



VENERABLE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Rob Eades, KCCH

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and now ready to move on to the next pages in our history as we relocate after the sale of the building. Our August Stated Communication will be held in the Shrine Center and I look forward to seeing each of you there. The Dinner Program for August is Family Night and September is the Feast of the Tishri under the auspices of The Consistory and the Council of Kadosh respectively. See you at the Stated!

MEMBERSHIP

Charles Robinson, 33°, Chairman

I think the scorching summer heat will be subsiding soon. One of the first signs is cooler evenings, which can be enjoyed best from the bleachers of a high school stadium on a Friday night. These players do their best to put on a good show for our entertainment, just like our Degree teams try to do every time we have a reunion. The last few reunions, along with this upcoming one, have been presented by the communication method, but these classes get a bonus. They will get to come through a second time as one united class when we hit the stage again. Going forward, that could very well be the largest class we ever have. If you look at class pictures from the past, this will give our Brothers the same experience that was had in bygone years.

This class will also have bragging rights as they will be the first ones to receive their Scottish Rite Degrees at ACCA Shrine in about 50 years. Our Fall Reunion will be held on October 22, 2022, and will be in memory of Ill. Clifford Cardwell Grotz, Jr., 33°, IGH. We are offering a special price of \$300 which includes the rest of this year AND next years dues, your books: Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma and A Bridge to Light, and the pyramid with a 14th Degree ring. Petitions can be found on our web site (richmondscottishrite.org) or at the Scottish Rite office.

But let's not stop there! Our Scottish Rite Conference will be hosted by Norfolk Valley from October 6th-9th. These are always a lot of fun and it gives us a chance to share with the other valleys what we are doing, what works, and what doesn't. This is a great opportunity for our new members, and old ones too, to come enjoy the fellowship of every Scottish Rite Valley in the state. Contact the office for details.

**SCOTTISH RITE
MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monday, August 22, 2022

5:30 PM.....GUARD MEETING
6:00 PM.....**Business Meeting**
7:00 PM.....Dinner
Family Night
Cost \$10.00
(\$15 without reservation)

Monday, September 26, 2022

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



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tom Varner, KCCH

After being inspired two months ago by the example of one of our Richmond Valley members who had finished reading "Morals and Dogma", I began wading through it myself. As I was reading the Secret Master Chapter, it began listing our duties as a Freemason. This reminded me of Grand Master of Masons William E. Rorer Jr., 33°, who had been one of my mentors when I was a young officer in Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. His 2010 theme was "Forget Not the Duties".

What are our duties? I first started by looking up the definition of duty, of which there are two parts: firstly, a moral or legal obligation, a responsibility; secondly, a task or action that someone is required to perform. If you think of the many Masonic obligations we have taken and our various leadership positions, we obviously have many, many duties.

Here are some duties from Albert Pike: Maintain secrecy to protect the Craft; obey the laws of God and our country; be true to every promise you make to God; be faithful to the promises you make, to the pledges you give, and to the vows that you assume to people in life; be faithful to your family and friends, to your country, and to Masonry; and be a man of honor and conscience. He expects us, by precept and example, to elevate the standard of Masonic character, to enlarge its sphere of influence, and to popularize its teachings. We are supposed to prefer our duty to everything else; be independent in our opinions; have good morals; be submissive to the laws, devoted to humanity, to our country, and to our family; kind and indulgent to our brethren; a friend of all virtuous men; and ready to assist our fellows by all means in our power.

Brother Pike summarizes it by saying he who is false to his obligations will be false to his family, his friends, his country, and his God. Those are a lot of duties to follow, for sure. But are they that far from the Ten Commandments, which serve as the bedrock for all we do?

You may remember in the 22nd Chapter of Matthew, where Jesus is asked, "Teacher, which Commandment is the greatest in the Law?" He declared, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest Commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two Commandments."

