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Brethren,

Another calendar year has come to a close. In February another Scottish Rite year will also be ending. Please come out to vote for your new officers at our January stated meeting. In February your elected officers will be installed. Please come out and show your support for them in the 2011 year. Lets take time to also thank the officers who have served us this past year. We have a picture in this newsletter of our newest members. Please welcome them to The Scottish Rite and make them feel at home.

As we turn toward a new year we reflect on our past and look forward to a brighter future. In the process we set new goals for ourselves and our fraternity.

Sometimes we attain our goals and sometimes we fall short. Included in this newsletter is an article that helps us keep things in perspective as we set our individual goals for the upcoming year.

Newsletter-

If you have any submissions for the newsletter please make them at least three weeks in advance of the monthly stated meeting. You may submit them to the e-mail indicated below. If you are currently receiving a printed newsletter mailed to your home there is another option available to you. You may sign up to have it delivered via e-mail. If you wish to choose this option please send your name and e-mail address to Riobeagle150@aol.com. The newsletter will then be sent to you monthly by e-mail. In addition you will receive reminders about upcoming Scottish Rite events in our valley by e-mail.

Dinner Menu January-

Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Dessert. Beverages of Coffee, Tea and Lemonade.

Please Welcome Our Newest Scottish Rite Members -



Photo provided by Al Hill Valley of Danville

Brethren please take time to welcome our newest members from the Fall Reunion held November 20, 2010. Pictured front row left to right our new members- Dale C. Senger, 32^o, John D. Reed, 32^o, Steve D. Amos, 32^o, Steven L. Thomas, 32^o. Pictured second row left to right- Lonnie I. Godfrey, 33^o, Obediah A. Martin, 32^o, Reese E. Carroll, 32^o, Marvin O. Ledbetter, 33^o

Knights of Saint Andrew News-

Special thanks to all who participated in the K.S.A. food drive in December. We are thankful for all those who gave their time and energy to make it a success. Around a thousand pounds of food was raised to benefit the Peakland United Methodist Church Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who donated food as well!!!!

Upcoming Events-

Election of officers for the year 2011 will take place during January's stated meeting. Installation of elected officers will take place during February's stated meeting.

Next Stated Meeting- February 11, 2011 Dinner at 6:30p.m. meeting 7:30p.m.

Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting- Next meeting will be held Monday January 24, 2011 at 6:30p.m.

Meetings held at Marshall Lodge 1730 Wards Ferry Rd. Lynchburg, Va. – fourth Monday of each month.



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Let's Be Realistic About the New Year

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While aspiring to the ideal in our New Year's resolutions, let's remember that failing just gives us another chance to try again.

Some of us can sympathize with the poor guy who wrote the following New Year's resolutions over a period of years as reported by Marcia Scott in The Funnies Mailing List:

Resolution #1

1997 I will read at least 20 good books a year.

1998 I will read at least 10 good books a year.

1999 I will read 5 books a year.

2000 I will finish reading Airport.

Resolution #2

1997 I will get my weight down below 180.

1998 I will watch my calories until I get below 190.

1999 I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200.

2000 I will try to develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

When we make New Year's resolutions, we have good intentions to follow them completely; but, the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry, as the poet Brother Robert Burns put it long ago. So, let's be realistic about the New Year and what we're going to change about ourselves in it. Otherwise, we program ourselves for a lot of needless pressure and frustration.

For one thing, let's not expect too much of ourselves. The ancient Greek motto "Know Thyself" should be remembered. By knowing

ourselves, we also know what we're capable of, and we won't program ourselves for defeat. A mediocre singer cannot become a Metropolitan Opera star simply by writing a resolution to practice more.

Second, let's not take ourselves too seriously. We can make room for some humor at our own expense, and we can laugh at our contradictions and follies without hurting our self-esteem. An overweight freshman recently told his classmates that he was such an outstanding basketball player back in his small hometown that he believed he was ready to join the men's team. Self-deprecating humor can keep us from taking ourselves too seriously. The Kansas Legislature at one of its early meetings passed a resolution saying, "We should not take ourselves too damn serious." The grammar was wrong, but the spirit was right.

Third, let's make room for failure. Nobody is perfect. We're bound to make mistakes in judgment, behave inappropriately, and make a fool of ourselves sometime during this new year. So, lighten up and make room for mistakes.

Fourth, let's remind ourselves that God is a God of second chances, and when we come up short at the end of the year, not having kept the good resolutions we intended to keep, God gives us a second chance to get it right. When the schoolboy in the one-room country school ruined his composition by spilling ink on it, the schoolteacher said gently, "Turn the page and start over." The loving Father in Heaven didn't make any of us perfect, although it's an ideal to be wished for and for which we should strive by constant self-improvement. But when we fail and acknowledge our mistakes, He says simply, "Turn the page and do better, my child."

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