language Center, and this Great United States of America.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Tom Varner, KCCH*

In March, we will celebrate an event that changed the course of Virginia Masonic history. It was right here in the Richmond Valley that the first class of DeMolays were initiated one hundred years ago on March 25, 1922. Several months earlier, III. Herbert L. McConnell, 33°, stood up at a Valley meeting and proposed forming a DeMolay Chapter. The Valley approved and voted \$100 for the effort.

In February, a group of Advisors were selected who were a veritable who's who of Richmond Freemasonry. Joining Bro. McConnell were III. William S. Pettit, 33°, later Grand Treasurer; III. Robert D. Ford, 33°, who founded the Scottish Rite Conference and later served in the Grand Line; III. Beverly C. Lewis Jr., 33°; III. Henry G. Emrick, 33°; Maurice E. "Ebbie" Rush, KCCH; Robert M. Bullington, KCCH; and Josiah D. Hanks Jr., who later acted as Attorney General of Virginia. The Richmond Scottish Rite in subsequent years held Reunion classes to honor Bro's McConnell, Emrick, Hanks, Rush, and Ford.

On March 25, 1922, 63 young men took the vows of DeMolay, forming John Moncure Chapter. One of the new members was III. Alfred Douglas Smith Jr., 33°, who later became editor of the Masonic Herald, 1949 Grand Master of Masons, Grand Treasurer, and Executive Officer of DeMolay for 21 years. Another was III. Henry Pettit, 33°, who served as Secretary of the Richmond Valley for many years. III. Paul Welch, 33°, later joined and made many contributions to the Scottish Rite Guard.

The rich influence of DeMolay on the Richmond Scottish Rite has continued to this day. Senior DeMolays among our officers are Venerable Master Robert Eades, KCCH, Secretary Robert Carpenter, 33°, Personal Representative Sam Dunn, 33°, Past Venerable Masters Rocky Robison, 33°, and Terry Hilton, KCCH, Past Treasurer Herbert Eades, KCCH, III. Ronnie Butler, 33°, III. Charles Seward, 33°, and myself.

Our Grand Master, III. and MW James Winfield Golladay, 33°, is a Senior DeMolay and owes his membership to RW Lokie Voight, who was originally a Richmond DeMolay. Our Grand Senior Deacon, III. Matthew Szramoski, 33°, is a Senior DeMolay as are Past Grand Masters III. William T. Ellison, 33°, and III. Louis K. Campbell, 33°. I encourage all of you this spring to support DeMolay and recognize the major impact it has had on Virginia Freemasonry.

### RICHMOND VALLEY

#### COMING EVENTS

— 2022 —

#### MARCH

Monday 28 Stated Meeting

#### APRIL

Saturday 2 Conference Workshop at ACCA

Saturday 9 Reunion

Wednesday 13 Honour Court

Sunday 17 Easter

Monday 18 Easter Monday

Office Closed

Monday 25 Stated Meeting

#### MAY

Sunday 8 Mother's Day

Monday 23 Stated Meeting

Monday 30 Memorial Day

Office Closed

#### JUNE

Sunday 19 Father's Day

Monday 27 Stated Meeting

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## Called from Labor

PAUL GEORGE SPEARS 1930 - 2011	ANTHONY ROLAND MARRICAL, SR. 1939 - 2020	HAYNIE SYDNEY ROBERTSON, JR. 1927 - 2021
WILLIAM CLEVELAND HOWELL 1924 - 2012	ALBERT CORDELL KEELING 1932 - 2020	OTTIE JACKSON MOORE, SR. 1928 - 2021
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JOHN LAVELLE HEAD 1926 - 2017	LARRY JAMES MASSENGILL 1944 - 2020	CHARLES BENTLEY JOHNSON, SR. 1923 - 2022
RUSSELL HERMAN BRENDLE 1923 - 2018	GOREE ALEXANDER WAUGH, JR. 1940 - 2020	JOHN GARRETT WALLER, JR. 1936 - 2022
ERNEST LIEB ROGERS 1935 - 2019	RICHARD CAMDEN STOTLER 1934 - 2020	JAY LAIRD WELLIVER 1931 - 2022
FREDERICK MARCEL CLAMONS 1937 - 2019	GEORGE THEODORE SMITH 1932 - 2020	ROBERT VAN VALZAH III 1941 - 2022
CHARLES SIDNEY OAKEY 1923 - 2019	JAMES RANDALL ANDERSON 1930 - 2020	SAMUEL WATTS PHILLIPS 1928 - 2022
ISAAC LYNNWOOD FLORY, III 1935 - 2019	CARROLL DOUGLAS DOFFLEMYER 1924 - 2021	GEORGE TIFFANY GRAHAM 1931 - 2022
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EDWARD MILTON KIDWELL 1931 - 2020	WILLIAM HOWARD ROPER, SR. 1941 - 2021	FREDERICK RAY ROGERS, JR. 1926 - 2022
WILLIAM POWELL SALE 1920 - 2020	BILLY BRAXTON STROUD 1948 - 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

John M. Andrews

William E. Hershey, Jr.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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