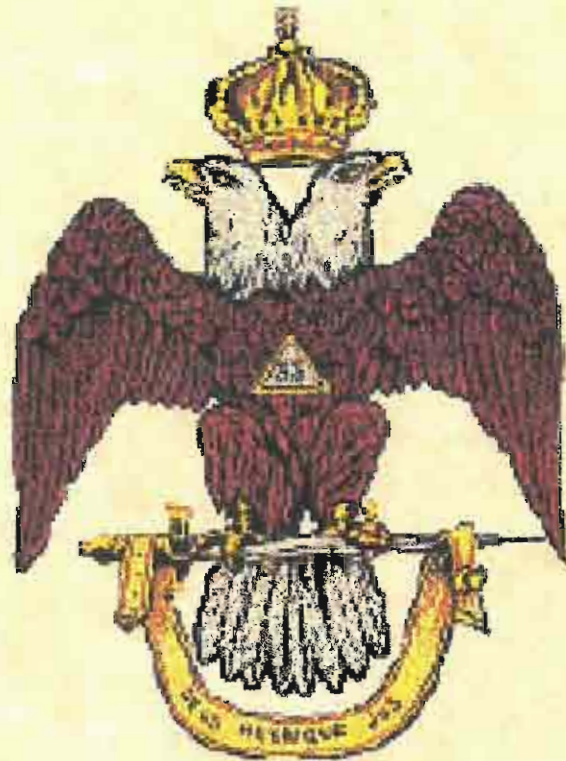


# Valley of Altoona

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite



History of the Valley  
1951-2003





# Dedication

This book is dedicated to our founding members and to those who have labored to spread Masonic Light in this Scottish Rite District.



## In Memoriam

Illustrious Brother Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°

Born	March 28, 1912
Entered in Hiram Lodge No 616	September 18, 1941
Passed in Hiram Lodge No. 616	October 16, 1941
Raised in Hiram Lodge No. 616	October 16, 1941
Joined Valley of Altoona	May 1, 1952
Crowned 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	September 25, 1963
Received Meritorious Service Award	June 10, 1981
Died	October 18, 2003

Almighty and Everlasting God, the Lord of Life and Death: Help us to approach Thee with profound Reverence, and with a humble sense of our helplessness and dependence. Look upon us in Mercy, and accept with indulgence, the little service we may be enabled to render to the cause of Virtue, Charity and Truth. Let the death of our Brother impress upon our minds the solemn thought that we too must soon pass away. Give us, we beseech Thee, Thy Grace, that we may spend our fleeting hours in Thy Service, and to Thy Glory. Amen. So Mote It Be.

# Forward

This history of the Valley of Altoona was completed in 2003 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Altoona Consistory, the forth and last Body to be Constituted in Altoona in 1953. The history was assembled by an ad-hoc committee of Brother Dale A. DeLozier, 32°, Chairman, Ill.: Brothers Harold Mallow, 33°, Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°, and Richard Gunsallas, 33°, and was edited by Ill.: Bro. J. David Kline, 33°, respectively. By the gracious hard work of the Valley Secretaries over the years, much of the history laid dormant in the file cabinets of the Valley storage room. Photos and writings were used in the history in vast perfusion, and best illustrates the colorful history of the Valley. We wish to thank all those who contributed to this history and where possible, credit was given. May this Valley celebrate another Anniversary and grow and prosper for generations to come.



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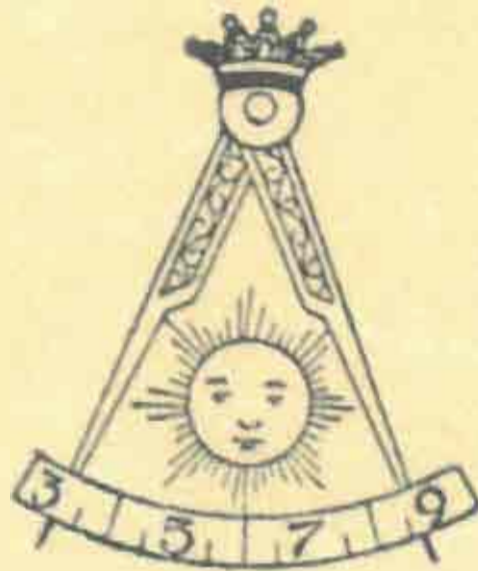
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# Chapter One

## The Constitution of the Valley of Altoona





## Local Masonic History

Historically, Freemasonry has been traced to Biblical times when men who were desirous of learning the building trades aligned themselves into "Lodges" for the purpose of learning the craft and finding work. In those days, only men who were "free born" or non-slave were permitted to join, hence the term "Freemason" was found. Over the years, the society flourished until it started receiving members who were not interested in taking an active role in the craft.

At this juncture, a separation took place. One group maintained their lodges for occupational purposes, these were called "Operative Masons". The other group wanted to maintain the high ideals and philosophies, however, did not wish to practice the craft. These were called "Speculative Masons".

(De Lozier)

Known records date to 1599, those being the minutes of Lodge No 1 of Edinburgh England. The Mother Grand Lodge of the world is that of England, inaugurated in London on St John the Baptist Day in 1717.

(Hoenstine)



DANIEL BOONE 1766-1792

In Pennsylvania, Freemasonry was traced to a period previous to 1730 in Philadelphia, where Bro. Benjamin Franklin made references to the existence of Freemasonry in his Pennsylvania Gazette. Records also show that the Grand Master of England did appoint a

Provisional Grand Master, Daniel Coxe, for Pennsylvania in 1730. The Provisional District included New Jersey and New York. In 1731, a Grand Lodge was organized in Pennsylvania with William Good serving as the Grand Master. This Grand Lodge was a predecessor of the present Grand Lodge and the first in the Colonies. Many Masonic Scholars still regard the 1731 date as the foundation of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, making it the third oldest Grand Lodge in the World. The Grand Lodge had sixteen Grand Masters between 1731 and 1755, one of which was Bro. Benjamin Franklin. Between 1755 and 1786 the Grand Lodge had granted 45 Warrants for new Lodges, but was beginning to evolve into Ancient York Masonry.

(De Lozier)

English Freemasonry had already existed in the Colonies as early as 1730, but all was not going too well with the mother country due to taxation without representation. Freemasonry always seeks freedom from tyranny and dictatorial power; therefore many Masons were prime movers for Independence. We find that on December 16, 1773, the regular meeting night of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, which was always well attended, did not have a quorum present. Instead, the Members disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians and dumped 342 chests of tea in the Boston Harbor. In the Minute Book, there was no record on that particular page, with the exception of a large "T". The good women, equal to the occasion, had plenty of hot water ready to remove the paint and feathers.

At least one of the brave heroes of that party, Thomas White, later settled in this region. He served his Country well in the Continental Army, and later was given land along the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. Thus, we can see the type of men and Masons that came into the Juniata Valley after the War.

In the year 1786, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was Constituted, independent of the Mother Grand Lodge of England. Three years after this, the Brethren at Bedford Petitioned for a Charter to hold a Lodge at that place, which was granted December 28, 1789, and was known as Bedford Lodge No. 48.

On July 12, 1792, Warrant No. 55 was granted to open a Lodge at Huntingdon. On March 21, 1796, Warrant No. 68 was issued to open a Lodge at Mifflin. On December 1, 1800, Warrant No. 85 was granted to the Brethren at Alexandria. But by the year 1814, Lodges Nos. 55 and 85 became inactive and surrendered their Warrants, even though this section was making rapid progress. Iron furnaces and forges were being erected, farming and small manufacturing became profitable, and many of the old iron masters and men of most every occupation became interested in the Fraternity.

On June 4, 1821, a new Warrant, No. 178 was issued to Mt. Moriah Lodge at Huntingdon. This Lodge was very active and many leading men in this section became Members. At least one became a charter Member of Portage Lodge. But during the Anti-Masonic Movement of the 1820's and 1830's, this Lodge ceased to work and surrendered

its Warrant. These were very trying times and years for the fraternity and it was almost inviting prosecution to be a Member of a Masonic Lodge.

During the 1830's, the Pennsylvania Canal was being built to the head of the Juniata Valley at Hollidaysburg, a community of 70 persons. This town had a strategic location: it was a transfer point between the Pennsylvania Canal and the Portage Railroad. It was here the canal boats, which were built in sections, were divided and loaded on flat cars for the ascent and descent by a series of planes and levels across the Allegheny Mountains to Johnstown. The Portage Railroad was considered the greatest engineering undertaking of all time and required the most skilled engineers and craftsmen of that age.

The word "Portage" had a very definite meaning to the people of Hollidaysburg, which by the year 1846 had a population of approximately 2,000 persons, among them a number of Masons. The Anti-Masonic feeling had subsided by the year 1845 and Masonry, like the sun breaking through the clouds, shone out in all its brightness, beauty and glory again! Voices of rejoicing were heard throughout all the Lodge Rooms. On May 27, 1845, Lewistown Lodge No. 203 was reconstituted. On November 20, 1845 Lafayette Lodge No. 199 was moved from Jersey Shore to Lock Haven and became active. During the summer of 1846 a small band of Freemasons in Hollidaysburg decided to organize a Masonic Lodge. Having made their application in due form, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication held September 7, 1846, acted favorably on their Petition.

Past Master John R. Weeks appeared on the 3rd day of December A.D. 1846, and having produced his authority after convening the Lodge, a Past Master Lodge was opened in ancient form and Michael Kelly was duly Installed as Worshipful Master of Portage Lodge No 220; Irwin Horrell as Senior Warden; Benjamin E. Betts as Junior Warden; John Martin as Treasurer, and Joseph D. Biles as secretary.

Following Portage Lodge No. 220, Mountain Lodge No. 281 and Juniata Lodge No. 282 were Constituted in 1853 followed by Logan Lodge No. 490 and Tyrone Lodge No. 494 in 1871. Woodbury Lodge No. 539 was Constituted in 1875, and moved into Roaring Spring in 1887. Hiram Lodge No. 616 was the last to be Constituted in Blair County in 1898.

### **York Rite Masonry**

The first assemblages of the extended degrees appeared in Blair County in 1846 when Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter was Constituted in 1846, followed by Mountain Commandry in 1854, Mountain Council of Royal and Select Masons in 1857 and Mountain Chapter in 1858.

### **Scottish Rite Masonry**

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is a group of Bodies and Rites that exemplify and enlarge upon the three Degrees of Freemasonry.

Although Scottish Rite Bodies and some of their predecessors often claimed jurisdiction over the three Craft Degrees, they had no legitimate title thereto. The Degrees of the Scottish Rite and its predecessors originated in France, at first, and until such degrees began to be added in other countries. The French called them *Hauts Grades*, or High Grades.<sup>1</sup>

French Freemasonry started with the formation of the first Masonic Lodge *Amitie' et Fraternite'* in Dunkirk, France, in 1721 and working under the Grand Lodge of England. Four other Lodges would be formed around France between 1725 and 1730. These Lodges had ceased to exist after 1737, and after freeing themselves from anarchy, Masonic Lodges again appeared in France. Most were irregular and met infrequently. These Lodges knew little of English practice and could care less, but were well adept at introducing innovations and aberrations.

Thory states that a general assembly of Masons was held December 11, 1743, and that the history of the Grand Lodge began at that time. It chose the name *Grande Loge Anglaise de France*, a very clear indication of the intent to adhere to the English Constitutions.<sup>1</sup>

By 1740, *Hauts Grades* were appearing in considerable numbers, especially in *Ecossais* or Scottish Master and the Chivalric, so that French Masonry, before it was well-schooled in the principals and traditions of Craft Masonry, became loaded down with degrees and orders, not only presuming elevated social standing, but pretending to superior Masonic knowledge, *secret and authority* (the Scots or Scottish Master) and degrees of *superior social and political* grade (the knightly). These and the numerous councils, chapters, and orders, which had administered them, increased, as Thory stated, it was difficult to tell the authentic from the spurious.<sup>1</sup>

The history of the Scottish Rite really begins with the *Chapter of Clermont* of about 1754, for there seems to have been a fairly clear line of transmission thence through the Rite of *Perfection, knights of the East, Emperors of the East and West to the Scottish Rite*, which was founded more particularly on the *Constitutions* of 1786, though there was probably no body of the Rite erected prior to 1801.<sup>1</sup>

The Rite of Perfection was brought to America by Stephen Morin in 1761-67 under a patent issued him by the *Emperors of the East and West* at Paris, some of whom were also officers of one faction of the Grand Lodge of France. This was a Rite of 25 Degrees headed by *Sovereign Prince of Masonry, and Grand Knight Commander of the Royal Secret*, that title being subject to variations.<sup>1</sup>

Not much is known about Morin's activities, the main enlightenment coming from what is presumed to be a true copy of a letter from Morin to de Jonville, dated June 1763, stating that at the beginning of 1772 (doubtless meaning 1762) he was captured at sea by the British and taken to London. The only other facts known about Morin are that

<sup>1</sup> From Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia

sometime before 1767, he conferred the degrees on Henry Andrew Francken, making him a Deputy Inspector General at Kingston, Jamaica. <sup>1</sup>

Not much more is known about Francken. He went to New York in October, 1767, and in that year conferred the degrees on William Gamble and Francis Joseph von Pfister, both of Albany, giving them a patent to open a Lodge of Perfection at Albany. In that year in New York, he also created Moses Michael Hayes, a Jewish merchant of that city, Deputy Inspector General. <sup>1</sup>

Hays seems to have made little use of his prerogatives during the next 14 years, but in 1781, he created Isaac De Costa Deputy Inspector General for South Carolina. In that year, a meeting was held and a Lodge of Perfection organized at Philadelphia with Solomon Bush as Deputy. At that meeting were deputies present from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, New Jersey, the Leeward Islands, the Winward Islands, and "North America." <sup>1</sup>

The Emperors and Rite of Perfection became dormant and died out in France about 1780, and after reaching the new world, it was far from vigorous for many years. In 1801, John Mitchell and Dr. Frederick Dalcho prepared or came into possession of certain *Constitutions* of 1786 (claimed by some to have been issued under royal sanction by Frederick the Great at Berlin) for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of 33 degrees. Those two members created themselves into a *Sovereign Supreme Council of Inspectors General, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, A.&A.S.R.*, May 31, 1801. <sup>1</sup>

### **Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**

Much like the evolutionary process of Masonry in general, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is a result of change. The first evidence of Northern Scottish Rite Masonry started in 1813 and was named *Supreme Council 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States; Bideaud Council*.

During the period covered by the discussion of several schismatic or spurious bodies in the North, the regular and recognized Bideaud Supreme Council had suffered from the Anti-Masonic excitement from extreme conservatism, and finally from suspended animation. But it revived about 1844 with J.J.J. Gourgas as Grand Commander and Giles Fonda Yates as Lieutenant. In 1845, the Northern Supreme Council resolved to establish bodies of the Rite at the capital or chief city in each of the 14 states then under its jurisdiction and by 1858, it had 43 subordinate bodies distributed through 9 of those 14 states. In 1851 it moved its seat from New York City to Boston. <sup>1</sup>

At a special meeting in Boston, December 13, 1866, there were present S.W. Robinson, L.R. Piage, G.W. Bentley, C.T. McClenachan, W. Field, J.C. Hagey, W. Barrett, A. King, and P. Lawson, most of whom, seem to have antedated the merger with

<sup>1</sup> From Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia

the Hays Body and J.L. Lewis, H.C. Banks, J. Sheville, and C.F. Paige who came over from the Hays Body. It will be observed that, all the legitimate members named by Pike, only one, S.W. Robinson was present. Then Robinson appointed Lawson a member of the Supreme Council; those two elected Lewis; the three of them brought in L.R. Paige; and so on with C.F. Paige, C.T. McClenachan, W. Field, and W. Barrett. Those eight constituted the new Northern Supreme Council. Three of the new Inspectors General were from the old Hays Body, two from the Raymond Body and three from the merged Hays-Raymond Body. <sup>1</sup>

The Van Rensselaer group was still to be dealt with. Efforts toward reconciliation were begun and on May 15, 1867, by prearrangement, both met at Boston in separate halls and separately approved articles of union which provided for a complete merger of the two bodies under the name *Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America*. <sup>1</sup>

### *The Principles of the Scottish Rite*

#### **Declaration of Principles by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.**

In view of the many allegations that Freemasonry concerns itself in controversies, both of a religious and political nature, this Supreme Council hereby declares to the world, the following statement of principles:

This Supreme Council affirms its unswerving loyalty to the fundamental purpose and principles of Freemasonry.

It understands that purpose to be the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, through the individual of the community.

It believes that this purpose is to be attained by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds, and opinions can assemble.

Believing that good and wide men can be trusted to act well and wisely, it considers it the duty of the Fraternity to impress upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility to enlighten them as to those things which make for human welfare, and to inspire them with that feeling of charity or well wishing, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

<sup>1</sup> From Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia



To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God, for truth and justice, liberty and enlightenment, fraternity and philanthropy.

It believes in principles rather than programs. Principles unite men; programs divide them. Men may agree on principles without agreeing upon their particular application to some specific problem.

Nothing can be more important than the preservation of the essential and permanent sympathy and unity of purpose of those who are unable to agree as to the wisest action under special and temporary conditions.

It is of the essence of Freemasonry that this unity be preserved.

Believing this, this Supreme Council affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion within tyled doors of creeds, politics, or other topics apt to excite personal animosities.

It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but exceedingly dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness, and welfare for Masonic Bodies in their official capacity to take formal action, or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any particular legislative project or proposal, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of government officials, whether executive, legislative, or judicial, or to influence them, whether or not members of the fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. True Masons should act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction includes the 15 states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River, including Delaware.

*Adopted – September 20, 1923*

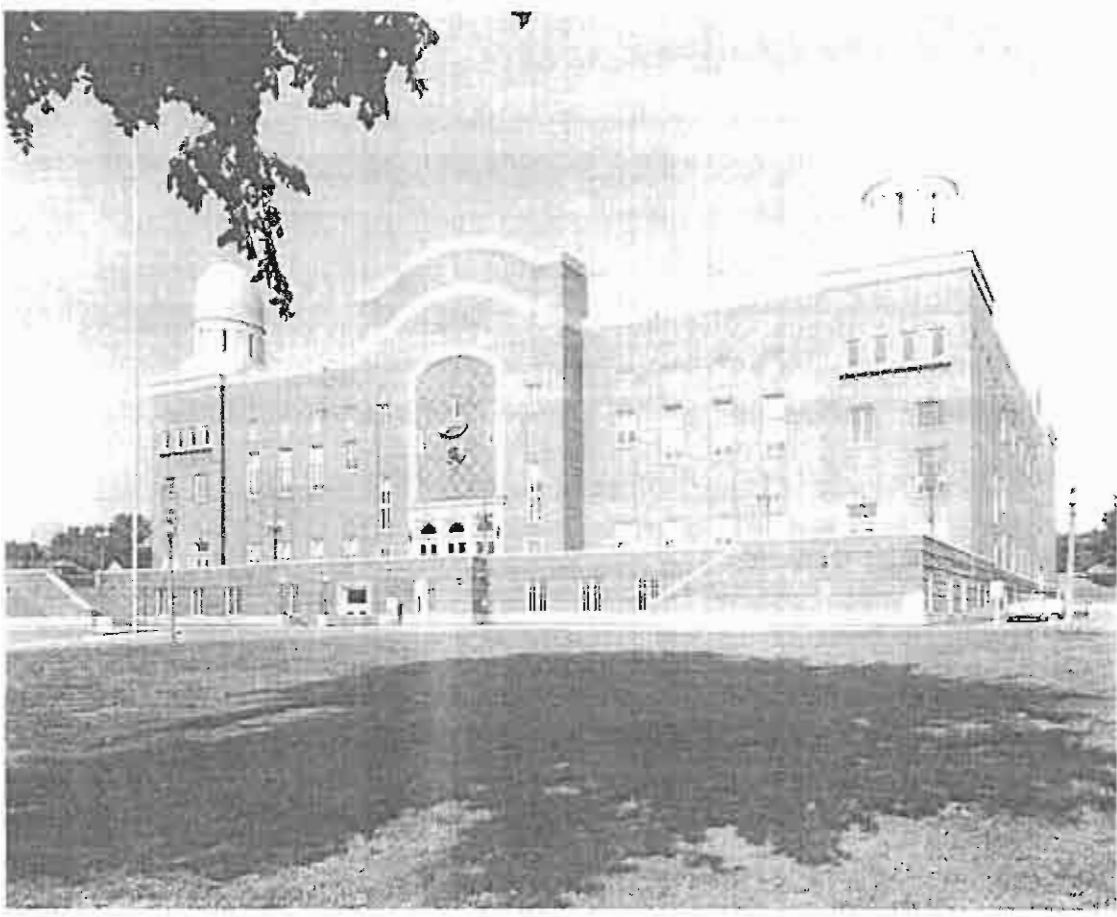
*Affirmed – September 18, 1929*

*Re-Affirmed – September 27, 1934*

### **The Constitution of the Valley of Altoona**

*By Ill. Bro. Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°*

At the middle of the twentieth century, the Altoona-Blair County area was a “battleground” for several of the surrounding Scottish Rite Valleys; Williamsport and Harrisburg, both having large memberships in the area. From time to time, both had been talking about the formation of a Valley of the Scottish Rite in this section, but loyalty of the Scottish Rite leaders to their own Valleys, whether it be Harrisburg, Williamsport or some other Valley prevented any real positive move.



Jaffa Mosque, Altoona PA

The Actives for Pennsylvania, Ill.: Brothers Scott S. Leiby, Richard A. Kern, Willard G. Cutler, and William E. Yeager were interested in the formation of a new Valley. The main reason being that no one should have to travel over 100 miles to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees. In June 1951, a meeting was held with the above named Brethren. The men attending from the local area were: Ill.: Bro. Arthur E. Winter, 33°, and Brothers Herbert S. Brehman, George H. Brehman, H. Dean Burket, George D. Mallow, Clarence W. Hoover, and Harold R. Mallow. After much discussion, it was agreed that these seven men would each collect signatures on a Petition for a Dispensation to hold a Lodge of Perfection in Altoona. To pay for the Dispensation, each member was to contribute \$5.00. In two weeks, the group had collected 135 signatures. The Petition was sent to the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. The Council approved the request and it was sent on to the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. On September 26, 1951, the Supreme Council approved granting the Dispensation for a Lodge to be known as the Altoona Lodge of Perfection. 14°.



On December 11, 1951, an extraordinary session of the Supreme Council 33°, meeting in the Jaffa Mosque with Ill. Bro. Scott S. Leiby, Deputy for Pennsylvania acting as Sovereign Grand Commander, the Dispensation was delivered and the following officers were installed:

- George E. Brehman, 32° .....Thrice Potent Master
- Robert E. Dively, 32, ° .....Deputy Master
- Clarence W. Hoover, 32° .....Senior Warden
- Frederick B. Yorks, 32° ..... Junior Warden
- Oakley S. Havens, 32° ..... Orator
- Arthur E. Winter, 33° ..... Treasurer
- H. Dean Burket, 32° ..... Secretary
- Arthur R. Olson, 32° ..... Master of Ceremonies
- George D. Mallow, 32° ..... Hospitaler
- Harold R. Mallow, 32° ..... Captain of the Guard
- Charles E. Baird, 32° ..... Tyler

*Trustees*

J. Floyd Buzzard, 32°

Frank A. Fleisher, 32°

Frank A. Young, 32°

From the report of the Pennsylvania Deputy, Ill. Bro. Scott S. Leiby, 33°, at the Council of Deliberation, held July 11, 1952 at Philadelphia, PA:

“We are happy to report that pursuant to the approval of the Supreme Council, the Deputy accompanied by Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, and

many Scottish Rite Brethren, had the great pleasure of delivering a Dispensation for a Lodge of Perfection at Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1951. This Lodge of Perfection immediately became active, organized by elected officers, adopting by-laws and appointing the necessary committees, and on April 3, 1952, held its first Reunion to confer degrees. The Degree cast from Gourgas Lodge of Perfection at Pittsburgh Conferred the 7°, and the degree cast from Williamsport Lodge of Perfection conferred the 14°. The work, in each case, was most acceptably done and well received by a Class of approximately 100 Brethren seeking further Masonic Light.”

# Chapter Two

Historical Record of the Valley of Altoona





This chapter was compiled from Annual Reports to the Council of Deliberation, the Reunion Books and selected information from individual authors of the Valley of Altoona.

## **Valley History 1952 – 1959**

*By Ernest DeJaiffe*

The first Reunion was held on April 3, 1952. The George Washington Bicentennial Class consisting of 103 Candidates was invited into the Mysteries of the Scottish Rite. The 4° was conferred by a team from the Valley of Pittsburgh and the 14° by a team from the Valley of Williamsport. Ill.: Bro. Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania communicated the other 9 Degrees.



**The George Washington Masonic Bicentennial Class,  
Constitution of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, April 3, 1952**

At the Second Reunion held October 28, 1952, the Valley of Altoona used its first Degree Teams. At this Reunion, the Ill.: Bro. Scott Smith Leiby, 33° Class consisting of 67 Candidates witnessed the 4°, 13°, and 14° in full form. The 4° Team, consisting of Brethren from the Altoona area were listed in this manner:

**Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 4°, U.:D.:**

**Secret Master  
The Fourth Degree**

*Directed by William P. Miller, 32°  
Prologue – Norman R. Snively, 32°*

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*King Solomon* ..... Ernest Dejaiffe, 32°  
*Adoniram, Son of Abda* ..... Harold G. Miller, 14°  
*Zadoc, High Priest* ..... Andrew W. Keen, 32°  
*Ahishar, Master of Ceremonies* ..... Emil Helms, 32°  
*Zerbal, Captain of the Guard* ..... William G. Giarth, 32°  
*Lieutenant* ..... Chester H. Burket, 32°

### *Guards*

Raymond R. Blowers, 32°                      Robert E. Eamigh, 32°  
James F. Dengler, 32°                      Robert E. Miller, 32°  
Allen L. Crum, 32°                              Harry E. Singer, 32°

### *Levites*

Arnold F. Over, 32°                              James C. Wilson, 32°

### *Director of Work*

Paul B. Hoffman, 32°

The 13° was conferred by a Team from the Valley of Pittsburgh, their members from the Johnstown area, while the 14° was another group from the Valley of Altoona. These Brethren were from the Bellefonte-Snowshoe area. The Reunion booklet listed them as

### **Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, U.:D.:**

#### **Grand Elect Mason**

#### **The Fourteenth Degree**

*Directed by* James W. Sullivan, 32°  
*Prologue* – Roy A. Gross, 32°

Thrice Potent Master ..... Thomas H. Stetler, 32°  
Deputy Master ..... Clair L. Hall, 32°  
Senior Warden ..... LeRoy J. Evey, 32°  
Junior Warden ..... Frederick B. Yorks, 32°  
Orator ..... William E. Fisher, 32°  
Master of Ceremonies ..... William L. Wagner, 32°  
Captain of the Guard ..... William C. Giarth, 32°

The other 8 Degrees were communicated by Bro. and Rev. Robert E. Graham. The publicity was provided by Brothers Seneca A. Coffey, Richard E. Beeler, and Holmes M. Nale. Our first Choir was listed in the booklet thus:

Organist ..... Karl F. Irvin, 32°  
Chairman of Music ..... William T. Canan, 32°



Choir

Howard W. Linderman, 32°	E.E. Rudisill, 32°
J. Lucian Root, 32°	Norman E. Ernest, 32°
Charles W. Clugh, 32°	O.D. MacCartney, 32°
James G. Slep, 32°	Francis G. Wood, 32°

Between the First and Second Reunions, the Valley had requested Dispensations for a Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, and a Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. This request was granted by the Supreme Council do as a part of the Activities of the Second Reunion, held October 28, 1952 at the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona PA, in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Lounge Room, the following officers were installed as Charter Officers in these two Bodies:

**ALTOONA COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°, U.:D.:**

Soveriegn Prince .....	Vernet B Coffman, 32°
High Priest .....	Ralph W. Isenberg, 32°
Senior Warden .....	Joseph C. Leamer, 32°
Junior Warden .....	Ernest DeJaiffe, 32°
Treasurer .....	Arthur E. Winter, 32°
Secretary .....	H. Dean Burket, 32°
Trustees .....	J. Floyd Buzzard, 32° Frank A. Fleisher, 32° Elmer A. Young, 32°
Master of Ceremonies .....	Norman R. Snively, 32°
Hospitaler .....	George D. Mallow, 32°
Master of Entrances .....	Andrew W. Keen, 32°
Tyler .....	Charles E. Baird, 32°

**ALTOONA CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°, U.:D.:**

Most Wise Master .....	Charles S. Walton, 32°
Senior Warden .....	Thomas H. Stetler, 32°
Junior Warden .....	D. Robert Brumbaugh, 32°
Treasurer .....	Arthur E. Winter, 32°
Secretary .....	H. Dean Burket, 32°
Trustees .....	J. Floyd Buzzard, 32° Frank A. Fleisher, 32° Elmer A. Young, 32°
Master of Ceremonies .....	Edwin F. Kinkead, 32°
Hospitaler .....	George D. Mallow, 32°
Master of Entrances .....	Harold C. Ruth, 32°
Tyler .....	Charles E. Baird, 32°

At the same meeting of the Supreme Council which granted the above dispensations, the Altoona Lodge of Perfection received its Charter. For this reason, our Charter Date is

listed as September 24, 1952, which is a full year of activity and growth. During the first year, we received much help from the Actives for Pennsylvania as well as many other active Masonic Leaders in Pennsylvania. Our neighboring Valleys were also very helpful, not only with Degree work, but with "starting" gifts. The minutes record the following gifts:

Valley of Harrisburg .....	\$500.00
Valley of New Castle.....	Alter Bible
Valley of Pittsburgh .....	\$2000.00
Valley of Towanda .....	\$100.00
Valley of Williamsport .....	\$500.00

A year later, at the Supreme Council Session on September 23, 1953, Charters were granted to the Council and the Chapter and a Dispensation was issued for a Consistory. The Dispensation listed the following Officers:

Bro.: George E. Brehman, 32° .....	Commander in Chief
Bro.: Robert E. Dively, 32° .....	First Lieut. Commander
Bro.: James W. Sullivan, 32° .....	Second Lieut. Commander
Bro.: Harry F. Hostetler, 32° .....	Orator
Bro.: Donald W. Sandrus, 32° .....	Chancellor
Ill.: Arthur E. Winter, 33° .....	Treasurer
Bro.: H. Dean Burket, 32° .....	Secretary
Bro.: Harry W. Gerlock, 32° .....	Master of Ceremonies
Bro.: George D. Mallow, 32° .....	Hospitalor
Bro.: Clair L. Hall, 32° .....	Engineer and Seneschal
Bro.: J. Albert Winter, 32° .....	Standard Bearer
Bro.: J Robert Ingram, 32° .....	Captain of the Guard
Bro.: Charles E. Baird, 32° .....	Sentinel
Bro.: George M. Boyer, 32° .....	Asst. Sentinel
Bro.: J. Floyd Buzzard, 32° .....	Trustee
Bro.: Frank A. Fleisher, 32° .....	Trustee
Bro.: Elmer A. Young, 32° .....	Trustee

#### ALTOONA

August 29, 1953.

Ill.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

Ill.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: The Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania, held twelve stated and extra meetings during the year ending June 30, 1953.

The Fall Reunion was held October 28, 1952 at which time the Charter was delivered and presented to the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, and Dispensations were presented to the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem and Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix. The Officers

of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, U.:D.: and Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, U.:D.: were installed by Acting Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Scott S. Leiby, who was assisted by Ill.: Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Ill.: Russell C. Melvin, 33°, Ill.: Ralph M. Lehr, 33°, and Ill.: Ashby B. Paul, 33°.

The 4°, 13° and 14° were exemplified in Full Ceremonial Form, the 5° to 12° inclusive were communicated in ample form. The 13° was referred by a cast composed of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Brethren, Members of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Valley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The class numbered 68 which was named the Ill.: Scott Smith Leiby, 33°, Class in honor of Ill.: Scott Smith Leiby, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

The Spring Reunion was held April 23, 1953. The 4°, 14°, 15° and 18° were Exemplified in Full Ceremonial Form, the 5° to 13° inclusive, 16° and 17° were communicated in ample form. The 15° was conferred a cast composed of Blair County Brethren of Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem Valley of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Class Numbered 101 which was named the Ill.: Arthur E. Winter, 33°, Class in honor of Ill.: Arthur E. Winter, 33°.

Having had a very good year, we are looking forward to another year of advancement of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
H. DEAN BURKET, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

July 26, 1954.

Ill.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa.*

Ill.: .AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit herewith the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1954.

The Valley of Altoona held fourteen stated and extra meetings which were well attended by the members.

The Fall Reunion was held September 25 and 26, 1953 when the 1°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26° and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. The 26° was conferred by members of the Williamsport Consistory and the 32° was conferred by members of the Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh. The degree work was done in an excellent manner and was enjoyed by everyone present. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania. At this Reunion the Acting Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Willard G. Cutler, 33°,



Ill. Willard Cutler, 33°

presented the Dispensation for the Altoona Consistory, S. P. R. S., and installed the Officers of the Consistory, assisted by the Commander-in-Chief and the Officers of the Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh.

The Charters for the Altoona Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix were presented at the stated meeting, November 12, 1953 by Ill. Arthur E. Winter, 33°, at the direction of Ill. Scott S. Lelby, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

On March 4, 1954 the Valley of Altoona held its first Ladies' light party at Jaffa Mosque with eight hundred attending. A delicious turkey dinner was served by steward, Simon F. Ebersole. The entertainment consisted of the Penn State University Glee Club of twenty-five voices, vaudeville acts from New York, dancing and cards.

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix held Maundy Thursday service in the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church on April 9, 1954 which was well attended by members and their families. The service was in Large of Rev. Robert E. Graham assisted by Rev. Roy A. Goss and Rev. Harry C. Stenger, members of the Valley of Altoona. Special music was provided by the Scottish Rite Choir.

The Spring Reunion was held April 23 and 24, 1954. The 4°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 23° and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. The 23° was conferred in a most excellent manner by members of the New Castle Consistory. The Class was named in honor of Ill. Russell C. Melvin, 33°, Secretary, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

The Valley of Altoona having acquired a permanent Lodge Room Jaffa Mosque, the Officers and members are looking forward with confidence to another year of continued progress and advancement of Scottish Rite Masonry in Central Pennsylvania.

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 32°  
*Secretary.*

In 1954, a room became available at the Jaffa to house the Valley of Altoona. A committee was formed, consisting of Robert E. Dively, Ralph W. Isenberg, Thomas S. Stetler, and George E. Brehman, to design and equip a Lodge Room for the Valley of Altoona. The room, situated at the South East corner of the Jaffa Temple, was a former pool room that was no longer being used. The Committee visited Valleys around Pennsylvania, to see what the required layout of a Scottish Rite Lodge Room was, however to their amazement, there is no standard layout for Scottish Rite. The room had a gray painted floor that had to be tiled. A stage was built at the end of the hall and the

room was repainted. The original seating was acquired from a former theater in Roaring Spring, Ill.: Bro. Arthur S. Winter donated stained glass windows, and Bro. J. Guy Shaffer donated the wiring and labor to install them. Shaffer also donated the first sound system to the Valley. The first event held in the new Lodge Room was the Maundy Thursday Service on March 31, 1955.

## ALTOONA

June 30, 1955.

Ill.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa.*

Ill.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY : We are pleased to submit herewith the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1955.

The Valley of Altoona held fifteen stated and extra meetings which were well attended by the members.

The first affair of the new Scottish Rite year in the Valley of Altoona was a stag party for the members only, held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on Friday evening, August 27, 1954. Several hundred members present were served corn and wieners. After refreshments they assembled in the large pavilion where several acts of entertainment were enjoyed by all.

The Fall Reunion was held October 27 and 28, 1954 when the 6°, 7°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 22° and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. All Degrees were conferred by Brethren of the Valley of Altoona. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: William E. Yeager, 33° Active Member for Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother Yeager addressed the Class and congratulated the officers, degree workers and members for the wonderful progress they had made since the constituting of the Valley of Altoona. Ill.: Brother Yeager announced at this time that the Charter for the Altoona Consistory had been granted at the Supreme Council meeting on September 30, 1954.

