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Scottish Rite Creed

*Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.



A Message from the Venerable Master

Greetings Brethren,

What a fabulous evening we had during our last meeting at East Side Pizza. The food was excellent, the service impeccable, and a night with Illustrious Alan Adkins just can't be topped. We were fortunate to have Chila Nicholson, a certified speech-language pathologist and the clinic coordinator at the ODU Speech and Hearing Clinic and Rachel Genrich, a certified speech-language pathologist. She is a clinical educator at the ODU Speech and Hearing Clinic. Ms. Genrich presented a very informative program about the Lego program for children with Autism. This Clinic does amazing work with children, and we are always eager to learn more about their programs and accomplishments!

We will be dark in July but don't fret we will bounce back in August with a trip to the Eastern Shore for their always outstanding Seafood Feast.

Now is the time for summer, warmer temps, backyard BBQ's, camping and fun at the beach. Whatever your plans may be, have fun and enjoy time with family and friends. Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
 Kenneth Melvin Goode, 32°
 Venerable Master
 Lodge of Perfection



Program Calendar – 2023
Stated Meetings and Events

July	No Meeting
August 29	Hosted by Eastern Shore members At Capeville Lodge 107
August 20 – 22	2023 Biennial Session , Washington, DC Washington Hilton Hotel
September 6	No Meeting
September 28 – 30	Scottish Rite Conference 2023 – Alexandria Valley Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
October 2	Meeting – location TBD
November 6	Meeting – location TBD
December 4	Meeting – location TBD

		<u>Called From Labor</u>	
<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	
Raymond Lee Hines	February 16, 2022	Charles Freeman Weidman	January 3, 2023
Martin Parks Bull	March 28, 2022	Hugh Edward Spivey	January 6, 2023
Carol Ray Young	March 30, 2022	Arthur Roger Ybarra	March 25, 2023
Robert Wilson Crocker	May 5, 2022	Hugh Dewitt Byrd, Sr., 33° IGH	May 9, 2023
Clyde M. Perry	May 14, 2022		
Walter Brooklyn Ellis	May 17, 2022		
William Blount Westbrook	May 20, 2022		
Parker Johnson	May 20, 2022		
James Howard Hobday, Jr.	June 3, 2022		
William Vance Randolph	August 3, 2022		
John Henry Beahm, Jr.	August 18, 2022		
Samuel Opherrel Butler, Jr.	September 23, 2022		
William Jefferson Strickland	October 31, 2022		

VIRTUS JUNXIT-MORS NON SEPARABIT
 "WHOM VIRTUE HAS UNITED, DEATH WILL NOT SEPARATE"

Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 Hosts Scottish Rite Night

On May 24th Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 welcomed the Scottish Rite Masons. A delicious BBQ meal served by the Jobs Daughters Bethel 37 with cake for dessert.



The Grand Commander, Illustrious Jim Cole delivered his message to the brethren present. Afterwards the Worshipful Master, Lester Tysor presented the Illustrious Cole with a donation to the House of the Temple, and a box of his favorite pens. Also enjoying the evening was the S.G.I.G. of Virginia Illustrious Alan Wayne Adkins!

Rite Care and the Portsmouth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.

ODU Launching Program that Uses LEGOs to Help Improve Social Communication Skills for Children Diagnosed with Autism



June 14, 2023

By Joe Garvey

Old Dominion University's [Speech and Hearing Clinic](#) is introducing a program this month that will utilize LEGOs to help improve the social communication skills of children diagnosed with autism.

The Tidewater Scottish Rite LEGO Social Skill Group will meet twice a week and will run from June 20 through July 20 at the Lions Child Study Center.

"I think, as therapists, we're trying to change the way the world works to be more accepting of people with different neurotypes," said Rachel Genrich, a lecturer in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education who is leading the effort. "But we also have to function in the world as it is now."

In its inaugural year, the program will be for 7- to 9-year-olds with "low-support needs," Genrich said.

"That's a prime age range for interest in LEGOs," she said. "We want them to be engaging in natural communication exchanges during something that's inherently meaningful for them. There's also going to be lots of opportunities for problem-solving."

The children will work as a group and take on different roles throughout the five-week program. A child might be the "engineer" in charge of a building plan on one day and the "builder" on another day.

"I like the LEGO Education sets because there are more opportunities for problem-solving and flexibility versus just following the instructions to build something specified," Genrich said. "So they're going to have to collaborate and compromise to come up with some kind of modification. That's going to provide them a lot of opportunities to resolve conflict."

Four first-year master's student clinicians will help facilitate communication and problem-solving, Genrich said.

"They're not in there to step in and solve a problem for them but really to guide them to the answer and just to encourage those kinds of connections," she explained. "We're not trying to have the students communicate in a way that's inauthentic to them."

