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SGIG *Message*



Illustrious Leonard Proden, 33°
SGIG in the District of Columbia

Enjoying the summer? I hope so. Here at the Rite we are busy with building upkeep and renovation, construction of a new website, and in full preparation for the Biennial Session. It is at this time that the Southern Jurisdiction's Supreme Council meets at the House of the Temple to review and ratify all the happenings and activities that have occurred during the two years since the last Session. All of our reports, membership activities, financial and accounting transactions of the Lodge, Foundation and NATO Body Club have been submitted to the Supreme Council by our General Secretary.


The Biennial Session is an exciting three-day event when our Supreme Council gathers in full form and where the 33 Active Members, resplendent in long black robes and the gold chains of office, process into a magnificent chamber accompanied by majestic organ music heralding one of the grandest of Masonic grand openings. Perhaps you may think it a bit ostentatious—however, every Scottish Rite Mason who is fortunate enough to observe this ceremony overflows with pride at knowing he is connected to this august body. From my vantage point, I find it most impressive and also humbling.

Masonic leaders from all over the world (representatives, delegates and Grand Commanders from 28 countries) come to our Nation's Capital to attend the Biennial Session. Our Grand Master, Ill. Roman Volsky, 33°, will attend as an honored guest and deliver welcoming remarks to all in attendance at the official opening of the Session. Most Worshipful Volsky will also be formally recognized and introduced in full form as will the other 34 Grand Masters in attendance. The Scottish Rite recognizes Craft Masonry as the foundation for all Freemasonry and so in exalting the Grand Masters we affirm our steadfast allegiance to the leaders of our Craft.

Did I forget to mention that the Session also signals the final stage in awarding honours (Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and Inspector General Honorary) to whom honours are due? Congratulations to our honourmen whose names are listed on page three of this special Summer edition of the *Progress*. The 33rd Degree conferral ceremony will take place in our DCSR auditorium on Tuesday morning, August 22nd, where members of the Valley of Alexandria will confer the degree. Only 33rd Degree (white cap) members are eligible to attend. The KCCH Investiture (under the direction of Scott Brown, 32° KCCH) is an open ceremony and will take place in our auditorium at 10:00 am, September 16th. All are welcome to attend.

Our Valley is heavily involved in providing assistance at the Biennial Session as our KSA, KCCH men, and 33rds are serving in a myriad of supporting roles. Their presence and willingness to quietly contribute their time and effort does not go unseen and is appreciated at many levels. This “can do” spirit never fails to remind me and others why the Valley of Washington is not only alive and well, but active and flourishing. The Valley's consistent and enthusiastic embrace of the concept of servant leadership has proved a boon to our own members' development while securing special notice for the Valley within the Southern Jurisdiction

I plan to see you on September 5th at the House of the Temple as the Venerable Master of the Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Morgan Corr, 32° KCCH, has arranged a special program in the upstairs Temple Room. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

As always, thank you for your continuing support of
Scottish Rite Freemasonry. 



SCOTTISH RITE HONOURS

This year, ending in an odd number, signifies a convocation of the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, and heralds the time for submission of nominations for Brethren of the Southern Jurisdiction to receive the honours of 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, 33° Inspector General Honorary, or Grand Cross of the Court of Honour.


The creation of the Court of Honour was proposed at the May 2-7, 1870 Sessions in Baltimore and the suggested wording of the governing Statute was circulated to each Active Member of the Supreme Council immediately thereafter. Considering the detail of the sixteen sections of the original Statute, it would seem that Sovereign Grand Commander Pike had been planning its recommendation for some time before the Baltimore meeting. It would also appear that there was some urgency to get the Statute adopted, even though action on its adoption had been overlooked prior to the meeting's conclusion. By some means unspecified, the Active Members approved the proposal and Grand Commander Pike published a notice to that effect on June 8, 1870.

The wording of the Statute has changed with time, but the cardinal rule was and is, honours "shall never be asked or applied for by any person; and if asked or applied for shall be refused." That being the primary dictum, the Supreme Council imposes: 1) certain criteria upon the SGIG regarding the number of nominations for honours he may make, and 2) specific qualifications upon the individual member's eligibility for consideration to receive honours.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOURS

Selection of brethren for nomination to receive the honours of 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour or 33° Inspector General Honorary is at the sole discretion of the SGIG in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Supreme Council, S.J.