On January 31, 1955 a special Rendezvous of the Altoona Consistory was held in the banquet hall of Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pa. for the official presentation of the Charter by Ill.: Scott S. Leiby, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania and Acting Sovereign Grand Commander. Ill.: Brother Leiby was assisted in the presentation by Ill.: Russell C. Melvin, 33°, Secretary for the Council of Deliberation; Ill.: Frederick G. Moser, 33°, Commander-in-Chief; Bro. Fred M. Alexander, 32°, First Lieutenant Commander; Ill.: Albert B. Street, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander of New Castle Consistory; Bro. John J. Kenehan, 32°, Thrice Potent Master, New Castle Lodge of Perfection; Ill.: Orville Kimmel, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander and Ill.: Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary of Harrisburg Consistory. After the presentation of the Charter, Ill.: Brother Leiby addressed the members with a very inspiring and timely message. At the close of the meeting a delicious seafood lunch was served.

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix held Maundy Thursday Service in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque on March 31, 1955 with a splendid attendance by the members and their families. The Service was in charge of Bro. Thomas H. Stetler, 32°, Most Wise Master; the sermon was delivered by Rev. Harry C. Stenger, 32°. Rev. John S. Milholland, 32° and Rev. John T. Cummings, 32°, assisted with the Service.

The Spring Reunion was held April 12, 13 and 14, 1955 when the 6°, 7°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 22° and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. The Class was named in honor and memory of Bro. George D. Mallow, 32°, Hospitalor for the several Bodies from the time of Dispensation until his death on March 22, 1955. The Spring Reunion was well attended and the degree work was done in a very excellent manner by the brethren of the Valley of Altoona.

The second annual Ladies' Night was held at Jaffa Mosque on April 27, 1955 with more than eight hundred attending. A delicious turkey dinner was served followed by five excellent vaudeville acts and dancing.

During the year there were five Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona organized in the surrounding counties. The purpose of these clubs shall be to instill into the members a deeper interest in the affairs of the Valley of Altoona and thereby furthering the cause of Scottish Rite Masonry and to promote social activities and goodwill among the members. The Valley of Altoona is continuing forward and the officers are now making plans for a larger program for the ensuing year.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
H. DEAN BURKET, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

After receiving the Charters for the Bodies of the Valley of Altoona, it became necessary to acquire regalia and stage props to exemplify the 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite. Early efforts were done in house by Mrs. Helen Blowers, wife of Ill: Bro. Raymond Blowers, to make the costuming for the Degrees. The amount of time spent by Mrs. Blowers was extensive and the Valley was very fortunate and appreciative for her efforts. Another resource was a non-member, Mr. Robert Fornwalt, who hand made a number of the props. Mr. Fornwalt was a friend of some of the members and was a handyman in working with metal, sometimes raiding junk yards to find pieces to assemble into the needed items. Most of the regalia purchased were done between 1955 and 1965. The last purchase made was a backdrop of a ship for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Degree, in 1993.



The beautiful Colonial Lodge Set of the 20°

The Valley became involved with the Survivors Mutual Benefit Association, forming a local Association in 1954 with the following officers:

J. Howard Tobias ..... President  
 John J. Gluntz ..... Vice President  
 Roy E. Goettman ..... Secretary/Treasurer

Directors

Walter W. Coy	Guy J. Pearce
Drew A. Hepner	James E. Griffith
H. Dean Burket	J. Craig Beringer
Paul T. Winter	

Also, during this year, Scottish Rite Clubs were Organized in the Jurisdiction, with the first four being the Bedford-Fulton Scottish Rite Club on July 23, 1954; the Lower Cambria-Somerset County Scottish Rite Club on August 20, 1954; the Northern Cambria-Southern Clearfield-Northeastern Indiana County Scottish Rite Club on

September 16, 1954; and the Central Cambria County Scottish Rite Club on October 4, 1954, respectively.

## ALTOONA

June 30, 1956

Ill.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

Ill.: AND BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1956.

The Valley of Altoona held fourteen stated and extra meetings which were well attended by the officers and members.



The second annual corn boil and wiener roast was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa., August 19, 1955. Several hundred members and their families had a very enjoyable evening.

The Fall Reunion was held October 25, 26 and 27, 1955, when the 4°, 8°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26°, and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. The class was named in honor, of Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33°, Active Member for Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother Kern addressed the assembly with a very fine and enlightening talk on Masonry, stressing the point that all should take an active part in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Ill.: Richard Kern, 33°

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix held Maundy Thursday and Memorial Service in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque, on March 22, 1956, with a large attendance of members and their families. The service was in charge of Ill.: William P. Miller, 33°, Most Wise Master. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Harry L. Geissinger, 32°; Rev. Harry C. Stenger, 32°, and Rev. Harold S. Knoll, 32°, assisted with the service.

The Spring Reunion was held May 1, 2, and 3, 1956, when the 8°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 20°, 26°, and 32° were conferred in full Ceremonial Form. The class was named in honor of Bro. Frank A. Fleisher, 32°, Trustee for the Valley of Altoona, who has been a very ardent worker and faithful member since the constituting of the Valley of Altoona.

The degree work at both Reunions has been exemplified in a most excellent and efficient manner. The members taking part are to be congratulated on their hard work and interest in the conferring of the Degrees.

The third annual Ladies' Night was held at Jaffa Mosque on May 24, 1956, with more than seven hundred attending. After a delicious dinner the evening's entertainment was a Drill by the Altoona Assembly of Rainbow Girls' Drill Team, the Herman Miller Singers of Reading, Pa., and dancing.



We look forward to another year of advancement with the usual fine co-operation of the officers and members.

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

During this year, a new Scottish Rite Club, the Huntingdon-Mifflin County Club was organized May 23, 1955.

During this year, a new Scottish Rite Club, the Moshannon Valley Scottish Rite Club was organized March 1, 1956.

#### ALTOONA

June 29, 1957

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of tile Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1957.

On July 13, 1956, fourteen members from the Valley of Altoona attended the 85th Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at Allentown, Pa. They were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Allentown. During the year the organized Scottish Rite Clubs held several meetings and were well attended by the members and officers, these meetings were most enjoyable and served to bring a better fraternal feeling among the members.

The third annual corn boil and wiener roast was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on August 17th and more than nine hundred members and their families had a very pleasant evening, with all enjoying the food and entertainment.

The Fall Reunion was held October 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1956, when seven degrees were conferred in Full Ceremonial Form on a Class of seventy-nine candidates. The Class was named in honor of Brother George E. Brehman, 32°, the first Commander-in-Chief of the Altoona Consistory. The Commander-in-Chief in his address to the assembly expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him and thanked all the officers and members for their cooperation in establishing the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona.

On November 19th a Workers' Party was held in the dining room of Jaffa Mosque which was attended by one hundred seventy-five members who have taken an active part in the work of the Valley of Altoona. A delicious sea food dinner was served followed by entertainment and movies. The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix held Maundy Thursday

and Memorial Services in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque on April 16, 1957 with a large attendance of members and their families. The service was in charge of Brother Edwin F. Kinkead, 32°, Most Wise Master. The sermon was delivered by Rev. William J. Brown, 32°. Rev. Harry L. Geissinger, 32° and Rev. John T. T. Cummings, 32°, assisted with the service.

The Spring Reunion was held April 29, 30, May 1 and 2, 1957 when nine degrees were conferred in Full Ceremonial Form on a Class of seventy-six candidates. The Valley of Altoona was highly honored by an official visitation of Ill.: George E. Bushnell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, in whose honor the Class was named. Also attending the Spring Reunion were Ill.: Scott S. Leiby, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania; Ill.: Willard G.



Ill.: George E. Bushnell, 33°

Cutler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania; Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33° and Ill.: William E. Yeager, 33°, Active Members for Pennsylvania; Ill.: Stanley C. Fellows, 33°, Commander-in-Chief; Ill.: W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, First Lieutenant Commander; Ill.: J. Everett Morgan, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander; Ill.: Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary; Ill.: Ashby B. Paul, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief; Brother P. C. Lehman, 32°, Most Wise Master; Brother Samuel I. Goodman, 32°, Sovereign Prince; Brother Russell C. Ellenberger, 32°, Thrice Potent Master of the Valley of Harrisburg; Ill.: Leroy F. Derr, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, and Ill.: Joseph C. Maneval, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Williamsport; Ill.: Wrayburn B. Hall, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, and Edward T. Fuller, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of Coudersport; Ill.: Anthony J. Barron, 33°, Honorary

member of the Valley of New Castle; Ill.: John J. Gluntz, 33°, Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, Ill.: James H. Hay, 33°, and Ill.: Russell C. Haulman, 33°, Honorary members of the Valley of Harrisburg.

The Commander-in-Chief surrendered his station to Ill.: Scott S. Leiby, 33°, who then received Ill.: George E. Bushnell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander. The Sovereign Grand Commander addressed the assembly with a most inspiring message. He also paid tribute to an Altoona native, the late General Louis A. Kunzig, 33°, with whom Judge Bushnell served as a fellow officer during World War I. He said he always had a great desire to come to Altoona because it was the home of his lifetime friend and benefactor.

A dinner was held Wednesday evening, May 1st, at the Hotel Penn Alto honoring Ill.: George E. Bushnell, 33°, which was attended by all Active Members of Pennsylvania, the officers and past officers of the Valley of Altoona.

A Family Night Party was held May 16th in Jaffa Mosque for the members of the Valley of Altoona and their families, who enjoyed a delightful vaudeville show and dancing.

I wish to thank you for your many courtesies extended the Valley of Altoona and especially for your council and advice in helping us with the arrangements for the visitation of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 32°,

*Secretary.*

During this year, a seventh new Scottish Rite Club, the Susquehanna Club was organized January 25, 1957 in Clearfield County.

ALTOONA

June 24, 1958

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,

*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*

*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1958.

On July 12, 1957 eleven members from the Valley of Altoona attended the 86th Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at Philadelphia, Pa. They were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Philadelphia.

During the year the organized Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona held several meetings and were well attended by the members and officers. These meetings were most enjoyable and served to bring better fraternal feeling among the members.



Ill.: Charles H. Nitsch, 33°

The fourth annual corn boil and wiener roast picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa., on August 16th, more than 1200 members and their families attended. They had a very pleasant evening, enjoying the food and entertainment after having the experience of arriving at the Park through an overcrowded Tyrone which was celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

The Fall Reunion was held October 21, 22, 23, 24, 1957, in Jaffa Mosque when eight degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a Class of forty-five candidates. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: Charles H. Nitsch, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, our distinguished guest for the Fall Reunion. Brother Nitsch addressed the assembly with a most inspiring message. Ill.:

William E. Yeager, 33°, Active Member for Pennsylvania, honored the Valley of Altoona by making an official visitation and also gave an Interesting talk to the class and members. Also present at the Fall Reunion were Ill.: Walter D. Ferree, 33°, who is Most Eminent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; Brother Gerald F. Wilson, 32°, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania and Ill.: Walter S. Cassel, 33°, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. The honored guests at the Reunion were received in due form under an arch of steel, with Grand Honors and all the salutations of the Rite.

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, held Maundy Thursday and Memorial Service, in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque on March 27, 1958 with a large attendance of members and their families, The service was in charge of Bro. Harold C. Ruth, 32°, Most Wise Master. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Oliver H. R. Krapf, 32°. Rev. Harry C. Stenger, 32° and Rev. Henry F. Hopkins assisted with the service.

The Spring Reunion was held May 12, 13, 14, 15, 1958, in Jaffa Mosque when eight degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of seventy-six candidates. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: William P. Miller, 33°, District Deputy of the 20th Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Director of Work For the Valley of Altoona. The Valley of Altoona was highly honored by the official visitation of Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33°, Active Member for Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother Kern addressed the assembly in his usual interesting and inspiring manner. Our honored guest was received due form under the arch of steel with Grand Honors and all the salutations of the Rite.

The Family Night Party was held May 17th at Jaffa Mosque for the members of the Valley of Altoona and their families, who enjoyed delightful vaudeville show followed by dancing and cards, with an attendance of approximately 1500.

I wish to thank you and the other Active Members of Pennsylvania for the continued counsel and advice in helping us with the building of the Valley of Altoona.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
H. DEAN BURKET, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1959.

On July 11, 1958 twenty members attended the 87th Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at Harrisburg, Pa. They were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Harrisburg.

During the year the organized Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona held several meetings which were well attended by the members and officers. Several of the Clubs held Ladies' Night Parties which were most enjoyable and served to bring a better fraternal feeling among the members.



Ill. Sanford M. Chilcote, 33°

The Fifth Annual Corn Boil and Wiener Roast Picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa., on August 15th, more than 1500 members and their families attended. All enjoyed the food and entertainment even though it rained all evening, but did not dampen the enthusiasm and the fraternal fellowship of the occasion.

The Fall Reunion was held October 27, 28, 29, 30, 1958, in Jaffa Mosque when ten degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of forty-five candidates. The class was named in honor of Ill. Sanford M. Chilcote, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, our distinguished guest for the Fall Reunion. Ill. Brother Chilcote delivered an address on Masonic principles, stressing in particular, devotion to God and Country. Ill. Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania

honored the Valley of Altoona by making an official visitation; he spoke on the principles of Scottish Rite Masonry and membership in the Supreme Council, Active and Honorary Members. Ill. Brother Cutler presented the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Malvin H. Kline, 32°, for his activities in Scottish Rite Masonry. The honored guests at the Reunion were received in due form under an Arch of Steel with Grand Honors and all salutations of the Rite.

A dinner was held November 5, 1958 for the "Workers" who have given of their time and energy to the activities of the Valley of Altoona.

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix held Maundy Thursday and Memorial Services in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque, on March 19, 1959 with a large attendance of members and their families. The service was in charge of Rev. and Brother Harry B. Stenger, 32°, Most Wise Master, who delivered the sermon; he was assisted by Rev. Orville Warner, 32°, a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, and Rev. Paul Shaffer.

The Spring Reunion was held April 27, 28, 29, 30, 1959, in Jaffa Mosque when ten degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of sixty-eight candidates. The class was named in honor of Ill. Orrin E. Boyle, 33°, the newly elected Active Member for Pennsylvania. Ill. Brother Boyle addressed the assembly with a most inspiring



Ill.: Orrin E. Boyle, 33°

message, telling of the notable contributions Freemasonry has made to the American way of life, from colonial times to the present. Ill.: Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania honored the Valley of Altoona with his presence. Ill.: Brother Cutler addressed the Class telling them they were joining 120,000 Scottish Rite Masons in Pennsylvania. Also present at the Spring Reunion were visitors from the Valleys of Harrisburg, New Castle, and Pittsburgh. The honored guests were received in due form under the Arch of Steel with Grand Honors and all the salutations of the Rite.

The Family Night Party was held May 6, 1959 at Jaffa Mosque for the members of the Valley of Altoona, their families, Master Masons and their ladies, 2,000 enjoyed the entertainment, dancing and light refreshments.

I wish to thank you and the Active Members for Pennsylvania For your many courtesies extended the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 33°,

*Secretary.*

During this year, an eighth new Scottish Rite Club, the Centre County Scottish Rite Club was organized August 28, 1959.

# Valley History 1960 – 1969

## ALTOONA

June 30, 1960

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1960.

On July 10, 1959, twenty-two members attended the Eighty-eighth Convocation of the Council of Deliberation at Pittsburgh, Pa. who were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

The Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona were active and their meetings well attended by their members and the officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley which served to bring the fellowship of Scottish Rite Masonry and a better fraternal feeling to the members.

The Sixth Annual Corn Boil and Weiner Roast Picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on August 21, 1959. Approximately 1500 attended, enjoying the food and fine entertainment, the weather being ideal for the occasion and everyone took advantage to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The Fall Reunion was held October 26, 27, 28, 29, 1959 in Jaffa Mosque when nine degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of fifty-three candidates. The class was named in honor of the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Brother Robert E. Dively, 32°. The Valley was honored by the presence of Ill.: John J. Gluntz, 33°, Ill.: Russell C. Huhnman, 33°, Ill.: James H. Hay, 33°, Ill.: Norman R. Snyder, 33°, and Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, of the Valley of Harrisburg, who congratulated the Valley of Altoona on their growth in the short time since they have been constituted. Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, spoke on the subject of the Benevolent Foundation and the wonderful work that it is doing for mental illness. The honored guests were received in due form and escorted to the stage by the Honor Guard of the Valley.

A "Workers' Party" was held February 17, 1960, which was attended by several hundred workers who have given of their time and energy to the activities of the Valley.

The Family Night Party was held March 31, 1960 at Jaffa Mosque for the members of the Valley of Altoona, their families, Master Masons and their ladies, approximately 2,000 enjoyed the entertainment, dancing and an evening of good fellowship.

Palm Sunday and Memorial Service was held April 10, 1960 in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque, by the Chapter of Rose Croix for the members, their families and friends. The Service was in charge of Rev. and Brother Harry C. Stenger, 32°, Past Most

Wise Master, who was assisted by Rev. and Brother John L. Barnes, 32°, of the Valley of Harrisburg.

The Spring Reunion was held April 25, 26, 27, 28, 1960 in Jaffa Mosque when nine degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of sixty-nine candidates. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: H. Dean Burket, 33°, Secretary of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona, who was unable to attend the Reunion due to illness. The following were received formally on stage by Brother Robert E. Dively, 32°, Commander-in-Chief; Ill.: Harve Tibbott, 33°, Valley of Williamsport; Ill.: Vincent S. Martyn, 33°, Valley of Pittsburgh; Ill.: Norman R. Snyder, 33°, Valley of Harrisburg and Brother Thomas A. Coleman, Past Thrice Potent Master of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection. Ill.: Harry F. Hostetler, 33°, First Lieutenant Commander, Altoona Consistory and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania brought greetings from the Grand Commandery.

I wish to thank you and the Active Members for Pennsylvania for the many courtesies extended the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 33°,

*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

June 20, 1961

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1961.

On July 8, 1960 sixteen members attended the Eighty-ninth Convocation of the Council of Deliberation at Scranton, Pa.; they were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Scranton.

The Valley of Altoona held ten stated monthly meetings. There was an increase in attendance at the meetings with more interest shown in building up the membership in the Valley of Altoona. The Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona were active during the past year. Several of the Clubs held Ladies' Night Parties which were most enjoyable. The seventh annual corn boil and wiener roast picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on August 19, 1960. Approximately 1500 attended, enjoying the food and title entertainment followed by dancing.

The Fall Family Night Party was held October 6, 1960 at Jaffa Mosque. Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians was the entertainment which proved to be a most enjoyable evening.



The Fall Reunion was held November 14, 15, 16, 17, 1960 at Jaffa Mosque, when nine degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of fifty-two candidates. We were honored by the presence of Ill.: Willard G. Cutler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania on Thursday, November 17. Ill.: Bro. Cutler gave an impressive address to the class and members, relating the background of Scottish Rite Masonry. He then presented the Meritorious Service Award Jewel and hat to Ill.: George E. Brehman, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief and Bro. J. Guy Schaeffer, 32°.

Palm Sunday and Memorial Service was held March 26, 1961 in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque by the Chapter of Rose Croix for the members, their families and friends. The service was in charge of Bro. Fred E. Luse, 32°, Most Wise Master. Rev. and Brother Max M. Houser was the speaker. He was assisted by Rev. and Bro. Harry C. Stenger, Past Most Wise Master and Rev. and Bro. Paul C. Shaffer. The attendance filled the Lodge Room to capacity.

The Spring Family Night Party was held April 6, 1961 at Jaffa Mosque with approximately 1800 attending. The entertainment was a very fine variety show which was followed by dancing.

The Spring Reunion was held May 1, 2, 3, 4, 1961 in Jaffa Mosque when ten degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of seventy-five candidates. We were honored by the presence of Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33°, Grand Minister of State and Active Member for Pennsylvania on May 4th. Ill.: Brother Kern presented a masterful address, principally directed at the class of candidates, in which he outlined the growth of Freemasonry throughout the world, because of its fundamental belief in the "Brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Visiting Honorary Members were Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, Valley of Harrisburg and Ill.: Vincent S. Martyn, 33°, Valley of Pittsburgh.

I wish to thank you and the Active Members for Pennsylvania for the many courtesies extended the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. DEAN BURKET, 33°,

*Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
A. A. S. R.



NORTHERN  
MASONIC  
JURISDICTION U.S.A.

Orient of Harrisburg, 40°-15'-51" N. Lat., 76°-53'-5" W. Long.  
Twenty-seventh Day of Iyar, corresponding to June 1, 1962

DEAR BROTHER :

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of Articles 200 to 209, inclusive, of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, 33°, you are hereby requested to attend the Ninety-first Convocation of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation to be held in the Auditorium of Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pennsylvania, on the Eleventh day of the Hebrew month, Tamuz, A. M. 5722, corresponding to Friday, July 13, A. D., 1962 at Two O'Clock P. M., D. S. T., for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the District of Pennsylvania. Representatives are requested to appear with the jewels of their rank.

By order of  
SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief,  
Deputy for Pennsylvania.*

RAY H. CRANE, 33°,  
*Secretary.*

## **Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation**

**A. A. S. R.**

### **1962 MEETING**

PURSUANT to notice (of which the foregoing is a copy) addressed to the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33°, resident in the State ; the Past First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise Masters

of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Sovereign Princes of Councils Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Masters of Lodges of Perfection (they being Thirty-second Degree Masons) ; the first three Officers of Consistories and of Rose Croix and the first four Officers of Councils Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection in each District, and the Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies.

THE NINETY-FIRST MEETING OF  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, NORTHERN  
MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

was held in the Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pa., on the eleventh day of the Hebrew month, Tamuz, A. M. 5722, corresponding to Friday, July 13th, A. D. 1962.

There were present 4 Active and 171 Honorary Members of the Supreme Council residing in Pennsylvania and representatives from 54 Subordinate Bodies. The Council of Deliberation was opened in Full Form at 2:00 P. M. by

ILLUSTRIOUS SCOTT SMITH LEIBY, 33°

Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33°, and for the District of Pennsylvania, ex officio Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presiding, with the following Officers in their respective stations and places :

Scott S. Leiby, 33° .....	Illustrious Commander-in-Chief
Richard A. Kern, 33° .....	First Lieutenant Commander
Willard G. Cutler, 33° .....	Second Lieutenant Commander
William E. Yeager, 33° .....	Minister of State
Harry F. Hostetler, 33° .....	Acting Chancellor
W. Orville Kimmel, 33° .....	Acting Prior
Frank L. Bowers, 33° .....	Treasurer
Ray H. Crane, 33° .....	Secretary
Ralph C. Gingrich, 33° .....	Master of Ceremonies
Edward J. Shourek, 33° .....	Hospitaler
Frederick G. Moser, 33° .....	Seneschal
Henry O. Walker, 33° .....	Standard Bearer
Domer J. Bailey, 33° .....	Guard
Cecil F. Reeser, 33° .....	Sentinel

ALTOONA

June 22, 1962

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY : We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, for the year ending June 30, 1962.

On July 14, 1961 nineteen members attended the Ninetieth Session of the Council of Deliberation at Reading, Pa., they were accompanied by their ladies and enjoyed the hospitality of the Valley of Reading.

The Valley of Altoona held ten stated meetings with a steady increase of members attending the monthly meetings and enjoying the fellowship of Scottish Rite Masonry. The Scottish Rite Clubs were active in promoting the interest of Scottish Rite Masonry in the surrounding Counties.

The eighth annual corn boil and wiener roast picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on August 25, 1961 with a large attendance of the members and their families, all enjoying the delicious food, entertainment and dancing.

The Fall Family Night Party was held October 6, 1961 at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pa. approximately 2,000 attended an evening of title entertainment, dancing and good fellowship.



Ill. Brother Max F. Balcom, 33°

The Fall Reunion was held November 13, 14, 15, 16, 1961 at Jaffa Mosque when nine degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a class of fifty-five candidates. We were honored by the presence of Brother Max F. Balcom, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and in whose honor the Class was named. Ill. Brother Max F. Balcom's message to the assembly was most inspiring and instructive. Climaxing the Reunion activities, the 33° Jewel and Cap was presented to Ill. Harry W. Gerlock, 33°, who was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Detroit in September 1961, and the Jewel and Cap of the Meritorious Service Award, was presented to Brother Ralph W. Isenberg.

Palm Sunday and Memorial Service was held April 15, 1962 in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque, by the Chapter of Rose Croix for the members, their families and friends. The service was in charge of Brother John C. Kline, Most Wise Master. Reverend and Brother Paul C. Shaffer was the speaker, he was assisted by Reverend and Brother Herman E. Stenger and Reverend Wallace L. Faas.

The Spring Reunion was held April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 1962 in Jaffa Mosque when nine degrees were conferred in full Ceremonial Form on a Class of sixty-three candidates. We were most fortunate to have as our honored guest, Ill. Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation who gave an inspiring message to the members

and Class which was named in his honor. We were also honored by the presence of Ill.: William E. Yeager 33°, Active Member for Pennsylvania and Ill.: J. Everett Morgan, 33°, Commandèr-in-Chief of Harrisburg Consistory. Visiting Honorary Members were Ill.: Guy H. Anderson, 33°; Ill.: Charles B. Moore, 33°; Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, of the Valley of Harrisburg, and Ill.: Vincent S. Martyn, 33°, Valley of Pittsburgh.



Ill. Ray H. Crane, 33°

We wish to thank you, the Active Members of Pennsylvania and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many courtesies and help extended the Valley of Altoona.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Byron A. Roberts, 32°  
*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

June 24, 1963

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1963.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Altoona were host to the Ninety-first Session of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, July 13, 1962. Four hundred nine members and thirty-one visitors attended the afternoon Session and the banquet and entertainment in the evening was attended by more than nine hundred persons.

The Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Clubs were most active during the year, holding outpost meetings and several ladies' night parties, thus promoting the fellowship and goodwill of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The ninth annual corn boil and picnic was held at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa., on August 17th. A large attendance enjoyed the food and entertainment.

The Fall Reunion was held October 22, 23, 24, 25, 1962, the Class named in honor of Ill.: Scott S. Leiby, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Pennsylvania who was our honored guest at the Reunion. Other guests at the Reunion were Ill.: Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary, Valley of Harrisburg and Secretary, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation; Ill.: J. Everett Morgan, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Harrisburg Consistory; Ill.: Russell C. Haulman, 33°; Ill.: Charles Moore, 33°; Ill.: W. Orville

Kimmel, 33°; Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, Ill.: John J. Gluntz, 33°, members of the Valley of Harrisburg. The Jewel and Cap of the Meritorious Service Award were presented to Brother John R. Young.

The Fall Family Party was held November 7th in Jaffa Mosque with entertainment and dancing by Guy Lombardo and his orchestra. Memorial Service was held March 31, 1963 in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Mosque, by the Chapter of Rose Croix for the members, their families and friends. The service was in charge of Bro. Howard M. Hazen, Most Wise Master. Rev. and Bro. H. Allan Hazen was the speaker; he was assisted by Rev. and Bro. Russell R. Kerns and Rev. Earl W. Zellers.



Ill. W. LeRoy McKinley, 33°

The Spring Reunion was held April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 1963. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: W. LeRoy McKinley, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania who was the honored guest at the Reunion. Other guests at the Reunion were Ill.: Earl F. Herold, 33°, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Ill.: John J. Gluntz, 33°, Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, Ill.: James H. Hay, 33° of the Valley of Harrisburg; the following Grand Commandery officers were present: John B. Cottrell, Jr., Grand Commander; Paul C. Rodenhauser, Deputy Grand Commander; F. Parson Kepler, Sr., Grand Generalissimo, S. Blair, Sponeybarger, Jr., Grand Captain-General.

The Spring Family Night Party was held May 18th at Jaffa Mosque with approximately 2500 enjoying fine vaudeville entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

We wish to thank you, the Active Members and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many favors and courtesies extended to the Valley of Altoona.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
BYRON A. ROBERTS, 32°,  
*Secretary,*

The year 1963 was significant in regard to it being the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the area of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

ALTOONA

June 24, 1964

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Penna. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1964.

The Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona have been quite active this past year, with one new Club (Bedford County) in its formative stage. There have been outpost meetings and a number of Ladies' Night Parties were held, finding that this type of activities creates fine fellowship and good will among the various groups.

With the weatherman smiling on the members, the 10th annual summer outing was held in the form of a corn boil and wiener roast at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pa. on August 16th with a huge crowd enjoying the tasty food, excellent entertainment and dance.

Sixty-five members of the "150th Anniversary Class" were initiated at the Fall Reunion, held on October 21, 22, 23, 24, 1963 and formally received as honored guests were: Ill.: Brother William H. Cantwell, 33°, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware; Ill.: Harry B. Belig, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Corning, N. Y. ; Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 32°, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Ill.: Brothers John J. Gluntz, 33°, Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, Russell Haulman, 33°, William P. Miller, 33°, George E. Brehman, 33°, Frederick B. Yorks, 33°, Clair L. Hall, 33°. Edwin F. Kinkead, 33° and Ernest Dejaiffe, 33° all from the Valleys of Harrisburg and Altoona. The jewel and cap of the 33° were presented to Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe and the jewel and cap of the Meritorious Service Award were presented to Brother Albert L. Fleck.



Ill.: William H. Cantwell, 33°

An Autumn Family Night Party was held on November 2nd in Jaffa Temple, with an audience of 2500 members, families and friends attending to enjoy a professional show, dance and refreshments.

The Chapter of Rose Croix, 14°, held its annual Memorial Service on Palm Sunday evening, March 22, 1964 at Jaffa Temple with Brother and Rev. H. Allan Hazen, son of Thrice Potent Master Howard M. Hazen, preaching the sermon. He was assisted by Brother and Rev. Herman Stenger and the Rev. Earl W. Zellers. Brother Howard M. Hazen was in charge.

Jaffa Mosque again was the scene of the Spring Reunion which was held on April 20, 21, 22, 23, 1964. The class was named for Ill.: Brother J. Floyd Buzzard, 33°, Sixty-one were initiated. Honored guests attending were: Ill.: Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation; Ill.: Rex Paxton, 33°, Assistant to the Supreme Commander and the main speaker; Ill.: Chester Minick, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Valley of New Castle; Ill.: Walter P. Wells, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Coudersport; Brother Lawrence L. Gardner, Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix,

Valley of Coudersport; Ill.: Edward Fuller, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of Coudersport; Ill.: Welty Rugh, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of New Castle; Ill.: William H. Williams, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of Reading; Ill.: Vincent H. Martyn, 33°, Valley of Pittsburgh; Ill.: Jacob Stoneback, 33°, Valley of Reading;

Ill.: John J. Gluntz, 33°; Ill.: Russell C. Haulman, 33° and Ill.: Roy W. Goshorn, 33°, all of the Valley of Harrisburg; Ill.: George E. Brehman, 33°, Ill.: Harry F. Hostetler, 33°, Ill.: Frederick B. Yorks, 33°, Ill.: J. Floyd Buzzard, 33°, Ill.: Edwin F. Kinkead, 33° and Ill.: Clair L. Hall, 33°, all of the Valley of Altoona. Also present were Potentate A. O. Curtis of Jaffa Mosque and three members of his Divan.

May 23rd was the date chosen for the Spring Family Night Party which took place at Jaffa Mosque. A huge crowd had an enjoyable time watching a new and different group of vaudeville acts, with dancing and refreshments concluding the event.

A sizable group attended the Council of Deliberation in Philadelphia and numerous delegations visited the various Valleys of other areas. Culminating activities in this vein was a trip to the Spring Reunion of Valley of New Castle, led by Ill.: Brother Harry W. Gerlock, Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Altoona, who encouraged 11 members and their wives to see for themselves the splendid hospitality provided by the people of the Valley of New Castle.

We are grateful to the Active members and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many acts of kindnesses and courtesies tended to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

BYRON A. ROBERTS, 32°

*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 24, 1965

ILL.: SCOTT S. LEIBY, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Penna. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER LEIBY: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1965:

The Scottish Rite Clubs of the Valley of Altoona still are quite active with their usual local activities and their help with the portrayal of the degrees at Reunion time. The group from the Johnstown area organized a new cast and then gave a beautiful portrayal of the 20th degree. Most of the Clubs held their usual ladies' nights.



Reservoir Park, Tyrone was the scene of the annual Corn Boil and Wiener Roast and despite the damp reception from the weatherman, a large crowd of members and their families enjoyed the event which included entertainment and dancing.

With the elimination of the usual Spring or Fall Family Night parties, the members voted to include the ladies at the Fall and Spring Reunion dinners. This proved to be successful,



in that all Class members' wives were entertained on the final day of the two Reunions and later were joined by the other women affiliated with the Valley of Altoona. An address by Ill. Brother Earl F. Herold, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania was the feature of this Reunion. A class of 66 was named for him. Also at this Reunion, the jewel and cap of the 33° were presented to Ill. Byron A. Roberts, 33°, then Secretary of the Valley of Altoona by Ill. Harry W. Gerlock, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Altoona. Brother Raymond R. Blowers, 32° was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, with the cap and jewel being presented by Brother Harold R. Mallow, 32°.

Ill. Brother Earl F. Herold, 33°

The J. Clarence Wilson, 32° Class consisting of 73 members, had the pleasure of having for the principal speaker at their Spring Reunion, Ill. Brother G. Mason Cochran, 33°, a minister of Glenshaw, Pa. His talk held his listeners spellbound. Local and professional entertainment and dancing concluded this Reunion. Those attending were pleased to welcome Ill. Richard A. Kern, 33° and Ill. William E. Yeager, 33°. The Spring Reunion ended on a sad note however, when the kindly gentleman for whom the Class was named was called to his Heavenly Home shortly after the Reunion activities. Brother Wilson was a long, active and interested member.

Annual Memorial Services were held on Palm Sunday at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pa., when those attending heard a service for the deceased members, including Ill. Orrin E. Boyle, Active 33° and Ill. Harry F. Hostetler, 33° of the Valley of Altoona. Brother Allen B. Hartman, 32°, Most Wise Master was in charge.

Many members and their ladies visited New Castle for the Council of Deliberation where they enjoyed the hospitality and fine entertainment of the members of that Valley. The home of the Scottish Rite Office was changed from the Masonic Temple to Jaffa Mosque, where the staff is enjoying fine facilities as well as some new equipment.

The future plans of the Valley of Altoona include a Fall Family Night Party, with outstanding professional entertainment, refreshments and dancing scheduled to take place.

We extend our thanks to the Active members and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many acts of kindnesses and the courtesies extended to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Sincerely and fraternally,  
HAROLD G, MILLER, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

June 15, 1966

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN: We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona for the year ending June 30, 1966:

With most of the Scottish Rite Clubs, affiliated with the Valley of Altoona, continuing to be active, they are concentrating on membership, as well as their usual social events, that include the ladies. The club groups still provide much of the talent for the degree work.

The annual Corn Boil and Wiener Roast for families and Master Masons was a tremendous success, with the largest group ever practically filling Reservoir Park at Tyrone, Pa. In fact the growing response to this event has prompted the Executive Board to change the place of the 1966 picnic to larger Lakemont Park, Altoona, Pa.

The Fall, 1965 Reunion was honored by having Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33°, newly appointed Active Member for Pennsylvania, as its principal speaker and the ladies were a



part of the final day's festivities. The class was named for Ill.: George A. Newbury, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander. Spring Reunion, 1966, had for its honored guest, Ill.: Sanford M. Chilcote, 33°, Active Member for Pennsylvania, as speaker and the class was named for Ill.: Harry W. Gerlock, 33°, Valley of Altoona's out-going Commander-in-Chief, bringing to a conclusion a fine tenure in office for a faithful and competent officer. At a testimonial in his honor, in his hometown, Johnstown, Pa., Ill.: Brother Donald R. Wolford, 33°, was the recipient of his 33°, cap and jewel. The South Cambria County Scottish Rite Club hosted the event. Brother Joseph Dukes, St., 32°, was given the Meritorious Service Award with Ill.: Frederick B. Yorks, 33°, doing the honors. This took place at the Fall Reunion.

Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33°

Additional and new modern equipment continues to grace the Scottish Rite office, housed in the Jaffa Shrine Temple, Altoona, Pa.

The usual Maundy Thursday service was held on Palm Sunday in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, Jaffa Shrine Temple, with the Rev. Herman E. Stenger, 32°, having charge of the arrangements.

A special bus transported a large contingent to the Council of Deliberation in Harrisburg, and those attending were entertained royally.

A Family Night Party for members and Master Masons was a huge success, with about 3,000 attending to watch a truly great professional show. Dancing and refreshments were a part of the successful evening at Jaffa. Needless to say another party of this type is scheduled for the coming year.

We extend our thanks to the Active Members and to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many acts of kindness and advice extended to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,

*Secretary.*



Prior to 1965, all administrative work of the Valley was conducted at the home of the Secretary. Pictured is the newly decorated Scottish Rite Office, where any member is welcome to visit anytime. The Executive Board of Jaffa Temple sanctioned the use of the space from its Broad Avenue Lounge for an Office for the Valley of Altoona. With the new equipment and the green and melon color scheme, it has become quite an attractive place to house the business activities of the Valley. The new location at the Jaffa Mosque has been a boon to the members, not only because it is easy to get to and parking

facilities are excellent, but to just have an office of their own makes the members feel more welcome and comfortable when having the occasion to visit here.

## ALTOONA

June 23, 1967

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN : We are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania for the year ending June 30, 1967.

A concentration on membership, under the leadership of Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 32°, Sovereign Prince of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° and his committee, has brought quite a few groups together socially as well as fraternally, with the focal point being on the annual reunions.

The Scottish Rite Clubs, affiliated with our Valley, continue to activate themselves with regular meetings, some even featuring such attractions as oyster dinners for the members and special evenings for the ladies. Much of the talent for the degree work comes from the members of these clubs.

Lakemont Park, Altoona, was the scene of a Family Picnic, serving wieners and corn as the main dish. It was one of the largest crowds ever assembled at the park and the event was chaired by Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32°. The weatherman cooperated in title style that day.

The Fall, 1966 Reunion honored Ill.: Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief by naming the class for him, and the featured speaker was the Mayor of Altoona, Brother William H. Prosser. Brother William C. Giarth, 32°, was presented the Meritorious Service Award and Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., was given his jewel and cap for the 33°, being the newest member of the Supreme Council from the Valley of Altoona. The "Centennial of Northern Masonic Jurisdiction" Class of the Spring, 1967 Reunion, was one of the largest classes for this Valley and at the session the members and ladies were delighted with a most informative and unusual, as well as humorous talk on the weather by Dr. Charles L. Hosler, Dean of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State University.

The usual Maundy Thursday service was held on Palm Sunday at Jaffa Temple with the Rev. J. Clarke Redmond, 32°, officiating.

A large group traveled by bus to Pittsburgh to the Council of Deliberation in July and were pleased with the activities planned for them there.

Family Night in March was the best ever, with more than 3,000 enjoying a top-flight audience participation show for the youngsters and oldsters alike. Dancing and refreshments were a part of the event. Brother Howard M. Hazen, a 32°, was chairman. The members of the reunion classes were presented their Patents at a dinner meeting by Ill. Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief. This occasion was met with enthusiastic approval.

We extend our gratitude to the Active Members and to the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for the many acts of kindness and advice given to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,

*Secretary.*



Scottish Rite Picnic at Lakemont Park, August 18, 1967

ALTOONA

June 1968

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN: It is with pleasure that we submit the following report of activities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania for the year ending June 30, 1968.

Membership took on a new significance this year, as Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 32°, Sovereign Prince and Membership Chairman directed a complete round of out-post dinner meetings with the various Scottish Rite Clubs, representing the Valley of Altoona.

Once again, scenic Lakemont Park of Altoona was the scene of a huge gathering of Scottish Rite Masons and their families when they picnicked and had a day of fun together. Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32°, was Chairman.

The "250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England" Class witnessed the beautiful degree work on November 9, 10, 17, 18, 1967. It was at these sessions that Brother Harry E. Charles, 32°, was awarded the Meritorious Service jewel and cap and Ill.: Brother Harold R. Mallow, 33°, was presented the 33° jewel and cap in honor of his elevation to the Supreme Council as an Honorary Member. Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief chaired the Fall Reunion. The class members' wives were entertained at a tea in the afternoon of the final day and in the evening joined the other members and ladies for a banquet and dance.

The "Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33°," Class were honored by having the Illustrious Brother Greevy attend the Spring 1968 Reunion in June. The ladies again were invited to be part of the event by attending the banquet and dance on the last day.

February and March, 1968, were busy months, in that the Fall Class members were given their Patents at a special dinner held in Jaffa Mosque on February 9th. In March a huge crowd of members and their families attended the Family Night party and were thrilled with an exceptional show and dance, planned for their entertainment. Refreshments were served at this event. This was in charge of Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32°. Also in March, a Workers' Dinner Party was held for those who so diligently carry out the degree work.



Ill.: David Hoover, 33°

Palm Sunday, was the day chosen for the Maundy Thursday service in charge of Brother Ross F. Woods, 32°, Most Wise Master. Ill.: Brother David Hoover, 33°, pastor of the First Lutheran Church in McConnellsburg was the speaker. This drew a capacity attendance.

Those eligible to attend, toured by bus to Harrisburg to attend the Council of Deliberation in July.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Active Members and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for their kind and thoughtful acts, as well as their advice given to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,

*Secretary.*



*Altoona Mirror, November 15, 1968*

TO PLAY HERE – The Williamsport Consistory Band will be among the groups to entertain at the concluding event of the Fall Reunion of the Valley of Altoona, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry tomorrow night at the Jaffa Mosque. The entertainment will follow the 6 pm dinner. Degree work for the large class of candidates will continue tonight and conclude tomorrow afternoon with the conferral of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

ALTOONA

June 1969

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN : A series of "happenings" spotlighted 1968-69 for the Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Those eligible traveled to Erie, Pennsylvania, in July for the Council Deliberation, thus making a delightful weekend for the brethren and ladies.

Membership Chairman, Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 32°, directed all out-post membership dinner meetings of the various Scottish Rite clubs in and around the Altoona area. This met with much success, having good attendances at all meetings.

Beautiful Lakemont Park at Altoona saw thousands attending the annual Family Picnic in August, with Brother Earl C. Robinson and his committee laboring many hours to make this a fun event.

Ill.: S. Blair Sponeybarger, 33°, Orator in the Consistory Body, was honored by having the Fall 1968 Class named for him. The Class witnessed the beautiful degree work on November 8, 9, 15, 16 and on the final evening, Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32° was presented his Meritorious Service Award jewel and cap and Ill.: Brothers Allan L. Crum, 33° and Eugene F. Yoder, 33° were given their 33rd Degree jewels and hats, both having been coroneted in September in Atlantic City. It was this Reunion that the 27° was portrayed for the first time in Altoona, meeting with much acclaim from those witnessing it and keeping with the usual, the candidate's wives were entertained at a tea and a special musical performance on November 16th, later joining the members and wives for banquet and dance. The Williamsport Consistory Band entertained, prior to dancing.

A "Patent Dinner" for the Fall Class was held in January, 1969, at which time the Class met with key personnel to learn more about Scottish Rite and to receive their certificates. For those taking part in the Reunions, a "Workers' Party" was given their honor in February. This was in appreciation for their diligent assistance in bringing about excellent results.

Palm Sunday evening, the time chosen for the Maundy Thursday Service was in charge of Brother Ronald K. Jones, 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 16°. Refreshments were served at the close of this service which was attended by members, rallies and friends.



Ill.: John K. Young, 33°

May 1, 2, 9, 10, 1969 were the dates of the Spring Reunion, when the Valley of Altoona was honored by having Ill.: John K. Young, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania attend as honored guest. The Spring Class was named for him. This distinguished gentleman lent his Masonic knowledge to those attending by speaking to them at the final afternoon session. Ill.: Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, chaired this Reunion for the final time in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the Altoona Consistory, thus culminating a fine and eventful three-year term.

Family Night was held at Jaffa Mosque in March, delighting thousands with a professional show,



refreshments and a dance. The DeMolay members of the area were guests. Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32° was chairman.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Active Members and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for their kindness and thoughtfulness, as well as the advice given to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,  
*Secretary.*

During this year, a new Scottish Rite Club, the Indiana County Scottish Rite Club was organized March 12, 1969.

## Valley History 1970 – 1979

Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: George A. Newbury, 33°, has suggested that the Fall Class of 1970 be designated the "Pilgrim Class" to memorialize the voyages and landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Just 350 years ago, next September, one hundred and one brave people sailed aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth England, and landed at Plymouth Rock Massachusetts in December.

During this year, a new Scottish Rite Club, the Somerset County Scottish Rite Club was organized June 19, 1970.

OFFICE OF THE  
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FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
A. A. S. R.



NORTHERN  
MASONIC  
JURISDICTION U.S.A.

Orient of Philadelphia, 39°-57'-7" N. Lat., 75°-9'-11" W. Long.  
Twenty-sixth Day of Iyar, corresponding to June 1, 1970

*Dear Brother:*

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of Articles 200 to 209, inclusive, of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, 33°, you are hereby requested to attend the Ninety-ninth Convocation of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation to be held in the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania, on the Sixth day of the Hebrew Month, Tamuz, A. M. 5730, corresponding to Friday, July 10, A. D., 1970 at Two O'Clock P. M., D. S. T, for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the District of Pennsylvania.

Representatives are requested to appear with the jewels of their rank.

By Order of

RICHARD A. KERN, 33 °,  
*Illustrious Commander in Chief,  
Deputy for Pennsylvania.*

ELMER F. MYERS, 33°,  
*Secretary.*

# Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation

A.A.S.R.

## 1970 MEETING

PURSUANT to notice (of which the foregoing is a copy) addressed to the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33°, resident in the State; the Past First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Sovereign Princes of Councils Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Masters of Lodges of Perfection (they being Thirty-second Degree Masons); the first three Officers of Consistories and of Rose Croix and the first four Officers of Councils Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection in each District; those members of Subordinate Bodies in the District who have received the Award for Meritorious Service from the Council of Deliberation, and the Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies,

THE NINETY-NINTH MEETING OF  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,  
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

was held in the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pa., on the sixth day of the Hebrew month, Tamuz, A. M. 5730, corresponding to Friday, July 10, A. D., 1970.

The Council of Deliberation was opened in Full Form at 2:00 o'clock, P. M., (Eastern Daylight Time) by

ILLUSTRIOUS RICHARD A. KERN, 33°

Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33°, and for the District of Pennsylvania, ex-officio Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presiding with the following Officers in their respective stations and places:

Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33° .....Illustrious Commander-in-Chief  
Ill.: William E. Yeager, 33° .....First Lieutenant Commander  
Ill.: Sanford M. Chilcote, 33° .....Second Lieutenant Commander  
Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33° .....Minister of State  
Ill.: W. Orville Kimme], 33° .....Chancellor  
Ill.: George R. Bunting, 33° .....Prior  
Ill.: J. Watson Sembower, 33° .....Treasurer  
Ill.: Elmer F. Myers, 33° .....Secretary

Ill.: John J. Kenehan, 33° .....Master of Ceremonies  
 Ill.: Vern H. Woodward, 33° .....Hospitaler  
 Ill.: Howard W. Esler, 33° .....Seneschal  
 Ill.: Karl G. Timm, 33° .....Standard Bearer  
 Ill.: Daniel F. Pomeroy, Jr., 33° .....Guard  
 Ill.: William F. Demming, 33° ..... Sentinel

## ALTOONA

June 8, 1970

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN: Spotlighting a series of events for 1969-70, the Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to report the following:

Eligible members and wives made the trip to Williamsport, Pennsylvania in July, 1969 for the Council of Deliberation meetings and found it to be most enjoyable.

In the interest of membership, two new Scottish Rite Clubs were formed in Somerset and Indiana Counties. All out-post meetings with the various Clubs were successful in having good attendance at all of them.

Despite a torrential downpour at the close of the dinner hour, thousands of Altoona members and families enjoyed the annual corn boil at Lakemont Park. Special attention was given to the children, with free rides, treats and entertainment geared for their enjoyment.

In October, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Altoona sponsored a DeMolay meeting for Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Ebensburg, Tyrone and Johnstown DeMolay Chapters taking part. The young men were bused to Jaffa Mosque in Altoona where they exemplified the work and initiated a class of 51.



Ill.: Hiram P. Ball, 33°

Ill.: Hiram P. Ball, 33°, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania was guest of honor at the Fall, 1969 Reunion. At this event, Ill.: Joseph Dukes, St., M. S., 33° was presented his 33° jewel and cap, having been coroneted to this top degree in September. Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 32° was also paid honor by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. In keeping with the usual, the Ill.: Hiram P. Ball, 33° Class members' wives were entertained at a tea in the afternoon of the final day, later joining the members and other ladies at a banquet, additional entertainment and dance.

In January, 1970 a dinner was held for the Fall Class and key personnel to be further instructed in Scottish Rite Masonry and to receive their Patents.

March 14, 1970 was the date chosen for the annual Family Night Party. Jaffa Mosque auditorium was filled with members, families and guests who enjoyed a fun-packed professional show, refreshments and dancing.

For those assisting in all phases of the Reunions, a "Workers Party" was given in their honor in April.

Maundy Thursday services were held on Palm Sunday evening in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, under the direction of Brother Robert W. Moore, 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 16°.



Ill. Marvin E. Fowler, 33°

May 1970, saw another large class being initiated and it was at this Reunion that Ill. Marvin E. Fowler, 33°, Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington National Memorial Association, Alexandria Virginia was guest of honor and had the Class named for him. Ill. Charles F. Greevy, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania honored the Valley of Altoona by attending. Ill. Eugene F. Yoder, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Altoona Consistory chaired both Reunions.

At this writing, the members of the Valley of Altoona are busily engaged in preparing for the 1970 Council of Deliberation, when they will act as host and are looking forward to this event with great anticipation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Active Members, Ill: Brother Kern and the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their kindnesses and thoughtful acts, as well as the valuable advice given to the Valley of Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,  
Secretary.

ALTOONA

June 17, 1971

Ill. RICHARD A. KERN, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to report the following for 1970-71:

The focal point of the year centered on the Valley of Altoona host; the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania on Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10, 1970. After extensive planning, those in charge were pleased with the results and all the officers and members were happy to entertain at this important event.

In the interest of membership, the Scottish Rite Clubs held many Outpost meetings, proving to be successful with excellent attendance at all of them.

Thousands of Altoona members and families enjoyed the annual corn boil at Lakemont Park. Special attention was given to the children, with free rides, treats and entertainment geared for their enjoyment. It was at this event, that the Valley of Altoona Players (dramatic group) displayed their talents as they made their debut as a newly-organized group. Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32°, M. S. and his committee were in large.

The "Pilgrim Class" was initiated at the Fall Reunion in November, with Ill: .Brother David R. Hoover, 33°, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 34 as featured speaker. Ill: Brothers Reno A. Lepley, 33°, First Lt. Commander and Albert S. Carney, 33°, Past Sovereign Prince were the recipients of the 33° jewels and caps, indicative of this honor. Brother Robert F. Cunningham, 32° was given the Meritorious Service Award and it is sad to note that one month later he passed away.



The dramatic group again entertained the members and families at the conclusion of the December stated meeting, using the Christmas theme, after which refreshments were served.

In early winter, a dinner was held for the Fall Class and Key Personnel to be further instructed in Scottish Rite Masonry and to receive their Patents. The first-line petition signers also were in attendance.

For those assisting in all phases of the Reunions, a Workers Party was given in their honor in February.

March 20, 1971 was the date chosen for the annual Family Night Party. Jaffa Mosque auditorium was filled with members, families and guests who enjoyed a fun and thrill-packed professional show, refreshments and dancing. Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32° was Chairman.

Maundy Thursday services were held on Palm Sunday evening in the Scottish Rite Lodge Room, under the direction of Brother James Williams, 32°, Most Wise Master of Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 16°.

May 1971, saw one of the largest Classes ever initiated in the Valley of Altoona and it was at this Reunion the Ill.: Brother William H. Cantwell, 33° Deputy for Delaware was guest of honor and had the Class named for him. Ill.: Brother Richard A. Kern, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania and Ill.: Brother William E. Yeager, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania, honored our Valley by attending. Ill.: Eugene F. Yoder, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Altoona Consistory chaired both Reunions. Each of the Reunions concluded with a banquet and entertainment of which the members' ladies were invited.

At this writing, the members of the Valley of Altoona are busily engaged in preparing to attend the 1971 Council of Deliberation sessions in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Many are scheduled to travel to this event and are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Active Members, Ill.: Brother Kern and the Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for their kind-nesses and thoughtful acts, as well as valuable advice given to those involved with our Valley. We underline our gratefulness to Ill.: Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, and his staff for their aid to our efforts toward the Council of Deliberation meetings held in Altoona.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 32°,  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 15, 1972

ILL.: RICHARD A. KERN, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisbury, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KERN: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to report the following for 1971-72:

A total of 53 members and wives traveled to New Castle, Pennsylvania for the Council of Deliberation sessions on July 9, 1971, where all enjoyed the event planned for them.

In the interest of membership, the Scottish Rite Clubs are continuing to hold out-post meetings proving to be successful with excellent attendance at all of them.

Special attention was given to the children at the annual Corn Boil at Lakemont Park, with free rides, treats and entertainment geared for their enjoyment. By popular request, the Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Players again entertained and the day's events concluded with round and square dancing. Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32°, M.S. and his committee were in charge of this summer festivity.

The Ill.: Albert S. Carney, 33° Class was initiated at the Fall Reunion in November. Ill.: Brothers Harold G. Miller, 33°, Secretary and Lloyd E. Bastian, 33°, Sovereign Prince

were recipients of the 33° jewels and caps. Brother Charles E. Baird, 32° was given the Meritorious Service Award.

At the conclusion of the December stated meeting, the families of the members were invited to be entertained by a local High School musical group, after which refreshments were served at gaily decorated tables.

The Fall Class was entertained at a special dinner in early winter. Key personnel further instructed them in Scottish Rite Masonry and they were given their Patents. First-line petition signers also were in attendance.

March 25, 1972 was the date of the annual Family Night Party, which was in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°. Jaffa Mosque auditorium was filled with members, families and guests who enjoyed the largest professional show ever shown to the Valley of Altoona members, refreshments and dancing. Ill.: Brother George E. Brehman, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief and current Treasurer gave a short resume on the history of the Valley of Altoona. Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32° was chairman.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb services were held on Palm Sunday evening in Jaffa Mosque auditorium under the direction of Brothter George A. Luse, 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. This beautiful service was a new innovation of the Chapter of Rose Croix, replacing the former Maundy Thursday service.

May 1972 saw a large class initiated in the Valley of Altoona and it was at this Reunion that Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33°; Active for Pennsylvania was guest of honor. Ill.: Brother Eugene F. Yoder, 33°, Commander-in-Chief concluded his three-year term of office by chairing both Reunions. Each of the Reunions ended with banquet and entertainment, at which the ladies were present. The candidates were greatly impressed with the degree work portrayed at these events.

At this writing, many members and ladies are planning to attend the annual Council of Deliberation meetings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Active Members, Ill.: Brother Kern and the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their kind and thoughtful acts, as well as valuable advice.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

HAROLD G. MILLER, 33°,

*Secretary*



ALTOONA

June 21, 1973

ILL.: WILLIAM E. YEAGER, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER YEAGER: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1972-73:

A large group of members and wives traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Council of Deliberation sessions on July 14, 1972 where all enjoyed the events planned for them.

The Valley of Altoona regretted the resignation of Ill.: Brother Harold G. Miller, 33° as Secretary (for health reasons) and Brother Charles W. Endres, 32°, P. T. P. M. served as Acting Secretary until the 1973 election. Those in charge are grateful to these Brethren for their faithful service.

The Scottish Rite Clubs are continuing to hold outpost meetings in the interest of membership and good fellowship, Ill.: Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33° is general Chairman. Ill.: Brother Lindsey also headed the contingent at the seminar at Allentown.

Children still are given special attention at the annual Corn Boil at Lakemont, with free rides and entertainment taking the spotlight. This event concluded with square dancing. Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32°, M. S., was general Chairman.

The "Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33° Class" was initiated at the Fall Reunion in November. Ill.: Brothers Eugene E. Lindsey, M. S., 33° and Robert Muir, 33° were recipients of the 33rd jewels and caps. Brother J. Duane Cadle, 32° was given the Meritorious Service Award.

At the conclusion of the December stated meeting, the families were invited to be entertained by the Scottish Rite Players giving their version of Dicken's Christmas Carol. This proved to be the best effort yet for the Players.

In early winter, the Fall Class was entertained at a special dinner. Key personnel further explained Scottish Rite Masonry and the Class members were presented their Patents. First-line petition signers also were in attendance.

The annual Family Night Party was held on March 24, 1972 at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania. The Mosque auditorium was filled with happy members, wives and children. They enjoyed a great professional show, light refreshments and dancing. Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32° was general chairman.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb services were held on Palm Sunday evening in the Mosque auditorium under the direction of Brother Raphael T. George, 32°, Most Wise Master of

the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. Refreshments were served to the large group attending.



May 1973 saw one of the largest classes in the Valley's history being initiated. Ill.: Brother Arthur R. Diamond, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer was guest of honor and the Class was named for him. Ill.: Reno A. Lepley, 33°, Commander-in-Chief was Chairman at both the Spring and Fall Reunions. Each concluded with banquets and entertainment at which the ladies were present. As attested, the candidates were greatly impressed with the degree work as portrayed at these events. There were two anniversaries noted at the Fall Reunion: the 12th for the "Ill.: Frederick B. Yorks, 33° Class" and the 5th for the "Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevey, 33° Class."

Ill.: Brother Arthur Diamond, 33°

Many members and wives are now planning to attend the Council of Deliberations meetings in Allentown, Pennsylvania when they meet on July 13, 1973.

We extend our grateful thanks to the Active Members, Ill.: Brother William E. Yeager, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania and the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their kind and helpful acts. Their advice is invaluable.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Alvin M. Burley, 32°,  
*Secretary*

The Bedford-Fulton County Scottish Rite Club which had been defunct was re-organized October 9, 1973 as the Bedford County Scottish Rite Club.

A major restoration of the Lodge Room of the Valley of Altoona was organized in 1973 and completed in 1975, with a committee consisting of:

Ill.: Bro. Harold Mallow, Chairman  
Ill.: Bro. Joseph Bordell  
Ill.: Bro. Spencer Hauenstine  
Ill.: Bro. Blair Sponeybarger  
Ill.: Bro. Earl Robinson  
Ill.: Bro. Raymond Blowers  
Bro. James Meadows  
Bro. Eugene Hildabrand

The committee labored with the many problems of the Valley Lodge Room. After much review, the committee presented two estimates to the Valley, one for \$12, 537 and one

for \$19,837 which included the addition of air conditioning. The Valley approved the second estimate and directed the committee to “go all the way”. One of the problems of the Lodge Room was the location near an outside wall that permitted moisture to enter the wall. The plaster of the South wall continuously eroded and fell off. Bro. Earl Robison, an employee of a local contractor, recommended installing a new aluminum stud system and waterproof drywall along the affected walls in the Lodge Room and the attached Lounge. The new wall was built and afterward, was carpeted by Bro. Ralph Arthur. A new wall was also installed behind the stage, lighting and curtains were also installed. The old seating was getting rough and new theater seating was purchased from the William F. Gable Company for a cost of \$5850.00. New officers’ stations were also purchased. Lastly, air conditioning was installed for members comfort. To complete the renovation, Ill: Bro Mallow designed and donated plaques depicting the four Bodies, to the Valley.

The renovations were completed and the Lodge Room was formally dedicated in May of 1975. The program was a gala affair with the Sovereign Grand Commander in attendance. The Sovereign Grand Commander was very impressed and remarked on the progress of the Valley in such a short time. Ill: Bro. Harold Mallow delivered a dialogue on the state of the renovations, which was well received and at the request of the Sovereign Grand Commander, was repeated for the Council of Deliberation.



## ALTOONA

June 17, 1974

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1973-74:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Allentown, Pennsylvania saw a large contingent from our Valley on July 13, 1973, with the group making a two-day trip for the occasion.

Ill.: Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman of Membership still is holding outpost meetings in the interest of good fellowship and membership.

The summer focal point for the Valley of Altoona was Lakemont Park, where the annual Family Picnic was held on Friday, August 31, 1973 when a large group of children and adults enjoyed corn and wieners with all the trimmings. Free rides for the kiddies, entertainment and square dancing for all took the spotlight, Ill.: Brother Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S.A., was general chairman.

A special Renovation Committee was formed, headed by Ill.: Brother Harold R. Mallow, 33°, M.S.A., to make and execute plans for renovation and renewal of the Scottish Rite Lodge Room located in Jaffa Shrine Temple, Altoona. At this writing, much progress is being made in this project.

The Fall 1973 Reunion Class was named for Ill.: Brother Frederick C. Sensitivefer, 33°, of Manheim, Pennsylvania. It was at this reunion that the newly-named Honorary (33rd's) members Ill.: Brothers Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S.A., and Theodore R. Bolger, 33°, received caps and jewels for their new honor. Brother Merle D. Kiminel, 32°, was given the cap and jewel for having been named to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

The usual stated December meeting family party which is held at close of same had to be eliminated due to the rebuilding of the Scottish Rite quarters where this event is always held.

March 16, 1974 was the date for the annual Family Night Party, chaired by Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32°. Many children and beautifully gowned ladies seemed to attract much attention at this event. A great professional show, light refreshments and dancing were all part of the fun.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremonies were held in the Jaffa Mosque auditorium on Palm Sunday evening with Brother Henry Law, Jr., 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, being in charge. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.



The newly-appointed Active for Pennsylvania Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33°, was the honored guest at the Spring 1974 Reunion. The large class was named for him. Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania honored our Valley also by attending. This Reunion saw changes in format, in that it was held on four consecutive days, May 6, 7, 8, 10, with the banquet, entertainment and dancing being held on Saturday, May 11, when the ladies joined the members for the culmination of a very busy time in our history.

Council of Deliberation members and wives are now planning to attend the meetings in Pittsburgh on July 12, 1974.

Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33° For their invaluable advice and concern, we thank our Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania and Ill.: Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, Secretary of the Council of Deliberation. They all have been most kind and helpful.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Harold G. Miller, 33°,  
*Secretary*

The Centre County Scottish Rite Club, which had become defunct, Re-Organized February 28, 1975. At this time, there are nine active Scottish Rite Clubs, the most at any time in the history of the Valley.

ALTOONA

June 13, 1975

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa, 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1974-75:

A bus load of Valley of Altoona members and ladies enjoyed the Council of Deliberation sessions and festivities in Pittsburgh in July.

The outpost events in the interest of membership still proves to be most successful under the leadership of Ill.: Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S.

Lakemont Park, Altoona was the scene of a huge group of members and their families enjoying the annual Family Picnic held in August. The usual corn and wieners included part of the menu. There were free amusement rides for the children and entertainment and

round and square dancing rounded out the event. Ill.: Brother Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S., was chairman.

In November the Fall Reunion took place at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona when the Class was named for Ill.: Brother Howard W. Lindaman, 33°, Scottish Rite Choir Director, Ill.: Brother Harold D. Yoder, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Raymond R. Blowers, 33°, M.S. received caps and jewels of their new honor. Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32° was given a red cap and jewel for his having received the 1975 Meritorious Service Award.

The Thrice Potent Master, Brother Joseph E. Bordell, 32°, innovated the giving of special treats such as fruit, chocolates, etc. to those attending meetings. The Christmas meeting held special interest for members and families when the, Scottish Rite Players gave a program "Christmas From the Scriptures" which was series of living pictures with the singing of carols showing the traditional Christmas:



Ill.: George A. Newbury, 33°

Palm Sunday evening was the date set for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb held at Jaffa Mosque when a large crowd attended. The Rev. Brother John P. Martin, 32°, preached the sermon and Brother Spencer W. Hauenstein, 32°, was chairman. The Scottish Rite Choir lent their voices in singing several numbers including solo work. Refreshments were served.

Since the Valley of Altoona completed renovating their Lodge Room, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Brother George A. Newbury, 33°, was invited to help celebrate at the Spring 1975 Reunion. The Class was named in his honor. Along with Ill.: Brother Newbury, the members were distinctly honored by having Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Richard A. Kern, 33°, Deputy and Active for Pennsylvania respectively, present. All were duly honored. At this reunion the Class members' ladies were hosted at a tea and entertainment on the final afternoon (May 17) of the Reunion after which they were joined by their husbands and other members and ladies for a banquet entertainment and dancing. The honored guests gave most interesting remarks and it was at this time Ill.: Brother Ill.: Newbury was presented a sizable check for the Scottish Rite Library and Museum Fund.

The highlight of the final Spring Reunion evening was the Portrayal of "All The Way with the U.S.A." by the Scottish Rite Players. The originality of the production as well as the excellent acting lent much to the launching of the bicentennial activities of the Valley of Altoona. The players group was well received for their professional-like show. The members are anxious to see more of them. A special note of praise goes to the following for this new attempt for bringing Drama to the Valley of Altoona: Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, Brother Ross F. Woods, 32°, and his wife; Brother Robert Nankeville, 32°, Brother John Steckroth, 32°, and many others in the cast as well as those who worked so diligently behind the scenes.

For being most kind and helpful with advice and concern, we are grateful to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Active and Ill.: Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, Secretary, Council of Deliberation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,  
Sincerely and fraternally,  
HAROLD G. MILLER, 33°,  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 21, 1976

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1975-76:

A large contingent of Valley of Altoona members and their ladies enjoyed the Council of Deliberation sessions and festivities in Harrisburg in July.

The Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite Clubs in the surrounding areas increased their activities during the past year. Special events such as picnics, bus trips, ladies' nights, etc. helped a great deal in getting our members and friends involved in Scottish Rite. This coupled with interest in membership still proves to be successful, Ill.: Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S.A., is Membership Chairman.

The Family Picnic at Lakemont Park, Altoona continues to draw huge crowds of members and families. Corn and wieners are the specialty of the chefs and there were free amusement rides for the children as well as entertainment and dancing, Ill.: Brother Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S.A., is general chairman of this popular event.

In the Fall, the Reunion took place at Jaffa Mosque in November when the Class was named for Ill.: Brother Reno A. Lepley, 33°, former Commander-in-Chief. Ill.: Brother Howard M. Hazen, 33°, M.S.A. and Ill.: Brother Percy O. Kephart, 33°, received caps and jewels from the Valley indicative of their recent honor of receiving the Thirty-third Degree. Brother Aldys G. Bistline, 32°, M. S, A, was given the red cap for his having received the Meritorious Service Award in Harrisburg in July.

The Stated Meetings were given over to all four Bodies at various times of the year, with each having a "special interest" feature which included topical exhortations in keeping with the Bicentennial Year, The Christmas stated meeting had Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 33°, Commander-in-Chief speaking on the "Greatest Christmas Gift" and a group of Altoona Area High School students rendered a musical program.

Palm Sunday evening was the date set for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb ceremony held at Jaffa Mosque when a large crowd of members, ladies and visitors attended. Brother Engene W. Lederer, 33°, an attorney from State College was the **mare** speaker and the Scottish Rite Choir sang several numbers. Brother L. Russell Hill, 32°, Most Wise Master was chairman.

The large Spring 1976 Reunion Class was named for Brother Benjamin Franklin, Ill.: Brother Richard A Kern, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33°, Actives for Pennsylvania were honored and they delighted those attending with their oratory. A tea and entertainment for Class member's ladies was held on the final day after which they joined the brethren for the banquet.



The dinner program included the presentation of a One Thousand Dollar Scholarship from the Abbott Scholarship Fund of the Supreme Council to the Penn State University School of Journalism, accepted by the Dean of the School of Journalism, Ill.: Brother Harold D. Yoder, 33°, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee gave a One Hundred Dollar savings bond to Mary Duggan of the Altoona Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls for her prize-winning essay on "What America Means to Me." Another highlight on the final evening was a production by the Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Players, "Those Very Special Days." The originality of this show depicting various distinctive holidays or seasons celebrated in America was enjoyed by those present. Dancing concluded the event.



For being concerned and helpful we are most appreciative to Ill.: Brother Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania and Ill.: Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, Secretary, Council of Deliberation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°,

*Secretary*



## ALTOONA

June 27, 1977

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33<sup>o</sup>,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL: The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1976-77:

A large group of members and ladies from the Valley of Altoona enjoyed the Council of Deliberation sessions and festivities in Philadelphia in July. Since it was the Bicentennial Year, it added much to the event.

The Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Clubs in the surrounding areas continued their activities during the past year. There were special events such as picnics, bus trips, ladies nights, etc. This in addition with interest in membership still proved to get members and friends involved in Scottish Rite.

Ill.: Earl C. Robinson, 33<sup>o</sup>, M.S., was again chairman of the annual family picnic which was held at Lakemont Park in August. It drew a large crowd of members and families. The chefs featured corn and wieners and there were free amusement rides for the children as well as entertainment and dancing.

In the Fall, the Reunion took place at the Jaffa Mosque in November when the Class was named for Ill.: Brother Thomas R. Barber, 33<sup>o</sup>, received his cap and jewel from the Valley indicating his having received the Honorary 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Brother Richard W. Logue, 32<sup>o</sup>, M.S. was given the red cap for his having received the Meritorious Service Award in July at Philadelphia.

The Stated Meetings were again given over to all four Bodies at various times of the year, with special interest featured. Altoona Lodge of Perfection: Talk on "Patriotism 1976" and a cantata: "I Love America" by a local church choir. Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem: an individual gave his impression on the "Effect of Freemasonry". Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix: two members spoke on "The Trials Experienced in getting a Chapter Started". Also, a dissertation was given on the development of the Pennsylvania Railroad which was a stimulus for the settlement of Altoona and the Masonic Fraternity's early development. Consistory: Spring Cove Area High School Music students entertained. A member entertained as a stand up comic.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb ceremony was held Palm Sunday at Jaffa Mosque. Members, Ladies and visitors attended and heard Ill.: Brother Richard D. Markle of Ebensburg give the sermon. A gospel trio and the Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Choir sang special music for the event. Brother J. David Kline, 32<sup>o</sup>, Most Wise Master was Chairman.



Ill. Brother Robert F. Case, 33°

The Spring 1977 Reunion Class was named for Ill. Brother Robert F. Case, 33°, Active for New York. Many dignitaries attended including Ill. Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of the Reunion banquet, Ill. Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 33°, Commander in Chief invited the members and ladies attending to the auditorium where the invited guests and ladies were seated on the stage. Brother Case along with other dignitaries gave the appropriate remarks. A dance concluded the event.

For being so helpful and caring, we are most appreciative to Ill. Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania, and Ill. Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, Secretary for the Council of Deliberation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°,

*Secretary.*

ALTOONA

June 21, 1978

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL:

The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1976-77:

A large bus and several cars loaded with members and ladies attended the Council of Deliberation sessions on a very warm day in New Castle in July.

The Scottish Rite Clubs are continuing with their various activities such as ladies nights, picnics, etc. Ill. Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S., Membership Chairman held dinner meetings for these clubs during the year in interest of membership.

The Fall 1977 Reunion took place at Jaffa Mosque in November when the Valley celebrated its Twenty Fifth Anniversary, thus the Class was named for this event. Appropriate souvenirs were presented to the members and ladies. Ill. Brothers Ralph W. Isenberg, 33°, M.S., and Charles B. Rishell, 33° were presented their white caps and jewels. Brother Ross F. Woods, 32° M.S. was given the red had for having received the Meritorious Service Award in July at New Castle. Those people still involved since chartering the Valley of Altoona were recognized by Ill. Ernest Dejaiffe, 33° who

incorporated this into his historical presentation. The event ended with a banquet and dancing. Special guest was Ill.: Brother Robert T. Jones, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania.

In lieu of the annual picnic, the Valley of Altoona held a Family Night on October 1, 1977 under the direction of Ill.: Brother Howard Hazen, 33° (now deceased), Chairman. The Altoona Scottish Rite Players took the spotlight on their take off of the popular nonsensical T.V. show "Hee Haw". A professional animal act delighted the children. There were refreshments and dancing.

