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**ATTENTION — NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGED
VALLEY WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 21, 2014**

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The Pillars of Freemasonry

Brother Ned Mamula, 32°, DDGM, 3rd Masonic District

The charge read to us at the conclusion of the Entered Apprentice degree states in part that "... no institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation, nor were more excellent rules and maxims laid down..." That being the case, I have two questions for you: Can we "prove" that statement, and can we identify the sources of those principles, rules, laws, and maxims?

My answer to both questions is yes. I suggest that the statement can be "proven" using historical evidence and, as to the source of these principles, rules, and maxims, I would identify seven foundational documents as the "Pillars of Freemasonry." These seven documents, which would occupy no more than 8-10 inches of space on a single bookshelf are among the greatest and most influential documents in recorded history. They undergird much of the moral and intellectual progress not only of Freemasonry and our American way of life, but also of Western and other modern civilizations.

These seven documents are: The Code of Hammurabi (~1800 B.C.), the Torah (~1400 B.C.), the Nature of Laws in General (English Common Law from 1066 A.D.), the Magna Carta (1215 A.D.), the Christian Bible as fixed by the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and especially the King James version (1611 A.D.), the Declaration of Independence (1776), and the Constitution of the United States of America (1789). I might also suggest an eighth candidate for our list of "Pillars" – the Constitution of Masonry – written sometime between 926 and 1721 A.D.– which predate and support many of our nation's founding ideals and documents. Scholars of history and philosophy might be able to add other documents to the list, but probably not more than a few.

These documents have stood the test of time and still speak to us across the ages. They form the basis of governance and behavior for peace-loving people and countries around the world. But, while most of us have heard of them, and some of us have perused one or more of them, very few of us have actually given them the study they deserve – not only for the enduring nature of the insights they contain, but also for the power and majesty by which they are expressed.

For example, most people have not read the 4,000 year old Code of Hammurabi, but everyone has heard the saying "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." This edict and the complete written collection of almost 300 other laws laid down by this most celebrated of Mesopotamian kings are inscribed on an upright stone pillar that was discovered in Iran in 1901. As Hammurabi conquered and ruled more territories surrounding his core city state of Babylon, he relied on common justice to peacefully meld diverse peoples and cultures together in his kingdom. He sent his legal experts throughout the kingdom to gather and study existing laws and either incorporate them into the greater national code or abandon them. What makes Hammurabi's code important to Masons and Americans is that he pledged to "...make justice visible in the land, to

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destroy the wicked person and the evil-doer, that the strong might not injure the weak.” In an era when the sentence for most crimes was death, an eye for an eye introduced proportionality of punishment, and represented a move toward greater justice. Moreover, his laws extend its protection toward widows, orphans, and others from being harmed or exploited.

Another of our “Pillars” is the Magna Carta, which was written in 1215 A.D. by a group of English barons to protect their property rights against the tyrannical King John, who ultimately signed the document to avoid a civil war between him and his barons. Although the interests of the “common man” were not the central theme of the Magna Carta, some of its principles resonate in our own founding documents, including the idea that “...to no one will we sell, to no one will we deny or delay, right or justice.”

During the American Revolution, the Magna Carta served to inspire our Founders and Framers because they reasoned that the Colonists were entitled to the same rights and liberties as their brethren in England. Many of these rights are referenced in our founding documents.

More than 500 years after the Magna Carta, in the 1760s and 1770s, Sir William Blackstone compiled his Commentaries on the Laws of England, what we know as English Common Law, going back to the earliest British laws – from around 1066 A.D. This treatise of laws and legal principles addressed the rights of persons, the rights of ownership (property), private wrongs (civil law and equity), and public wrongs (criminal law). But Blackstone also explained that the law of nature was the will of the Maker, discovered not only by reason, but also by direct revelation of Divine Law found only in the Holy Scriptures.

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Personal Representative's Message

Edmund Cohen, 33° - Personal Representative of the SGIG in Alexandria

The Power of One!