Perhaps that is all we need to remember in order to carry out our Masonic duties. If we keep God, our family, and our brethren foremost in our affections, then all will be well.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sam Dunn, 33^o

I pray you have had a great summer so far, having fun and staying safe. Our June meeting was totally awesome celebrating the area teachers of the year and awarding scholarships to eight deserving students. Scholarship applications were down this year, hopefully next year we will be back to our usual 13 to 14. If you have relatives or a friend graduating next year, please encourage them to go on the Richmond Scottish Rite web site and fill out an application and send it to the office. The application will be on the web site in January 2023 and due back to the office by April 15, 2023.

Speaking of the office here are a couple of important facts: due to the sale of the building the office as of August 10, 2022, will be located at 3518 Mayland Court, Henrico, VA 23233. We will be moving in the week of August 8, 2022. The email and phone number should remain the same, we are still working on this, this week with Comcast as Verizon is not available in the new location.

I am looking forward to our August meeting which will be held at ACCA Shrine Center. This is family night under the leadership of Ill. Charles Robinson. I know it will be a great evening as anything Charles does is first class. Please come out and show your support of our new beginning. Also remember our wonderful Childhood Language Center will remain in their home so remember them as you make your contributions to our Philanthropy.

In closing I would like for you to know that we are in need of an Assistant General Secretary. Please forward resumes to the office. Interested parties must be Scottish Rite members and have great communication skills as well as a background in Quick Books and payroll and Quarterly Tax preparation.

I want to give a big shoutout to the wonderful job Kathleen has been doing keeping the office running and packing for the big move. Remember that the office will be a little hectic as the move takes place and be patient as we return to normal. Also, from now until October 15, 2022 the office hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM.

May God Bless You, The Rite and this Great United States of America.

RICHMOND VALLEY COMING EVENTS

— 2022 —

AUGUST

Monday 8	Moving Day
Monday 22	Stated Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Monday 5	Labor Day Office Closed
Monday 26	Stated Meeting

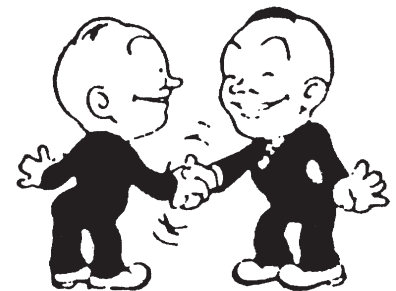
OCTOBER

Wednesday 12	Honour Court
Saturday 22	Reunion
Monday 24	Stated Meeting
Monday 31	Halloween

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 23	Office Closed
Thursday 24	Thanksgiving
Monday 28	Stated Meeting

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A SCOTTISH RITE MASON. . .
DON'T DISAPPOINT HIM.

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FAMILY NIGHT

MASTER OF KADOSH

As you remember, one of the first things that happened when any of us petitioned a Lodge to become a Mason, was an investigating committee came to the house and talked to us and our families. One of their goals was to make sure the family understood, and was on board with, the fact that when we went through a degree, or spent the numerous hours with our mentor, and later spent many nights at Lodge meetings, when we got home and were asked how it went, and we replied, "I can't tell you, it's a secret," That's the rules. That only leaves them to use their imagination as to what we are doing.

Our Scottish Rite has designated August as Family Night. Our Scottish Rite Woman's Club will be reenacting what they believe one of our Lodge meetings is like. It should be quite interesting to see what their imaginations have come up with! Bring your families and come support these Ladies as we all know without the families' support, Masonry would have died long ago.

Our Venerable Master has relaxed the dress code for this meeting so swap the coat and tie for a lodge shirt and come join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Don't forget to call the office and make your reservation for dinner.

Called from Labor

WARREN CARY BEACH
1946 - 2022

ALLEN EUGENE COPPAGE
1933 - 2022

CHARLES HENRY HUNTER
1929 - 2022

JOHNNIE WILLIAM INMAN
1930 - 2022

EDWARD SAUNDERS RANSONE, JR.
1941 - 2022

JOHN DOUGLAS RUNNETT
1947 - 2022

ROGER DALE STROOP
1944 - 2022

RICHARD JOHN STRYKER, SR.
1944 - 2022

DERYL EUGENE WHITE, JR.
1930 - 2022

JAMES JOSEPH YOUNG, JR.
1945 - 2022

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.

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