The Stated Meetings were held by all four Bodies, with each having special interest features. The Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, had the Rev. H. Richard Welliver, 32°, Superintendent of the United Methodist Churches speaking on "What the Times Expect of Masons". The Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, honored the Past Wise Masters with Brother L. Russell Hill, 32°, reporting on the twenty five year history of the Chapter. Altoona Consistory presented fifty year pins with Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, 33° speaking on "Service". At the December meeting, the Bellwood Antis Community Chorus gave a Christmas Cantata after which the members and families were served refreshments. Palm Sunday was the date for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony held at Jaffa Mosque Auditorium. The Rev. Arnold Kastner, Pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church of Somerset was speaker. With appropriate stage settings and scenes, it added much to the overall picture. Refreshments were served and Brother Arthur L. Brown, 32°, Most Wise Master was the Chairman.

The Spring 1978 Class was named for Brother Charles E. Baird, 32° M.S., retired as Tyler after twenty five years service. Two Classes also celebrated anniversaries at this event: Ill.: Brother Charles E. Greevy, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania Class (Tenth Anniversary) and Ill.: Brother Arthur R. Diamond, 33°, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Class (Fifth Anniversary). Ill.: Brother Diamond could not attend because of illness, but Ill.: Brother Greevy was there and was properly greeted. He spoke to the Brethren and ladies at the Banquet. Dancing concluded the Reunion.

For caring and being so helpful, we express our appreciation to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania, and to Ill.: Brother Elmer F. Myers, 33°, Secretary for the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation

With kind regards and best wishes,  
Sincerely and fraternally,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°,  
*Secretary.*

The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Valley of Altoona was held November 9, 1977 with the following officers of the Coordinate Bodies:

**ALTOONA LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°, U.:D.:**

Chartered September 24, 1952

Thrice Potent Master.....	Harmon L. Dale, 32°
Deputy Master .....	Donald O. Walter, 32°
Senior Warden .....	Robert L. Freeburn, 32°
Junior Warden .....	David F. Metzker, 32°
Orator .....	Ray F. Knee, 32°
Treasurer .....	George E. Brehman, 33°, MSA
Secretary .....	Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°
Master of Ceremonies .....	William H. Minsker, 32°
Hospitaler .....	Harold D. Yoder, 33°
Captain of the Guard .....	William J Pollisino, 32°
Tyler .....	Charles E. Baird, 32°, MSA

**ALTOONA COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°, U.:D.:**

Chartered September 23, 1953

Soveriegn Prince .....	Jack L. Moore, 32°
High Priest .....	D. Ray Philippi, 32°
Senior Warden .....	Robert C. Nankeville, 32°
Junior Warden .....	Leonard J Croft, 32°
Treasurer .....	George E. Brehman, 33°, MSA
Secretary .....	Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°
Master of Ceremonies .....	Harold B. Wilson Jr., 32°
Hospitaler .....	Harold D. Yoder, 33°
Master of Entrances .....	Harold A. Burket, 32°
Tyler .....	Charles E. Baird, 32°, MSA

**ALTOONA CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°, U.:D.:**

Chartered September 23, 1953

Most Wise Master .....	Arthur A. Brown, 32°
Senior Warden .....	Charles A. Schandelmeier, 32°
Junior Warden .....	Vernon W. Anderson, 32°
Orator .....	Lewis W. Woods, 32°
Treasurer .....	George E. Brehman, 33°, MSA
Secretary .....	Ernest DeJaiffe, 32°
Master of Ceremonies .....	Robert W. Brubaker, 32°
Hospitaler .....	Harold D. Yoder, 33°
Master of Entrances .....	Herbert C. Endly, 32°
Tyler .....	Charles E. Baird, 32°, MSA

**ALTOONA CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S. 32°, U.:D.:**  
Chartered September 30, 1954

Bro.: Lester I. Keller, 32° .....	Commander in Chief
Bro.: Howard H. Speece, 32° .....	First Lieut. Commander
Bro.: Theodore R. Bolger, 33° .....	Second Lieut. Commander
Bro.: Ronald R. Yoder, 32° .....	Orator
Bro.: Charles R. Minemyer, 32° .....	Chancellor
Ill.: George E. Brehman, 33°, MSA .....	Treasurer
Ill.: Ernest DeJaiffe, 33° .....	Secretary
Bro.: John C. Kline, 32 .....	Master of Ceremonies
Ill.: Harold D. Yoder, 33° .....	Hospitaler
Bro.: Richard D. Gunsallas, 32° .....	Engineer and Seneschal
Bro.: John R. Renfrew, 32° .....	Standard Bearer
Bro.: Charles W. Dell, 32° .....	Captain of the Guard
Bro.: Charles E. Baird, 32°, MSA .....	Sentinel

ALTOONA

June 27, 1979

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17108*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL:

The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1978-79:

A large contingent of members and ladies attended the Council of Deliberation sessions in Williamsport in July.

The Scottish Rite Clubs are continuing with their various activities such as ladies nights, picnics, etc. Ill.: Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M. S., Membership Chairman held dinner meetings for these clubs during the year in the interest of membership.

The Fall 1978 Reunion took place in Jaffa Mosque in November. The Class was named for Ill.: Harold D. Yoder, 33°, Hospitaler for our Valley, Ill.: Brothers Joseph E. Bordell, 33° and Richard W. Logue, 33°, M.S., were presented their caps and jewels. Brother L. Russell Hill, 32°, M.S. was given the red hat for having received the Meritorious Service Award in Williamsport in July. The Patriots Medal was also presented to Brother Hill at this particular time. Ill.: Brother Ernest DeJaiffe, 33° received the Patriots Award earlier in the year. The Reunion ended with a banquet and musical comedy show portrayed by the Scottish Rite Players.

The Stated Meetings were held by all four Bodies, with each having special interest features. The Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° had Brother Dale W. Woomer, 32° speak on "Rededication" showing a need to study our history. The Chapter of Rose

Croix, 18° honored Past Officers of that Body and Brother Vernon Anderson, 32° gave a challenging presentation on "Brotherhood in Masonry". At an Altoona Consistory meeting, Ill.: Brother Albert S. Carney, 33° gave the historical developments of our fraternity in his talk on "Forms and Philosophy". The Altoona Lodge of Perfection 14°, the governing Body took care of the Valley's business along with activities pertinent to Scottish Rite. In December, they invited the Bellwood Antis Community Chorus to give a Christmas Cantata at the December meeting and invited families to attend and enjoy the festivities of this Holy Season.



Ill.: Bro. Walter P. Wells, 33°

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony was held at Jaffa Mosque Auditorium on Sunday April 1, 1979. Brother John P. Martin, 32°, Presbyterian Homes Administrator was the speaker. With appropriate stage settings and scenes, it added to the overall picture. Brother Charles A. Schandelmeier, 32°, Most Wise Master was Chairman. Refreshments were served.

The Spring 1979 Class was named for Ill.: Bro. Walter P. Wells, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who was the honored guest. At the Reunion banquet, the new fifty year members were given recognition. Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, 33°, presented each with appropriate pins. Entertainment by a Gospel Quartet concluded the event.

A first for our Valley was an Open Installation of Officers on Saturday May 19, prior to the Reunion dinner when a large group assembled to witness the impressive ceremony.

For caring and being so helpful, we express our appreciation to Ill.: Brother W. Orville

Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania, and to Ill.: Brother Floyd E. Mummert, 33°, Secretary for the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely and fraternally,

ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°,

*Secretary.*



In 1979, Ill.: Brothers Ernest Dejaiffe, 33° and L. Russell Hill, 33°, received the Patriots Award from the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. The Award shown above with Ill.: W. Orville Kimmel, 33° (left) and Brother F. Weston Prior, is a replica of a Master's Jewel which was designed and handcrafted by Brother Paul Revere in 1796. The Patriots Award is presented to individual Masons and Masonic Bodies contributing \$1,000 or more to the endowment fund campaign for the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington Mass.

# Valley History 1980 – 1989

OFFICE OF THE  
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FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
A. A. S. R.



NORTHERN  
MASONIC  
JURISDICTION U.S.A.

Orient of Harrisburg, 40° 15 '-51" N. Lat., 76°-53 '5" W. Long.  
Twenty-ninth Day of Iyar, corresponding to May 15, 1980.

*Dear Brother:*

In Accordance with the provisions of Articles 200 to 209, inclusive, of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, 33°, you are hereby requested to attend the One Hundred and Ninth Convocation of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation to be held in the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania, on the Twenty-seventh day of the Hebrew Month, Tammuz, A.M. 5740 corresponding to

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1980 A.D.,**

At Two O'Clock P.M., D.S.T.  
For the transaction of business concerning  
the welfare of the  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY

in the State of Pennsylvania

Representatives are requested to  
appear with the jewels of their rank

By order of

W. Orville Kimmel, 33°  
*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief,  
Deputy for Pennsylvania.*



# Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation A.A.S.R.

## 1980 MEETING

PURSUANT to notice (of which the foregoing is a copy) addressed to the Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General 33°, resident in the State; and the Past First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix, the Past Sovereign Princes of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Masters of Lodges of Perfection (they being Thirty-second Degree Masons); the first three Officers of Consistories and of Rose Croix and the first four Officers of Councils Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection in each District; those members of Subordinate Bodies in the District who have received the Award for Meritorious Service from the Council of Deliberation, and the Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH MEETING OF  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION  
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A,

was held in the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pennsylvania on the Twenty-seventh day of the Hebrew month, Tammuz, A.M. 5940 corresponding to Friday, July 11, 1980.  
The Council of Deliberation was opened in Full Form at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (Eastern Daylight Time) by

ILLUSTRIOUS W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°

Deputy of the Supreme Council, 33°, for the State of Pennsylvania, ex-officio Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, presiding with the following officers in their respective stations and places:

Ill.: W. Orville Kimmel, 33° .....	Commander-in-Chief
Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33° .....	First Lieutenant Commander
Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33° .....	Second Lieutenant Commander
Ill.: John L. McCain, 33° .....	Minister of State
Ill.: Robert T. Jones, 33° .....	Chancellor
Ill.: Kenneth E. Buekwalter, 33° .....	Prior
Bro. Harold L. Hammaker, 32° .....	Treasurer
Ill.: Floyd E. Mummert, 33° .....	Secretary
Ill.: John L. Kenehan, 33° .....	Master of Ceremonies
Ill.: Willlam S. Vogel, 33° .....	Hospitaller

Ill.: John E. Hawk, Jr., 33 ° ..... Acting Seneschal  
Ill.: Karl G. Timm, 33° ..... Standard Bearer  
Ill.: Stanley G. Jenkins, 33° ..... Guard  
Ill.: Martin D. Rife, 33 ° ..... Sentinel

ALTOONA

June 12, 1980

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg, Pa. 17105*

Ill.: and Dear Brother Kimmel:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1979-80:

Members and ladies chartered a bus in July to attend the Council of Deliberation sessions in Erie.

Membership dinner meetings still hold interest for the members of the various Scottish Rite Clubs. Besides the interest in membership, the clubs held Ladies Nights, Picnics, etc. The Fall 1979 Reunion was held in Jaffa Mosque in November. The Class was named for Brother Chester A. Shiftier, 32°, an outstanding Ritualist in our Valley. Ill.: Brothers Ross F. Woods, 33°, M.S.A., and Frederick A. Luse, 33 °, were presented their white hats and 33rd jewels and Brother Arthur W. Mattern, 32°, was given the red hat for having been chosen to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Stated meetings were held by all four Bodies during the year highlighting the following features: Speakers Ill.: Brother William Carpenter, 33°, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Brother Luther Harshbarger, 32°, Professor of Religious Studies at Penn State University and Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeyberger, Jr., 33°, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twentieth Masonic District.

Good films: "Let There Be Light", "Search for Light" and "Highlights of Pirate Baseball". Fine musical groups: "Family of Gospel Singers" and "Music Majors" from Altoona Campus of Penn State.

In March our Feast of the Paschal Lamb service under the direction of Brother Vernon W. Anderson, 32°, Most Wise Master was well attended.

The Spring 1980 Class was named for our own diligent worker, Ill.: Brother Harold R. Mallow, 33°, M.S.A. Ill.: Brother John C. McCain, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania was a special guest along with the Valley of Williamsport and York Rite dignitaries. The Scottish Rite Players once again lent their talents to make for an enjoyable conclusion to this event.

Eleven Fifty Year Members were specially recognized by presenting them with appropriate pins. Twelve of our members received Builders Certificates for having contributed \$100.00 or more (since August 1979) to the Scottish Rite Library and Museum Fund.

We express our sincere appreciation to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, Actives for Pennsylvania and to Ill.: Brother Floyd E. Mummert, 33°, Secretary of the Council of Deliberation for their help and support.

Fraternally submitted,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 11, 1981

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL:

The Officers and Members of our Valley were pleased to host the Council of Deliberation at Jaffa Mosque in Altoona. Our committees worked well with a sense of urgency and enjoyment.

Membership dinners continue to hold interest for the ladies of the various Scottish Rite Clubs. The Clubs also hold Ladies Nights, picnics, etc. Several of our Clubs are joining with other Masonic groups as well as Ladies' organizations for social functions.



Ill.: Brother Joseph E. Trate, 33°

The Fall 1980 Reunion was held in Jaffa Mosque in November. The Class was named for Ill.: Brother Joseph E. Trate, 33°, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Along with Ill.: Brother Trate, we were honored to have as our guests, Ill.: Brothers John C. McCain, Robert T. Jones, and John K. Young, Actives for Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother Howard Speece, 33°, and Ill.: Brother Arthur L. Brown, 33°, were presented their white hats and 33<sup>rd</sup> jewels. Brother Spencer W. Hauenstein, 32°, M.S.A. was given the red hat for having been chosen to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

In May 1981, we held our first "One Day" Reunion, and the Class was named for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, was our special guest. He lent much to the meaning of the day.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening under the direction of Brother Lewis W. Woods, 32°, Most Wise Master. This Service continues to be of interest to our members and families.

At a Stated Meeting of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, the fifty year members were given special recognition and four members were presented the Builder Award for giving One Hundred Dollars or more to the Scottish Rite Library and Museum Fund. Brother Nathan H. Krause, 32° of the Valley of Bloomsburg gave an interesting and informative talk on "Judaism" at a Chapter of Rose Croix Assembly. A musical program by the nearby Bellwood-Antis Mixed Chorus was rendered at the December meeting of the Lodge of Perfection. Use of the films "Courage to Lend", "Resources in Pennsylvania", and "Search for Light" were shown during the year. At one of the Lodge of Perfection Meetings, the Altoona Police Department gave a demonstration of the work of the Canine Corps. Brother James R. Koontz, 32° of the Valley of Pittsburgh addressed the Council meeting on the subject of "Life".

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, Actives for Pennsylvania, and Ill.: Brother Floyd E. Mummert, 33°, Secretary for the Council of Deliberation for their help and support. Of special note we emphasize our gratitude to Ill.: Brother Mummert for his guidance while preparing for the 1980 sessions of the Council of Deliberation.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 22, 1982

ILL.: FLOYD E. MUMMERT, 33°,  
*Secretary, Council of Deliberation,*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER MUMMERT:

The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1981-82:

A large contingent of members and ladies traveled to Hershey PA to attend the annual Council of Deliberation hosted by the Valley of Harrisburg. They were impressed with accommodations and surroundings.

Membership dinners continue to hold interest for the members of the various Scottish Rite Clubs. The Clubs also hold ladies nights, picnics, etc.

The Fall 1981 Reunion was held in Jaffa Mosque in November. The Class was named for Ill.: Brother Eugene F. Yoder, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Altoona. Along with Brother Yoder, we were honored to have as our guest, Ill.: Charles Greevy, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania. Ill.: Brother John C. Kline, 33° was presented with his white hat and jewel by his son, Brother J. David Kline, 32°. Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S.A., Secretary for the Valley of Altoona was given the red hat by Brother Robert L. Freeburn, 32°, for having been chosen to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

In May 1982, our Reunion Class was named the "George Washington 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class". Ill.: Brother Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania was our special guest. He lent much to the meaning of this day, since he awarded our Brother L. Russell Hill, 32°, M.S.A. the George Washington Award.



The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening under the direction of Brother Herbert C. Endly, 32°, Most Wise Master. A large number of members and guests attended this Spring time event.

At a Stated Meeting of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, Fifty Year pins were given to two of our members. Brother Robert M. Grieve, 32°, of the Valley of Philadelphia spoke at one of our Lodge Meetings on the "Working Mason". Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 33°, District Deputy Grand Master of the 20<sup>th</sup> District spoke at a Lodge Meeting and our Thrice Potent Master, Brother Ray F. Knee, 32° read the "Vision of Washington" at one of his meetings. Roses were given to the Past Most Wise Masters at a Chapter Meeting. Ill.: Brother Albert S. Carney, 33°, pleased his audience at a Consistory Meeting with his excellent pictures of Bangladesh. (His daughter, Mary, was actively engaged in work with CARE in that country).

OF SPECIAL NOTE: At the Christmas party for members and families, Ill.: Brother Harold R. Mallow, 33°, M.S.A., Chairman of the Family Life Week observances, presented a beautiful Christmas Show which featured the Scottish Rite Players and the Ladies of Jobel Court, plus a brief concert by the Spring Cove Area High School Chorus. The Show was produced by Ill.: Brother Ross F. Woods, 33°, M.S.A., and Mrs. Woods. This was quite an original undertaking and those attending were truly treated to a "Fantasy" evening.

Our Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33°, and his wife were pleased to be guests at Reunions in New Castle and Pittsburgh.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania, and Ill.: Brother Floyd E. Mummert, 33°, for their valued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°,  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 7, 1983

ILL.: W. ORVILLE KIMMEL, 33°,  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania,*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg, Pa.*

ILL.: AND DEAR BROTHER KIMMEL:

The Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania is pleased to submit the following report for 1982-83:

When the Valley of Scranton hosted the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation in July 1982, a large delegation of members and ladies attended these sessions.

The various Scottish Rite Clubs are working in the interest of good fellowship. They held ladies nights, picnics, etc. The coming year will see more emphasis being placed on Club activities.

The Fall 1982 Reunion took place in Jaffa Mosque in November. The Class was named for Ill.: Samuel C. Williamson, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania.



Ill.: Samuel C. Williamson, 33°

Along with Brother Williamson, our Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33°, was honored to greet Ill.: Brother John C. McCain, Active for Pennsylvania, Brother Carl W. Stenberg, 33°, Grand Warder of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Ill.: Brother Donald L. Michaeltree and Roy A. McCollough, Aids to the Grand Master. These visiting Commanders-in-Chief were also received: Ill.: Brother George H. Hott, 33° of the Valley of Pittsburgh, Ill.: Brother Phillip H. Locker, 33°, Valley of Scranton, and Ill.: Albert C. Carney, 33°, Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Ill.: Brother S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 33°, District Deputy Grand Master of the 20<sup>th</sup> District were received.

A banquet for members and ladies was held in the banquet hall and at that time, Ill.: Brother Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°, M.S.A. was given the 33<sup>rd</sup> jewel and white hat by the late Ill.: Brother Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S. and Ill.:

Brother L. Russell Hill, 33°, M.S. received his jewel and hat from Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiiffe, 33°, M.S. Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiiffe also presented the red Meritorious Service hat to Brother Charles A. Mower, 32°, M.S. Ill.: Brother Williamson and McCain spoke. Entertainment followed in the auditorium.

In May 1983, our Reunion Class was named for Brother David M. Korn, 32°, M.S. Brother Korn who worked as head of the Makeup Department for thirty years was well deserving of this honor. Our special guest was Ill.: Charles F. Greevy, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania. It had been fifteen years since a Class in the Valley of Altoona had been named for Ill.: Brother Greevy. The members of his Class attended in group to celebrate the occasion. There was an Open Installation of Officers at this Reunion.

Under the direction of Brother William E. Evans, 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, the Ceremony of the Paschal Lamb was held at Jaffa Mosque on Palm Sunday evening. A large group of members and friends attended. It was followed by refreshments by the Stewards.

At the January 1983 meeting of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Ill.: Brother L. Russell Hill, 33°, M.S. spoke on "Masonry". At the Lodge's April Meeting, "Masonry and Patriotism" was the subject of the talk given by Brother Lewis W. Woods, 32°. Brother William A. Minsker, 32°, was Thrice Potent Master.

A musical program by "Ted and Ruth Reinhart" was the feature of the Convocation of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, in February. The ladies were invited to the program after the meeting. Brother Daniel C. Morningstar, 32°, was Sovereign Prince.

When the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, held its Stated Assembly in October, Brother Don Gabb, 32°, of the Valley of Denver, Colorado gave a dissertation on the "bad" comparison between the United States and Russian Air Forces.

At a Stated Rendezvous of the Altoona Consistory, 32°, held in December, the Scottish Rite Family Life Week Celebration took place. The ladies of Jobel Court consented to take part. They beautifully decorated the refreshment tables as well as providing dancers, clowns and drill teams. A local church choir had a short concert of Christmas music. This was topped by a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, salad, cookies, ice cream and candy. Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33°, Commander-in-Chief was Chairman assisted by Brother Robert C. Nankeville, 32°, Entertainment Chairman, and Richard H. Neely, 32°, Chief Steward. Supreme Council's Theme was "The Future Begins in the Home" and with this in mind, we had a wonderful evening with our families.

For their valued help and support, we extend our sincere appreciation to Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Actives for Pennsylvania, and Ill.: Brother Floyd E. Mummert, 33°, Secretary, Council of Deliberation.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33°, M.S.  
Secretary

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has awarded the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Principal Award for Community Programs for 1983, the Sovereign Grand Commander Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, has announced.



The George Washington Medal recognizes the Supreme Council's "Scottish Rite's Family Week" program for its contribution to the quality of life in the United States.

The Award was presented at ceremonies at Boston, MA.

"We are deeply grateful to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for this Award," states the Sovereign Grand Commander. "As Scottish Rite Masons, we believe in the importance of the family, and we are committed to doing everything we can to strengthen the role of the family in our society".

Eleven principal awards are presented annually by Freedoms Foundation in a variety of categories including community programs.

In announcing the award, Grand Commander Maxwell said "This recognition should encourage all of us further to develop and expand 'Scottish Rite Masonic Family Life Week' programs and activities in each of our Valleys".

The Valley of Altoona is proud to be a part of the Family Life programs and its commitment to the Supreme Council in Family Life activities.





The Reunion of October 27, 1983 was named in honor of Ill.: William A. Carpenter, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Ill.: William A. Carpenter, 33°

## ALTOONA

May 29, 1984

ILL.: CHARLES F. GREEVY, 33°

*Deputy for Pennsylvania  
P.O. Box 2726  
Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Greevy:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1983-84:

A large contingent of members and ladies traveled to New Castle to attend the annual Council of Deliberation sessions. They were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf.

Since this was the year to place more emphasis on Scottish Rite Club activities, the events and expenses involved in that particular force were increased. Several ladies nights were held in the fall by five of the area clubs with financial support from the Valley.

In November 1983, the Fall Reunion was held at Jaffa Mosque, Altoona. The Class was named for the immediate past Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33°. Brother Ronald R. Yoder, 32°, Commander-in-Chief welcomed Ill.: Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Active Emeritus for Pennsylvania to the session. At the Reunion banquet, attended by members and ladies, Ill.: Brother Vernon W. Anderson, 33°, received the white hat and 33<sup>rd</sup> jewel from Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S. Brother George A. Luse, 32° M.S., was given the red hat, indicative of receiving the Meritorious Service Award in July 1983. Brother Ronald R. Yoder made the presentation. Ill.: Brothers Kimmel and Bolger spoke at this part of the Reunion. The Altoona Area High School Chorus entertained in the auditorium.



Ill. Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33°

In May 1984, our Spring Class was named for one of our active members, Ill.: Brother Russell Hill, 33°, M.S. We were honored to have as our special guest, Ill. Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33°, newly appointed Active for Pennsylvania, who made his initial visit with us. Ill.: Brothers Kurtz and Hill spoke at the Banquet. "The Kings Men, a father and sons singing trio entertained in the auditorium at the close of the Spring Reunion banquet.

Brother Merrill W. Rohrer, 32°, Most Wise Master was in charge of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb service which was held Palm Sunday evening, April 15, at Jaffa Mosque auditorium. Biblical scenes used during the service were a beautiful part of the ceremony. Refreshments were served at the close of the event.

The Lodge of Perfection, 14° happenings included a talk in September by Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S. on activities in connection with the Council of Deliberation held in New Castle. Ill.: Brother Dejaiffe also spoke at the Lodges December Meeting of "Anti-Masonic Movement" at which time he stressed the major effect of the "Morgan Affair" on the fraternity one hundred and fifty years ago. In February, the DeMolay Chapter of State College gave an exemplification of the Ceremony of Lights which made an outstanding impression on those who witnessed it. In April, Brother James J. Thompson, 32° Senior Warden of the Lodge gave an enlightening address on the "Work of the Ritualistic Instructors of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania". Brother John R. Biddle was the Thrice Potent Master.

An address on the "Bridges of Importance" by the Rev. David L. Weaver, 32° was the feature of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° meeting in March. He told of physical and mental bridges which all must cross. Brother Wayne F. Perry, 32° was Sovereign Prince.

On Friday, November 25, the Valley focused in on Family Life Week by having a light supper and program at the Jaffa Mosque. Magic and illusions were featured as entertainment and favors were given to all members of each family attending. Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33° was chairman, assisted by Brothers John R. Biddle, and Ronald R. Yoder.

The Valley adopted the program of screening officer appointments. A screening Committee under the leadership of Ill.: Brother L. Russell Hill, 33°, M.S. studied and approved all of the appointed officers in all four Bodies for 1984-85.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support. We value their leadership.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

May 20, 1985

ILL.: CHARLES F. GREEVY, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Greevy:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1984-85:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Pittsburgh were attended by a large contingent of members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Valley of Altoona shall continue to place emphasis on Scottish Rite Club activities, lending financial support for their various events, such as membership meetings, ladies nights, etc. Club involvement is a source of valuable benefit to us.

Under the direction of Commander-in-Chief, Ronald R. Yoder, 33°, the first annual youth night was observed in September. Members of DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls in Central Pennsylvania were in attendance. It is hoped that this focus on youth will continue.

Family Life Night was again observed in November as Brother John R. Biddle, 32°, Past Thrice Master, Chairman and his Committee included their plans, an evening for their members and families to get together for a buffet supper and a "Western" type program. This was a reminder to all of us how great a role families play in our everyday living.

In November, the Fall Reunion was held in Jaffa Mosque, Altoona. The Class was named for Ill.: Thomas R. Barber, an active member of the Valley who served as organist for many years. Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, Deputy for Pennsylvania, honored us by his attendance as well as Ill.: Brother David R. Smeltz, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandry of Pennsylvania. Brother Harold Burket, 32° M.S.A. was given the red hat for having received the Meritorious Service Award in Pittsburgh. Ill.: Brother Robert L. Freeburn was presented the white hat and 33<sup>rd</sup> jewel at this event.

In May 1984, our spring class was named for Ill.: Brother Howard H. Speece, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief. We departed from the usual at this Reunion by scheduling degree work for four days. The Reunion Banquet was held on a separate evening when Mrs. Loretta S. Bolger, retiring office manager for twenty-two years was honored.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, in charge Brother Ronald E. Daniels, 32°, Most Wise Master. Ill.: Brother Vernon W. Anderson, Past Most Wise Master was the speaker. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.

Happenings in the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, included the presentation of Past Officers jewels at the June Meeting. In September, Ill.: Brother Thomas R. Barber showed slides of Russia. At the December Meeting, Brother Lewis W. Woods, 32°, Past Most Wise Master, spoke on the "Guiding Star of Christmas". Brother Harold A. Burket, 32°, M.S.A. presented a slide program on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at the February Meeting. In April, Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe spoke on "Benjamin Franklin, the most famous Pennsylvania Mason".

At their March 1985 meeting, the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, held their meeting in Johnstown. Ill.: Brother Ewart Roberts, Past Thrice Potent Master of the Valley of Pittsburgh was the speaker.

The Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix honored their past officers at their October Meeting by presenting each with a red carnation. Slides were shown explaining the Solomon II program of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In January 1985, at the Altoona Consistory Meeting, the membership enjoyed a presentation of Parts of the DeMolay Ritual by members of the Huntingdon Chapter.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to have received several appointments to the Council of Deliberation. Ill.: Brother Albert S. Carney, and Ill.: Brother Ernest Dejaiffe were appointed to the General Committee. Brother Charles A. Schandelmeier, 32° is a member of the Credential Committee, and Ill.: Brother Dejaiffe is also Chairman of the Ill.: Richard A. Kern Benevolent Award Committee. We are pleased to have this recognition and we congratulate those involved.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

The last of the Scottish Rite Clubs was organized as the Morrison's Cove Scottish Rite Club on October 17, 1984.

Back in 1963 when Loretta Hazen came to work in the office in the Valley of Altoona, the membership was 1900, there were six clubs in the Valley, and the dues for each member was \$8.00. In the intervening 22 years, she has helped the Valley grow to 4,000 members, 11 clubs and a dues structure of \$20.00 per year.



During those years, she has worked with Byron Roberts, Harold Miller, Charles Endres, Alvin Burley, and Ernest DeJaiffe as Secretaries of the Valley. Beside the personal changes, many physical and procedural changes have taken place to the point where we now have an efficient and orderly procedure for handling the Valley's business of which we all may be proud. Perhaps the greatest single change was when the Valley switched to the computer in Lexington, Mass., for financial and statistical record keeping.

In this same period, our office manager, although very busy in the office, has made valuable contributions to the social and business activities of the community. She is very active in the Women's Club of Altoona, serving as President in 1969-70, she is a Past Matron of Altoona Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and for fifteen years, she served on a number of elected and appointed committees in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and she edited the Pennsylvania Eastern Star Magazine for ten years. Mrs. Bolger is currently president of the Ladies Golf Association of Iron Masters Country Club, Roaring Spring. Above all, she has made outstanding contributions to her church, St. Paul Lutheran where she has been a member for 45 years. In her service to others, she was a former Girl Scout Leader.

When she left her position with the Altoona Mirror to come to the Valley office, she and her husband, the late Ill. Bro. Howard Hazen were raising a family consisting of a son, Allan, who now holds a responsible position in Washington, and a daughter Susan, now teaching in public schools in Claysburg and married to Bro. Ray Nycum Jr. This marriage has produced a son Jeffrey, making our beloved employee a grandmother. Another major change that happened in this period to our co-worker was a second experience with wedding bells. Four years ago, she married Ill. Theodore R. Bolger and they reside at 3800 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, B203, Altoona PA. However when the weather is fit, you might have a better chance at finding them on the golf course at Iron Masters.

There is no way to measure the extent of the contributions which Loretta has made over the years to our Valley and to Masonry in general. Her cheerful and positive approach to all the requests of the officers over the years has made the office a peaceful haven for officers and members alike. As we face her departure, we offer our best wishes for health and happiness for many years. We realize that no one can replace her, but we all promise to do our very best in trying to attain the high standards which she has maintained for the Valley. So long Loretta, may you continue to enjoy life and people for many years.

In 1986, the Council of Deliberation stopped printing the Observance Reports of the Valley activities in the Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation. Efforts were made to locate the original copies of the reports through the Valley Office; however it appears that some of the reports to the Council of Deliberation were destroyed. The Observance Reports to the Council of Deliberation that follow this explanation and are marked were reconstructed as close as possible to the originals using the formats of the reports and information obtained through the Trumpeteer, Reunion Books and notes at the Valley of Altoona.

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1986

ILL.: CHARLES F. GREEVY, 33°

*Deputy for Pennsylvania*

*P.O. Box 2726*

*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Greevy:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1985-1986:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 12, 1985 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Thirty-five Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Reunion of November 8, 1985 was named in honor of William A. Carpenter, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 7, 1986, in charge Brother Paul W. Ishler, 32°, M.S., Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.



The Reunion of May 15, 1986 was named in honor of Ill.: Thomas W. Jackson, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Valley was honored with his presence during the Reunion

Ill.: Thomas W. Jackson, 33°

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1987

ILL.: CHARLES F. GREEVY, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Greevy:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1986-1987:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 7, 1986 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Thirty-five Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Reunion of November 20, 1986 was named in honor of Ill.: Robert L. Freeburn, 33°, Past Thrice Potent Master, Valley of Altoona.

The Scottish Rite Clubs have proven successful, with a new club named "The Cove Area Scottish Rite Club" added this year.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 19, 1987 in charge Brother Nelson E. Mentch, 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.



Ill.: Carl W. Stenberg, 33°

The Reunion of May 16, 1987 was named in honor of Ill.: Carl W. Stenberg, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania. The Valley presented entertainment and Scottish Rite information to the ladies on the last day of the Reunion and lectures during the reunion for the Brethren on the subjects of "Transition from Symbolic Masonry to Scottish Rite Masonry", the Scottish Rite Ritual and Organization of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Charles F. Greevy, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1988

ILL.: JOHN L. McCAIN, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother McCain:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1987-1988:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 10, 1987 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Twenty-four Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Reunion of November 12, 1987 was named in honor of the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution.





The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 3, 1988, in charge Brother Bobbie L. Anderson, 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.

The Reunion of May 5, 1988 was named in honor of Ill.: Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°, Past Most Wise Master, Valley of Altoona.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

Devotion to Country is a cornerstone of Freemasonry. That is why the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage was built in Lexington Massachusetts.



A Bicentennial gift to the American People, the doors opened in the Spring of 1975. Expressing the feelings of Scottish Rite Masons, the Museum and Library were dedicated in the words of the founder and then Sovereign Grand Commander, George A. Newbury, 33°, "To America – her history, her patriots and builders, her ideals and to faith in her future".

Located on a magnificent 22 acre site not far from the famed Lexington Green, where the "Shot heard around the world" was fired, this Masonically inspired institution attracts visitors by the thousands

Committed to fostering a sense of pride in the United States of America, the Museum of Our National Heritage offers interesting exhibits, worthwhile programs and films, along with a variety of activities which enhance a visitor's feeling about our country and its accomplishments.

The influence of the Museum and Library is not limited to the visitors who come to Lexington. Imaginative educational programs are being prepared for history and social studies classes in schools far away.

At a time when the history of our country is not being taught as vigorously as in the past, the Museum and Library are helping children and youth discover their national heritage. This is important because we know that a love of country comes from knowledge of history.

The 82, 000 square foot building was constructed at a cost of \$6,000,000. Complete with four attractive exhibit galleries, a 400 seat auditorium and a library for study and research, it is one of the finest contemporary museum facilities in the nation.

The Valley and its members are privileged to be supporters of the Museum. The Valley of Altoona received a recognition award for supporting the Museum of Our National Heritage in 1988.

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1989

ILL.: JOHN L. McCAIN, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother McCain:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1988-1989:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 8, 1988 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Thirty-one Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.



The Reunion of October 27, 1988 was named in honor of Ill.: C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania

Ill.: C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 26, 1989 in charge Brother Donald J. Mann, 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.

The Reunion of May 4, 1989 was named in honor of Ill.: James K. Thompson, 33°, Past Thrice Potent Master, Valley of Altoona.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ERNEST DEJAIFFE, 33° M.S.  
*Secretary*

# Valley History 1990 – 1999

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

FAMILY WEEK  
November 19 - 25, 1989

*Pennsylvania's families are our link to the past and key to the future. Through our families, children learn invaluable historical lessons -- not from books, but from personal stories told by parents, grandparents and great grandparents.*

*Today, the family is the heart of our society, the foundation on which this state and our nation was formed. During Family Week, we again are reminded of the love, understanding, commitment and faith that hold our families together in times of joy and in times of hardship.*

*With the support and encouragement of parents, our children are better able to withstand peer pressure. They will build self-esteem and confidence, and develop the inner strength to say "no" to drugs and "yes" to the wonderful opportunities of life.*

*Thanksgiving is a traditional time to remember our many blessings. It is also a time to remember and celebrate our families.*

*Therefore, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 19 - 25, 1989, as FAMILY WEEK in Pennsylvania. I urge all citizens to spend extra time with their families this week and to reflect on the importance and the meaning of family.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fourteenth.*

*Robert P. Casey*  
Robert P. Casey  
Governor

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1990

ILL.: JOHN L. McCAIN, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother McCain:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1989-1990:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in King of Prussia on June 17, 1989 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Twenty four Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Reunion of November 9, 1989 was named in honor of Ill.: Arthur J. Kurtz, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 8, 1990 in charge Brother N. Bruce Mentch, 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.