There have been many essays written about Freemasonry and about our Scottish Rite Degrees that plumb the depths of meaning in each degree and reveal the layers of interpretation of our various symbols. But even a literal and surface examination of these degrees leaves us with much food for thought and helps to place our feet on a path that is firm and sure.

In the 5th degree we are advised to be industrious and honest, in the 11th to be earnest, true, and reliable; and in the 13th degree we are told to be motivated by duty and honor. These virtues capture a good part of the essence of Freemasonry. From my perspective it means – be slow to promise, but keep the promises you make. It is discouraging when you are counting on someone, but they don't come through for you. How much more disappointing if that person is a Mason. After all, the hallmark of a Mason is that his word is his bond, and that you are able to count on him to be totally honest and fair, and to keep his promises. So a key point that we should take away from our degrees is a very clear Masonic code of conduct that we need to internalize so that we may live our lives in accordance with these moral principles.

In the Scottish Rite we do more than list virtues, we focus on the importance of education. In the 18th degree we learn that the power of knowledge is transformative. This is in accord with a lesson of the 11th degree that through knowledge we can seek and achieve wisdom; and, of course, in the 27th degree we are advised to be a lover of wisdom. We hope that as we gain in knowledge we may also grow in wisdom. I think that knowledge and wisdom have an intrinsic value, and there is value as well in introspection, but Freemasonry is more than that. (Continued on Page 3.)



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A Mason is not expected to retreat from society and its temptations, but rather to become a constructive part of it. This important point is captured in the 8th degree – knowledge without its application is of little or no value.

In sum, we seek to become both virtuous and industrious. As we increase in virtue we become better men, and as we increase in knowledge and wisdom, and then apply that knowledge and wisdom, our contributions to our family, our community, and to our Valley and Freemasonry as a whole, will become that much more substantial. We know we will be called upon to lay down our working tools much too soon, but it will be a source of satisfaction when our Brethren, our colleagues, and family can say that we accomplished all that we could while we were able.

All of this leads to what I would call the **power of one**, and, of course, that one is you, and me, and each of us. This is a very strong power, but often diluted by self-doubt. It is quite normal to look at some of the challenges we confront, and quickly conclude that they are too large or too complicated for us to address. A solution might be to unite with others to address, by joint action, a complex problem that may be beyond the capability of any one person. But all too often we forget how much each of us can do – even by ourselves – if we will only make the effort.

In your personal life, think of one thing you can do to improve your relationship with a member of your family, or one thing you can do to better your own situation. And from a Scottish Rite perspective, as this year winds to a close, ask yourself a simple question: “What one thing can I myself do to improve our Alexandria Valley?” Just one thing.

Here are 5 suggestions, but I know you can think of many more.

- Can I go to just one more Valley meeting than I had planned to or that I attended last year?
- Can I call just one Brother and ask him to come to a Valley meeting with me – or even pick him up and bring him to the meeting.
- Can I bring in just one petition this year?
- Can I learn just one bit of ritual to help at a Reunion?
- Can I put together a short talk that can be presented as a program at a meeting or an article that might appear in our Alexandria Scottish Rite Bulletin?

You know as I look back on 2014, I think we accomplished quite a lot – and you will read about some of this in the various articles in this Bulletin, but with your help we can do even more. Let me address both of these thoughts. First, as we think about what we have accomplished, I would remind you that at our December Executive Council meeting, we will select those to receive, at our annual awards dinner in January, the Valley Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work done in 2014 and the Valley Certificate of Merit for longer term efforts done over the past several years. Your input is essential and we invite you to send in your nominations to me, the Secretary, or to the head of one of the Bodies between now and our December meeting.

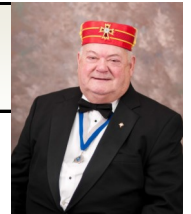
Second, as we think about what more we can accomplish, I would ask that as you consider end-of-year contributions, you consider a donation to our RiteCare charity, to our Scholarship Fund and, given all that we have to do to maintain our building, something for our building fund.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and most of all that you and your loved ones enjoy good health and happiness.