The statutes declare that in order to be eligible for either of the honours abovementioned, the candidate must have forty-four months "time in grade" prior to the session at which the vote is to be taken, and not only be current in their dues at the time of nomination, but have maintained that currency in the preceding forty-four months. The statutes also impose a minimum age requirement of thirty-five years for the 33°. It is from this pool of eligible brethren that the SGIG makes his selection.


Attendance, participation, and support of DCSR activities and events are factors considered, as are Masonic activities outside of the Scottish Rite, and significant contributions to society in general. 



Ill. William Morton Ireland, 33°, G.C.

Subsequent to the adoption of the Statute creating the Court of Honour, the first local member to receive the honour of 32° KCCH was Brother William Morton Ireland, a charter member of the Mithras Lodge of Perfection in 1870; and first head of that body, then titled the Thrice Puissant Grand Master. Brother Ireland went on to head two of the other three bodies, the Council and the Consistory, and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1874 (one of two): he received the Grand Cross Court of Honour that same year (again, one of two).

The selection of candidates for honours is the sole prerogative of the SGIG, and at the time of this writing, the names of this year's DCSR Honours nominees have been submitted to the Supreme

Council for action. 

Congratulations to THE 2017 VALLEY OF WASHINGTON HONOURMEN

Inspectors General Honorary (33°)

David B. Akopian	Kenneth D. Fuller
Bradley D. Andrukitis	William M. Lanham
James E. Barrett	Christopher K. Mahaney
Richard J. Bautista	George J. Stoklas
Dean S. Clatterbuck	Patrick I. Quinn
Marlon K. Curtis	



Knights Commander of the Court of Honour (32° KCCH)

Perry J. Blatstein	James W. Mitchell
Weldon J. Campbell, Jr.	Jeremy T. Moak
Kenneth L. Cohen	Louis M. Numkin
James W. Coleman	Ole F. Olson
Kent T. Crotty	George E. Perez
Jean-Paul Dongmo	Hector F. Posset
Michael S. Dupnak	Nicholas J. Sampogna
Maurice E. Feghali	Michael O. Spencer
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UNUSUAL RITES OF THE RITE

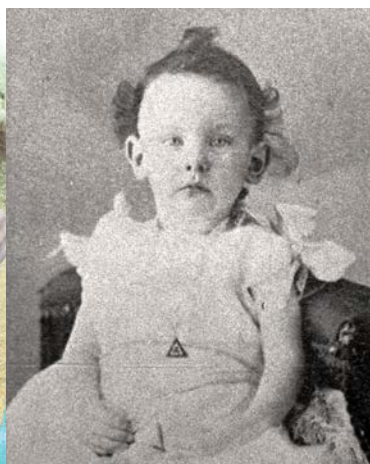
Offices of Baptism

One of the more curious artifacts that I have come across at our 16th Street Temple is a book entitled *Offices of Masonic Baptism, Reception of a Louveteau and Adoption*. Although there is no specific indication of the author, the copyright page has a date of 1871, and the name, Albert Pike. The writing style is also like that of the-then Sovereign Grand Commander, so I will assume that he was the writer. In the “Introductory” of the book, Pike writes, “The ceremony of Masonic Baptism has always been used in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Order...,” and goes on to cite the works of (Nicholas Charles) Des Etangs and the *Actes du Suprême Conseil de France* as authoritative in this matter.

The ceremony of Masonic baptism is replete with ritual, songs, and orations; and, similar to the Christian sacrament with the use of water as an element of the service where sprinkling on the child’s forehead or total immersion is typical. However, in the Masonic rite, dipping the child’s left hand into the water, reminiscent of lustration in the fourteenth degree, is the practice. Additional aspects of this service include the use of oil to anoint the symbol delta on the child’s forehead, salt applied to the lips of the child, and the bestowal of gifts that are Masonic in nature. These gifts include a small triangular white lambskin apron and an inscribed delta of silver or gold presented by the child’s godfather, and a locket, bracelet, or ring given by the child’s godmother.

Whatever its history or authority, it was a ritual with which Commander Pike was familiar, and performed on several occasions. On October 2, 1865, an article entitled “Interesting Masonic Ceremony—Baptism of Six Children by Albert Pike of Arkansas” appeared in the *New York News*. The article stated that this was “the first time this ceremony was performed at the north,” (sic) went on to describe the service in detail, and named the children.