The Reunion of May 11, 1990 was named in honor of Bro. George A. Luse, 32°, M.S.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD D. GUNSALLAS, 33°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1991

ILL.: JOHN L. McCAIN, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother McCain:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1990-1991

The Council of Deliberation sessions at Seven Springs on July30, 1990 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Twenty-two Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.



The Reunion of November 8, 1990 was named in honor of Ill.: Boyd F. Buckingham, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania.

Ill.: Boyd F. Buckingham 33°

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, March 24, 1991 in charge Brother Ernest Weierick, 33°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.



The Reunion of May 10, 1991 was named in honor of Ill.: Drew W. Washabau, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania

Ill.: Drew W. Washabau, 33°

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother John L. McCain, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD D. GUNSALLAS, 33°  
*Secretary*



At the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, held July 30, 1990 at Seven Springs PA, the Valley of Altoona was recognized as the Valley with the greatest increase in membership in Pennsylvania for the year 1989-90, and thereby receiving the Kimmel Trophy.

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1992

ILL.: ARTHUR J. KURTZ, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Kurtz:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1991-1992:

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 13, 1991 were attended by a representative contingent of members of the Valley. Twenty-seven Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.



The Reunion of November 7, 1991 was named in honor of Ill.: W. Scott Stoner, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Ill.: W. Scott Stoner, 33°

This years Family Life event was a "Family Affair Banquet" held at the Jaffa Mosque on November 30, 1991. The event was chaired by Bro. Richard E. Shimer.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 12, 1992 in charge Brother Gerald J. Gutshall, 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.



The Reunion of May 7, 1992 was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Valley of Altoona. The Class was named in honor of Ill.: Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Ill.: Francis G. Paul, 33°

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD D. GUNSALLAS, 33°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA MIRROR,  
November 21, 1992

The kickoff for Family Life Week was the naming of winners in the essay and poster contests. Edwin Shinn (top row, second from right) was chairman of the event. Winners include (From left bottom) Courtney Kruis, 8; Andy Keim, 9; and Joey McCloskey, 9, and (Back) Amy Erdley, 15; Tim Long, 14; and Via Pentsas, 14. The week, held from Nov. 22-28 was sponsored by the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Altoona.



ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1993

ILL.: ARTHUR J. KURTZ, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Kurtz:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1992-1993:

The Council of Deliberation sessions Mount Pocono on July 20, 1992 were attended by a representative contingent of members of the Valley. Sixteen Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

The Reunion of November 5, 1992 was named in honor of Ill.: Ronald R. Yoder, 33°, Past Commander in Chief, Valley of Altoona.

A Family Night was held November 21, 1992 with the theme "The Heart of America". As part of Family Week, the Valley sponsored a Blood Mobile, Coloring Contest for elementary school children and an essay contest for high school students.



The observance of the Last Supper was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 4, 1993 at the Jaffa Mosque. The music for the event was presented by the Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite Choir. The presentation was adapted by Ill: Bro. Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S. from a pageant presented each year by the Hershey United Methodist Church. A large number of members and guests attended this spring time event.

The Reunion of May 20, 1993 was named in honor of Ill: Bro. Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°



This year, the Valley of Altoona replaced its old lodge notice with a new monthly publication entitled "The Trumpeteer".

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD D. GUNSALLAS, 33°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 1994

ILL.: ARTHUR J. KURTZ, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Kurtz:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 1993-1994:

The Council of Deliberation sessions at Seven Springs on July 24, 1993 were attended by a representative contingent of members of the Valley. Seventeen Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.



Valley of Altoona Family Picnic held at Bland's Park, August 15, 1993

The Reunion of November 4, 1993 was named in honor of Ill.: Bro. Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S.

The Stated Meetings of the Valley of Altoona have been interesting to the membership. The Meeting of the Lodge of Perfection in November had a representative of the Game Commission giving a talk.



A Family Life Week celebration was held November 21 - 27, 1993 with the theme "Time Out for the Family". As part of Family Week, the Valley sponsored a Blood Mobile, Coloring Contest for elementary school children and an essay contest for high school students.

The Family Life Week Banquet was held November 19, 1993 at the Jaffa Mosque and the Nittany Knights were the entertainment. The event drew much radio and television publicity for the Valley.

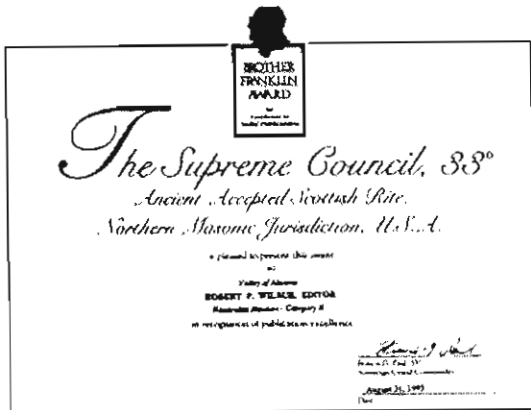
The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 27, 1994 in charge Brother Thomas E. Dey Jr., 32°, Most Wise Master. This was open to the public and refreshments were served at the close of this service.

The Reunion of May 5, 1994 was named in honor of Ill.: Harold A. Burket, 33°, Past Sovereign Prince, Valley of Altoona.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD D. GUNSALLAS, 33°  
*Secretary*

Each year, the Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, presents awards for excellence in the various Valley Publications. Brother Franklin



Awards were presented to seven Scottish Rite Valleys at the recent Supreme Council Annual Session. The program was designed four years ago to recognize outstanding Valley Publications and also to offer a critique by a panel of judges to all Valleys submitting entries for Consideration.

The Valleys have been rated according to the size of Membership. For Valleys less than 2,000 members, top honors went to the Valley of Bridgeport

Conn., Leo H. Lohrman, 33°. Honorable Mention went to perennial winner, the Valley of Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, Kenneth Carlin, 32°, editor.

For Valleys with Memberships of 2,500 to 5,000, the first place winner was the Valley of Milwaukee, Wis., John K. Shannon, 33°, editor. Receiving Honorable Mention was the Valley of Altoona, PA, Robert P. Wilbur, 32°, editor.

In the highly competitive category of larger Valleys, the first place winner was the Valley of Boston, Mass., W. Kenneth Butler, 33°, editor. Two Valleys received Honorable Mention: the Valley of Toledo, Ohio, George O. Braatz, 33°, editor, and the Valley of Indianapolis, Ind., Alan G. Lisle, Jr., 33°, editor.

ALTOONA

June, 1995

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1994-95. I would also like to congratulate you on assuming the position of Deputy for Pennsylvania and pledge to you our full support.

The Council of Deliberation held at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on July 9, 1994 was a very informative meeting with everything running very smoothly as usual.

The Valley held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic on July 11, 1994, was well attended; the fun and fellowship was outstanding. The Valley once again provided corn, hotdogs, and drinks. Covered dishes were provided by all those attending which made for a fabulous layout. The youngsters enjoyed the amusement rides all afternoon.



Ill. Bro. George R. Moad, 33°

Our Fall Reunion honored one of our own members, Ill. Bro. Arthur L. Brown, 33°, with a class of 30. At this Reunion, we were pleased to have as our honored guest, Ill. Bro. George R. Moad, 33°, our newly appointed Active. Ill. Bro. George was well received by the Brethren. This was his first official visit as an Active, he was very pleased with the reception he received.

The Valley of Altoona was pleased to honor Ill. Bro. Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S.A. on October 7, 1994 at the Jaffa Mosque. Brother Ernest is a well respected member of the Fraternity, having served the Valley as Secretary, Past Sovereign Prince and Past Commander in Chief. At the Testimonial Dinner, Ill. Bro. Albert S. Carney acted as Master of Ceremonies, with some heart felt remarks by all, followed by remarks by the honoree. After the dinner, entertainment was provided by Ted and Ruth Reinhart.

The Family Week activities for the year 1994/95 fell through the cracks through some unfortunate circumstances. I can assure you they will be revived for the year 1995/96.

The Chapter of Rose Croix under the direction of the Most Wise Master had an excellent Palm Sunday Service at which time our deceased brethren were memorialized. Once again we had to move our Palm Sunday Service to the Scottish Rite Room.

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Our Spring Reunion once again honored one of our members; Ill. Bro. William F. Evans, 33°. Unfortunately due to the aging process, our Ill. Brother was unable to attend. The Reunion was held on May 6, 1995, a one day Reunion and everything worked out fine. We had a class of 45, which we were proud of.

We were very fortunate to have Ill. Bro. Drew Washabau, 33°, as our honored guest. Ill. Bro. Drew addressed the class with a very timely message, which was well received.

Our Scottish Rite Clubs are not as active as we would like to see them, so we have a lot of work to do in this area.

We held our Officer Seminar in March, which was very successful. The Officers that could not attend that session did attend a makeup session in April. Between the two sessions, we had 100% attendance, which is very gratifying.

Our annual Election was held May 11, 1995 with everything going as expected. Our Installation was held on May 26, 1995 at the Ramada Inn in Altoona in conjunction with Ladies Night.

As I know you are aware that we had some By-law changes this year with the most significant change being a dues increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00. This was the first dues increase in about 15 years, it passed without dissention.

Our monthly Stated Meeting continues to hold the interest of our members. We average between 45 and 50 members per meeting. We normally have a program then serve refreshments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued devotion on behalf of the Scottish Rite in general and the Valleys in Pennsylvania in particular and pledge to you the support of the Valley of Altoona.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°,  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 25, 1996

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1995-96.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, July 1, 1995 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided roast pig, hotdogs and sauerkraut, baked beans, sweet corn and beverage. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, and swimming during the afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 29, 1996 at the same location.

Ill.: Bro. Ernest Weierick was made a member of Supreme Council in Milwaukee on September 3, 1995. He has a long background of Masonic offices and honors and is presently serving as Hospitalor.

Our Fall Reunion honored Ill. Bro. George Hoenschildt, 33°, with a class of 20 members. This was followed by a combination Ladies Night Banquet and presentation of 14<sup>th</sup> Degree rings to our new members in a ring ceremony during December.

On November 24, 1995, the Valley sponsored a Bloodmobile. Approximately 40 pints of blood were donated that day.

The end of the year, December 1995 brought the resignation of our Secretary, Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°, who moved to Florida. Richard L. Swartz, 32°, was appointed to take his place and then was duly elected to that position in April.

The Chapter of Rose Croix presented a pageant entitled "The Last Supper" on Palm Sunday, March 31, 1996, in the Jaffa Temple Auditorium. The program also memorialized our deceased brethren. It was well attended with over 200 in attendance. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

We held our Officer Seminar in March, on a Saturday morning, which was very successful. A makeup session was conducted in April for those who could not attend in March. Our annual Election was held April 11, followed by the Installation of Officers. Everything went as expected.

Our Spring Reunion in May honored one of our own members. Ill.: Bro. Charles B. Rishell, 33°, with a class of 23 members. Prior to that we had a Valley Membership Dinner in April at the Jaffa Mosque Dining Hall to introduce prospective members to Scottish Rite. It was well attended. We just held our Spring Reunion Banquet and Ring Ceremony for new members. We had 255 in attendance.

Our monthly Stated Meetings continue to hold the interest of our members. We have been averaging 40 to 50 per meeting. We normally have a program followed by refreshments.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week activities for the year 1995/96 seemed to be at a standstill. A new chairman has been appointed, so we hope activities can be revived. We also hope to turn around our declining membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to pledge to you my support and that of the Valley of Altoona for the continued work of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32°  
*Secretary*

## ALTOONA

June 13, 1997

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1995-96.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 29, 1996 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided roast pig, hotdogs and sauerkraut, baked beans, sweet corn and beverage. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, and swimming during the afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. The attendance was better than the several previous years. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 28, 1997 at the same location.

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation sessions were held in Hershey on July 13, 1996. Various members attended and two of our brothers were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. They were Paul W. Ishler and William B. Haxel. The Valley is appreciative of the many hours both have contributed to our Fraternity.



Ill.: Bro. Edward O. Weisser, 33°

Ill.: Brother Walter B. Stitzer was made a member of Supreme Council in Boston on August 27, 1997. He had a long background of Masonic offices and honors. However, Walter passed away on November 15, 1995, before he could enjoy the honor bestowed on him.

On October 10, 1996, we were honored by the presence of Brother Edward O. Weisser, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He spoke at our regular stated meeting. We had a dinner preceding the meeting with the ladies. The ladies were then entertained while the members were in the meeting.

The Valley sponsored a membership dinner on Wednesday, October 23, 1996. We served 85 meals of which 15 were potential candidates. A program followed the meal to introduce the potential candidates to Scottish Rite.

On October 10, 1996, the Valley sponsored blood mobile through the Red Cross. Sixty-four donors came in and 57 pints were collected which topped the previous year. Several members and ladies helped during the day.



Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33°

Our Fall Reunion was honored by the presence of our Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert O. Ralston. The Class of 25 was named in his honor. We enjoyed his visit and his remarks to the class. In December, we had a combined Reunion Banquet and Ladies Night. The new members were presented with a 14° ring during the ceremony in which the new member is escorted by his sponsor and the ring is presented by his lady. We also recognized 22 fifty year members of which five were able to attend. Our Scholarship awardees were also recognized. The evening was completed by giving the ladies a gift and entertainment by the Meistersingers, a singing group of high school students from Northern Bedford Co. High School.

The Chapter of Rose Croix presented a pageant entitled "The Last Supper" on Palm Sunday, March 23, 1997, in the Jaffa Temple Auditorium. The program also memorialized our deceased brethren. It was well attended with over 300 in attendance. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Our annual election of officers was held April 10. Installation of officers will be an open installation during the Banquet in June. Everything went as expected. We held our Officers Seminar on April 12, 1997, a Saturday morning, which was successful. A lot of good information was passed along and enthusiasm seemed high. A make up session was conducted in May for those who could not attend in April.



Bro. Thomas G. Morrow, 32°

Our Spring Reunion in May was named in memory of one of our own members, Bro. Thomas G. Morrow, 32°, who passed away February 14, 1997. He was active in our degree work and an officer in the Chapter of Rose Croix. We had a class of 41 candidates, the largest in several years. Everything went well. We are holding our spring Reunion Banquet and ring ceremony on June 12 with an anticipated attendance of 275. We are also having an open installation of officers, presentation of past officer's jewels and Scholarship awards at the banquet.

Our Monthly Stated Meetings on the Second Thursday of each month continue to hold the interest of our members. We have been averaging 40 to 50 per meeting. We normally have a program followed by refreshments.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week activities for the year 1996/97 seemed to be at a standstill. A new chairman has been appointed and activities



are planned for the fall. Our membership is still declining, but not at a pace as fast as before.

I would like to take this opportunity to pledge to you my support and that of the Valley of Altoona for the continued work of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

May 15, 1998

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1997-98.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 28, 1997 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided roast pig, hotdogs and sauerkraut, baked beans, sweet corn and beverage. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, and swimming during the afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. The attendance was better then the several previous years. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 27, 1998 at the same location.

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation was at Seven Springs Resort on July 12, 1997. Various members attended and two of our brothers were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. They were Theodore Luciano and Byron D. DeShong. The Valley is appreciative of the many hours both have contributed to our Fraternity.

The annual Meeting of the Supreme Council was held in Grand Rapids, MI on September 21-23, 1997. Various 33° members of our Valley attended. At that meeting, two of our members received their 33°. They were Bro. John R. Biddle, Roaring Spring PA, and Rev. James A. Yoder, Lewistown PA. Both have been active in all bodies of Masonry, their Community, their Church and their profession. They were excellent choices to receive the Honorary 33°.

Our fall schedule of meetings started in September with the program being a speaker from the Valley of Harrisburg who was a former POW. He spoke on patriotism and his experience. In October, our program was presented by some of the members of our local DeMolay Chapter. They performed their Ceremony of Light for the members present. We

had other various programs through out the year and I believe that our attendance has improved over the previous year.

Our Northern Cambria County Club is in the process of reorganizing. They held a memorial service and dinner at the Twin Rocks Methodist Church in October.

The Valley sponsored a membership dinner on Wednesday, October 1, 1997. We served 90 meals. We invited potential candidates plus the 20<sup>th</sup> District elected Blue Lodge officers to the Dinner, because the fall class was named for Ill.: Bro. Ernest Weierick, who is the District Deputy Grand Master for the 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. We thought that this would help boost awareness of Scottish Rite among the Blue Lodges. It even resulted in one of the Blue Lodge Secretaries becoming a member of the Fall Class. A program followed the meal to introduce the potential candidates to Scottish Rite.



Our Fall Reunion (92<sup>nd</sup>) Class was named in honor of Ill.: Bro. Ernest Weierick, who is presently serving as our Hospitaler. He is a Past Most Wise Master and is presently serving as District Deputy Grand Master for the 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. Ill.: Bro. Ira B. Coldren, Jr., Active for Pennsylvania, visited us during the Reunion. The Class had 31 members.

Ill.: Ira B. Coldren, Jr., 33<sup>o</sup>

In December, we had our reunion banquet. Membership Certificates were given to our new members. We also recognized our 50 year members with a pin and certificate. Also at the Ill.: banquet, we presented our new 33 members with their white hats and our new MSA awardees their red hats. The McFarlands, a couple from Johnstown, entertained us.

On November 24, 1997, the Valley sponsored a Bloodmobile through the Red Cross. Eighty one donors came in and 74 pints of blood were collected, which topped the previous year. Once the blood was tested and separated, it would help over 200 area patients. Several members and ladies helped during the day.

The Chapter of Rose Croix presented "The Feast of the Pascal Lamb" on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998, in the Jaffa Temple Auditorium. The program also memorialized our deceased brethren. It was well attended with over 250 in attendance. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

We held our Officers Seminar on February 28, 1998, a Saturday morning, which was successful. A lot of good information was passed along and enthusiasm seemed high. The Session was videotaped so future officers could benefit from the Information, A make up session was conducted for those who could not attend the original session. Several of our officers attended the Officer's Seminar at Elizabethtown on March 27-28.

We had our membership dinner for the Spring Class at the Jaffa Mosque on April 22. Fifteen Potential Candidates attended. We served 80 meals. The new video from Supreme Council "Becoming a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason" was shown and was well received.

Our Spring Reunion Class on May 7, 8, and 9 was named in honor of one of our own members, Bro. Lewis W. Woods, 32°, M.S.A. Bro. Lew has been a Degree Master in our Degree Work for many years, a Past Most Wise Master, a former Potentate of Jaffa Temple and also writes poetry. We had a class of 35 candidates. Ill.: Bro. George Moad, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania, attended the Friday Evening and Saturday sessions, and the banquet Saturday evening.

Following the 32° presentation on Saturday, we held our Reunion Banquet. The attendance was 200. The new members were presented their membership card, pin and a copy of the new video "What it means to be a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason". Following remarks by Ill.: Bro. George R. Moad and Bro. Lewis Woods, we were entertained by an Elvis impersonator, Phil McCaulley from Bellwood, who is only a high school senior.

Our annual election of officers was held May 14, 1998. Installation of officers followed the election. The new officers are enthusiastic and anxious to get started,

Our monthly Stated Meetings on the second Thursday each month continue to hold interest of our members. We have been averaging 40 to 50 per meeting. We normally have a program followed by refreshments.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week activities for the year 1997/98 seemed to be at a standstill. Our chairman has activities planned for the fall, which I hope are successful. Our membership is still declining, but not at a pace as fast as before.

I would like to take this opportunity to pledge to you my support and that of the Valley of Altoona for the continued work of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32°  
*Secretary*

ALTOONA

June 23, 1999

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1998-99.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 27, 1998 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided roast pig, hotdogs and sauerkraut, baked beans, sweet corn and beverage. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, and swimming during the afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. The attendance was better then the several previous years. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 26, 1999 at the same location.

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 11, 1998. Various members attended and two of our brothers were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. They were Ralph F. Wingard, 32°, and Daniel C. Morningstar, 32°. The Valley is appreciative of the many hours both have contributed to our Fraternity.

The annual Meeting of the Supreme Council was held in Cincinnati, OH on September 27-29, 1998. Various 33° members of our Valley attended. At that meeting, one of our members received the 33°. He was Bro. Richard B. Fluke, II, of Saxton PA. He has been active in all bodies of Masonry, his Community, his Church and his profession. He was an excellent choice to receive the Honorary 33°.

Our Monthly Stated Meetings on the Second Thursday of each month continue to hold the interest of our members. We have been averaging 40 to 50 per meeting. We normally have a program followed by refreshments. We had some interesting programs through out the year. One of these programs consisted of two gentlemen from a local drug and alcohol treatment center who spoke on their recovery from drugs and alcohol. We had two different programs concerning patriotism and our flag. Another gentleman spoke on strip mine reclamation. One of the most interesting programs was a Civil War re-enactment group (46<sup>th</sup> Regiment Band) who played several selections using instruments of the Civil War period and explained their instruments and uniforms. Their leader was a member of the Valley.



Ill. James L. Ernette, 33°

Our Spring Reunion Class (95<sup>th</sup>) on May 6, 7, and 8 was named in honor of Ill.: Bro. James L. Ernette, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master for the State of Pennsylvania. He attended the Friday Evening dinner and Degree Work. Ill.: Ira B. Coldren, Jr., 33°, an Active for Pennsylvania, also attended. We had a class of 40 members which was one of our better sized classes in recent years.

Our annual election of officers was held on May 13. We are short several appointed officers at this time. Installation of Officers were held during our Reunion Banquet on May 27. The Reunion Banquet was well attended. The new members were recognized along with their signers in addition to the open installation

## Valley History 2000 – 2009

ALTOONA

May 16, 2000

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
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Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 1999-2000.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 26, 1999 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided hamburgers; hotdogs and sauerkraut, baked beans, apple sauce, potato salad, rolls and beverage. The cost was just \$2.00 per person. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, bowling and swimming during the afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. The attendance was about the same as in previous years. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 24, at the same location.

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation was at Seven Springs Resort on July 24, 1999. Various members attended and two of our brothers were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. They were M. Dennis Fishburn, 32° and Gray F. Smith, 32°. Bro. Smith was 97 years of age and was able to attend and receive his award. The Valley is appreciative of the many hours both have contributed to our Fraternity.

The annual Meeting of the Supreme Council was held in Atlantic City, NJ on September 26-29, 1999. Various 33° members of our Valley attended. At that meeting, one of our members received his 33°. He was Bro. Gerald J. Gutshall of Altoona. He exemplifies everything that Masonry stands for. He has been active in all bodies of Masonry, his Community, his Church and his profession. He was excellent choices to receive the Honorary 33°. We are looking forward to this year's Supreme Council meeting in Pittsburgh where three of our members will receive their 33°.

Our monthly Stated Meetings on the second Thursday each month continue to hold interest of our members. Our average attendance has increased a little this year. We normally have a program followed by refreshments. We had some interesting programs through out the year. We had a speaker who spoke on health insurance and pharmacy services, another one on what constitutes a good Freemason, one on the Church and Freemasonry, and another on patriotism and Freemasonry.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week activities need to be revitalized. Our chairman has talked of different activities for the fall, which I hope are successful. Our membership is still declining, but we hope to reverse the trend in the coming year.

We have not found a suitable location for a learning center. We have money allocated, committees formed, but no location. We have checked out quite a few locations and explored several options, but nothing has been suitable. We even considered buying our own building since we rent from the Jaffa Temple, so that the Valley operations and the Learning Center could be located there. It was a church building that was no longer being used, but the original cost, cost of repairs, and utilities and upkeep, plus zoning put a halt to those plans.

Another problem this spring has been the switch to a new computer membership system by Supreme Council. Our records are all mixed up, and we have been unable to get answers or help with our problems from Supreme Council. We went several weeks without being able to access any of our member's information. We had to send our computer to Lexington to have the program installed, they switched computers on us, then the other week, we got our original computer back and had to ship the one we had back. Our membership year ends on June 30, but the Dues Notices and Membership Cards have not been sent out by Supreme Council as of this date. It is frustrating. The members are calling and wondering where their dues notices are.

I would like to take this opportunity to pledge to you my support and that of the Valley of Altoona for the continued work of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32  
*Secretary*



Bro. James V. Dearing

One meeting was a videotape presentation on architecture of the various ancient temples in the history of Freemasonry. Another program featured Col. James V. Dearing, a retired State Police officer who is the head of the Civil War re-enactment group in Boalsburg, PA. He was dressed in Civil War uniform and told stories of various incidents that occurred during the Civil War, some of them involving soldiers who belonged to the Masons.

On September 15, 1999, the Valley sponsored blood mobile through the Red Cross. Several members and ladies helped during the day. The Valley provided refreshments for the donors and workers. Thirty-eight donors presented to give blood, with thirty one at days end. The blood collected will help 93 hospital patients to have a better chance at life.

As part of our Family Life Program, the Valley purchased several thousand Halloween Treat bags (with our logo on them) to distribute to school, and church and civic youth groups. We got a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Our Fall membership campaign consisted of three membership dinners at Altoona, Lewistown, and Breezewood. Perspective candidates and their ladies, along with various officers attended. Our Fall Reunion Class (96<sup>th</sup>), was named in honor of Ill. Bro. Kenneth O. Knowles. The dates were November 4, 5, and 6, 1999. The number of candidates was disappointing. We only received 18 new members. On May 11, 1999, we held our Reunion Banquet at the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona. In addition to recognizing our new members and their ladies, we also recognized our 50 year members and presented our new 33<sup>o</sup> member, Ill. Bro Gerald Gutshall, with his white hat and our two M.S.A. awardees with their red hats.

We held our Valley Officer Seminar on February 26, 2000, on a Saturday Morning. We started with Breakfast, had our seminar, and concluded with lunch. Several members of the Valley of Harrisburg attended to discuss the One-Day Reunion combined with the Valley of Harrisburg in Harrisburg. A lot of good information was passed along and enthusiasm seemed high. The session was videotaped so future officers could benefit from the information in addition to providing a means for officers who could not attend to receive the information at a later make up session.

The Chapter of Rose Croix presented a pageant entitled "The Last Supper" on Palm Sunday, April 16, 2000, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Altoona. Our Scottish Rite Choir presented several selections in addition to the presentation. It was well attended and we received many favorable comments. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

The One Day Millennium Class Reunion was a great Success on April 29, 2000. The Valley of Altoona combined with the Valleys of Harrisburg and Lancaster for the event.

We received 63 new members that day, the largest group in several years. We had good attendance in Harrisburg. The Valley chartered three buses plus several of our candidates and members rode the Valley of Harrisburg's Scottish Rite Club's Bus from Bedford Co. Also, quite a few of the candidates and members drove to Harrisburg. Our 16<sup>th</sup> Degree Cast presented the 16<sup>th</sup> Degree. Our officers helped through out the day. It was impressive to look over the auditorium and the dining hall to see such a large group of men assembled. Our Reunion Banquet is scheduled for Thursday May 25, in the Jaffa Mosque Dining Hall. We have invited the new members back plus their ladies, and their signers. We also plan to award the Abbott Scholarships and our Valley Scholarships to deserving students. This year we received three Abbott Scholarships and are awarding two Valley Scholarships.

Our annual election of officers was held on May 1. Installation of officers was held the same evening. We have a full slate of officers for the coming year, except for Valley Secretary. I wish to leave office, but no replacement has been found. I will be appointed Acting Secretary until a new Secretary of the Valley can be found.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week needs to be revitalized. Our chairman has talked about different activities, but little has been done. Our membership is still declining, but we hope the Spring 2000 Millennium Class will be the start of an upswing.

We are finally getting moving on our plans for our Children's Learning Center. We have rented a store front in Downtown Altoona. J. Philip Berquist, 33<sup>o</sup>, from Supreme Council, visited our site last week and found it to be suitable and gave us permission to continue. We plan to start remodeling shortly. We have our board of Governor's in place, but the lady we had identified as a possible Director has turned us down.

It seems like the new computer system from Supreme Council is finally getting straightened out. It has been a frustrating year handling all the information that needs to be recorded when the computer system couldn't handle it. Errors and problems are slowly being eliminated.

The Valley of Altoona wishes to take this opportunity to pledge to you our continued support for the work of our fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32<sup>o</sup>  
*Secretary*

On April 29, 2000, the Valley of Altoona was pleased to join the Valleys of Harrisburg and Lancaster to have a One Day Mini Reunion at Harrisburg. The Valley of Altoona conferred the 16<sup>th</sup> Degree. The cast was listed as follows:



Degree Master  
Samuel C. Lehner, 32°

Assistant Degree Master  
Ernest Weierick, 33°

Prologue, Gerald J. Gutshall, 33°

Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince .....	Thomas R. Labagh
Joshua, High Priest .....	Mark A. Pine
Seriah, Prince of Judah .....	Samuel C. Lehner
Mordecai, Junior Warden .....	Duncan P. McIntyre
Ananias .....	John A. Lehner

(2) Apartment of the East

Darias, King of Persia .....	James H. English
Artaban, Satrap of Assyria .....	Herbert S. Summers
Araspers, Satrap of Babylon .....	Jack H. Speece, 33°
Bartacas, Satrap of Media .....	Robert M. Boytim
Grand Chancellor .....	Paul R. McIntyre
Zerubbabel .....	Thomas R. Labagh
Mordecai .....	Duncan P. McIntyre
Ananias .....	John A. Lehner
Solamiel, Master of Ceremonies .....	Ralph F. Wingard, MSA
Servants .....	Sylvester A. Chamberlain Ronald McCleary Harold J. Corle

ALTOONA

May 17, 2001

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°  
Deputy for Pennsylvania  
2875 Springhaven Place  
Macungie PA 18062

Ill. Bro. And Dear Brother Trexler,

It is my pleasure to submit to you this Observation Report from the Valley of Altoona for the year 2000-2001.

The Valley held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 24, 2000 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg. The Valley provided roast pig, hotdogs and sauerkraut, along with other picnic food and beverage. The cost was just \$2.00 per person. The youngsters enjoyed the playground, roller skating, bowling and swimming during the

afternoon. The adults listened to the Jaffa String Band. The attendance was about the same as in previous years. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday June 23, at the same location.

The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation was at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on July 8, 2000. Various members attended and two of our brothers were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. They were Christian Harmon, 32° and Arthur O. McMillan, 32°. Bro. Harmon was 90 years of age and was able to attend and receive his award. I am sorry to report that both of them passed away this past year. The Valley is appreciative of the many hours both have contributed to our Fraternity.

The annual Meeting of the Supreme Council was held in Pittsburgh, PA on September 24-26, 2000. Various 33° members of our Valley attended. At that meeting, three of our members received their 33°. They were Bro. Lloyd C. Sorge, Wayne Faupel and William J. Harris. They exemplify everything that Masonry stands for. They have been active in all bodies of Masonry, their Community, their Church and their profession. They were excellent choices to receive the Honorary 33°. We are looking forward to this year's Supreme Council meeting in Indianapolis where an additional member will receive his 33°, Bro. James H. English.

Our monthly Stated Meetings on the second Thursday each month continue to hold interest of our members. Our average attendance held steady this year. We normally have a program followed by refreshments. We had some interesting programs through out the year. We had a program about our planned 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center and dyslexia, another program on patriotism, and one on the history of the flag. Another program featured Judge Norman Krumenacker of Cambria County who spoke on the duties of a judge and explained the sentencing guidelines for the state. Another program was a speaker who spoke on the activities of the Reserve and National Guard. Our December Meeting was Ladies Night. After a short meeting, the men joined the ladies for a Christmas party featuring a karaoke machine and gifts for the ladies.

On September 29, 2000, the Valley sponsored blood mobile through the Red Cross. Several members and ladies helped during the day. The Valley provided refreshments for the donors and workers. Ninety-five donors presented to give blood, five for the first time, with eighty-two at days end. The blood collected will help 246 hospital patients to have a better chance at life.

As part of our Family Life Program, the Valley purchased several thousand Halloween Treat bags (with our logo on them) to distribute to school, and church and civic youth groups. We got a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Our Fall 2000 membership campaign consisted of a mailing along with a membership dinner at Altoona. Perspective candidates and their ladies, along with various officers attended. Our Fall Reunion Class (98<sup>th</sup>) was named in honor of Ill.: Bro. John R. Biddle. The dates were November 9, 10, and 11, 2000. The number of candidates was disappointing. We only received 8 new members. On November 30, 2000, we held our

Reunion Banquet at the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona. In addition to recognizing our new members and their ladies, we also recognized our 50 year members and presented our new 33° members, with their white hats and our two M.S.A. awardees with their red hats.

We held our Valley Officer Seminar on February 24, 2001, on a Saturday Morning. We started with Breakfast, had our seminar, and concluded with lunch. A lot of good information was passed along and enthusiasm seemed high. The session was videotaped so future officers could benefit from the information in addition to providing a means for officers who could not attend to receive the information at a later make up session.

The Chapter of Rose Croix presented a pageant entitled "The Last Supper" on Palm Sunday, April 18, 2001, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Altoona. Our Scottish Rite Choir presented several selections in addition to the presentation. It was well attended and we received many favorable comments. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Our Spring Membership Drive only resulted in eight additional members. It was very disappointing. We went ahead with the Reunion of May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Class was named in honor of Ill. Bro. James A. Yoder, 33°. We don't know how long we can continue having two Reunions a year as in the past, considering the cost. We received only a total of sixteen new members this Scottish Rite year. The Shrine decision to bypass Scottish Rite has really hurt us since we are so closely aligned with the Shrine. The local leadership is supportive but the members are not securing Scottish Rite petitions as well as Shrine petitions.

Our Reunion Banquet is scheduled for Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, in the Jaffa Mosque Dining Hall. We have invited the new members back plus their ladies, and their signers. We also plan to award the Abbott Scholarships and our Valley Scholarships to deserving students. This year we received two Abbott Scholarships and are awarding two Valley Scholarships. We are also holding our installation of officers during the banquet. We have a full slate of officers for the coming year.

After a year has passed since I asked to be relieved as Secretary, the Valley finally elected a new Secretary to take my place. He is Manuel Pena from Johnstown. He is helping out in the office to learn the procedures until he is installed.

Of concern to the Valley is the inactivity of our Scottish Rite Clubs. The members who were active have passed away or are unable to help because of age or health reasons. Replacements have not come forward. Also, our Family Life Week needs to be revitalized. Our chairman has talked about different activities, but little has been done. Our membership is still declining. We have lost a total of 70 members by death, 94 demits and suspensions, while only receiving 16 new members, and 4 affiliations and 5 restorations.

We are finally getting moving on our plans for our Children's Learning Center. We have rented a store front in Downtown Altoona. Remodeling is progressing. We have our

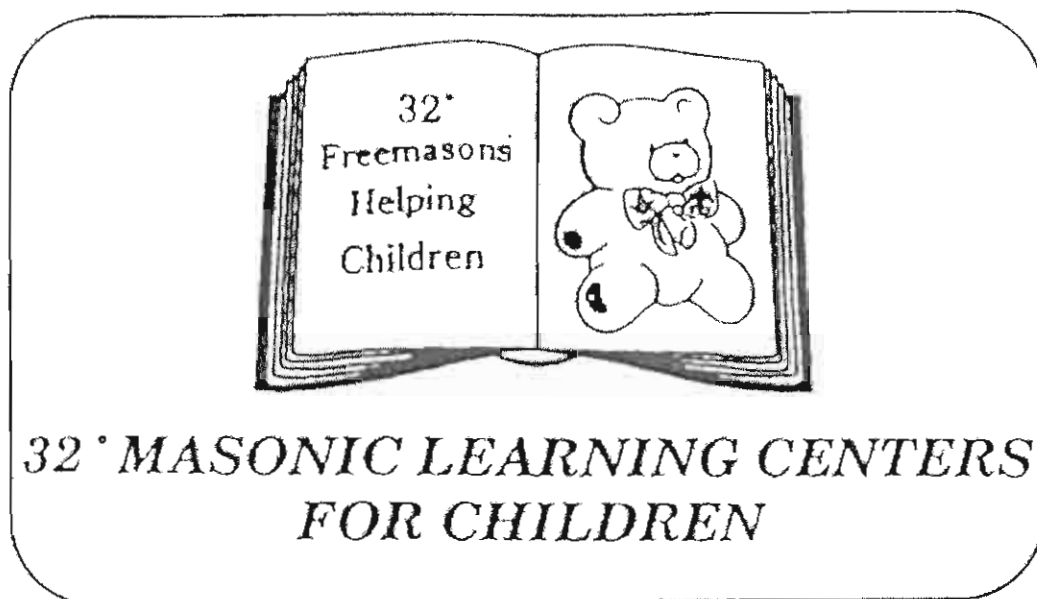
Board of Governor's in place, but are still looking for a Director and tutors. No date has been set for the opening.