Fraternally
Ed Cohen

Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection's Message

Kent Webber, KCCH



Brethren,

Looking back over the past year, we have attempted to change when some of our Bodies meet, and, in some cases to combine our meetings and special events formats to streamline our operation and create a better experience for the Brethren. You saw this with the January Awards and Installation Ceremony held before our Valley meeting, and the Feast of Tishri before our September Valley meeting. We had a great turnout for our guest speaker, Chaplain (Colonel) Jack Marcom, USA (Ret). In addition, we have expanded our Scholarship Program and improved our Website.

This year, for the first time, we joined with Kena Shrine in putting on our Annual Picnic. It proved to be very successful. In late September, many of you journeyed to Williamsburg for The Virginia Scottish Rite Conference. The speakers were terrific, and the fellowship was even better during the dinners and the visits to the various Valley hospitality suites. The Alexandria Valley hospitality suite was again led by the incomparable team of Linda and Allen Beckner – and, of course, our Saturday evening ice-cream social started by Ill. Dave Morris, was a high point of the event.

An important part of the conference, is the meeting of our Scottish Rite Foundation which helps support our RiteCare charity. Phil Rhodes, KCCH, was elected as our Valley representative to the Foundation. And, of course, our Valley supports the summer clinic program at James Madison University which many of you visited in July. This was the 25th Anniversary of our support for this program, and we were able to see the extraordinary work that is done with the children.

In October we had our Fall Reunion, and our degree teams and support staffs did a terrific job. But we still need more candidates and more of you in attendance. Remember, that for any organization to succeed, it must have new members. You and I are the best recruiters there are.

As I have mentioned, we have made some changes for the betterment of our organization, but the Executive Committee is always interested in your suggestions for improving our operations.

As you know, we are holding elections for the four Bodies in November and December. I have enjoyed working with the other three bodies and wish them the best in the coming year.

Looking ahead, we are coming upon the Holidays, and I wish you and yours the very best in the coming year.

Kent S. Webber

The Pillars of Freemasonry

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Like the Magna Carta, Blackstone's work influenced our Founders to declare that as Americans we were likewise entitled to live in freedom and liberty by the "laws of nature and of nature's God."

The legal and governance principles of the preceding documents and the influence of the Enlightenment's principles of reason and individualism provided a rationale for our Declaration of Independence and found a place in our Constitution. They also had an influence on Freemasonry.

Although in many ways Freemasonry is a child of the Enlightenment, its roots in the Torah and the Bible are very deep, and Biblical teachings and principles are reflected in Masonic thought and ritual. A quick course in these influences is found in the first 30–50 pages of most Masonic Bibles in a section appearing before the actual Scriptures. Here is to be found a treasure trove of information including discussions entitled: The Masonic Belief, The Masonic Teaching, The Meaning of Masory, The Story of King Solomon, The Bible and Early Masonry, and One Hundred and Sixty Questions and Answers (pertaining to the symbolism of Masonry and its connection to the *(Continued on Page 5.)*

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Bible and to the Torah). This material is indispensable to our Masonic education and should be read and reflected upon.

And finally, you know that in the first 40 pages of the Masonic Presentation Volume in the Commonwealth of Virginia is The Constitution of Masonry (commonly called the Book of Constitutions) which we are enjoined to read and study. However, all too often we skip over these pages on the way to the Manual of Work, but the principles outlined in this document are central to an understanding of Freemasonry and provide guidance for our Masonic conduct.

I suspect by now you realize that in this article we can only scratch the surface in explaining the information that every Mason should study if he really wants to understand his Masonic heritage. We can spend time reading these foundational documents on our own, but we probably won't. This is not unlike the situation in college, where we could have simply read the books, but we found that it took the discipline of the classroom to encourage us to read and think about the course material. It may be useful, therefore, to establish educational programs and discussions about these Pillars of Freemasonry at our Scottish Rite meetings, or perhaps at a special workshop.