The District of Columbia’s first recorded instance of a public Scottish Rite Ritual baptism occurred on April 29, 1872, with Sovereign Grand Commander Albert Pike again officiating. The children were



Edwin Albert MacGrotty

Robert Bruce Nairn and Edwin Albert MacGrotty, sons of Brethren Joseph Wilson Nairn and Edwin Balridge MacGrotty, who were very active in the early days of DC Scottish Rite. *The Evening Star* (Washington, DC) published a complete account of the ceremony in its April 30, 1872 edition. A parenthetical remark by Ill. Ralph H. Gauker, 33°, in his *History of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the District of*

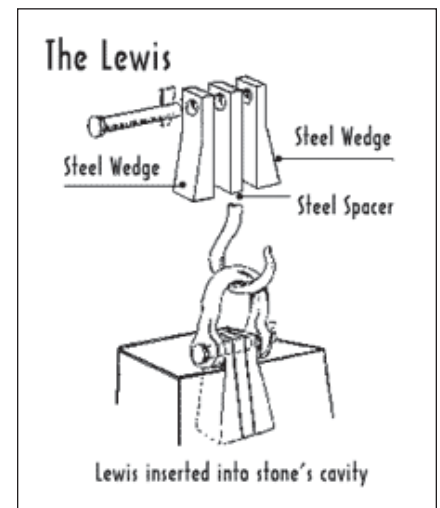
Columbia indicates that, to the best of his knowledge, there was only one repetition of a Scottish Rite baptism in the District thereafter, but offered no additional information about that occasion.

There is anecdotal evidence of ceremonies of Masonic baptisms in recent years, but I have found no real proof to substantiate those occurrences. However, in 2009, Cliff Porter, a Colorado Brother, Masonic author, and lecturer, published *Masonic Baptism, A Post-Modern Ritual for an Ancient Craft*, renewing interest in a ceremony that Commander Pike affirmed, “has always been used.”

Reception of a Louveteau

The French word *louveteau* literally means a young wolf, or wolf cub. In Masonry though, it corresponds to the English term *lewis*, or son of a Mason. Since neither of these terms are in common usage among Masons today, it may be well to offer a little background on their derivation. I will address only the term *lewis*, as it is the English and American name. Comprehensive information on both *lewis* and *louveteau* is at masonicdictionary.com.

In operative Masonry, the *lewis* is a lifting appliance or grapple used to aid in moving large stones. Albert Gallatin Mackey’s *Encyclopedia* defines it as “an iron cramp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for that purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height and deposited in its proper position.”



Mackey continues, “The son of a (speculative) Mason is called a *lewis* because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his father” much as the *lewis* appliance assisted our operative Brethren. In English and French Masonry, the advantage of being a *lewis* was that he could “be received when only eighteen,” instead of the usual requirement that a candidate be twenty-one.

As the baptism is for infants, so the Reception is “for a boy who has attained the age of twelve years,” and although performed only in a Blue Lodge, it imposes no obligation on the Lodge to support or educate the boy, but rather to watch over, protect, and offer counsel and advice. Interestingly, if the candidate is unbaptized, a modified version of the preceding ceremony takes place prior to that of the Reception.

Ritual, music, and oratory are part of the Reception, as is the presentation of gifts. Again, there is an apron of white lamb-skin for the boy, this time square in shape with a permanently upturned flap, and a jewel. “The jewel of a Louveteau is two triangles, one of gold and one of silver, interlaced, forming the Seal of Solomon, in the center of which hangs a little trowel of gold. Each side of each triangle is an inch and a half in length and an eighth on an inch wide. On each triangle is enameled or engraved on of the two words given above.” (The words are *Kater Zab*, which Pike defines as young wolf.)



Masonic Lewis Jewel

The final gift presentation is to the mother of the Louveteau, and is a gold ring with her initials engraved inside, along with the name of the Lodge. The Reception finishes with all present partaking of cake and wine, communion fashion.

Offices of Adoption

SGC Pike begins by stating that, “The act of Adoption may be performed by any Masonic body, of whatever degree or Rite.” He continues, “A Masonic body may adopt a child of either sex, of any age under twenty-one, and whether either or both its parents be living or dead.”