"Autistic people communicate in a different way. We're not going to be mandating eye contact or saying you have to have a certain number of follow-up questions or anything like that. It's really about finding a way that works for them and helping them to pick up on all those social cues."

The Tidewater Scottish Rite Speech & Language Foundation Inc. is providing funding to help offset the cost of the program for parents. The Scottish Rite's association with ODU dates back to 1989. Since then, the foundation has provided roughly \$1.75 million for the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program.

Jack Goodwin, one of the foundation's directors, noted that speech and language disorders affect approximately 6 million children in the United States. The Scottish Rite supports RiteCare speech and language clinics all over the U.S., including the one at ODU.

"For us, it's a very special philanthropy," Goodwin said. "For me, it's been extraordinarily heart-warming to go to ODU and see the success stories. It's just hard to describe what makes you feel more warm-hearted than to hear a child talk for the first time – or to see the parent who hears a child speak for the first time."

"This is what we do, and it makes me so proud to be a part of that."

Genrich said this program will consist of two primary activities.

At the start of the day, the children will do an activity from the "[You Are a Social Detective](#)" social thinking curriculum. That could consist of taking a "field trip" around the building and identifying what they encounter, or it could be craft-based.

"It's about building social awareness and perspective-taking – figuring out what is a situation and what would be an appropriate way to respond in that situation, picking up on those context clues," Genrich said.

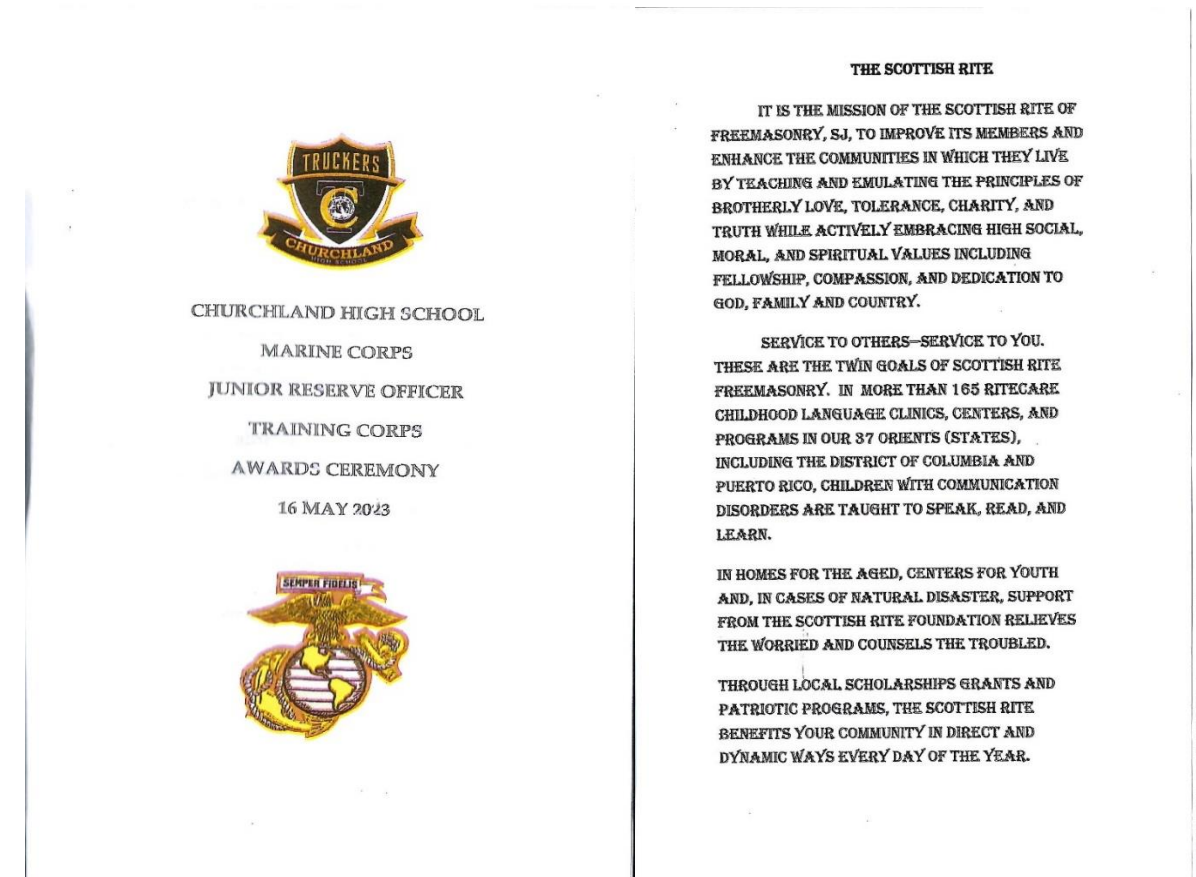
Activities using the [LEGO Education](#) curriculum will come in the latter part of the day.