Such study is not just important to us as Masons, it is important to us as citizens. This is because as a result of changes in elementary and high school curriculum, and a decline in the study of history and the humanities in college, more of our youth have less familiarity with our traditions. We are in danger of losing touch with the documents which form the ethical and moral anchors of our civilization. When a civilization forgets its roots, it begins to decline.

Many scholars and others are now becoming concerned about the loss of our cultural and intellectual heritage, the foundations upon which Freemasonry, Americanism, and Western civilization rest. Therefore, Freemasonry – in part through a program that is focused on these “Pillars” – can and should play a part in the ongoing cultural renaissance supporting the principles of individual liberty and freedom of thought and religion, against the forces of anarchy, destruction and intolerance.

Temple Repairs

Ill. David C. Morris, 33° and Ill. Larry Alexander, 33°

This article presents to the Alexandria Valley membership an update on plans developed by your Trustees to complete a prioritized list of major repairs and capital improvements to the Valley's Temple in 2015 and 2016. The plans were recently submitted to and approved by the Valley's Executive Council. First, I think it is proper to put the basis for the plans in context.

Section 5 of the Alexandria Valley By-Laws specify the Trustee responsibilities. They include “custody of Valley funds available for investment” and making “recommendations to the Executive Council concerning building maintenance and repairs; alterations or additions; etc.” Over the past two years we have worked to establish a prioritized list of preventive maintenance, necessary repairs, and desired upgrades. We started with the list of repairs and upgrades in the August 2012 Condition Assessment provided by a team from A Design Group, LLC., headed by Brother Frank Sturgeon. To that list we added emergency projects and others nominated from the membership.

Over the last 12 months nearly \$147,000 in scheduled repairs, emergency repairs, and upgrades to the Temple and grounds have been completed or are in progress, including:

Replace woodwork, cornices, and trim on exterior of the building	\$44,169
Paint exterior of the building, railings, stairs, outdoor units, and replace some gutters	\$19,770
Replace all exterior windows	\$32,500
Purchase new wireless microphones & receivers; and mixer amplifier	\$ 3,450
Kitchen: installed water line, drain, and 30,000 gal. water filter; and replaced icemaker	\$ 3,825
Repair Roof leaks	\$ 4,600
Tree trimming	\$ 3,900

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HVAC repair - Units #2 & #4	\$ 3,914
Repair leaking water main	\$ 2,600
Repair gas line leak	\$ 1,940
Parking lot: seal cracks, seal surface, and reline lot	\$13,100
Replace Auditorium Stage Curtains	\$13,500

Planned Maintenance and Upgrades:

Projects for 2015:

Building Alarm System - \$22,000.00

Audio Visual System upgrade - \$20,000.00 (will be less if only audio portion is done)

HVAC Control System Upgrade - \$15,000.00 (required before incremental replacement of the 5 HVAC systems)

Kitchen Upgrades (A/C installation and oven repair/replacement) estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Upgrade one bathroom to ADA compliance – \$50,000 - \$60,000.

Elevator installation: — (engineering costs TBD).

Build-out for possible rental of underutilized Temple spaces. (\$5,000 - \$10,000).

Projects for 2016:

Upgrade second bathroom to ADA compliance – \$50,000 - \$60,000.

Begin HVAC Systems replacement - \$25,000 to \$50,000 per unit. One unit per year for 5 years.

Elevator: possible start of installation. Total system cost estimated at \$80,000 to \$100,000 across 2016 to 2018.

As always, completion of these projects is dependent on available funds and need to address unscheduled emergency repairs. Any single year's investment income in excess of program needs will be placed in a cash account as a sinking fund for large, planned or emergency projects.

Finally, if you would like to nominate a capital improvement project, please submit it to any Trustee or to Ill. Dave Morris, Valley Secretary. If you have any questions, please contact either one of us and we will get you an answer.