However, the most significant aspect of a Masonic Adoption comes in the statement, “By adopting a child, the Lodge becomes **bound** (emphasis mine) to support and educate it. It becomes, not the *pupil* or *ward*, but the *child* of the Lodge.” Pike goes on to describe the different Lodge voting majorities required (unanimous, two-

thirds, three-fourths) in each of several scenarios (one parent or both deceased, Masonic affiliation or not, good standing or not, worthiness or unworthiness).

Baptism is indispensable, so if the adoption candidate is a Louveteau, eligibility is thereby established. However, if the candidate neither is a Louveteau nor been baptized, a Masonic baptism must take place prior to the adoption.

As with the other ceremonies, this one, too, incorporates music, ritual, orations, and gifts. The service is quite long, and the ritual varies based on the sex and age of the “*adoptanda*.” The bestowal of gifts comes near the conclusion of the ceremony, and includes a gold ring for the child’s mother, if present, with the name and number of the Lodge engraved inside. The child receives a Passion Cross about one and an eighth inches in length “on which are the interlaced triangles, and in the center a star of five points—the whole of gold or partly enameled.” The initials of the Hebrew words Ben [or Beth] h’Sakah—*son [or daughter] of the Lodge*, along with the Lodge name and number, are inscribed on the lower shaft of the cross. In the ceremony, the officiant tells the adopted child to present the cross to a Mason or Lodge in case of need or extremity, and receive assistance.

Comments

Prepared for the Supreme Council, 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the book is a comprehensive how-to-do-it book for the démodé Masonic offices described herein. 

VENERABLE MASTER MORGAN MOVES MITHRAS MEETING

To celebrate our return to labor, Brother Morgan P. Corr, 32° KCCH, the Venerable Master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection, has arranged to hold the Lodge’s Tuesday, September 5, 2017 meeting at the Supreme Council’s House of the Temple, located at 1733 16th Street, NW.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00pm in the George Washington Banquet Hall and the meeting will open at 7:30pm in the Temple Room. Parking is available in the rear of the Temple. For reasons of convenience and practicality, Members will be excused from wearing their caps.





SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF WASHINGTON 2017 GOLF OUTING



▲ LMI qualifier foursome, Scott McLean, Rick Amatucci, Len Proden, Steve Novak

The Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, MD was the venue for the 2017 DCSR Golf Event to benefit the Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders. The beautiful course and beautiful weather combined to make a great day of golf for the nearly full complement of players in the tournaments.

First place in the Liberty Mutual Invitational qualifier was the foursome of Len Proden, Scott McLean, Steve Novak, and Rick Amatucci, while the fun tournament first place winners were Chuck Shaw, Ron Potter, Scott Jacobs, and Chip Mahaney. Since Hiram-Takoma Lodge No. 10 sponsored the fun team winners, the Lodge retained the SGIG Cup that they had won at last year's tournament.

The physical support of volunteers from the KSA, KCCH, and Liberty Mutual greatly contributed to the success of the event, as did the financial support of the individuals and organizational contributors listed herein, thank you! 🦉

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▲ Fun tournament winners, Scott Jacobs, Ron Potter, Chip Mahaney, Chuck Shaw



▲ Jerry Peeters and David Andrukitis from DCSR, and Kasey Faulkner from Liberty Mutual

WIDOWS AND OFFICERS' LADIES TEA 2017



On June 3, 2017, the DCSR held its annual Ladies' Tea for the widows of our members at the Normandie Farm Restaurant in Potomac, MD. Our friends at the PEN/Faulkner Foundation presented the guest author, Louisa Thomas, who discussed the writing of her recently published biography of Louisa Catherine Johnson, wife of President John Quincy Adams, and first foreign-born First Lady. The wives of current Valley officers augmented the attendance, who all enjoyed a nice afternoon repast. Ms. Thomas graciously inscribed copies of her book for our guests. 

◀ Author Louisa Thomas, PEN/Faulkner Executive VP Willee Lewis



▲ Louisa Thomas



▲ Imelda Evans, Alma Jean Bridegum, Pat Burroughs

In Memoriam

Those things that survive us – our works, our words, our immortal thoughts, our influences and the effects of our good deeds, are more to the world that survives than are we ourselves.



