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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

All at Danville Masonic Center, Tunstall Road, Danville, VA, unless indicated otherwise

**April 9, 2024, 6:30 – Meal prior to Remembrance Ceremony.** W. A. Wells, chef. Ladies and guests invited. Approx. 7:30 PM- Remembrance Ceremony, all invited. Followed by a short tiled meeting. We have lost several brethren in the last year, including three IGH, 33<sup>o</sup> Masons.

**Apr.11, 2024, 6:30 PM, Practice 30<sup>th</sup> Degree** (Apts. 1, 2 &4) Practices for other degrees may be announced at the Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**Apr. 18, Blue Lodge Visitation, Kent Lodge #305.** Carpool details at April meeting.

**Apr. 20, Spring Reunion.** Doors open 8 AM, coffee and pastries. Degrees Start at 8:30 AM. Lunch approx... 12 Noon, Degrees End approx. 4 PM. (see article)

**May 7, 7 PM-Masters Committee Meeting.** Phone **701-802-5237**; Access Code **8170071#**

**May 14, 7:30 – May Meeting.**

## **SPRING REUNION 2024**

The Danville Valley, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will hold its Spring Reunion on Saturday, May 20, 2024. Doors open at 8 AM for registration and fellowship with degrees beginning 8:30 AM at the Danville Masonic Center, Tunstall Road, Danville, Va. This spring's class is the Rosser Lee Wayland, Jr. Memorial Class.

III. Rosser Lee Wayland, Jr., 33<sup>o</sup>, was a long time Danville Scottish Rite Member and officer, and also a member of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122, for over 70 years, a member of Euclid Royal Arch Chapter No.14, and a number of other masonic and civic organizations including the Danville Kiwanis Club, a charter member of West Main Baptist Church, and was a former President and CEO of Roman Eagle Rehabilitation & Health Care Center. He served as an adult advisor or "Dad" for the Danville DeMolay Chapter. Dr. Wayland received his Doctorate in Chemistry from the University of Virginia before he was 21 years of age. He was employed at the Dan River Mills, later Hickson-Danchem. After retirement he also taught classes at Averett University.

Petitions for the Spring Reunion Class are still being received. A special vote will be taken before degrees begin if needed.

Remember, all Scottish Rite Members are invited to the Reunion, not just Degree Teams and candidates. Members are encouraged to attend all or parts of the reunion that fit their schedules. Let's meet at the spring, 2024 Reunion to honor the new candidates and remember Dr. Wayland who died earlier this year.

New members will receive a copy of the book let, *A Bridge to Light*. They will later receive a "Danville Orange" polo shirt and a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Hat (Black).

Doors will open at 8 AM for registration, coffee and pastries. Degrees will start at 8:30 AM with lunch at about 12 noon. The reunion should end by 4 PM.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Chairman, E. Ray Anderson, 33<sup>o</sup>, has announced the Blue Lodge visitation Schedule for the remainder of the year:

Thursday, April 18, Kent Lodge No. 305

Thursday, May 2, Faulkner Memorial No. 91

Thursday, June 20, Rocky Mount No. 201

Tuesday, July 23, Snow Creek No. 90

Thursday, Aug. 8, French Lodge

Monday, Sept. 16, Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24

Saturday, Oct. 12, Kerns Lodge 143

Monday, Nov. 4, Polk Lodge No. 61

Valley Members were well received on their visit to the South Hill Lodge in March. If your Blue Lodge needs a speaker, we have members available to speak about Scottish Rite or other topics.

Ray Anderson's name was drawn for the membership prize at the March meeting. Ray, as membership chairman, did not accept the prize so the amount remains at \$100.00.

## **SCOTTISH RITE WORKSHOP**

Four Danville Valley brethren attended the Spring Workshop in Richmond on March 16, 2024. Some of the plans for the 2024 Virginia Conference were unveiled. Speakers included SGIG, Ill Alan W. ADKINS.PGM, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Cross, and MW Jack K. Lewis, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and Ill. Joel Bundy, 33<sup>o</sup>, President of the MAHOVA Ambassadors.

## **VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

The Virginia Conference will be hosted by the Valley of Richmond this year. More detailed information can be found at the orient website: [vascottishrite.org](http://vascottishrite.org)

This conference, which will be the 100<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/ Short Pump, Sept 26-28. Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Mention VA Scottish Rite.

Tickets for the Thursday buffet and tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts are available at \$100.00 each. Check with our secretary for information about this. Friday lunch is provided. Tickets for the Friday buffet ((Attire Hawaiian shirts), and the Saturday banquet (Attire: Tuxedos for ALL men, and Gown or cocktail dresses for ladies), and Saturday Ladies Luncheon and tour can all be ordered through our valley secretary. Costs will be announced.

The Danville Valley has budgeted an amount to help cover expenses for all Danville Valley attendees. This can provide some help with travel and costs of room and meals but should be applied for within a specified time after the conference. Mileage, room, and meals expenses not covered after this amount is appropriately divided (which are most) are out of pocket.

The conference will include educational topics. On Friday, Ill Bill Sizemore, 33<sup>o</sup>, will speak about The House of the Temple. Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33<sup>o</sup>, will speak on Conference History. There will also be Prelate Training. Meetings will be held for Secretaries, Treasurers, Personal Reps., Valley VP's, and Foundation Board members.

Apart from annual Conference and Foundation meetings on Saturday, there will be an afternoon session: "A New Era – The Cinematic Degrees" by Ill. Robert "Bob" Cockerham, 33<sup>o</sup>.

Ladies can tour the GLOVA Library & Museum and the Masonic Home of Virginia

Ill. James Dean Cole, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander will be keynote speaker at the banquet.

.Conference President Linwood R. "Lin" Spears, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, and the members of the Richmond Valley have planned a conference from which every member can benefit. Start now to plan.

### **VIRGINIA CONFERENCE 2026**

The Danville Valley is scheduled to host the 2026 Conference. Valley VP, Ill. W. A. Wells III, 33<sup>o</sup>, will be Conference President in 2026 and has already started making plans for a uniquely different conference in that year. We hope to hold the Conference in Danville for the first time in several years and share the city's hospitality with our Scottish Rite brethren and their ladies. Some of us have committed to assist Brother Wells with the conference and hope others will join in with the same spirit of helpfulness and cooperation that we have shown in planning and effecting our Reunions, and other events such as our Centennial and picnic! jpd

### **ALMONERS FUND**

Almoner Darin S. Prillaman, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, reports that there are funds available in the fund for brethren or families in financial need. Contact Darin with your recommendations.

## REMEMBER

Ill. & MW JIM Litten, 33<sup>o</sup>, and Bro. Herman Roach, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, who are dealing with long term health issues. Also remember other brethren who have not been brought to our attention who need our cards and calls or thoughts and prayers.

Note: keep us posted on hospitalizations, illnesses and deaths of members and their families.

Also let us know what your Blue Lodge is planning. Remember that our membership is drawn exclusively from Blue lodges and we should support their activities

**Refreshments**, the Venerable Master is **still** needing volunteers to provide refreshment and programs

## EDITORIAL

To the point: I will make this brief. In any organization, those accepting offices and positions should endeavor to fill these to the best of their abilities or at least to do an adequate job.

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