Fraternal Regards

Wm. Larry Alexander, 33°, Trustee

David C. Morris, 33°, General Secretary

Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew

Ill. Ed. Cohen, 33°

Future generation of Scottish Rite Masons will record the 10th of October 2014, as a historic date in the history of our Valley – when we constituted the Alexandria Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew. This was done before the October Valley meeting at a ceremony when we officially knighted the founding members and installed the founding officers. The top three officers in the initial line are Brother Jim Mowry as Chief, Brother Luis Vega as Chieftain, and Brother Jan Kopacz as “Sept Chieftain.”



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Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew

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You recall that among the philosophical, mystical, and chivalric degrees which are the responsibility of the Council of Kadosh is the 29th degree – titled the Knights of Saint Andrew. This degree is said to commemorate the founding of the Order of Saint Andrew of the Thistle of Scotland by Robert the Bruce to reward those Knights Templar who had sought refuge in Scotland after the destruction of their Order by Pope Clement V, and who then, in the year 1314, assisted King Robert to win the battle of Bannockburn against the invading army of King Edward II of England.

Back in the day, the great knightly virtues included Humility, Patience, Sacrifice, Compassion, Honesty, Generosity, Clemency, Valor, and Honor. And, of course, the defining quest of knights was to liberate the Holy Land. In forming this new chapter, the Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew, we intend to give further expression to these great knightly virtues, but today our quest is quite different. It is to liberate ourselves from the bonds of intolerance, prejudice, and ignorance.

The core mission of the Knights of Saint Andrew is to assist the Personal Representative and General Secretary, and this service includes presenting the Colors, serving as an honor guard for dignitaries and special guests, aiding the Valley during special functions, and escorting the Reunion Class.

But the Knights are also charged to pursue activities that generate opportunities to enhance the esprit de corps and fellowship of the entire 32nd degree membership, and promote opportunities for increased participation. They will have functions directed toward fun and fellowship for the Knights and their ladies.

We expect great things from our new Alexandria Knights of Saint Andrew and expect them to begin to play an ever increasingly important role in the life of the Valley, in this our second century of service to Freemasonry and the Craft.

If you are a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and not yet a member, consider becoming a Knight of Saint Andrew!



Important Announcements

Ill. Edmund Cohen, 33°

Officer Elections: At the October Valley meeting, the membership voted to change our By-Laws to revise when our elections will be held and when the various bodies meet, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General has granted his approval. Accordingly, **at our November meeting we will elect and appoint the 2015 officers of the Chapter and Council, and at our December meeting elect and appoint the officers of the Lodge and Consistory.**

In addition, to avoid having more than one body meet when we have our ladies with us – for example, after the January Awards Dinner and Installation, the Ladies dinner, the Outstanding Teacher event, and the Feast of Tishri, and to avoid having all four bodies meet at one time, we also voted to change our By-Laws to provide that **Stated meetings of the Alexandria Lodge of Perfection shall be held each month. Stated meetings of the Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix shall be held in February, March, July, and November. Stated meetings of the Alexandria Council Knights Kadosh shall be held in February, April, July, and November. Stated meetings of the Alexandria Consistory Knights Kadosh shall be held in April, August, October, and December.** This schedule will begin in January 2015.

Officer Job Responsibilities: In July, the Executive Council voted to assign specific responsibilities to each officer in each of the four Bodies. To implement this decision, I appointed an ad hoc committee to establish these job responsibilities and asked for the work to be completed in time for the October Executive Committee meeting. The Committee did a magnificent job, and the Executive Council on 10 October 2014 voted to accept and implement their report. The Committee was chaired by Ill. Norm Hoff; its members were Ill. David Morris; Ill. James Loudermilk; Paul Evancoe, KCCH; Keith Butler, KCCH; and Bro. Peter Terrill.

Among the tasks assigned to the various officers are a number that support certain Valley events – thus the Head of each Body will assign his #2 and #3 officer to assist the Friends and Family Dinner and Charity Auction to be held in March. The next two most senior officers will be on the Committee organizing and running the annual Valley Picnic. Two officers in each Body – to be selected by the Head of Body in consultation with the Brother running the ROTC and JROTC awards program – will assist in the presentation of awards, and one officer – to be selected by the Head of Body in consultation with the Chair of the Member Retention Committee – will help us to contact Brethren who are behind in their dues. This does not preclude the Heads of Body from assigning other tasks to these officers, but will greatly assist these important Valley projects. You can find the full report with the jobs assigned to each officer on our website. See Attachment #5 for a quick overview.