NAME / DEGREE	DATE JOINED SCOTTISH RITE	DATE OF DEATH
William T. Anton, 33°	11/14/1978	6/22/2017
Jack Franklin Fessler, 32°	3/16/1954	5/1/2017
Bill Franz Greschel, 32° KCCH	4/8/1972	6/9/2017
Douglas B. McFadden, 32° KCCH	11/12/1982	6/14/2017
Charles A. Phillips, 32° KCCH	10/26/1990	6/30/2017
Ralph H. Thrasher Jr., 32°	2/28/1967	6/13/2017

Valley Toughs It Out Together at the 2017 TOUGH MUDDER



Once again DCSR fielded a team at the June 10, 2017 Tough Mudder in Doswell, Virginia. Our participation this year advanced the true bonds of fraternal friendship, brotherly love and even some chivalry. Over the past couple of years Tough Mudder has gained a pretty huge following from within our Valley and outside of it, but what makes this year's Tough Mudder event a special one is the fact that 90% of the brethren were Scottish Rite Members ranging from as young as 20 to early 70's. The Valley's team reflected the wonderful diversity that has become a hallmark of our Valley. Beyond the diversity of our members, the team included a perfect mix of family and friends, and some men who want to become Masons. While the various challenges were as tough as always, it was an easy victory for the Valley, as we continue to live by the tenants of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite Creed.

– Richard Drosin, 32°




THE DC SCOTTISH RITE TOUGH MUDDER TEAM

PARTICIPANTS:

Ted Berry, Geovani Bonilla, Jose Calil, Jose Campos, Aron Coste, Earl Dale, Quardricos Driskell, Michael Goddard, Adam Goldman, Iryna Griffith, Lonnie Hall, Jamaal Hill, Elizabeth Ketchum, Anani Kuevey, Robert Lyles, Nick McIntosh, Dmitriy Minin, Niko Nikolov, Denis Primakov, Yury Primakov, Neil Revollo, Shannon Scott, James Thomas

SPECTATORS:

Richard Drosin (coordinator),
Carroll J. Collins, Jasmine Mickens,
Taylor Thomas, Larry Villegas-Perez
(photographer) 



PEN/FAULKNER & THE D.C. SCOTTISH RITE HOSTS WRITERS IN SCHOOLS EVENT

For some years, the Valley of Washington has provided funding in support of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation Writers in Schools series in the DC Public Schools. This year, the PEN/Faulkner program at DCSR was a panel conversation with three local authors, moderated by Dr. Frazier O'Leary, AP English instructor at Cardozo, and the first teacher to use Writers in Schools.

The presentation closely mimicked the discourse that likely occurs between the authors and the students in the classrooms; with questions such as, "Did you have a favorite book that inspired you?" and "How do you get started actually writing a book?" Dr. O'Leary's provocative questions to the panel stimulated a lively discussion among the authors, and included audience participation.



Deborah Tannen,
Riley Temple,
Katherine Wilson



Your Good Health Tip

DEET, showers, and tick checks can stop ticks.

Reduce your chances of getting a tickborne disease by using repellents, checking for ticks, and showering after being outdoors. If you have a tick bite followed by a fever or rash, seek medical attention.



Gardening, camping, hiking, and playing outdoors – when enjoying these activities, don't forget to take steps to prevent bites from ticks that share the outdoors. Ticks can infect humans with bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause serious illness.

STOP Ticks



If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively.

Shower soon after being outdoors. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease. Showering may help wash off unattached ticks and it is a good opportunity to do a tick check.

Check your body for ticks after being outdoors. Conduct a full body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, which even includes your back yard. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. Check these parts of your body and your child's body for ticks:

1. Under the arms
2. In and around the ears
3. Inside belly button
4. Back of the knees
5. In and around the hair
6. Between the legs
7. Around the waist

Before You Go Outdoors

Know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through leaf litter or near shrubs. Always walk in the center of trails in order to avoid contact with ticks.

Use a repellent with DEET on skin. Repellents containing 20% or more DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) can protect up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding the hands, eyes, and mouth.



After You Come Indoors

Check your clothing for ticks. Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

What to Do if You Find an Attached Tick

Remove the attached tick as soon as you notice it by grasping with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pulling it straight out. Watch for signs of illness such as rash or fever in the days and weeks following the bite, and see a health care provider if these develop. Your risk of acquiring a tick-borne illness depends on many factors, including where you live, what type of tick bit you, and how long the tick was attached. If you become ill after a tick bite, see a health care provider.