One of our problems from time to time is the lack of response from Supreme Council to our questions and problems involving the Computer System. It gets frustrating at times.

The Valley of Altoona wishes to take this opportunity to pledge to you our continued support for the work of our fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Swartz, 32°  
*Secretary*



When you were a boy, did you spend your spare time with Robert Louis Stevenson's swashbuckling heroes, the Hardy Boys or Superman? Classics or comic books or something in between, reading was something that most kids didn't realize was good for them.

However, if you had difficulty reading as a kid, maybe this message really hit home for you.

For about 15 percent of all children, reading is no fun, it's a struggle. Dyslexia is the name of a common learning difference that makes normal reading instruction inadequate and sometimes excruciatingly frustrating. It's not a phase. It does not clear up by its self. Its effects can stunt the progress of otherwise bright youngsters through out their school years, through out their careers, through out their lives.

Here's the saddest part; there are proven techniques to overcome dyslexia, but most children affected by it are not receiving this help they need.

That's where we come in. Big problem needs a big solution. The Scottish Rite has undertaken to create a network of free specialized training centers for Children with Dyslexia.

We already have 42 centers up and running. We are helping hundreds of kids each year in after school and summer programs. But we know that is not enough.

Our Fraternity plans to add 18 more centers, bringing the total to 60 with in five years. We have at least one center in each of the 15 states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The mission of the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is to provide free quality, state of the art and remedial education to children with disabilities in reading, writing, and related scholastic skills diagnosed as "dyslexia". This service is provided free of charge. Dyslexia is a "silent" and frequently unrecognized problem and often results in a range of academic and behavioral problems. These disabilities can be treated effectively.

In 1997, John Biddle, 33°, Chairman of the Valley of Altoona Executive Committee, appointed Dr. Dale W. Woomer the task of determining if there was an interest and a need for a Learning Center in the Valley or Altoona. After a survey of school officials by personal contact throughout the area, and statistics from a survey of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, he reported to the Executive Committee that there is an interest and a need in our jurisdiction. A center can become a reality where there is a desire to make a positive difference in children's lives, a willingness to dedicate time and energy to a program of community services and a vision of what can be done now as a foundation for the future. The executive Committee voted in favor of opening a center and appointed a planning committee of Dale W. Woomer, chairman, Ronald Yoder and James Yoder and the current presiding officers of the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory

The decision to open a Center in the Valley or Altoona was submitted on February 28, 1998 to the Executive Director Joseph Berlandi. Nominations for the Board of Governors, (volunteers of professional people knowledgeable in the fields of Education, Business, Law, Public Welfare, etc.) were submitted to the Executive Director and approved on September 28, 1998

To open a center, a Valley must submit a fund raising plan to raise \$25,000, which would be matched by the Learning Center Corporation. Fund raising would take extensive planning over a long period of time and after much discussion, the Executive Committee voted to set aside the amount in the Treasury needed for this purpose with the matching funds available, a Construction, Budget was submitted and approved

There were two major problems to be solved before the Learning Center could become a reality--hiring a Director, and locating a site. After investigating many sites (for about 2

years): i.e. Jaffa Mosque, office buildings, an abandoned Presbyterian Church, Portable Classroom trailers and finally a vacant music store owned by one of our members, we selected the Music Store. The music store, in addition to being a fine choice, was also appropriate as it was once owned by Ill.: Bro. Arthur Winter, the first 33° to join the Valley of Altoona and recommender for the Valley's first warrant. Ill.: Phillip Berquist, 33°, VP of the Corporation. visited Altoona to inspect the site and after inspecting the building for square footage and space available, heat, air condition, locality, rest room facilities and construction plans prepared by an architect and an engineer, he approved the site. The plans were then submitted to the Pa Department of Labor and Industry and the Altoona Building Inspector for approval for the necessary permits. This delayed construction for 8 months. After permits were granted, construction took 6 months.

The next hurdle was finding a qualified director, one certified in the Orton-Gillingham method. After advertising locally and on the WEB, contacting the Orton Gillingham Academy, contacting other Center Directors, all to no avail, we ended our search by training one of our Tutor trainees to satisfy the director qualifications. Mrs. Patty Harrison. Reading Specialist in the Glendale School District completed the requirements and was appointed Acting Director. Mrs. Karen Woome, Retired Penelec Exec was hired as the Administrative Assistant. The opening date was January 15, 2002 and the first three students. Matthew. Neil and Justin started training on February 9. 2002. The Summer Session started with 4 (Tutor) Trainees and 9 students with 4 additional students on the waiting list.

The Masonic Learning Center Corporation in Lexington, MA pays all Center operating expenses except rent of the building.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of a Center is to provide quality, state-of-the-art, remedial education to children with disabilities in reading, writing, and related scholastic skills, diagnosed as "dyslexia," In keeping with the commitment of 32° Masons to children in the community, this service is provided free of charge to children who have been previously tested, evaluated and diagnosed as dyslexics.

Our teaching is modeled after the Orton-Gillingham method, which uses a structured, sequential, multi-sensory and phonetic approach. With Orton-Gillingham, we teach children diagnostically and individually. Students learn the structure of the English language, using sensory, visual, and kinesthetic pathways, and are tutored on "one on one" twice a week after regular school hours.

Our training program (free of charge) for Tutors is essential to our success. Tutors first learn the "Orton Gillingham" approach, and then they tutor children under the close supervision of the Orton-Gillingham Trainer. Thereafter, tutors attend regular seminars and can study recommended written material to broaden their understanding of Dyslexia and its remediation. \*\*College credit can be earned for this methods course. \*\*

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS TUTORING FOR THE STUDENT OR PARENTS

#### Procedure for admission to the Masonic Children's Learning Center

The Masonic Learning Center is designed to tutor dyslexic students from grades 1-12, upon recommendation from school psychologists to the Director of the Center. When the recommendation is received, an application is forwarded to the applicant to be completed by the parents and returned to the Learning Center with a copy of the child's evaluation results that have been completed by the school psychologist or by another community agency. When the application and evaluation is received by the Learning Center, the Director completes an evaluation summary and forwards both the application and the evaluations to the Supreme Council offices in Lexington, Massachusetts where they are reviewed to determine if the child is an appropriate candidate for the program.

#### **Executive Guidance Committee**

Jack Speece, 33°, Lodge of Perfection, Chairman  
Dale W. Woomer, 32°, Trustee  
Ronald Yoder, 33°, Trustee  
James Yoder, 33°, Trustee  
Manuel Pena, 32°, Valley Secretary  
Dale Delozier, 32°, Valley Treasurer  
Gerald Gutshall, 33°, Member at large  
Earl N. Rager, 32°, Sovereign Prince  
Harold Palmer, 32°, Rose Croix  
Lloyd C. Sorge, 33°, Consistory

#### **Board of Governors**

Dr. Dale W. Woomer, 32° Retired, Chairman, IUP Teacher  
Mr. Ronald Yoder, 33° Vice Chairman, Retired Teacher  
Rev. James Yoder, 33° Treasurer, Retired Teacher  
Mr. Richard Swartz, 32° Secretary, Retired Teacher  
Dr. Frank Melloy, Asst. Supt. Altoona Area Schools  
Hon. Jolene Grubb Kopriva, Judge  
Mrs. Ruth Longer, Retired Reading Specialist  
Mr. Arthur S. Cohen, 32°, Attorney  
Dr. Arthur T. Wood, 32° Retired Psychologist  
Mr. John Dively, 32° Architect  
Mr. Jack Speece, 33°, Mechanical Engineer  
Mrs. Betty Jean Cale, Retired, Orton-Gillingham Teacher



This is an ambitious goal, but we are an ambitious organization. We have taken on big challenges before. This is an effort that deserves the support of everyone in our Fraternity and our communities.

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 2002

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°

*Deputy for Pennsylvania*

*P.O. Box 2726*

*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Trexler:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 2001-2002

The annual family picnic was held at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg on June 31, 2001. It drew a large crowd of members and families. The Food catered by Bro. Roy Packard, 32°, and the Entertainment was provided by the Jaffa String Band.

The Council of Deliberation sessions at Seven Springs on July 14, 2001 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Thirty-five Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day.

A Blood Drive was held at the Jaffa Mosque on September 21, 2001. The event was chaired by Ill: Bro. Duncan P. McIntyre.

The Reunion of November, 2001 was named in memory of those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

On January 11 and 12, 2002, the Valley of Altoona hosted the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation Secretary's Seminar at the Jaffa Temple.



Under the direction of Brother Kenneth Nofsker, 32°, Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, the Ceremony of the Paschal Lamb was held at Jaffa Mosque on Palm Sunday evening, March 24, 2002. A large group of members and friends attended. It was followed by refreshments by the Stewards.

The Reunion of May 2, 2002 was named in honor of Ill.: Jack H. Speece, 33°, Past Commander in Chief, Valley of Altoona.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother C. DeForrest Trexler, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
MANUEL L. PENA, 32°  
*Secretary*

The Scottish Rite Year of 2001-02 was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°. The officers for 2001-02 were listed as follows:

**ALTOONA LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°, U.:D.:**

Thrice Potent Master .....	Jonathan C. Erickson, 32°
Deputy Master .....	Jack H. Speece, 33 °
Senior Warden .....	Dean L. Phillips, 32°
Junior Warden .....	James B. Walkingshaw, 32°
Treasurer .....	Thomas I Morgan, 32°
Secretary .....	Manuel M. Pena, 32°
Orator .....	William W. Hoellier, 32°
Hospitaler .....	Ernest Weierick, 33°
Master of Ceremonies .....	Charles C. Yingling, 32°
Captain of the Guard .....	Barry C. Yingling, 32°
Tyler .....	Marlin R. Myers, 32°

The following story appeared in the February 2002 issue of the *Northern Light*:

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, has created a national Masonic recognition award for Freemasons who are active in serving youth through Scouting

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, named after Freemason and Founder of the Boy Scouts of America, was approved by the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America as part of its recently created Community Service Award to recognize those who serve Scouting and are affiliated with a community-based organization.



The award will be presented to a Master Mason who is currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout unit, District, Council or national affiliate and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award consists of a certificate and a Boy Scouts of America approved neck medallion and a knot patch to be worn with the Scout uniform. The neck medallion is a silver metallic medal of the Square and Compasses resting upon a sunburst and supported by a blue and silver ribbon. The knot patch is a gold colored square knot supported by a purple background with a gold border.

The award is being administered nationally through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania per request of the Boy Scouts of America for convenient administrative purposes. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is providing all materials for the award at cost and allowing the use of its staff to handle all the administrative work and communications with the

Boy Scouts of America headquarters.

The idea originated from Dale DeLozier, 32°, a Pennsylvania District Deputy Grand Master. A faithful Scouter from more than 20 years at local and district levels, he discussed his plan with then Deputy Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. 33°, and was encouraged to develop his proposal.

Brother DeLozier, an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Order of the Arrow, is a Special Agent with the Norfolk Southern Police Department. He is a Past Master of Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg PA, and a Member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona.

The image of Daniel Beard used in the promotional material appeared in the Scottish Rite 1999 Timeless Brotherhood calendar and is used with permission of the Supreme Council, NMJ.

The following Masonic Members of Blair County have been presented the Award to date:

George Baker, 32°, Woodbury Lodge  
Joseph Bondi Jr., Juniata Lodge  
Dale DeLozier, 32°, DDGM, Juniata Lodge  
John Green, 32°, Woodbury Lodge  
Wayne B. Hammond, 32°, Juniata Lodge  
Spenser Hauenstein, 33°, PDDGM, Logan Lodge  
Vernon Hoover, Everett Lodge  
Joseph L. Kaczor, Juniata Lodge

W. James Lee III, Mountain Lodge  
Andrew Lynch, PM, Hiram Lodge  
Philip Mentzer, Juniata Lodge  
Mark L. Shawley, 32°, PM, Juniata Lodge  
Jack Speece, 33°, PM, Hiram Lodge  
William Yon, Mountain Lodge  
Denny Young, Juniata Lodge

ALTOONA (Reconstructed)

June, 2003

ILL.: C. DeFORREST TREXLER, 33°

*Deputy for Pennsylvania*

*P.O. Box 2726*

*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Trexler:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 2002-2003:

The annual family picnic which was held at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg on June 22, 2002. It drew a large crowd of members and families.

Ill.: Bro. Lloyd C. Sorge chaired the event.

A Family Night was held on June 13, 2002 at the Jaffa Mosque after the Stated Meeting of the Lodge of Perfection. Everyone was treated to strawberries and ice cream.

The Council of Deliberation sessions in Hershey on July 13, 2002 were attended by a representative contingent of members of the Valley. Ten Members and Ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day. For the first time in the history of the Valley of Altoona, a member was appointed to the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. Ill.: Bro. James Yoder, 33° was appointed to the Council of Deliberation as Prior at the Council Meeting of July 19, 2002. Ill.: Brother Yoder was appointed by Ill.: Brother C. DeForest Trexler, Active and Deputy for Pennsylvania.



The Reunion of November 8, 2002 was named in honor of Ill.: William H. Harris, 33°, Past Commander in Chief, Valley of Altoona. Our guest for the Reunion was Ill.: Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, 33°.

The portrayal of the Last Supper was held on Palm Sunday evening, April 13, 2003 at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Altoona PA. A large number of members and guests attended this Spring time event.

Ill.: Terry D. Bentzel, 33°

The Reunion of May 2, 2003 was named in honor of Bro. Dale W. Woomer, 32°, MSA, Valley of Altoona.

The Valley Officers Training Seminar was held at the Valley Lounge in the Jaffa Mosque on May 10, 2003. The seminar was a little different this year; the Valley also had a brief session planning the Scottish Rite Year for the Valley.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother C. DeForrest Trexler, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
MANUEL L. PENA, 32°  
*Secretary*

The Scottish Rite Year of 2002-03 was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° and Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. The officers for 2002-03 were listed as follows:

**ALTOONA COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°, U.:D.:**

Soveriegn Prince ..... Earl N. Rager, 32°  
High Priest ..... Leonard W. McMillen, 32°  
Senior Warden ..... Thomas J. Hubbard, 32°  
Junior Warden ..... Alvin E. Just, 32°  
Treasurer ..... Dale A. DeLozier, 32°  
Secretary ..... Manuel M. Pena, 32°  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Larry W. Bracken, 32°  
Hospitaler ..... Ernest Weierick, 33°  
Master of Entrances ..... Richard Smith, 32°  
Tyler ..... Marlin R. Myers, 32°

**ALTOONA CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°, U.:D.:**

Most Wise Master ..... Harold L. Palmer, 32°  
Senior Warden ..... Brian Gahagan, 32°  
Junior Warden ..... David K. Jones, 32°  
Treasurer ..... Dale A. DeLozier, 32°  
Secretary ..... Manuel M. Pena, 32°  
Master of Ceremonies ..... John D. Kline, 33°  
Hospitaler ..... Ernest Weierick, 33°  
Captain of the Guard ..... Barry Yingling, 32°  
Tyler ..... Marlin R. Myers, 32°

ALTOONA

June, 2004

ILL.: TERRY D. BENTZEL, 33°  
*Deputy for Pennsylvania*  
*P.O. Box 2726*  
*Harrisburg PA 17105*

Ill: and Dear Brother Bentzel:

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to submit the following report for 2003-2004:

The annual family picnic which was held at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg in June, 2003. It drew a large crowd of members and families. The event was chaired by Ill.: Bro. Lloyd C. Sorge.

The Council of Deliberation sessions at Seven Springs on July 12, 2003 were attended by a large contingent of members of the Valley. Thirty Members and ladies who were pleased with the results of the plans made in their behalf that day. The Valley of Altoona was recognized as the Valley with the greatest increase in membership in Pennsylvania for the year 2002-03, and thereby receiving the Kimmel Trophy for a second time.

On Thursday, September 25, 2003, a Blood Mobile was held at the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona PA. One Hundred Ten people responded to the event with eighty-four pints of blood being collected. The event was chaired by Ill.: Bro. Duncan P. McIntyre



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

GREETINGS:

It is a pleasure to join with the dedicated staff of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children to celebrate the limitless talent and creativity of our young people and to bring attention to the critical importance of addressing their diverse special learning needs.

Our children hold the key to the future of our commonwealth and our nation. It is essential that they are nurtured, their passions and abilities are encouraged, and their ideas are respected. Children must possess the hope that hard work and determination can lead them to success and have access to the resources that will help them achieve their goals.

The Learning Center is committed to empowering all students with the ability to succeed academically and giving confidence to those with dyslexia so that they may conquer the challenges of their disability. The Center is proving that children with dyslexia are capable of mastering the vital skills of reading and writing with the devoted personal assistance and support of trained, caring individuals. These students have unlimited potential, and it takes only a teacher, mentor, or parent to open the doors of opportunity and set them on a positive course for their future.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I commend the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children for their pioneering work in the tutoring of students with dyslexia. I am pleased to join with the Learning Center and all Pennsylvanians to recognize the first week of October 2003 as Dyslexia Awareness Week.

As part of a Governor's Proclamation by Governor and Brother Ed Rendell, a Walk-a-Thon was held at the Altoona Campus of the Penn State University on September 28, 2003 to raise money for the Altoona 32 Masonic Learning Center. The event, chaired by Bro. Richard Swartz, had 20 participants and raised over \$1000.00 for the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Altoona.



*Edward G. Rendell*  
EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor  
October 2003

The Fall Reunion for 2003 was eliminated due to the lack of candidates, however, the Valley held an Anniversary Banquet for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution of the Consistory Body.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Deputy Ill.: Brother Terry D. Bentzel, 33° and all the Actives for Pennsylvania and to the Secretary, Council of Deliberation for their continued help and support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
RICHARD A, BROWN, 32°  
*Secretary*

The Scottish Rite Year of 2003-04 was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Altoona Consistory, 32°. The officers for 2003-04 were listed as follows:

**ALTOONA CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°, U.:D.:**

Bro.: John G. Myers, 32° .....Commander in Chief  
Bro.: Steven J. Rynkewitz, Jr., 32° ..... First Lieut. Commander  
Bro.: Vernon S. Gutshall, 32° ..... Second Lieut. Commander  
Bro.: Samuel C. Lehner, 32° ..... Orator  
Bro.: Grant E. Stufft, 32° ..... Chancellor  
Bro. Dale A. DeLozier, 32° ..... Treasurer  
Bro.: Richard G. Brown, 32° ..... Secretary  
Bro.: Randy E. Smith, 32° ..... Master of Ceremonies  
Ill.: Ernest Weierick, 33° ..... Hospitaler  
Bro.: Ashley K. Sorge, 32° ..... Engineer and Seneschal  
Bro.: Ryan H. Speece, 32° ..... Standard Bearer  
Bro.: , 32° ..... Captain of the Guard  
Bro.: Marlin R. Myers, 32° ..... Tyler

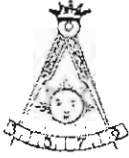
# Chapter Three

Valley Officers, Units and Clubs









## Thrice Potent Master, Lodge of Perfection 14°

1951-53	* George D. Brehman, 33°, MSA	1990-91	Paul D. Breon, 32°
1953-54	* Robert E. Dively, 33°	1991-92	Richard B. Fluke II, 33°
1954-55	* Clarence W. Hoover, 32°	1992-93	Grant D. Walk, 32°
1955-56	* Frederick B. Yorks, 33°	1993-94	Don L. Hollobaugh, 32°
1956-57	* Oakley S. Havens, 32°	1994-95	* Theodore Luciano, 32° MSA
1957-58	* Alvin M. Burley, 32°	1995-96	* Edgar R. Stitt, 32°
1958-59	* Joseph Dukes, Sr., 33°, MSA	1996-97	Ronald L. Brandt, 32°
1959-60	* William C. Giarth, 32°, MSA	1997-98	* Arthur O. McMillian, 32° MSA
1960-61	* William R. Klevans, 32°	1998-99	George L. Moore, 32°
1961-62	* Elton O. Lightner, 32°	1999-2000	Ray B. Kline Jr, 32°
1962-63	* John L. Jones, 32°	2000-01	Dale E. Hill, 32°
1963-64	* William B. McFeeters, 32°	2001-02	Jonathon C. Erickson, 32°
1964-65	* William A. Garland, 32°	2002-03	Jack H. Speece, 33°
1965-66	* Charles W. Endres, 32°	2003-04	Dean L. Philips, 32°
1966-67	† David D. Cadle, 32°		
1967-68	* Louis Tubo, Jr, 32°		
1968-69	* Charles F. Strange, 32°		
1969-70	* Howard A. Smith, 32°		
1970-71	Charles W. Dell, 32°		
1971-72	* Vernon D. Moore, 32°		
1972-73	* Robert P. Moore, 32°, MSA		
1973-74	* Percy O. Kephart, 33°		
1974-75	* Joseph E. Bordell, 33°		
1975-76	* Charles A. Mower, 32° MSA		
1976-77	* Ira E. Harris, 32°		
1977-78	* Harmon L. Dale, 32°		
1978-79	Donald O. Walter, 32°		
1979-80	* Robert L. Freeburn, 33°		
1980-81	* David F. Metzker, 32°		
1981-82	* Ray F. Knee, 32°		
1982-83	William H. Minsker, 32°		
1983-84	John R. Biddle, 33°		
1984-85	Philip E. Witmer, Sr., 32° MSA		
1985-86	* James K. Thompson, 33°		
1986-87	Wayne V. Simpson, 32°		
1987-88	* Thomas E. Day Jr, 32°		
1988-89	Lloyd C. Sorge, 33°		
1989-90	* Robert A. Martin, 32°		

\* Deceased † Demitted \*\*Suspended



## Sovereign Prince, Council of Princes of Jerusalem 16°

1952-54	* Vernet B. Coffman, 32°	1991-91	Daniel L. Utley, 32°
1955-55	* Ralph W. Isenberg, 33°, MSA	1991-92	Richard E. Shimer, 32°
1955-56	Ernest DeJaffe, 33°, MSA	1992-93	James O. Srock, 32° MSA
1956-57	* Norman R. Snively, 32°	1993-94	Jerry L. Lyons, 32°
1958-59	Harold R. Mallow, 33°, MSA	1994-95	James O. Srock, 32° MSA
1959-60	* Harold W. Goodman, 32°	1995-96	Donald R. Dimmick, 32°
1960-61	* Robert Muir, 33°	1996-97	* Robert J. Kidd, 32°
1961-62	* Raymond R. Blowers, 33°, MSA	1997-98	Herbert W. Ewald, 32°
1962-63	* Earl C. Robinson, 33°, MSA	1998-99	Dean L. Phillips, 32°
1963-64	† Ralph S. Frycklund, 32°	1999-2000	James O. Srock, 32° MSA
1964-65	* Jacob M. Kintzel, 32°	2000-01	Fred D. Saintz, 32°
1965-66	* Harold D. Yoder, 33°	2001-02	Edward McGreehan, 32°
1966-67	Albert S. Carney, 33°	2002-03	Earl N. Rager, 32°
1967-68	Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, MSA	2003-04	Leonard. McMillen, 32°
1968-69	* Donald R. Wolford, 33°		
1969-70	† Harry E. Frycklund, 32°		
1970-71	* S. Paul Schaeffer Jr., 32°		
1971-72	* Lloyd E. Bastian, 33°		
1972-73	* John R. Renfrew, Jr., 32°		
1973-74	† Raymond D. Smith, 32°		
1974-75	* James V. Meadows II, 32°		
1975-76	* Earl A. Bathurst, 32°, MSA		
1976-77	* Frederick C. Miller, 32°		
1977-78	* Jack L. Moore, 32°		
1978-79	* D. Ray Phillipi, 32°		
1979-80	* Robert C. Nankeville, 32°		
1980-81	* Leonard J. Croft, 32°		
1981-82	* Harold A. Burket, 33°, MSA		
1982-83	Daniel C. Morningstar, 32°, MSA		
1983-84	* F. Wayne Perry, 32°		
1984-85	** Thomas E. Young, 32°		
1985-86	Russell E. Ross, 32°		
1986-87	Kenneth O. Knowles, 33°		
1987-88	David L. Weaver, 32°		
1988-89	Jerry L. Lyons, 32°		
1989-90	Nick A. Spadone, 32°		

\* Deceased    † Demitted    \*\*Suspended



## Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix 18°

1952-54	* Charles S. Walton, 32°	1990-91	Ernest Weierick, 33°
1954-55	* Thomas S. Stetler, 32°	1991-92	Gerald J. Gutshall, 33°
1955-56	* William P. Miller, 32°	1992-93	* Robert P. Wilbur, 32°
1956-57	* Edwin F. Kinkead, 32°	1993-94	* Thomas E. Day Jr., 32°
1957-58	* Harold C. Ruth, 32°	1994-95	James A. Yoder, 33°
1958-59	* Harry C. Strenger, 33°	1995-96	M. Dennis Fishburn, 32°, MSA
1959-60	* Allan L. Crum, 33°	1996-97	Robert H. Mains, 32°
1960-61	* Fred E. Luse, 33°	1997-98	James H. English, 33°
1961-62	* John C. Kline, 33°	1998-99	Wayne C. Faupel, 33°
1962	†† Norman O. Swanger, 32°	1999-2000	Dennis K. Civitts, 32°
1962-64	* Howard M. Hazen, 33°, MSA	2000-01	Gerald W. Graham, 32°
1964-65	* Allen B. Hartman, 32°	2001-02	Kenneth Nofske, 32°
1965-66	* Richard W. Logue, 33°, MSA	2002-03	Harold L. Palmer, 32°
1966-67	Keith D. Luse, 32°	2003-04	Brian Gahagan, 32°
1967-68	† Ross F. Woods, 33°, MSA		
1968-69	* Ronald K. Jones, 32°		
1969-70	* Robert W. Moore, 32°		
1970-71	James E. Williams, 32°		
1971-72	* George A. Luse, 32°, MSA		
1972-73	* Raphael T. George, 32°		
1973-74	Henry Law Jr, 32°		
1974-75	Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°, MSA		
1975-76	* L. Russell Hill, 33°, MSA		
1976-77	J. David Kline, 33°		
1977-78	Arthur L. Brown, 33°		
1978-79	* Charles A. Schandelmeier, 32°		
1979-80	* Vernon W. Anderson, 33°		
1980-81	Lewis W. Woods, 32°, MSA		
1981-82	* Herbert C. Endley, 32°		
1982-83	* William E. Evans, 33°, MSA		
1983-84	* Merrill W. Rohrer, 32°		
1984-85	* Ronald E. Daniels, 32°		
1985-86	Paul W. Ishler, 32°, MSA		
1986-87	* Nelson E. Mentch, 32°		
1987-88	Bobbie L. Anderson, 32°		
1988-89	* Donald J. Mann, 32°		
1989-90	N. Bruce Mentch, 32°		

\* Deceased    † Demitted    \*\*Suspended    †† Died in Office



## Commander in Chief, Consistory, 32°

- 1953-57 \* George E. Brehman, 33°, MSA  
1957-60 \* Robert E. Dively, 33°  
1960-63 \* Harry F. Hostetler, 33°  
1963-66 \* Harry W. Gerlock, 33°  
1966-69 Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°, MSA  
1969-72 \* Eugene F. Yoder, 33°  
1972-75 \* Reno A. Lepley, 33°  
1975-77 \* S. Blair Sponeybarger, 33°  
1977-79 \* Lester I. Keller, 33°  
1979-81 Howard H. Speece, 33°  
1981-83 \* Theodore R. Bolger, 33°  
1983-85 Ronald R. Yoder, 33°  
1985-87 Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°  
1987-89 Jack H. Speece, 33°  
1989-91 J. David Kline, 33°  
1991-93 \* Walter B. Stitzer, 33°  
1993-95 Arthur L. Rankin, 33°  
1995-97 John R. Biddle, 33°  
1997-99 William J. Harris, 33°  
1999-2001 Robert W. Bradley, 33°  
2001-03 Lloyd C. Sorge, 33°  
2003-05 John G. Myers, 32°

\* Deceased    † Demitted    \*\*Suspended

# Treasurers



1951-61 Arthur E. Winter, 33°



1961-79 George E. Brehman, 33°



1979-82 Raymond R. Blowers, 33°



1982-86 Charles A. Mower, 32°, MSA



1986-87 Harold A. Burket, 32°, MSA



1987-96 Kenneth O. Knowles, 33°



1996-02 Thomas I Morgan, 32°



2002- Dale A. DeLozier, 32°

## Secretaries



1951-62 H. Dean Burket, 32°



1962-65 Byron A. Roberts, 33°



1965-72, 74-75 Harold G. Miller, 32°



1972-73 Charles W. Endres, 32°



1973-74 Alvin M Burley, 32°



1975-89 Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°



1989-96 Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°



1996-01 Richard L. Swartz, 32°



2001-03 Manuel M. Peña, 32°



2003- Richard G. Brown, 32°

## Office Managers

1952-64	Mrs. Helen Burket
1964-85	Mrs. Loretta Hazen
1985-01	Mrs. Joan Shawley
2001-02	Mrs. Melissa Daugherty
2003	Mrs. Joan Shawley
2003	Ms. Nicole Blyler

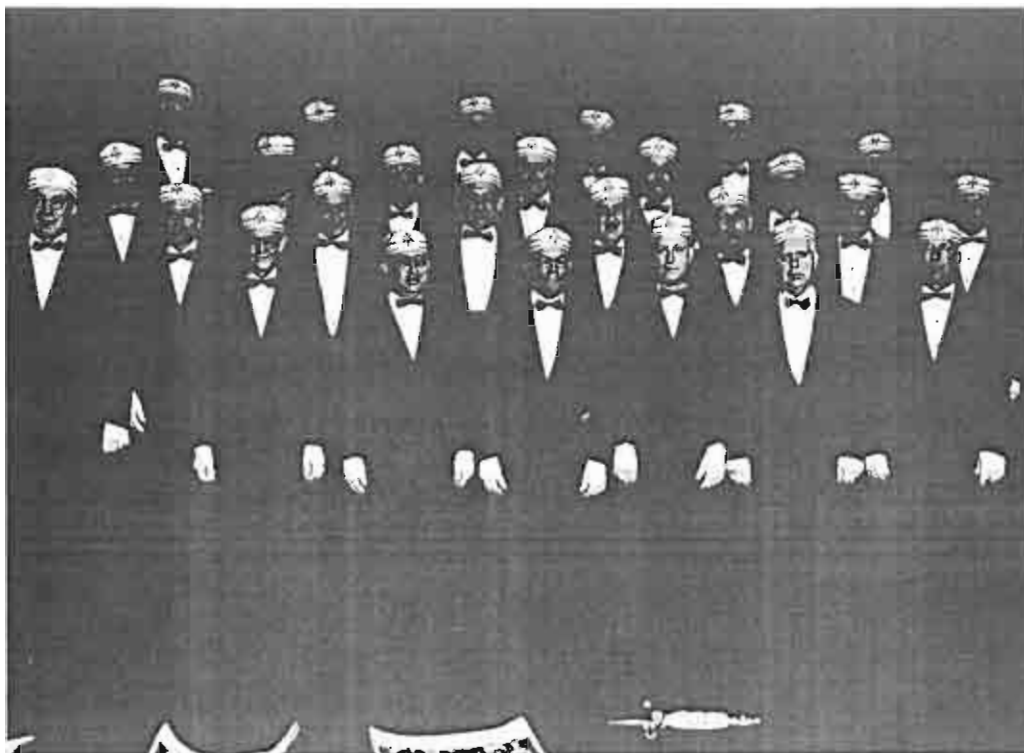


1964 Valley Choir

## Valley Choir Presidents

- 1953-55 \* Francis G. Wood, 32°
- 1955-62 \* Ernest E. Rudisill, 32°
- 1962-63 \* Chester G. McGlathery, 32°
- 1963-64 \* Arnold H. Belz, 32°
- 1964-67 \* Harry R. Miller, 32°
- 1967-71 \* Chadwick B. Crumm, 32°
- 1971-78 \* Harry E. Bigelow, 32°
- 1978-90 \* William B. Moore, 32°
- 1990- Richard E. Nedimyer, 32°, MSA

\* Deceased



1956 Honor Guard of the Valley of Altoona

## Honor Guard Captains and Presidents

	Captains	Presidents
1953-55	George L. Kensinger, 32°	Gray F. Smith, 32°
1955-57	William C. Giarth, 32°	Arthur S. Calvert, 32°
1957-58	William C. Giarth, 32°	Harold W. Goodman, 32°
1958-60	William C. Giarth, 32°	Harold D. Yoder, 32°
1960	William C. Giarth, 32°	Howard M. Hazen, 32°
1961	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	Willis E. Brubaker, 32°
1962	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	Charles S. Hendricks, 32°
1963	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	Harold G. Miller, 32°
1964-65	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	Ray M. Black, 32°
1966	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	Albert S. Carney, 33°
1967-68	Gray F. Smith, 32°	Raymond R. Blowers, 32°, MSA
1969-70	Gray F. Smith, 32°	John A. Hayes, 32°
1970-72	Gray F. Smith, 32°	Van B. Waite, 32°
1972-74	Gray F. Smith, 32°	Clyde R. Shawley, 32°
1974-97	Gray F. Smith, 32°	
1997-98	Gray F. Smith, 32°	
1998-	Ray A. Nycum Jr, 32°	



# Scottish Rite Club Past Presidents

Listed by Dates Organized

## Bedford-Fulton Co. County Club

*Organized July 23, 1954*

*Reorganized as Bedford County Club October 9, 1973*

1954 - 55	Arthur S. Amick, 32°	1979	Robert B. Kagarise, 32°
1956 - 59	W. Albert Winecoff, Sr., 32°	1980	Walter K. Smith, 32°
1960-63	Duane C. Foor, 32°	1981	Donald R. Bingham, 32°
1973-75	J. Henry Baker, 32°	1982-84	Harry G. Alt, 32°
1976	R. Brant Huston, 32°	1985-87	Charles T. Stone, 32°
1977	George W. Waugerman, 32°	1988-90	Thomas B. Ickes, 32°
1978	Percy D. Bowman, 32°		

## South Cambria-Somerset County Club

*Organized August 20, 1954*

1954-55	Andrew R. Barr, 32°	1969	Martin Goldhaber, 32°
1956-57	William H. Myers, 32°	1970-74	Warren I. Louder, 32°
1958	Clyde H. Pensinger, 32°	1975-79	William H. Ewald, 32°
1959-61	Henry T. Bock, 32°	1980	G. Donald Ringler, 32°
1962	Robert F. Minahan, 32°	1981-86	Charles R. Koontz, 32°
1963-64	H. Jay Clark, 32°	1987	Thomas E. Day Jr., 32°
1965	John A. Henneke, 32°	1988-89	Thomas E. Young, 32°
1966-68	Franklin H. Penner, 32°	1990-93	Walter Kleinmeyer, 32°