Establishment of an Alexandria Scottish Rite Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy at the George Mason University (GMU). The Executive Council also voted to accept an agreement negotiated with GMU by Ill Dave Morris and Philip Rhodes, KCCH, to provide each year for the next 20 years, a \$5,000 graduate fellowship for a student seeking an advanced degree in the Philosophy Department at George Mason University. The awardee is obligated to submit a 1500-2000 word essay on Freemasonry which we can publish if we want. The funds are coming from the **Glass Family bequest** – as are some 10 additional undergraduate scholarships that we will be able to provide each year.

Valley Participation in the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). The Executive Council voted to have our Valley participate in the VMAP program. The Valley will receive a handsome Certificate of Participation from the Supreme Council; and, if we qualify by reaching specific thresholds in each of ten achievement areas, the Valley will receive a VMAP Achievement Plaque along with VMAP Achievement lapel pins for each of our members – which would be awarded at Valley meetings. The ten areas are: **1. Membership Recruitment, 2. New Member Engagement, 3. Degree Conferral Proficiency, 4. Reunion Experience, 5. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates, 6. Scottish Rite Education for Members, 7. Officer Responsibilities & Engagement, 8. Philanthropy & Public Image, 9. Membership Retention, and 10. Valley Organizations.** There are one or two required and a number of optional tasks to complete in each area to qualify.

This is similar in some ways to the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Hillman Award, and is primarily a diagnostic tool which will help us evaluate how well we are doing as a Valley. I have appointed Brother Peter Terrill to be our Valley VMAP coordinator, and he will be recruiting a committee to focus on each of the 10 areas. With your help, I think our Valley stands a very good chance of qualifying.

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Friends and Family Charity Dinner and Auction

Howard M. Sobel, KCCH, Charity Event Chairman

To all Scottish Rite Brethren:

Please reserve Sunday, 1 March 2015. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Our annual Friends and Family Dinner and Auction is our Valley's major charity fundraiser. After covering our expenses, ALL of the money we raise will be split between our RiteCare charity and the restoration of the House of the Temple.

If you attended the James Madison University summer clinic event in July or the recent Scottish Rite Conference in Virginia Beach, you know just how important our support for children with language disorders has been. In addition to direct support for the children at the summer clinic, we provide undergraduate and graduate fellowships to train the next generation of speech and hearing clinicians. Your contributions have resulted in a substantial improvement in the lives of these children – and their families.

We also are helping to restore the iconic House of the Temple, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. After all this time it needs a great deal of work so it can continue to be, for the next 100 years, the Masonic treasure it has been since it opened on October 18, 1915. We are resuming our annual bus trips to the House of the Temple next year so that you and your family can tour this magnificent structure.

The Valley is going to make our charity dinner and auction a first-class event, and it will be a great afternoon out for you and your lady. But we need your support to make it a success – and we want every Scottish Rite Mason and his lady to attend. But remember this is a Friends and Family Dinner and Auction, and it is a perfect event to invite your non-Scottish Rite Lodge Brethren, as well as your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.

Our dinner and auction will be at the beautiful Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Our tentative schedule is to begin at 3:30 p.m. with a social hour and the beginning of the silent auction bidding. There will be a cash bar, with dinner served at 4:30. We will end the silent auction bidding ending at 5:30 and have the live auction from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., when the event will end and you will collect the items you successfully bid on.

Individual seats will be \$75 of which \$25 is tax deductible, tables of eight will be sold at a discounted rate of \$560.

So, in addition to attending, how can you help?

First, help us to get EVERY LODGE within our jurisdiction to reserve at least one table for this event!