Information courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

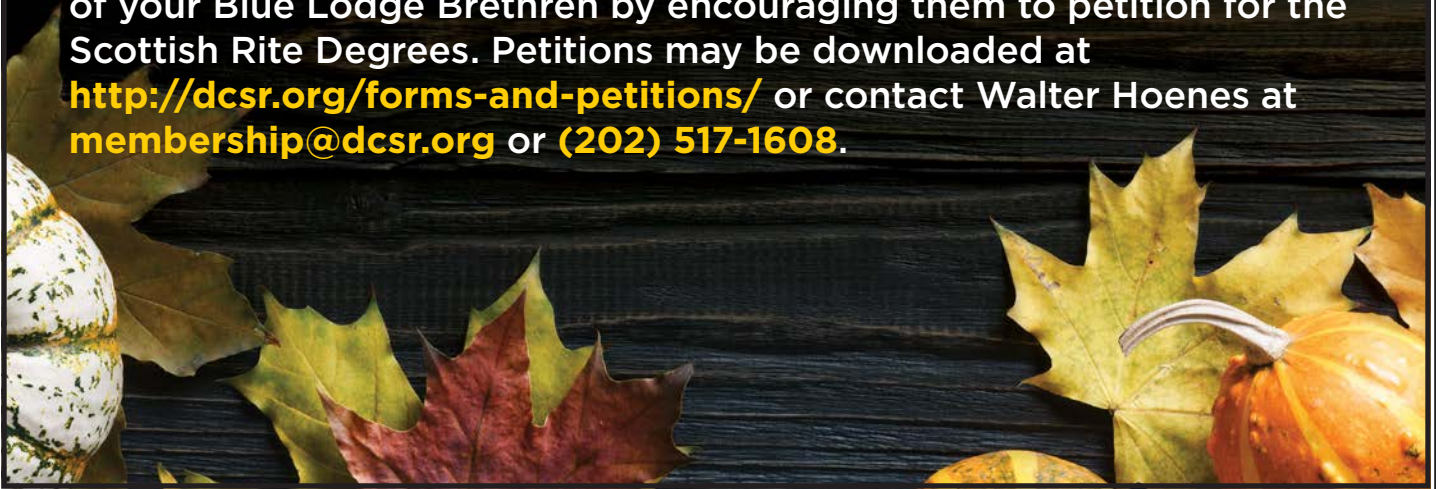


2017 FALL REUNION



NOVEMBER 10 & 11

You can support the Valley while enhancing the Masonic experience of your Blue Lodge Brethren by encouraging them to petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees. Petitions may be downloaded at <http://dcsr.org/forms-and-petitions/> or contact Walter Hoenes at membership@dcsr.org or (202) 517-1608.



BOOK SALE AT DCSR

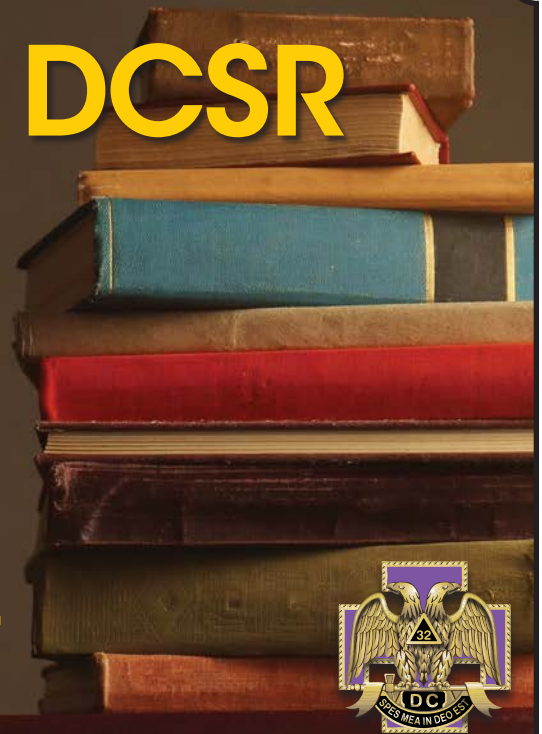
to benefit the Almoner's Fund

ALMOST GIVE-AWAY PRICES FOR ALL KINDS OF BOOKS:

Antiquarian collectibles, American and world history, non-fiction, fiction, fine literature and poetry

SATURDAY, SEPT 30, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Refectory



VMAP UPDATE

The Supreme Council's Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP), which is now midway into its third year, is designed to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the very best experience for its members. The Washington Valley accepted this challenge, and



completed the program with flying colors in 2015 and again in 2016. We are now pacing to meet or surpass all the benchmarks for 2017. Thanks to all the members who put in the sweat equity that has made our Valley a true flagship in the Southern Jurisdiction. With Ill. Brad Andrukitis, 33°- Elect at the helm once again, we know he will keep us reaching onward and upward. 