## Northern Cambria/ Southern Clearfield/Eastern Indiana Club

*Organized September 16, 1954*

*Reorganized March 14, 1994*

1954-57	E. Huey Fyock, 32°	1976	Warren A. Lumbatis, 32°
1957	Robert Muir, 32°	1977	William B. Moore, 32°
1958-61	Ralph S. Frycklund, 32°	1978	Robert J. Banfield, 32°
1962	John C. Kline, 32°	1979	J. David Kline, 33°
1963	Robert Grey, 32°	1980	Harry E. Fryckland, 32°
1964	John L. Jones, 32°	1981	John C. Castel, 32°
1965	Ronald K. Jones, 32°	1982	Howard Nicewonger, 32°
1966	Henry Law, Jr., 32°	1983	Joseph G. McGee, 32°
1967-68	Alvin R. Fager, 32°	1984	Harvey J. Clawson, 32°
1969	William H. Morrison, 32°	1985	Milford J. Hoffman, 32°
1970	James C. Davis, 32°	1986-87	James P. Will, 32°
1971	Richard W. Logue, 32°	1987	James Townsend, 32°
1972	John Grozanick, 32°	1988	Robert Burgan, 32°
1973	Robert W. Brubaker, 32°	1989	John S. Kinkead, 32°
1974	F. Edmund Jenkins, 32°	1990-93	Thomas Crawford, 32°
1975	Joseph M. Sherwin, 32°	1994-95	Joseph Trybus, 32°
		1997-99	Ralph Lewis, 32°

### Central Cambria County Club

*Organized October 4, 1954*

1954-57	Malvin H. Kline, 32°	1959-60	Dwight K. Singer, 32°
1957	Joseph Dukes, Sr., 32°	1961	Blair W. Ritchey, 32°
1958	Byron E. Roberts, 32°		

### Huntingdon/Mifflin County Club

*Organized May 23, 1955*

1955-57	Harry W. Gerlock, 32°	1976-77	Harry J. Collins, 32°
1957-58	Elmer L. Parker, 32°	1978-79	William E. McKinney, 32°
1959-60	Robert C. Lohmiller, 32°	1980-82	Ira E. Harris, 32°
1961-62	Charles W. Dell, 32°	1983-84	Earl Wharton, 32°
1963-65	Ned D. Kough, 32°	1985-87	Wayne S. Mitchell, 32°
1966	Lester Keller, 32°	1988-89	William H. Minsker, 32°
1967	Daniel L. Mong, 32	1990-92	Joel Steel, 32°
1968-69	George A. Luse, 32°	1993-94	Bobbie L. Anderson, 32°
1970-71	Newton C. Taylor, 32°	1995	Ernest Dell, 32°
1972-73	Charles Miller, 32°	1997-99	Stephen A. Murray, 32°
1974-75	Vernon W. Anderson, 32°		

### Moshannon Valley Club

*Organized September 16, 1956*

1956	W. Thomas Gould, 32°	1968	J. Charles Heath, 32°
1957	William R. Hazleton, 32°	1969	John W. Hassinger, 32°
1958	J. Maxwell English, 32°	1970-71	Clayton E. Peters, 32°
1959-60	Charles B. Mills, 32°	1972	Franklin S. Stover, 32°
1961	Boyd M. Houch, 32°	1973-74	William J. Pollosino Jr, 32°
1962-63	Louis F. Shinafelt, 32°	1975-80	Harlin L. Winters, 32°
1964	Joseph H. Dixon, 32°	1981-87	Harmon L. Dale, 32°
1965	Percy O. Kephart, 32°	1988	James O Srock, 32° (Acting)
1966	Adam M. Ross, 32°	1989	Harmon L. Dale, 32°
1967	Harry E. Charles, 32°	1990-93	James O Srock, 32° (Acting)

### Susquehanna (Clearfield Co.) Club

*Organized January 25, 1957*

1957-61	Jacob M. Kintzel, 32°	1967	Donald J. Jury, 32°
1962	Robert C. Knerr, 32°	1968	Paul D. Hineman, 32°
1963	John L. Klett, 32°	1969-75	E.M. Nelson, 32°
1964	Neil MacBlain, 32°	1976-80	Marvin Wallace, 32°
1965	Stanley E. Fink, 32°	1981-87	Ronald P. Boyles, 32°
1966	Philip, J. Robinson, 32°	1988-95	Fred W. Cochrane, 32°

### Centre County Club

*Organized August 28, 1959*

1959-71	R. Stanford Artz, 32°	1986-87	Paul W. Parsons, 32°
1972-81	Robert P. Moore, 32°	1988	Paul D. Breon, 32°
1982-83	Kenneth E. Parsons, 32°	1989-90	Harry M. Barner, 32°
1984	Philip E. Witmer, 32°	1991-92	Donald Boller, 32°
1985	Paul W. Ishler, 32°	1993-99	Ross Hoy, 32°

### Indiana County Club

*Organized March 12, 1969*

1969-70	Paul J. Woodring, 32°	1976	M. Donald Clapper, 32°
1971	Dale W. Woome, 32°	1977-78	John A. Gearhart, 32°
1972	J. Ward Oaks, 32°	1979-80	Lloyd E. Bastian, 33°
1973	George M. Steele, 32°	1981	D. Ray Phillippi, 32°
1974	Garman G. Butterbaugh, 32°	1982-93	Lloyd E. Bastian, 33°
1975	Howard H. Zimmerman, 32°		

### Somerset County Club

*Organized June 19, 1970*

*Reorganized November 9, 1953*

1970-71	Merle D. Kimmel, 32°	1979	Elmer Rhodes, 32°
1972	George Jock, 32°	1980	Howard H. Trexel, 32°
1973	Robert L. Lohr, 32°	1981-83	Arthur L. Brown, 32°
1974	Carl E. Waugaman, 32°	1984-85	John Lucas, 32°
1975	Robert B. Lambert, 32°	1986-90	James B. Thomas, 32°
1976	William G. Oglie, 32°	1994	Jerry L. Lyons, 32°
1977	Donald Swanson, 32°	1995-99	Thomas Brown, 32°
1978	Thomas Brown Jr., 32°		

### Morrison's Cove Area

*Organized October 17, 1984*

1985-87	John R. Biddle, 33°
1988-93	Donald W. Ayers, 32°

## Survivors Mutual Benefit Association of Central Pennsylvania Presidents

1954-56	J. Howard Tobias, 32°
1956-57	Guy Z. Pierce, 32°
1957-61	J. Howard Tobias, 32°

## Past Officers Association

The information on the Past Officer's Association was researched and we were unable to locate any information on the Past Presidents and years served. The following was done from the memory of Past Presidents.

Vernon Anderson, 33°  
Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°  
John C. Kline, 33°  
J. David Kline, 33°  
Kenneth O. Knowles, 33°

Daniel Morningstar, 32°  
Earl C. Robinson, 33°  
Ronald R. Yoder, 33°

## The Scottish Rite Players of the Valley of Altoona

Director of Work ..... Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°  
Director of Show ..... Robert C. Nankeville, 32°  
Asst. Director of Show ..... John F. Steckroth, 32°  
Chairman and Choreographer ..... Ross F. Woods, 32°

Earl A. Bathurst, 32°  
William A. Baumgartel, 32°  
Richard Botteicher, 32°  
Melvin K. Campbell, 32°  
Allen L. Crum, 33°  
Ernest DeJaiffe, 33°  
Raphael T. George, 32°  
Richard C. Hoffman, 32°  
Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°  
Jack L. Moore, 32°  
Robert C. Nankeville, 32°  
F. Wayne Perry, 32°  
Earl C. Robinson, 32°  
John F. Steckroth, 32°  
John H. Ulrich, 32°  
Kenneth W. Wendle, 32°  
Robert J. Wilkins, 32°  
Glenn C. Wilt, 32°  
Ross F. Woods, 32°

Peg Bathurst  
Rusty Baumgartel  
Betty Botteicher  
Aleta Calvert  
Jane Crum  
Rena DeJaiffe  
Doris George  
Clara Fagan  
Phyllis Hauenstein  
Marian Moore  
Marylee Nankeville  
Margaret Perry  
Pearl Rudisill  
Lorma Steckroth  
Thelma Ulrich  
Dorothy Wendle  
Charlotte Wilkins  
Mary Wilt  
Helen Woods  
Edna Schaeffer  
Ora Schaeffer  
Melody Wilt

# Chapter Four

Awards, Scholarships and Honors





# Fifty Year Members Of the Valley of Altoona

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Home Town</i>			
Adams, Russell N	1998	Nanty Glo	Gates, Dwight A	1996	Grampian
Aller, John A	2003	Sun City AZ	Good, Joseph R	1995	Lancaster
Austin, Melvin G	1998	Altoona	Goodman, Martin	2003	Altoona
Barber, Thomas R	1995	Sidman	Grannas, Chester E	2000	Hollidaysburg
Barclay, William	2003		Gustafson, Gerhard T	1999	Johnstown
Bassler, John R	1997	Roaring Spring	Hall, Charles W.	1995	Hollidaysburg
Belz, Arnold Jr	2002	Altoona	Hall, Clair H.	1994	Snow Shoe
Benson, Melvin	2003	Duncansville	Hall, Edward B	1997	Snow Shoe
Biddle, Levi S.	1994	Roaring Spring	Harding, James F	2003	Johnstown
Books, I. Melvin	2000	Altoona	Harman, Christian	1994	Bellefonte
Botteicher, James A	2000	Altoona	Hartmen, Donald	2003	
Botteicher, Richard J	1997	Altoona	Hartley, Theodore T	1996	Altoona
Baronner, William D	1996	Hollidaysburg	Heid, George	2003	
Brannon, Chalmer L	1998	Tyrone	Hescox, Wesley K	1993	Bellwood
Brown, John B	1999	Huntingdon	Hess, John M	1998	Indiana
Brown, Robert W	1998	Nanty Glo	Hileman, John	2003	
Buck, Wilfred G	1998	Warrior's Mark	Hoover, Robert R	1996	Roaring Spring
Burkett, Donald E	2002	Summerhill	Houseman, Jack D	2002	Hollidaysburg
Burkholder, Thomas	1997	Altoona	Houser, Glenn E	2002	Altoona
Carothers, Richard A	1997	Altoona	Ickes, Harry	1991	
Clapper, John S	1996	Duncansville	Ingram, William E	1998	Altoona
Corle, Melville W	1993	Altoona	Isenberg, Charles	2003	
Crain, Frederick E	1997	St. Petersburg FL	Johnson, Andrew E	2002	Hollidaysburg
Crowe, William T	1997	Berlin	Johnson, Lewis	2003	
Crum, Lawrence Jr.	2001	Altoona	Jones, Lawrence	1997	Ebensburg
Davis, Lawrence L	2002	Ebensburg	Kaup, Glenn H	1998	Altoona
Davis, Roy D	1996	Duncansville	Ketner, John H.	2003	Tyrone
Decima, Harris	1992		Knepper, James G.	1998	Somerset
Dejaiffe, Ernest	2002	Brocton NY	Knouse, Melvin E	2000	Fort Pierce FL
Detwiler, John L	2003	Long Key FL	Lake, Samuel L.	2000	Tyrone
Devorris, Morris	2003		Lambert, Milton	2003	
Diehl, Wilbur F	2002	Theodore AL	Latimer, George W	1994	Exton
Dick, Melvin	1995	Altoona	Leamer, Joseph C	1996	Williamsburg
Dixon, Leroy A	1995	New Oxford	Liebegott, John W	2002	Corry
Dole, Albert K	1996	Lewistown	Lightner, Robert O	1996	Altoona
Dunn, James M	1998	Altoona	Lindsey, Eugene E	2002	Duncansville
Eichelberger, Lloyd	1997	Altoona	Lingenfelter, Franklin	1995	East Freedom
Eichelberger, Vance T	2003	Malvern	Lohr, Donald J	2002	Hooversville
Evey, LeRoy	2001		Lucas, Forrest M	1997	Tyrone
Fauth, Donald M.	1999	Altoona	Mallow, Harold R	2000	Altoona
Fisher, Merrill	1953		Martz, Jack C.	1999	Altoona
Foor, Duane C	1998	Everett	Mauk, John P	1996	Altoona
Frantz, William T	1995	Port Matilda	McCartney, Robert L.	1998	Fallentimber
Fuoss, Joseph E	1996	Bellwood	McGarvey, Richard	2002	Lebanon
Garman, Chalmer E	2002	Altoona	McGhee, Robert	1998	Ebensburg
Gates, David H	2002	Ft. Wayne IN	McIntyre, Clyde A	1995	Hollidaysburg
			McIntyre, Paul E	1995	Hollidaysburg
			McKnight, Walter R	1996	
			Meadows, Richard S	1999	Hollidaysburg
			Meek, Marlin G	1998	Palm Harbor FL
			Miller, Jacques K	2000	Tyrone
			Mingle, Ammon D.	2003	Roaring Spring
			Monborne, Edward F	1997	Nanty Glo
			Morgart, Donald T	2000	Bradenton FL
			Morrow, William C	1996	Florida
			Musser, Franklin	1998	Altoona

Nearhoof, Walter L.	1996	State College	Summerson, Bruce L.	2003	Altoona
Neason, Ray N	2002	Altoona	Tate, Donald A.	2000	Williamsburg
Nelson, Harry J.	2000	Sebring FL	Trostle, George M.	2000	Duncansville
Olyer, Jack	2003		Troxell George W	1998	Blandburg
Otto, Harry L	2002	Hollidayburg	Ulrich, Richard D	1998	Bellefonte
Over, J. Dennis	2000	Martinsburg	Wallace, Lee	1989	
Over, Jeremiah R.	2000	Martinsburg	Wenrich, Paul L.	1993	Hollidaysburg
Parks, Raymond W	1994	Altoona	Waugaman, Carl	2003	
Parks, Robert R.	1993	Altoona	Wethersin Ronald	1996	Spangler
Parsons, Thomas C	2003	Altoona	Wible, Clyde	2003	
Parsons, William K	2002	Altoona	Wilkinson, Kenneth	2003	Altoona
Perry, John H	1997	Altoona	Williams, William F	1999	Ramey
Pfaff, Leo	2003		Williamson, James G	1998	Bellwood
Pickens, Dorsey B	1998	Altoona	Wingard, Albert	2003	
Pile, Robert J	2002	Friedens	Winnagle, Paul W	1999	Altoona
Plank, Lester	1990	Hollidaysburg	Winslow, Robert	2003	
Plummer, Robert W	1995	Portage	Winter, John A.	1995	Altoona
Pratt, Clarence H	1997	Huntingdon WV	Wise, Ralph R	1998	Jupiter FL
Pryce, John D	2003	Johnstown	White, Melvin G	2002	Largo FL
Rager, Robert B	1997	Cresson	Whited, George C	2002	Richmond VA
Ream, Frank A.	1999	Duncansville	Wilson, David A	2003	Johnstown
Rearick, Chester L	1996	Martinsburg	Wood, Frank B	2000	Annapolis MD
Rhodes, Donald E	1993	Altoona	Woomer, Arch M	1996	Tyrone
Rhodes, Kenneth F	1998	Altoona	Woomer, Luther V	1996	Indiana
Rhule, Ralph E	1997	Altoona	Yoh, Clarence J	1998	Altoona
Rice, David C	2003	Bellefonte	Young, John E.	2003	Hollidaysburg
Ringler, G. Donald	2000	Johnstown	Younkin, Donald R	1997	Somerset
Rishell, Paul	2003				
Ritchey, Donald M	2003	Everett			
Roan, Harry	1996	State College			
Rodland, Merle	2003				
Rotz, Carl R	2002	Washington			
Rouzer, Richard C	1996	Florida			
Royer, Daniel C	1997	Williamsburg			
Royer, Denver R	1996	Martinsburg			
Rumberger, Jesse B	2002	Bradenton FL			
Saleme. James	1998				
Sessaman, Ivan C	1996	Altoona			
Sellers, William R	1996	Hollidaysburg			
Shaw, Amos C.	1999	Newry			
Shaw, Hewitt B	2003	Twinsburg OH			
Shaw, George	2003				
Sheraw, Duane E.	1999	Tucson, AZ			
Sherwin, Joseph	1992				
Shoff, Gard W. Jr	1999	Madera			
Showers, Calvin C	2003	Pawleys Island SC			
Shultz, Wilbur W.	2000	Altoona			
Sickinger, Arthur W	2003	New Philad. OH			
Sickles, Lloyd K.	1993	Hollidaysburg			
Smith, Albert F	1997	Altoona			
Smith, Gray	1978	Hollidaysburg			
Steckroth, John F	1998	Hollidaysburg			
Steele, G. Max	2000	Indiana			
Stone, Glenn I	2002	Altoona			
Stutzman, William E	1998	Somerset			
Summers, Virgil S	1996	Altoona			



# Scottish Rite Scholarships

## Ill.: Bro. Leon M. Abbot Scholarships

1981	Mark A. Bombeger
1982	Lilian Spangler, Clearfield
1986	Holly A. Baker Brenda Williams
1987	Elaine R. Bradley Brian K. Linderman
1988	Christine S. Beyer Brian K. Warshal
1989	Christine S. Beyer Brian K. Warshal Tina L. Herr, Altoona
1990	Elaine K. Bradley Natasha L. Gill Tina L. Herr, Altoona
1991	Cristi L. Thomas Natasha L. Gill M. Kristian Hainsey, Bedford
1992	Laura M. Ieraci, Tyrone Desiree L. Suminers, Hollidaysburg Jill S. Shockey, Somerset
1993	Cynthia Marino, Armaugh Stephanie K. Luciano, Altoona Tracy L. Herr, Altoona
1994	Jody L. Bookhammer Laura M. Ieraci, Tyrone
1995	Laura M. Ieraci, Tyrone Robert K. Mains
1996	Stephanie Luciano, Altoona Erin L. Winters, Friedens
1997	Jeremy Gach, Martinsburg Jendy Yon, Altoona
1998	Mark A. Horton Joshua B. Koontz
1999	Alison N Ieraci, Tyrone Carolyn A. Herdman, Johnstown
2000	Michael E. Kunsman, LaJose James T. Barr, Altoona Michael J. Johns, West Decatur
2001	Sadie Whitman, Meadeville Aubrie L. Bloom, Curwinsville
2002	Laura L. Sankey Sadie Whitmore
2003	Kathleen R. Johns, Williamsport Earl M. Yerty, Bloomsburg

## Valley of Altoona Scholarships

1984	M. Kristian Hainsey, Bedford
1989	Tina Herr, Altoona
1990	Desiree Summers, Hollidaysburg
1992	Tiffany R. Rhodes, Altoona
1993	Heather A. Vorhauer, Summerhill
1994	Richard H. Haupt, Roaring Spring
1995	Laura M. Ieraci, Tyrone Christina L. Gunsallus, Hollidaysburg Damon P. Evans, Tyrone
1996	Robert K. Maines, Altoona
1997	Rebekah L. Helsel, Altoona Mark A. Horton, Altoona
1998	
1999	Michele E. Kunsman, LaJose James T. Barr, Altoona
2000	Sadie Whitmore, Meadeville , T Benjamin Leverknight, Johnstown
2001	Heather N. Civitts, Lewistown Matthew P. Kunsman, LaJose
2002	

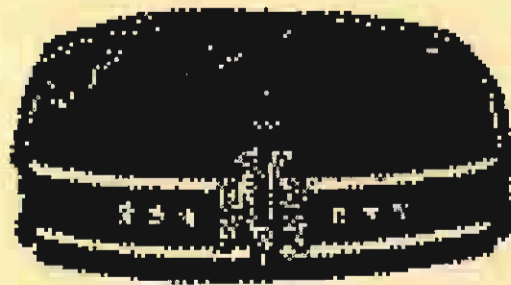
## National Sojourner's ROTC Award

1996	Heather Ratay
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# Chapter Five

## Meritorious Service Award Members







The Supreme Council Constitutions provide that the Award for Meritorious Service may be conferred upon members of the Rite who by reasons of Meritorious Service of a Masonic character are worthy of such recognition. The recipients must have attained the Thirty-Second Degree.

The M.S.A. (Red Hat) is awarded by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation for outstanding or significant services performed within the Scottish Rite and is awarded only to Scottish Rite Members.

1953	Harold R. Mallow, 33°	1984	Harold A. Burket, 33°
1954	Seneca A. Coffee, 32°	1985	Earl A. Bathurst, 32°
1955	J. Clarence Wilson, 32°	1986	William E. Evans, 33°
1956	David N. Kornis, 32°	1987	James B. Green, 32°
1957	E. Huey Fyock, 32°	1988	Philip F. Witmer, 32°
1958	Malvin H. Kline, 32°	1989	Edgar W. Fonner, 32°
1960	George E. Brehman, 33°	1991	Lewis W. Woods, 32°
	J. Guy Schaffer, 32°	1992	W. Wallace Glasgow Jr., 32°
1961	Ralph W. Isenberg, 33°	1993	Kenneth L. Rothrock Jr., 32°
1962	John R. Young, 32°	1994	Robert P. Moore, 32°
1963	Albert L. Fleck, 32°	1995	John A. Keller, 32°
1964	Raymond R. Blowers, 33°	1996	William B. Haxel, 32°
1965	Joseph Dukes Sr., 33°		Paul W. Ishler, 32°
1966	William C. Giarth, 32°	1997	Theodore Luciano, 32°
1967	Harry E. Charles, 32°		Byron DeShong, 32°
1968	Earl C. Robinson, 33°	1998	Daniel C. Morningstar, 32°
1969	Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°		Ralph W. Wingard, 32°
1970	Robert F. Cunningham, 32°	1999	Grey F. Smith, 32°
1971	Charles E. Baird, 32°		M. Dennis Fishburn, 32°
1972	J. Duane Cadle, 32°	2000	Arthur O. McMillan, 32°
1973	Merle D. Kimmel, 33°		Christian Harmon, 32°
1974	Howard M. Hazen, 33°	2001	Richard F. Nedimyer, 32°
1975	Aldys G. Bistline, 32°		James O. Srock, 32°
1976	Richard W. Logue, 33°	2002	Paul F. McIntyre, 32°
1977	Ross F. Woods, 33°		Dale W. Woomer, 32°
1978	L. Russell Hill, 33°	2003	Robert J. Kidd, 32°
1979	Arthur W. Mattern, 32°		Randy Mallow, 32°
1980	Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°		
1981	Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°		
1982	Charles A. Mower, 32°		
1983	George A Luse, 32°		

## **Baird, Charles E., 32°**

The presiding officers of the Valley of Altoona have honored Brother Charles E. Baird, 32°, by bestowing on him the 1971 Meritorious Service Award. Brother Baird was born



in Altoona on October 17, 1900 to Thomas N. and Sadie A. Baird. His wife was the former Freda M. Smyers (now deceased), and there are two daughters; Mrs. James A. Baumgardner of Cockeysville, Maryland, and Mrs. Earnest W. Brindle, Jr., of Northbrook, Illinois. There are five grandchildren. Mr. Baird is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 281, F. and A. M., receiving his Master Mason degree in 1947 and in 1950 joined with the Valley of Harrisburg, later demitting to become a Charter Member of the Valley of Altoona. Immediately, he was chosen to be Chairman of the Tylers and has maintained that position ever since. He also is Chairman of Tylers for Jaffa Shrine.

After 48 years service, Charles Baird retired from the Pennsylvania Electric Company in 1965. He is an active member of the Simpson Methodist Church, serving as a Trustee as well as being affiliated with other church activities. Brother Baird resides at 2809 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

## **Bathurst, Earl A., 32°**



Earl A Bathurst, 32°, received the Meritorious Service Award in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the Council of Deliberation meeting on July 12, 1985. This Award is unique, as it is the highest honor given to a member for outstanding service, by his fellow officers of the Valley.

Brother Bathurst was born in Altoona on May 6, 1926, to Earl and Edna (Haines) Bathurst. The last of eight children, he was educated in the Altoona Public Schools and later attended numerous schools relating to his trade. Brother Earl is the owner of Bathurst Auto Body and Paint Shop, in Altoona.

He saw military service in the 9th Battalion during World War II. Brother Bathurst was a former member of the Eldorado Kiwanis and served as building chairman when they built their present club house.

In 1968, the honored member entered Mountain Lodge, No. 281, F. & A. M., Altoona, Pa., where he served as Treasurer for 1972-75; he joined the Valley of Altoona, May 1969, and in 1975-76 served as Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council Princes of Jerusalem and was a member of the Board of Trustees in 1979-82. Brother Bathurst is a member of the Honor Guard and Blair County Membership Committee. Currently he is now serving as Properties Manager for the Valley of Altoona. He also belongs to the

following: Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189; Mountain Council, No. 9; Mountain Commandery, No. 10; Altoona Square and Compass Club. Mr. Bathurst is a member of the Jaffa Shrine Temple, Jaffa Oriental Band, Altoona Shrine Club, and has served on various Shrine committees. Brother Earl is married to the former Peggy Marie Gibson. He and Mrs. Bathurst are the parents of a daughter, Gail. The Bathursts reside at 866 38th Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania and are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

### **Bistline, Aldys G., 32°**

Each year the four presiding officers, acting for the membership, select a member of the Valley to be the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. This year they have selected



Brother Aldys G. Bistline, 32°, who was presented with the Award at the Council of Deliberation meeting in Harrisburg on July 11, by Ill. Brother W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

For the past eight years Brother Bistline has been a very active member of the Stewards group and for the past six years he has been Ill. Bros. Dukes first assistant, taking charge of the serving of the food. The membership is pleased that he has been recognized for his gracious and dependable service.

Our honored brother was born on February 15, 1901 at Millerstown, Pa. He attended the Public schools in Millers-town until 1916 when the family moved to Altoona. By this time Brother Al was interested in that "new-fangled" contraption appearing on our roads, called the automobile. He decided to seek a career as an auto mechanic. Some of you older members may remember the Empire Automobile Co., where he was first employed. In 1922 he established his own auto repair garage and has spent the past 53 years "working on cars." Contrary to popular concept, our Brother is held in high esteem by the people he serves.

Brother Bistline's Masonic life began on February 2, 1943 when he was initiated in Logan Lodge No. 490. He sought more light in Masonry by joining the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Williamsport in 1944. He transferred to the Valley of Altoona in 1953. He has held memberships in the Tall Cedars and the Square and Compass Club. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine.

He is a member and Elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of Altoona and in his younger days served as manager and assistant coach of both the boys and girls basketball teams of the Fairview United Methodist Church.

He lives at 300 22nd Avenue, Altoona with his wife, Jeannette. They have one son John, and two grandchildren. Congratulations to our servant, Brother Aldys G. Bistline, 32°.

## **Blowers, Raymond R., 32°**

The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother Raymond R. Blowers be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1964 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.



Brother Blowers received his Master Masons Degree in 1948 from Mountain Lodge No. 281 F&AM, Altoona PA, and going in on the Charter; he became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona in 1951, later serving as Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem 16°. He has the distinction of being among those who put on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Degrees at their initial portrayal in the Valley of Altoona. Since 1957, he has been Stage Director for the Reunions. Many other phases of the work in the valley have seen his services.

Brother Blowers holds membership in Jaffa Shrine where he is affiliated with the Oriental Band. He is also a member of the Square and Compass Club.

An active member of the Mardorf Methodist Church, Altoona, the honored Mason is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a machinist. Born in Juniata and educated in the schools there, Brother Blowers is married to the former Helen Wise of Altoona. They have a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Stroh of State College.

## **Brehman, George E., 33°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother George E. Brehman be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1960 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 8, 1960 at Scranton PA.

Ill.: George E. Brehman, 33°, Past Commander in Chief has been tireless in his efforts and support of the Activities of the Valley of Altoona since it was constituted.



## **Burket, Harold A., 32<sup>o</sup>**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met in Pittsburgh on July 13, 1984, Brother Harold A. Burket was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by any one Valley, which is granted for outstanding service.



Brother Burket was born in Altoona on July 7, 1915 (the second of nine children) to Chester H. and Catherine M. Burket. His Father before him was an active member in our Valley, doing valuable work with Robing.

He was educated in the Altoona Public Schools, graduating from the Altoona High School in 1933.

In 1941, he married the former Dorothy M. Zeigler and they are the parents of two daughters: Nancy B. Burket, of Altoona, a Bookkeeper and Carol B. Stitt, of Las Vegas, NV, a hospital Executive Secretary.

Our honored Brother served his country as a Master Sergeant in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theater and was in Ordinance during the Korean Conflict.

After 35 years service, he retired as Superintendent of Maintenance from the Ward Trucking Corp.

Brother Harold is a member of the Grace United Church of Christ in Altoona where he is now Secretary of the Consistory (the governing group.)

His Masonic record includes: Member of Logan Lodge, No. 490, F. & A.M. and is current Secretary; member of the A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona and is a Past Sovereign Prince, in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, member of the Honor Guard and Stage Manager. He holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, being in the Legion of Honor and the Honor Guard. He also belongs to the Altoona Square and Compass Club and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

He and Mrs. Burket reside at 2800 5th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

## **Cadle, J. Duane, 32°**

J. Duane Cadle, 32° has been honored by the Valley of Altoona's Presiding officers to receive the 1972 Meritorious Service Award.



Brother Duane was born in Clearfield County on February 4, 1896 to the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Cadle at a time when his Father was pastor of the Methodist church in Lumber City, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the Altoona and Williamsburg, Pennsylvania public schools and retired as a machinist for the former Pennsylvania Railroad.

Brother Cadle has been a member of the Fifth Avenue United Methodist church of Altoona for thirty-six years, having been a member of the official board, taught in the youth and adult departments of the Sunday School and still does substitute teaching there. He also is a former Sunday School superintendent and at one time he officiated as president of the Blair County Sabbath Association.

Our honored member is a Past Master of Portage Lodge No. 220, F. and A. M. and he was initiated as a charter member in the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Altoona. Since 1954 he has rendered continuous service on the robing committee, retiring this year as chairman emeritus. Mr. Cadle helped to build up the robing room until it is one of the most complete in any Valley. In this work he was a most faithful, devoted and dependable worker. He holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple and Jaffa's Legion of Honor.

Married to the former A. Ethel Focht, he and Mrs. Cadle are the parents of three sons: Norman of Hollidaysburg, Darrel of Altoona and Richard of Pittsburgh. There are seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They reside at 601 E. Grant Avenue Altoona, Pennsylvania.

## **Charles, Harry E., 32°**

The Meritorious Service Award, given only to Masons who have proven themselves worthy of it by their services, has been awarded this year to Brother Harry E. Charles, 32°, by the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Altoona PA, and further approved by the Council of Deliberation.



The recipient of the coveted award is a Past Master and Life Member of Moshannan Lodge No. 391, F&AM and is a member of the Charity Committee and Tyler. He also held top offices in Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 228; Moshannan Council No. 56 Royal and Select Masters; Mountain Commandry No. 74, Knights Templar; and is still active in all mentioned. He also holds membership in the Council of Anointed Kings of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Penn Priory No. 6, Harrisburg; and has life memberships in the Valleys of Williamsport and Altoona. In the Valley of Altoona, he is on the registration committee, works in the 13<sup>th</sup> Degree and is on the Membership and Welfare Committee for the Philipsburg area; is Past President and current Secretary of the Moshannon Valley Scottish Rite Club of the Valley of Altoona. Brother Charles most outstanding service to the Valley is that of securing large numbers of new members and even though he was instrumental in obtaining the same, he is completely unselfish about being first line signer or even second line signer. The main interest is the betterment of the Valley of Altoona.

The honored member is a member of the Jaffa Shrine, where he is vice president of the Samsar Club. He is an instructor of the 21<sup>st</sup> District in the Masonic School of Instruction. He also finds time for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Allegheny Craft and Royal Arcanum Centre Council No. 803, and is the latter's current secretary as well as Past Regent.

Brother Harry is a retired Postal Clerk, after 42 years service. He is a veteran of World War I, holding a Master Sergeant rating and was later appointed an Army Field Clerk, with his honorable discharge coming from Walter Reed Hospital in 1920. He formerly held a position of Traffic Manager with a Michigan Drug Company.

Born in Philipsburg PA on July 10, 1889, Brother Charles still resides there with his wife, the former Elsie Raybould. He is a member of the First Church of Christ in his home town and on the Board of Trustees.

### **Coffey, Seneca A., 32°**

Recommended by the Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona and approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 9, Seneca A. Coffey, 32, Publicity Chairman for the Altoona Scottish Rite, has been nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1954.



Brother Seneca Arthur Coffey, formerly a member of Robert Burns Lodge No 464, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, but for many years a member of Mountain Lodge No. 281, Altoona Pennsylvania.

Brother Coffey has been a most ardent worker for Masonry in all its branches. Being a member of the official family of the Altoona Mirror Printing Company of Altoona for many years, he has handled all newspaper publicity for all branches of Masonry.

He was a former member of the Valley of Harrisburg since 1922, but now a full and Charter Member of the Valley of Altoona. He is a member and past high priest of Mount Moriah Chapter No. 166, a member of Mountain Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masons, and Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Brother Coffey is a member of the Ward Avenue Presbyterian Church, Altoona Pennsylvania, a Sunday School Teacher and leading citizen in our community.

During our very beginning, the services rendered our Scottish Rite in the Valley of Altoona by Brother Coffey and even now, is of the utmost important to us.

### **Cunningham, Robert F., 32°**

Honored by his fellow officers, Brother Robert F. Cunningham was elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award for 1970 (The highest award given to a member by his own Valley).



Brother Cunningham, a native of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cunningham. He was married to the former Jennie M. Mauk (deceased) and is the father of Mrs. A. C. Lee of Altoona and Mrs. M. S. MacGoldrick of Malvern, Pennsylvania. There are four grandchildren and one great-grand-child.

The Award recipient retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company after more than forty-eight years' service, retiring in 1957.

Brother Cunningham was made a Master Mason in Hiram Lodge, No. 616, F. and A. M. on March 17, 1952 and is currently the Tyler of the Lodge. He is Chaplain of Mountain Chapter, No. 189, and a member of Mountain Commandery No. 10 and Mountain Council No. 9. He became a Charter member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona. He is Hospitaller of All Bodies and participates in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. He is also Chairman of the Registration Committee and serves on the Membership Committee.

A member of the Gethsemane United Methodist Church of Juniata, Brother Cunningham currently is a Trustee and is serving on the Administrative Board, and is President of his Sunday School Class.

His fellow brethren in the Valley of Altoona congratulate him on this high honor.

## DeJaiffe, Ernest, 33°

At the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation meeting in Hershey in July, Ill.: Bro. Ernest DeJaiffe was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. Our Honored Brother has



had a long history of service to our Valley, and to the Masonic Fraternity in general. From the very beginning of the Valley he has worked with the ritual area mostly, but has helped in many other areas. Some of his services to the Valley include:

Selected and trained the first degree team (4°) in the Valley of Altoona. In this team he took the part of King Solomon and still takes the part.

He has worked in many of the degrees. Some of the more important parts he has taken are: King Solomon in the 4°; First Judge in the 7°; George Washington and James Mercer in the 20°; all of the officer parts in the Ceremonial section of the 32°; and Prince Commander, Urban, and Ignacious in the Allegorical section of the 32°.

In the early days of the Valley he worked in make-up when not on stage and is still a member of the make-up group.

Represents the Valley, as a Masonic speaker many times each year.

His service to the Fraternity can best be shown by his officer credits in those bodies.

Hiram Lodge No. 616 - Past Master, Secretary for 16 years and now treasurer.

Mountain Chapter 189-- Past High Priest and present Secretary.

Mountain Council No. 9--Past Thrice Illustrious Master and present Secretary.

Mountain Commandery No. 10--Past Commander and present Secretary,.

Valley of Altoona---Past Sovereign Prince, Past Commander-in-Chief and present Secretary.

Red Cross of Constantine -- Past Pussiant Sovereign and present Trustee.

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests -- Deputy Preceptor. Square and Compass Club--Past President and present Secretary.

Allied Masonic Degrees --Junior Deacon. His service to the community includes: 52 years of Sunday School teaching.

14 years as a member of the Altoona Board of School Directors.

8 year member of the Blair County Board of School Directors. 23 year member of the Altoona Kiwanis Club (Past President).

32 years of service in the Boy Scouts of America (Received the Silver Beaver Award)

Ill.: Brother DeJaiffe is retired as Professor Emeritus from Penn State University in Engineering. He lives with his wife Lorena at 214 21st Avenue, Altoona, Pa. The DeJaiffes have a son Robert of Wayne, N.J. There are three grandchildren

## **DeShong, Byron E., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met in Seven Springs, PA., on July 12, 1997, Brother Byron E. DeShong, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.



Bro. DeShong was born in Altoona on August 16, 1940 to Nathan and Rhoda DeShong. He graduated from Altoona High School and received his B.S. Degree from Penn State. He is a member of the Wehnwood United Methodist Church and owns and operates Pedal Power Bicycle Shop in Altoona.