Second, become, or find a sponsor for this charity event. We are looking for sponsors in the following categories (Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$500, Silver - \$250, and Bronze - \$100). These sponsorships are 100% tax deductible. In addition, individuals, restaurants or businesses you frequent may be willing to make a contribution, be a sponsor, or donate a gift certificate or other items for our silent and live auctions.

Third, we are looking for donations of good quality items (furniture, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, etc.) and gift certificates for our silent and live auctions. As an example, I will be donating a solid gold men's or ladies ring as well as a one-week stay at my condo in N. Myrtle Beach, S.C., as live auction items. I also will be getting a dinner cruise for two on either the Dandy or Odyssey cruise lines on the Potomac River. The Fairview Park Marriott is donating a gift certificate for a weekend stay for two. And the House of the Temple is donating several items for our silent auction.

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Friends and Family Charity Dinner and Auction

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Fourth, we are looking for a company to print our program booklet for the evening in exchange for a full-page ad in the booklet. The program will include the schedule for the afternoon, as well as a listing of all silent and live auction items, and all sponsors and donors.

Remember, this is our major charity fundraiser, and if every member can get us at least one SPONSOR or an item for the auction, the event will be a great success. PLEASE help your Valley in its charity outreach and have a great time at the event. Call [\[703-946-2788 \(cell\)\]](tel:703-946-2788) or send me an email [\[potentate09@gmail.com\]](mailto:potentate09@gmail.com) if you have ideas or questions, or want to help on the Committee.

Fraternally,
Howard Sobel
Chairman, Friends & Family Fundraiser

Cohort Class Reunion

David H. Smith, Sr., 33°, Assistant Secretary

Remember when your families gather together and you discovered relatives that you didn't know or remember; when you attended your high school or college class graduation reunions after ten, twenty or fifty years; and found it to be a fun and exciting activity? Memories are those intangible things that touch our heart strings and keep us alive and active in our daily lives - as the years pass.

In April 2015, we will be celebrating our first Reunion Class consisting of those Brethren who received their Scottish Rite degrees in the Reunion classes of 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, and for forth. A special invitation will go out to these Brethren in hopes that they will attend and experience the excitement of seeing each other again, renewing old friendships, and fostering greater ties across the various 5-year cohort classes. In addition to great fellowship, they will obtain further light in Scottish Rite Masonry. We will have a special welcome for the 5-year cohorts of the current "Reunion Class" and provide some very memorable moments and a specially designed pin (pictured above) for the occasion.

We encourage all Brethren to attend no matter when you received your degrees. You will treasure the memories of the past and develop new memories for the future. Help us celebrate with these Brethren and the Spring 2015 Class, and please plan to attend.



Important Announcements

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Temple Building Fund: Finally, the Executive Council voted to change our building fund investment strategy and shift these funds to a new investment vehicle in order to generate more income each year to help us fund our building repairs and upgrades. The Trustees, chaired by Ill. Larry Alexander, reviewed our current situation, and the Budget and Finance Committee chaired by Sheldon Richman, KCCH, presented for consideration by the Executive Council two of four investment vehicles previously briefed which would best implement our new strategy. After the briefing and discussion the Executive Council voted to transfer our building fund to BlackRock.

From the Secretary's Desk

Ill. David C. Morris, 33° - General Secretary of all Four Bodies

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015

The 2015 Proposed Budget was presented at our October meeting and will be discussed and voted on at the December 2014 meeting. Please plan to attend, ask questions and vote.



DUES NOTICES WILL SOON BE IN THE MAIL

The Supreme Council has prepared the 2015 notices. They will soon be mailed to you, along with your "2015 sticker" if you are current on your dues. Life members do not need or receive annual stickers.

Your 2015 DUES need to be paid by:
December 31, 2014

If you know of a Brother who needs help with his dues, PLEASE let me know.

Note: You can pay your dues, and make contributions to our charities, online at the Supreme Council web site.