Bradley D. Andrukitis, 33° Elect
Director of VMAP

DUES NEWS




In August, the mailing of dues statements for 2018 will begin, and those members who are not current will notice that the amount due will increase significantly. In July, the membership folks at the Supreme Council did their annual data rollover to prepare for the new dues year, which means that the 2018 dues were added to the amount that one may already be in arrears to come up with the total that one currently owes. For example, if a member has not paid for 2016 and 2017, and the amount due for 2018 is added, it brings the total due to \$285.00. Continuing the current practice, once an annual dues member has paid his dues, he will again receive a new membership card rather than a sticker upon receipt of payment.

Membership in the Valley of Washington offers many benefits – tangible and intangible. The Valley depends on members to pay their dues both to pay the yearly per capita



assessment to the Supreme Council, and to mitigate some of the expenses associated in providing the quality Scottish Rite experience for which the Valley of Washington is well-known. The member's failure to meet this obligation is, therefore, a disservice not only to the institution, but also his fellow Brethren, as it means that they are underwriting the cost of the non-contributing Member's Scottish Rite benefits. Please bear in mind that timely payment is just as important so that the Valley can avoid the extra expense of sending multiple requests for payment.

Members may fulfill their obligation in a number of ways:

- Respond to the statement via U.S. Postal Service with a check or credit card information.
- Click on **"Payments"** on the top of the dcsr.org homepage to use PayPal or a credit card.
- Go to the Supreme Council website, scottishrite.org, click on the **"PAY YOUR DUES"** tab at the top right, and if you do not already have access, create a username and password to access the Scottish Rite Member Portal. Once there, click on the **"MY DUES"** tab at the top to pay.
- Pay in person at the DCSR Temple by cash, check, or credit card. 

SCOTTISH RITE CALENDAR

AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

AUGUST

20 Supreme Council Biennial Session

21 Supreme Council Biennial Session

22 33rd Degree Conferral
33° Members and Candidates Only

SEPTEMBER

04 Labor Day
DCSR Temple Closed

05 Mithras Lodge of Perfection
7:30 PM - Members Only (House of the Temple)

12 Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix
7:30 PM - Members Only

16 KCCH Investiture Ceremony
10:00 AM - Family and Friends Welcome 

19 Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh
7:30 PM - Members Only

26 Albert Pike Consistory
7:30 PM - Members Only

30 DCSR Book Sale
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Refectory

OCTOBER

03 Mithras Lodge of Perfection
7:30 PM - Members Only

07 NATO Club Reunion / KCCH Investiture
Vicenza, Italy

09 Columbus Day
DCSR Temple Closed

10 Feast of Tishri
7:00 PM

17 Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh
7:30 PM - Members Only

24 Albert Pike Consistory
7:30 PM - Members Only

NOVEMBER

07 Mithras Lodge of Perfection
7:30 PM - Members Only

10 FALL 2017 REUNION
Registration - 4:00-5:15 PM
Recess to Saturday - 9:15 PM

11 FALL 2017 REUNION
Class Reconvenes; light breakfast - 8:00 AM
Reunion concluded with Feast of the Consistory
(By Invitation Only) - 6:00-7:30 PM

13 Veterans Day Observance
DCSR Temple Closed

14 Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix
7:30 PM - Members Only

21 Scholarship & Community Service
Awards Program
7:00 PM - Family and Friends Welcome 

23 Thanksgiving Day
DCSR Temple Closed

28 Albert Pike Consistory
7:30 PM - Members Only

DECEMBER

05 Mithras Lodge of Perfection
7:30 PM - Members Only

12 Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix
7:30 PM - Members Only

25 - 29 Holiday Observance
DCSR Temple Closed

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