The Tidewater Scottish Rite LEGO Social Skill Group will be conducted this summer at the Lions Child Study Center. Rachel Genrich, second from left, a lecturer in the Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education and the architect of the program, is shown with master's student clinicians Julia Bailey, Allyson Maroyka, Robin Drees and Ashley Blair. Photo Chuck Thomas/ODU

Churchland High School ROTC Awards Ceremony

On May 16, 2023, Major Stephenson, 32nd KCCH, attended the Awards Ceremony at Churchland High School and presented the National Sojourners' Award to Cadet Kaseem Moses for exemplary citizenship, leadership and demonstrated ideals of Americanism. Major also presented the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry JRROTc award to Cadet Timothy Artemus for consistent and superior leadership and exhibiting the highest qualities of scholastic excellence and Americanism.



I Am Your Flag

The sight of the United States flag, waving in the breeze, often fills us with pride and sentiment. Our flag reminds us of our love for our country. It reminds us of all the brave men and women that have served our Nation; and our flag is particularly beautiful to us.

Our flag did not come into being with the pride displayed by our colonial forefathers; nor remain a symbol of our Nation to people of the world, without loyalty and support of the people.

If I were the flag of the United States, this is what I would say to the Nation's people:

"My life has been one of changing times and changing moods of the people.

I have gone in advance of armies, had people follow in my wake, swallowed dust in pursuit of the enemy, fought my way forward, give hope, courage and freedom to my masses.

Not everyone has loved me all my life. I have been burned, dragged in the dirt, shot at, ridiculed, trampled on, spat on, and suffered humility.

I am most proud when given a place of honor, raised in glory, in parades, displayed with pride, loved by many, cradled by masses, saluted in victory and feared by dictators.

I always carry my head high and gently wave in the breeze when I am hoisted to the top of my flagpole.

When a defender of freedom dies, I accompany the loved ones as they lay the body to rest. On

Memorial Day, I bow my head in honor of those who died for me.

While I am with a battleship at sea, the church pennant flies above me during church service showing my reverence to God.

When at the United Nations, I take my place below the flag of that World Organization, always out of the same respect I demand of others.

I am always found with those fighting to preserve my place of honor in the world. God

willing, may I wave and be the symbol of freedom that I have become

- FOREVER -

Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia

September 28-30, 2023

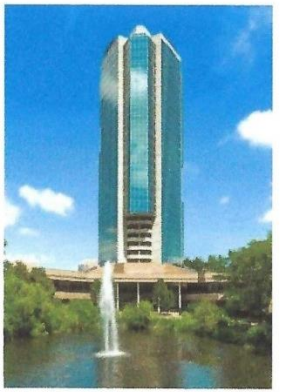
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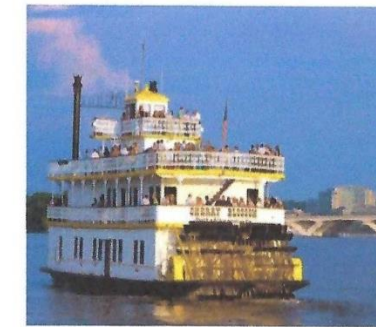
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To book rooms, go to:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SCOTTISHRITECONFERENCEOFVA23>



Special Event!! - Thursday, Sept. 28th @ 6pm



- Take a scenic sunset cruise down the Potomac enjoying drinks, dinner, and fellowship!
- Transportation provided from the conference hotel to/from Alexandria City Dock
- Tickets \$150/pp



"Cherry Blossom" Stern-wheeled Riverboat

Contact Bro. James Baker at:

jamesdbaker13@hotmail.com for tickets

99th Scottish Rite Conference – Friday/Saturday, Sept. 29-30th

(Registration will be open on Thursday from 1:00pm-4:00pm for early arrivals)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023		SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	
8:30am-4:30pm	Registration Open	8:00am-1:00pm	Registration Open
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch for All	9:00am-10:00am	SR Conference of VA
1:00pm-2:00pm	Education Session #1	10:00am-10:15am	Break
2:00pm-3:00pm	Education Session #2	10:15am-11:30am	SR Conference of VA (cont.)
3:15pm-4:00pm	SGIG/PRs/Secretaries/Treasurers	11:30am-11:50am	SR Foundation Annual Meeting
3:15pm-4:00pm	SR Foundation Directors	11:30am-1:00pm	Ladies' Lunch
3:15pm-4:00pm	Knights of St. Andrew	2:30pm-4:00pm	KCCH Investiture
5:00pm-6:00pm	Social Hour	5:00pm-6:00pm	Social Hour
6:00pm-7:30pm	Banquet	6:00pm-7:30pm	Banquet
7:30pm-	Hospitality	7:30pm-	Ice Cream Social & Hospitality