<https://secure.scottishrite.org/>

[OnlineMemberUpdate/MemberUpdate1.asp](https://secure.scottishrite.org/OnlineMemberUpdate/MemberUpdate1.asp)

FALL 2014 REUNION CLASS

The rings, patents, caps & boxes that you ordered should be ready for pick-up at the December meeting.



Alexandria Scottish Rite Proposed Budget for 2015

Category	Approved Budget	Projected (9=3)	PROPOSED BUDGET
	2014	2014	2015
Estimated Income	\$160,760.00	\$156,065.00	\$161,061.00
Dues	\$93,955.00	\$90,275.00	\$92,296.00
Fees	\$7,625.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,375.00
Rent	\$36,580.00	\$39,500.00	\$39,500.00
LMIP interest	\$8,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$8,600.00
Dinner		\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00
Miscellaneous	\$14,000.00	\$12,130.00	\$12,130.00
Administrative Expenses	\$57,180.00	\$59,747.00	\$58,795.00
Salaries	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Telephone + IT	\$1,680.00	\$4,910.00	\$4,910.00
Postage and Mailing	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Printing	\$12,500.00	\$10,885.00	\$10,885.00
Audit	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$5,952.00	\$5,000.00
Building & Operating	\$67,825.00	\$63,908.00	\$65,439.00
Insurance	\$10,000.00	\$9,889.00	\$9,889.00
Utilities	\$28,000.00	\$25,250.00	\$25,250.00
Security	\$7,325.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00
Maintenance & repairs	\$22,500.00	\$20,969.00	\$22,500.00
Philanthropic	\$1,600.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,500.00
Education	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Teacher of the Year	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Members - dues remitted			\$1,600.00
Contributions & Fees	\$34,010.00	\$32,126.00	\$32,126.00
Supreme Council - Per Capita	\$31,420.00	\$29,820.00	\$29,820.00
Supreme Council - Candidate Fees	\$1,150.00	\$881.00	\$881.00
SR Conf of VA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
GWMMN	\$240.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Dinners/Refreshments	\$19,200.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00
Meetings & Installation	\$4,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
SR Conf & Workshops	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Feast of Tishri	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Blue Lodge Relations	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Reunions	\$7,600.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Ladies Nights	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Special Events - Picnic	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
General Items	\$6,900.00	\$6,800.00	\$6,900.00
Degrees, Robes, etc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Transportation	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
33 & KCCH investiture	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
SR Conference Host	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
14th degree rings	\$2,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$186,715.00	\$183,381.00	\$186,660.00
Expenses over Income	-\$25,955.00	-\$28,316.00	-\$25,599.00

November 2, 2014 - Daylight Saving Time

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STATED MEETINGS

Alexandria Lodge of Perfection
Second Friday of each month
KENT S. WEBBER, KCCH
Venerable Master

Alexandria Chapter of Rose Croix
Second Friday
January, March, May, November
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2014

November 7 – 8
Grand Lodge of Virginia
Richmond, VA

November 14 – 15
Grand Chapter Royal Arch
Masons of VA
Williamsburg, VA

November 17 – 6:30 p.m.
Blue Ridge Club Meeting—
Culpeper (Meets at the IHOP)

NOTE DATE CHANGE
November 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Pre-meeting Dinner
(Reservations by November 18)
Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
(Lodge & Chapter)

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day



DECEMBER 2014

December 12
Executive Council – 6:00 p.m.
Valley Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
(Lodge & Consistory)

December 25 – Christmas Day



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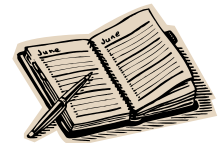


January 1 – New Years Day

January 9
Awards Banquet – 6:00 p.m.
(Reservations by Jan. 5)
Installation of Officers for
all four Bodies – 7:30 p.m.
Followed by short Valley Meeting
(Lodge only).

January 19 – 6:30 p.m.
Blue Ridge Club Meeting—
Culpeper (Meets at the IHOP)

January 28 – 6:30 p.m.
Shenandoah Club Meeting—
Stevens City – Butcher Block Rest.



Update your calendars
don't miss these events!