He is married to Ruth C. DeShong, who is a Staff Assistant at Penn State, Altoona. They are the proud parents of 3 children, 2 daughters and 1 son. They are: Robin (DeShong) Clippard, who is an Engineer for Appleton Paper. Molly DeShong, who is a recent graduate of Penn State, majoring in Elementary Ed. Nathan DeShong, who is an Engineer for Hitachi Electronics in Greenville, SC.

Bro. DeShong is a member of Logan Lodge #490, and joined the Scottish Rite on May 1, 1970. He is also a member of Jaffa Shrine and Tall Cedars. He has really been an active member of Scottish Rite and for many years as one of our most valued Stewards.

In his community he has been Chairman of the PA. Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee where they advise the Governor and State Agencies.

Our congratulations to Brother DeShong on receiving this prestigious honor. He is a tireless worker and a benefit to our Valley.

## **Dukes, Joseph Sr., 32°**

Brother Joseph Dukes, Sr. 32 was recommended by the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Altoona to receive the Meritorious Service Award and this distinction was further approved by the Council of Deliberation. This rite is given to those 32° Masons who have proven themselves worthy of it by their services.



Brother Dukes is a Member of Summit Lodge No. 312, and was a former member of the Valley of Williamsport. He is a noble of Jaffa Shrine. The Valley of Altoona saw him as Thrice Potent Master in the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, in 1958-59. He currently is working as a Degree Master, as well as taking parts in various degrees. He ably holds the Chairmanship of the Stewards Committee for the Valley.

Our honored Brother is president of the Board of Trustees of the Cresson Presbyterian Church, spending his entire adult life in the Central Pennsylvania Coal regions and the major part in a supervisory capacity in the mining industry. He retired in 1964 after managing a family mining operation

A native of Spangler, Brother Dukes lives in Cresson with his wife Janet, and they are the proud parents of five children. There are 15 grandchildren.

### **Evans, William E., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Hershey on July 12, 1985, Brothel William E. Evans was honored by being nominated for the Meritorious Service Award.



The Award will be presented at the Banquet on November 22, 1986. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by a Valley, and is granted for outstanding service.

Brother Evans was born February 1, 1910 in Ebensburg, Pa., a son of Charles E. and Jessie (Good) Evans. He graduated from Ebensburg High School May 29, 1927. He started work at the Cambria & Indiana Railroad Co., Colver, Pa. on June 1, 1927. He retired February 1, 1973 with 46 years service, was General Manager when he retired.

He is a member of the First United Church of Christ, Ebensburg. He taught Sunday School and was Treasurer for 12 years. The Church honored him and presented him a plaque in 1982 for his dedicated and loyal service. He currently is a member and treasurer of the Deacon Board.

His civic activities include: serving as president of the Ebensburg Senior Citizens, in his 7th term, Judge of Elections, East Ward, Ebensburg. Has been a VITA volunteer (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) for 9 years. He is in the RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program).

His Masonic record -- member of Summit Lodge, No. 312, where he received his 50 year membership pin June 7, 1985. He is an Honorary Past Master and has served as Junior and Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Master of Ceremonies and Pursuivant. Currently he is a Trustee. He is a member of the A.A.S.R. and a Past Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He is presently serving as Coordinator for the Valley of Altoona. He is a member of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 166 of Hollidaysburg and a member of the Altoona Square and Compass Club of Altoona. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine, serving on the Hospital and Membership committees. He is area chairman for Air Transportation for Shrine Hospitals. He has received the Samsar Award and is a past president of Northern Cambria Shrine Club.

Brother Evans and Mrs. Evans (former Pearl Keilman) reside at 713 E. High Street, Ebensburg, Pa.

### **Fishburn, M. Dennis, 32°**

Brother M. Dennis Fishburn, 32°, was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) given by the Council of Deliberation, which was held at Seven Springs, on July 24, 1999.



Brother Fishburn was born January 616, 1941 at Bellefonte PA, a son of Ralph and Lillian Fishburn. He grew up in Snow Shoe PA.

He graduated from Bald Eagle Area High School in 1959. On November 27, 1960, he married Barbara Gunsallas and they had three children, two daughters, Lisa and Lori, and one son, David. They lived in Milesburg for 28 years. He later married Deborah Koozer on Pctober 18, 1991 and has one step son, Nathan. They now live in Bellwood PA.

Dennis has worked as a mechanic, welder and truck and bus driver. He then worked for Penn State University, which he retired on disability in April 1997.

In his community, he was active in Boy Scouts, the Fire Company and Civil Air Patrol.

Masonically, he is a member of Bellfonte Lodge #261 and York Rite at Bellefonte. He is a Past Grand Tall Cedar (1995), Centre Forrest #149, Tall Cedars, and is a member of the Valley of Altoona, where he served as Most Wise Master and is now Assistant Reunion Coordinator, Chairman of the Marshals and President of the Past Officers Association. He is also a member of the Jaffa Temple where he served as President of the Greeters in 1997, and is now Secretary of Jaffa Consessions.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend its congratulations to Bro. Fishburg on his latest achievements.

### **Fleck, Albert L., 32°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother Albert L. Fleck be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1963 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

Brother Albert L. Fleck resides in Altoona and is a retired Army Officer. He is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 616 F&AM. He has been active in Scottish Rite, a member of several Degree teams and is now Captain of the Honor Guard.



## **Fonner, Edgar W., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on June 17, 1989, Brother Edgar W. Fonner was honored by receiving the Meritorious



Service Award. This award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.

Brother Fonner was born in Hollidaysburg on December 26, 1906. He married the former Gladys Beahm and they have one son, Ronald, who retired from military service. At the present time, he is working as a regional supervisor for NAPA in the Baltimore area. They have four grandchildren.

Our honored member spent his working life as a salesman. His record shows 41 years as a salesman and counterman for the S.M. Griffith Company. This company was one of the leading wallpaper and paint distributors in the city until development wiped out their store on Green Avenue. Following this, Brother Fonner completed his working life in the Advertising Department of the Altoona Mirror, retiring in 1972.

In his Masonic life, he's been a loyal member of Hiram Lodge No. 616. He joined the Valley of Altoona in the Spring Reunion of 1959, and immediately went to work in the Make Up Room, where he has been working on faces for 30 years. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine where he serves in the Oriental Band as well as the Make-up Committee.

Bro. Fonner is an active member of the Fairview United Methodist Church where he has served on the Pastoral Relations Committee and as a Trustee of the Church. He and his wife reside at Blair Towers, 1600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona Pennsylvania.

The membership of the Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend its congratulations to Brother Fonner on his latest achievement, the Meritorious Service Award from the Valley of Altoona in 1989.

## **Fyock, E. Huey, 32°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother E. Huey Fyock be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1957 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 12, 1957 at Philadelphia PA.

Brother E. Huey Fyock, 32°, affectionately known as "Huey", resides at 910 Philadelphia Street, Barnesboro; is employed by the U.S. Government as a Mail carrier on the original route he helped to establish January 1, 1921. He attended Juniata College,

Huntingdon PA, and was a school teacher and salesman until accepting his present position.

Brother Fyock is married and the father of three daughters and two sons. His is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Barnesboro, and is active in the civic affairs of his community. He is active in Boy Scout work and is a trustee of Hope Fire Company.

Brother Fyock was raised a Master Mason in Patton Lodge No. 658, F&AM, Patton PA, May 24, 1949. He received the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in the Valley of Williamsport, May 1950, and affiliated with the Valley of Altoona, March 1952, under dispensation, demitted from the Valley of Williamsport and becoming a Charter Member in the Valley of Altoona. He helped organize the Northern Cambria County Scottish Rite Club, served as its first president for two years and is a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Degree team. Brother Fyock has been very active in the Valley of Altoona, and has been at every Reunion, assisting where ever asked to help.

### **Giarth, William C., 32°**

Brother William C. Gairth, 32°, better known as "Chet", was recommended by the Presiding officer of the Valley of Altoona and further approved by the Council of



Deliberation to receive the coveted Meritorious Service Award, only given to Masons who have proven themselves worthy of it, by their services.

Our honored Brother is a member of Anacoco Lodge No. 147, F&AM of Hawthorne LA and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, being Thrice Potent Master of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°. He launched the organization of the Honor Guard and is former Captain of the same. He actively takes part in several degrees, serving as Degree Master of the 4°. He participates in Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, and Mountain Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the Square and Compass Club and the Jaffa Shrine Temple where he is a member of the Legion of Honor. He also holds membership in Esther Chapter, No. 26, O.E.S. in Leesville LA.

Brother Giarth is a retired Army Lt. Col, entering the service at the start of World War I as a private. He was wounded in the Battle of Argonne Forest, thus receiving the Purple Heart and spending months in hospitals in England and the United States. He is part of many important organizations pertaining to the service of his country.

Mr. Gairth is a Past Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., being affiliated locally with the B.S. Davis Lodge. He is also District Grand Master of Blair County.

A member of Grace United Church of Christ, Brother Gairth is an Elder and a member of the Consistory of the Church. He lives with his wife, the former Alma Minister at 2517 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona PA, and has two step-sons and three grandchildren.

### **Glasgow, W. Wallace, 32°**

Brother W. Wallace Glasgow, 32, was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Council of Deliberation, held in the Poconos, on Saturday June 20, 1992. Due to sickness, Brother Glasgow was unable to attend; therefore, his Jewel was presented to him at the monthly meeting of the Valley of Altoona, on September 10, 1992.



Brother Glasgow was born October 9, 1906, in Bellwood, PA., the son of William W. and Alice (Warfel) Glasgow. He graduated from Bellwood High School in 1926.

Brother Glasgow, more often called Wally, is an active member of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church and has been an Elder for 15 years, serving on the Building and Property Committee. Brother Wally served his country in the U.S. Army, from 1942 to 1946, during World War II. He was married in July 2, 1938 to

Marjorie Ellis, who died February 28, 1982. His employment started when he was 10 years old, carrying newspapers and also helping his father in the Plumbing and Heating business. After he graduated from High School he worked in a Grocery Store and in 1928, was made manager of the Shaffer Store at Crawford Ave. and 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Altoona.

Brother Wally is a Member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has served as a Registrar for some time. He is also a member of the Jaffa Shrine and a Member of the Legion of Honor. In 1980, he was elected as a Representative to the 107 Imperial Council Session at New Orleans, Louisiana. Wally was on the Membership Committee for five years and has a Samsar Jewel with 3 diamonds in it. He is presently on the Entertainment Committee. Wally is a Life Member of the B.P.O. Elks #212, also a 50 year Member of Hiram Lodge F. & A.M. He has been a member of the American Legion for 48 years and was Commander for two years.

The Membership of the Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend its Congratulations to Brother Glasgow on his latest achievement.

## **Green, James B., 32°**



Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at the Hershey Convention Center, Brother James B. Green was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is given to one member of the Valley each year. They are selected for outstanding service to the Valley. It is a great honor and we all offer our congratulations to Brother Green as our recipient in 1987.

Our honored guest was a member of the Class of 1973 and he worked on the stage crew from that time to the present and forms an integral part of all stage presentations.

He and his wife, the former Shirley Baker, reside at R. D. 3, Box 131, Altoona. They have 2 children, both married and residing in the Juniata Gap Area.

Brother Green is very active in the Juniata Gap Area having served in many different capacities of the Fire Co. He is a member of the Mardorf United Methodist Church as well as:

Blair Co. Fire Police Association  
Blair County Law Enforcement  
Civil Air Patrol  
Keystone Search and Rescue Group

Again, we congratulate Brother Green on his Meritorious Service Award, and we hope and pray that he and his family will have many years of health and pleasure in this area, for the area needs men like him and our Valley appreciates the many services he gives to us.

## **Harmon, Christian, 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met in Hershey on July 24, 2000, Brother Christian Harman, Jr., was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by any one Valley, which is granted for outstanding service.



Brother Harman was born in Monument, PA., on March 19, 1910. He was educated in the Lock Haven Public Schools, graduating from Lock Haven High School in 1928, he then attended the University of Detroit, graduating from there in 1930. He then graduated from Lock Haven Teachers College in 1933. He became a teacher in Benner Township where he is also a member of Benner Township School Board and First Vice

President of Bellefonte Jointure for 16 years. He's also Chairman of the Benner Township Water Authority.

He owned and operated Harman's Dairy and Milk route in 1933 to 1947.

He's been married to his wife Eleanor for 67 years and they are the proud parents of one son, Hal.

Brother Harman is a member of the Bellefonte United Church of Christ, and served on the church council and several other committees for the past 60 years.

He's been involved in numerous community services which include being a Member of the Boy Scout Troop in Mill Hall, PA, and he also served on the Juniata Valley Boy Scout Council. He's a past member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion Club #33 and the Eternal Order of Moose #206. He's a life member of the Nittany Country Club. He also is a Life Member and Past Exalted Ruler of Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094.

His Masonic services includes being a Life Member and Past Master of Bellefonte Masonic Lodge #268 where he is still an instructor in Ritualistic Work and teaches new members their obligations and Degree at 90 years of age. He also attends Masonic Lodge Meetings and instructs each and every Monday night at School of Instruction. He's belonged to the Altoona Consistory since November 2, 1956, having affiliated from Williamsport. He's helped do the 14th Degree in Reunions for over 35 years.

He's a Life Member and Past Grand Tall Cedar of Centre Forest #129 of State College. He's the only surviving Charter Member that helped organize Centre Forest in 1947.

The Valley appreciates the many services he has given to us, and we extend our congratulations to him and wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Hauenstein, Spencer W., 32°**

At the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held in Altoona on July 11, 19~10, Brother Spencer W. Hauenstein received the Meritorious Service Award. This was the result of the action taken by his peers who nominated him to receive this distinctive honor.



He was born in Carbondale, Pa. on November 14, 1927 to Russell F. and Frances (Spencer) Hauenstein. He was educated in the Carbondale schools, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Scranton, Tufts University, Boston University where he received a B.S. in Education and New York University earning a M.S. in Education and was certified in Physical Therapy.

In his profession as a Physical Therapist, Brother Hauenstein worked at the Bellvue Medical Center, New York from 1952 to

1954; director of the Physical Therapy Department in the Altoona Hospital from May 1954 to May 1980; consulting Physical Therapist for Hillview Convalescent Home for ten years and is presently employed by the Department of Public Welfare in Pennsylvania, heading the Physical Therapy Department of the Altoona Center for Developmental Disabilities; is a consultant to the Infant Stimulation Program of the Altoona Center for Special Learning; delivers services to homebound patients through physician referrals with the Blair County Home Nursing Agency. The following hospitals also saw his services: Bedford Memorial, Clearfield, Nason (Roaring Spring) and the J. C. Blair in Huntingdon.

His civic activities include eight years on the Borough of Bellwood Council (four years as president) and is now on another four year term: former Secretary of Bellwood-Antis Redevelopment Authority and was Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Blair Planning Commission. He worked for the United Fund and is a regular contributor to the Red Cross blood program. He also was an advisory member to the Blair County Home Nursing Association.

Our honored Brother has been active in all phases of Scouting in the Unit, District and Council, serving on all important committees and receiving six major awards including the Silver Beaver Award for his outstanding work.

Our Brother was in the United States Army in the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, enlisting in 1945. He served five years in the Reserve Forces.

He is married to the former Phyllis J. Greenwood and they are the parents of two daughters: Barbara Ann, a teacher; Patricia Lee, married and a son, Eric, a Forester in Montgomery, Alabama. There are two grandchildren.

The Masonic record of Brother Hauenstein is as follows: In 1966 he joined Logan Lodge, No. 490, becoming Worshipful Master in 1973, was Chairman of the Culture Committee, Chaplain, Vice-president of the 20th Masonic District School of Instruction and currently is a Trustee of Logan Lodge and Secretary of the Masonic Hall Association. Was Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Trustee for all Scottish Rite Bodies, member of the Scottish Rite Players, Degree Master of the 32° Cast (now assistant), active cast member of the 4°, 5°, 7°, 17°, 18°, 27° and 32°. He belongs to Mountain Commandery, No. 10, Mountain Council, No. 9, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189. He also belongs to Jaffa Shrine Temple and is Chaplain of the Drum and Bugle Corp. Also a member of the Altoona Square and Compass Club.

His other memberships include a life member of National Rifleman's Association, American Motorcycle Association, American Physical Therapy Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Physical Therapy.

The Hauensteins reside at 421 Boyle St., Bellwood and they are members of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church where Brother Spencer is a Ruling Elder.

## **Haxel, William B., 32°**

Brother William B. Haxel, 32°, was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Council of Deliberation, held in Hershey on July 13, 1996.



Bro. Haxel was born December 16, 1919, in Houtzdale, where he grew up and was educated.

He is an active member of the 58th Street Methodist Church where he is Finance Chairman and he's also a member of the Administrative Board.

He began working for the PRR Railroad in 1941, and in 1944-46 and 1950-52, he was away for service with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. During his many years with the PRR, Penn Central and Conrail, he worked as Road Foreman of Engines, Engineer Instructor for the Allegheny Division.

Bro. Haxel is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, where he has served as Robing Chairman since 1991 and before that had been the Assistant. He also does degree work and parts in the 32°.

His Masonic record is as follows: Hiram Lodge #616 - Chaplain - Trustee; Chapter #189 - P.H.P. - now Pursuivant; Council #9 - Captain of the Guard - Trustee; Commandery #10 - various chairs; On Degree Teams of All Bodies; Conemaugh Gap York Rite College #34; Square and Compass Club. In Jaffa Shrine, he's a member of the Legion of Honor; Oriental Band; Jaffa Road Runners; Jaffa Railroaders, of which he's Founder and P. Pres. and Chaplain; he's on staff of Jaffa Journal, Charter Member of Jaffa Hill Billy's and Altoona Shrine Club.

Bro. Haxel and his wife Phyllis live on Broad Avenue in Altoona and they have 7 children and 14 grandchildren.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend its congratulations to Bro. Haxel on his latest achievement.

## **Hazen, Howard M., 32°**



Brother Howard M. Hazen, 32, received the Meritorious Service Award at special ceremonies at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at Pittsburgh in July. The Valley of Altoona honored him by naming him for this award by our brother proving his merits for services given.

Mr. Hazen was born in Scottdale, Pa. to William B. and Maude T. (Starr) Hazen when his father was teaching in a business College there. He was educated in the Altoona schools and the Zeth

Business College. He is employed by the A&P Tea Company as a warehouse superintendent and has been with them for thirty-five years.

Brother Howard is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, served as Sunday School superintendent and on church council for numerous terms. Earlier he worked with Boy Scouts and was a "Dad" for the Order of DeMolay. The honored member belongs to Hiram Lodge No. 616, F. & A. M; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona (formerly a member of Williamsport Scottish Rite). He is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix. 18, entertainment chairman for ten years having charge of Family Nights aim any entertainment pertaining to reunions and picnics. He also takes part in the 7th, 17th, 18th, 20th degrees along with being degree master of the first section of the 32nd degree. Jaffa Shrine Temple has had his services on the appointed divan, served as entertainment chairman for two years and is currently secretary of the amusement committee in addition to rounding out a total of five years as membership chairman; he is a past president of the Square and Compass Club. In Atlantic City, N.J. September 1974, Brother Hazen was nominated to receive the 33rd Degree which will be conferred in Boston, Mass. in September 1975.

The MSA recipient resides with his wife, Loretta, at 871 30<sup>th</sup> St., Altoona. They are the parents of a son, H. Allan, a social psychologist for the U. S. government, and a daughter, Mrs. Ray. Nycum, Jr. (Susan), a teacher in the Altoona Area School District. There is one grandson, Jeffrey Allen Nycum, age two.

### **Hill, I. Russell, 32°**

At the Pennsylvania Council Deliberation meeting in Williamsport on July 14, 1978 Brother L. Russell Hill received the Meritorious Service Award. This Award, the highest honor in the power of the Valley to grant was given for outstanding service in the Valley and the fraternity.



The Masonic service record of Brother Hill includes the following: Past Master of State College Lodge, No. 700. Also a Trustee and Chairman of their Masonic Culture Committee; Past High Priest of Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241, Royal Arch Masons: Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Nittany Council No. 57, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander of Constans Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. Presently serving as Treasurer and is Secretary-Treasurer of Division No. 8 Past Commanders and Line

Officers Association. Past Most Wise Master of Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° and presently serving as a Trustee for the Valley of Altoona and also Assistant Director of the Work of our Valley. Holder of a Fifty Year Senior of DeMolay. Became a Charter member of Penn State Chapter on May 28, 1923. Member of Jaffa Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Presently serving as Esteemed Loyal Knight of Lodge No. 1600, B.P.O.E., State College.



Our Masonic servant was born in Bellefonte in 1906. He was educated in the public schools of the area, supplementing this education with diplomas from International Correspondence School, the Eckels College of Embalming and the Dale Carnegie program. In 1926 he married Ann Edith Ward, now deceased. There were three sons: Ward, Logan and Theodore. (Theodore is now deceased.)

Our honored Brother lives in State College where he is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Having retired from Cerro Copper and Brass Co. in 1971, he now gives generously of his time to a number of civic causes in the Centre County area.

### **Isenberg, Ralph W., 32°**

Brother Ralph W. Isenberg, 32°, resides in Williamsburg PA, and is employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. He is active in church and community affairs. He is a member and Past Master of Portage Lodge No. 220 F&AM, Hollidaysburg, a



Member and Past High Priest of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, Hollidaysburg, a Member of Mountain Council No, 9 and Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar, Altoona PA.

Brother Isenberg was a Charter Member of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection under Dispensation. He is a Past Sovereign Prince of the Altoona Council Princes of Jerusalem, serving for the year 1954-55. When the Valley received the Dispensation for the Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Brother Isenberg immediately became Degree Master of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Degrees, both of which have been conferred in full Ceremonial Form at our Reunions by the Brethren of the Williamsburg area. He also served as Trustee for a three year term.

### **Ishler, Paul W., 32°**

Brother Paul Woodrow Ishler, 32°, was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Council of Deliberation held in Hershey on July 13, 1996.



Due to sickness, Bro. Ishler was unable to attend; therefore, his Jewel will be presented to him at the Fall Reunion Banquet, which is scheduled for December 11, 1996.

Bro. Ishler was born May 27, 1924 in Millheim, Pa., to Paul and Ruth Ishler (both deceased). He was the oldest son in a family of 4 children.

He's been a very active member in the First Presbyterian Church in Bellefonte, being a Deacon for 9 years and he's also been an Elder for 3 years.

He was educated in Millheim Elementary School, East Penn's Valley High School and later continued Vocational Training at Penn State University.

He was employed at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview as a Correctional Officer, Sgt., he's now retired.

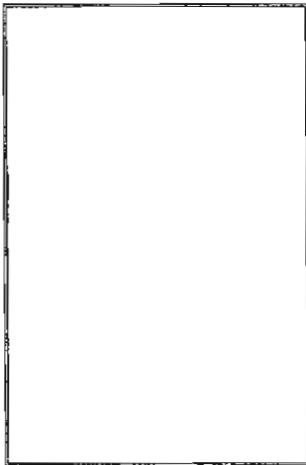
Bro. Ishler and the former Shirley Lou Breon were married on August 18, 1962, and now live on Forge Road in Bellefonte. They are the parents of one daughter.

Bro. Ishler served in the Army, serving his Country.

His Masonic record is as follows: Bellefonte Lodge #268 F&AM - Tyler and current Trustee; Royal Arch Chapter #241 - Tyler; Constans Commandery #33 -Sentinel; Nittany Council #57; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona Past Most Wise Master; Jaffa Shrine - Jaffa Concert Band and Trustee; and the Royal Order of Scotland.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Ishler on his latest achievement.

### **Keller, John A., 32°**



When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Champion PA on July 8, 1976, Brother John A. Keller, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley. The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Keller on his latest achievement.

### **Kidd, Robert J., 32°**



When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Seven Springs Resort on July 19, 2003, Brother Robert J. Kidd, 32°, was honored by posthumously receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley. The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to the family of Bro. Kidd on his latest achievement.

## **Kimmel, Merle D., 32°**

The Presiding Officers of the Valley of Altoona have named Brother Merle D. Kimmel, 32° to receive the Meritorious Service Award, which was presented to him at a special ceremony at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation sessions in July.



Brother Kimmel was born in Kimmelton, Pa., on May 10, 1918 to John L. and Virginia R. Kimmel. He was educated in the Kimmelton and Somerset, Pa. schools and recently retired after twenty-four years service for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Brother Merle's Masonic affiliation are Somerset Lodge #358, F. & A. M., Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Westmoreland Forest 77, and a former member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh, demitting there to become affiliated with the Valley of Altoona. He is Past President of the Valley of Altoona's Scottish Rite Club in Somerset, currently being its membership chairman. Our honored Brother has worked diligently in that area and through his untiring efforts he has been instrumental in strengthening the Scottish Rite cause there.

Brother Kimmel belongs to Jaffa Shrine Temple and is Past President of the Somerset County Shrine Club. This year he was elected as Representative to Shrine Imperial sessions. He also belongs to Jaffa's Legion of Honor.

A member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Somerset, he is now on the Administrative Board. Mr. Kimmel is a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict being discharged as a Master Sergeant.

The M.S.A. recipient is busily engaged in an official capacity in Little League Baseball and is a former Director of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department.

Married to the former Ethel H. Sanner of Rockwood, Pennsylvania, he and Mrs. Kimmel are the parents of a daughter Vicki, who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown this year. The Kimmels reside at 321 W. Garrett Street Somerset, Pennsylvania.

## **Kline, Malvin H., 32°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother Malvin H. Kline be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1958 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 11, 1958 at Harrisburg.

Brother Malvin H. Kline was born in Osceola PA and moved to Colver PA, 45 years ago where he has been very active in the

affairs of his church and community. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and has served in practically every office of the Church.

Brother Kline is a member of Summit Lodge No. 312, F&AM, Ebensburg PA. He circulated the petition through out Cambria County to have Scottish Rite Bodies Constituted in Altoona. He had cherished desire to travel through the Chairs, he served as Captain of the Guard and Master of Ceremonies in the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix. He organized and served two years as President of the Central Cambria Scottish Rite Club, molded together the cast for the 26<sup>th</sup> Degree and served as Degree Master. He would be more active but illness has forced him to resign from all physical activities.

### **Korns, David N., 32°**

The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother David Nevin Korns be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1956 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 13, 1956 at Allentown PA.



Brother David Nevin Korns, 32°, is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 281, F&AM, Altoona PA, a Member of the Valley of Altoona, receiving the 14<sup>th</sup> October 28, 1952 in the Valley of Altoona, and the 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees in the Valley of Williamsport, November 1952. Brother Korns is now a full member in the Valley of Altoona, having demitted from the Valley of Williamsport.

Brother Korns, who is 33 years old, graduated from Altoona High School and Eckels College of Mortuary Science, and now conducts the Korns Funeral Home in Juniata. He served in the Navy during World War II. He is active in Boy Scout work, and a past president of the Square and Compass Club. Brother Korns is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and has served as a Church Councilman and is now Assistant Superintendent of the Adult Sunday School of the Church. He is married and the father of two children and is very active in local, civic, and community affairs.

Since the Spring Reunion of 1953, Brother Korns has been chairman of the makeup department and has been untiring in his duties in learning the makeup of the different characters and recruiting other members of this department.

## Lindsey, Eugene E., 33°

The Meritorious Service Award, the highest honor paid to a Brother by his own Valley, was, bestowed upon Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, 32°, a present Trustee and Past



Sovereign Prince of the Altoona Princes of Jerusalem, 16°. He also is Degree Master of the 27° as well as taking part in other degrees.

Brother Lindsey, born in Duncansville, of Tolbert C. and Mamie (Smith) Lindsey was educated in the Allegheny Township schools, the Hollidaysburg High School, received his B.S. degree in 1942 at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his M.Ed. was earned at the University of Pittsburgh in 1954.

Our honored Brother currently is Assistant Principal of the Hollidaysburg High School having formerly taught Chemistry in Osaka, Japan, Science and Mathematics at the Morrison Cove High School, and Chemistry at the Hollidaysburg Community Joint Senior High School.

A member of the Hicks Memorial Methodist Chinch of Duncansville, Brother Lindsey teaches a Bible Class and is Sunday School Superintendent. He also belongs to a number of professional organizations and is active in Civil Defense, Duncansville Fire Company, and Veterans' affairs.

Brother "Gene" saw military service in the Asiatic, Pacific and American theaters of operation.

The award recipient is a Past Master of Juniata Lodge, No. 282, F. and A. M., Past High Priest of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 166, Marshal for Mountain Council No. 9, and is Senior Warden of Mountain Commandery No. 10. He also belongs to Tall Cedars of Lebanon No. 13, and Jaffa Shrine Temple. He demitted from the Valley of Williamsport to be a part of the Valley of Altoona.

Eugene E. and Lois A. (Holsinger) Lindsey reside in Duncansville and they are the parents of one daughter, Eugenia, who is a student at the Hollidaysburg Junior High School.

## Logue, Richard W., 32°

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Harrisburg in July, 1976, Brother Richard W. Logue, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.



The Meritorious Service recipient was born in Altoona, a son of Webster M. and Mary (Weber) Logue and was educated in the Altoona schools and Pennsylvania State University. He is a retired electrical inspector for the Department of General Services, State of Pennsylvania. He resides with his wife, the former Annaclare Paul, at Portage where they are members of the Bethany United Methodist Church. They are the parents of three children, Virginia Ann (Mrs. Dennis C. Richardson) of Murrysville, Pennsylvania, Richard Paul Logue of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Patricia Lee Logue of Portage, Pennsylvania. There are two grandchildren, David and Kris Anne Richardson.

The honored member belongs to Summit Lodge No. 312, F. & A.M., and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona where he is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix and has served as Trustee for the Valley. He has been a member of the Marshals since 1960 and has been Chairman of the Marshals for the past nine years.

Our Illustrious Brother is Past High Priest and is currently Secretary of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, Sr. Deputy G.T.C., Chief Logan Forest No. 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and is a member of Mountain Council No. 9, Mountain Commandery No. 10, Square and Compass Club and Jaffa Temple. He is past president of the Northern Cambria Scottish Rite Club and was presented in 1975 a plaque from them for meritorious service. He is also past president of the Northern Cambria Shrine Club, past treasurer of Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11 and a member of Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons, Royal Order of Scotland, and Correspondence Circle, The Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London.

Besides Masonic activities, Mr. Logue is a life member and past engineer of the Portage Volunteer Fire Co., past treasurer of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and vicinity, charter member and past president of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania, past president of the American Association of Firemen and a member of the board of control of Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association. He also belongs to I.O.O.F., Cove Lodge No. 368, Sons of the American Revolution and is a charter member of the Portage Revolver and Pistol Club, having served as president and treasurer.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Logue on his latest achievement.

## **Luciano, Theodore, 32°**

Brother Theodore Luciano, 32°, was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, held in Seven Springs on July 12, 1997.



Brother Luciano was born in Altoona on December 25, 1921, to Rev. Michael and Rose Luciano. He presently belongs to the Western Christian Orthodox Church on 8th Avenue in Altoona, where he has been their Organist for five years and is the Assistant Minister. He became ordained to be a Deacon in 1991, and later was ordained to the Presbytery as Minister in 1992.

He attended the Altoona Schools and graduated in 1940. He also attended ICS Machinists School, the PRR apprentice school for four years, and graduated in 1950 as a Journeyman Machinist. He attended Pre-Med at University of Pittsburgh for one year and went into the service in 1942. He attended Duarte Costa University for Theology, and graduated in 1989.

He was an ICC Inspector for PRR at Kearny, NJ, for three years, and was a machinist in the Juniata Shops for 16 years. He was a Prudential Insurance Agent for two years and was also a Customer Services Administrator for SKF Industries. He was placed on total and permanent disability in January of 1969.

He married Mary F. Shubert in 1942, and later married Lathrisia Leaper in 1974. He is the father of six children.

He has been revolved in many civic activities such as the March of Dimes, where he has served on the Executive Board and was Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He has been part of the Home Nursing Community Support Program, presently serving on the Auxiliary Committee. He has served as Chaplain for the Open Doors for Handicapped and was President for the Open Heart Club of Blair County for three years. He is also a member and Sectional Leader for the Kiwanis Choir for 25 years. He is a Republican Committeeman for the 10th Ward and has been statistician for basketball at Altoona High since 1958.

He served with the US Army from 1942 to 1946, serving one year in Europe. He was in the US Army Intelligence and Medical Corps.

Bro Luciano joined Logan Lodge in June, of 1961. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in November 1961, where he served as Thrice Potent Master in 1994-95, and he's served on the Executive Board and the Long Range Planning Committee, been a member of the Choir since 1968, and now serves as the Organist, and does a wonderful job. He has served as Chaplain of the Square and Compass Club for many years, is a member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon, a member of Jaffa Temple, Altoona Shrine Club, and a member of the Jaffa Chanters.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Luciano on his latest

### **Luse, George A, 32°**



On July 8, 1983, at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation in New Castle, Pa., Brother George A. Luse received the coveted Meritorious Service Award. (This is the highest honor in the power of our Valley to grant for outstanding service.)

Brother Luse was born at Centre Hall, Pa., on May 28th, 1909, the son of Perry H. and Esther (Spayd) Luse. He was educated in the public schools at Centre Hall and attended Penn State.

Employed at the State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Pa., as a Correctional Officer, retiring June 2, 1971 after 35 years of service.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Huntingdon, Pa., he has served on the Board of Trustees as chairman; Treasurer of the Methodist Men's Class and currently serves on the Administrative Board.

Our honored Brother is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300 F. & A.M., Huntingdon, Pa.; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, where he served as Most Wise Master in the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1971-72. He is Degree Master for the 31; acts as Class Marshal; a member of Huntingdon-Mifflin Scottish Rite Club. He belongs to Standing Stone Royal Arch Chapter No. 201, Huntingdon, Pa., in which he is a Past High Priest. At present, he is serving as Treasurer. Belongs to Nittany Council No. 57, State College, Pa., and is a R. & S.M. He is a Past Commander of Huntingdon Commandery No. 65 and currently serving as Recorder. Life Member of OS Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Pennsylvania. Member of York Rite College No. 11, St. James Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine at Shamokin. Member of Seven Mountain Council No. 65, A.M.D.; Past Sovereign Master and currently serving as Treasurer. He is a Knight Mason of Erin Council No. 6, Grand College of Rites of the United States of America. Member of Masonic Order of the Bath, Order of Corks, and Order of Yellow Dogs.

Brother Luse is a 50 year member of Progress Grange No. 96, Centre Hall, Pa. A 50 year member of the Patriotic Order Sons Of America, Centre Hall, Pa. Member of Jaffa Shrine Temple; Huntingdon County Shrine Club; Life Member of Smithfield Volunteer Fire Company, Huntingdon, Pa.

Member of Huntingdon County Game, Fish & Forestry Association, Inc. and currently serving as Treasurer.



### **Mallow, Harold R., 32°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother J. Guy Schaeffer be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1953 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. The honored Brother has been and is still actively engaged in Degree work and concentrating on the stage and background setup for the Valley of Altoona Reunion Portrayals.

### **Mallow, John, 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Seven Springs Resort on July 19, 2003, Brother John Mallow, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley. The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Mallow on his latest achievement.



John Mallow, son of Ill.: Bro. Harold R and Carolyn R. Mallow, was born on September 14, 1950 in Altoona Pennsylvania. He has two younger brothers, James and Jay.

John was educated in the Altoona Area School District and in 1970, started working in the family business, Mallow's Service Center, Inc., where he continues to work with his father, brothers and family members.

He married Deborah Lingenfelter of Altoona in the First United Methodist Church of Altoona, where they are still members, and where he has served on various boards and committees.

John and Deb have two daughters; Jennifer, age 26 who is employed through Lane Bryant; and Megan, age 20, who is attending Clarion University, majoring in Elementary Education.

John is a 25 year member of Mountain Lodge No. 281 F&AM and a member of the Valley of Altoona, A.A.S.R., where he is the Director of Stage. Brother Mallow is also a member of Jaffa Shrine, where he is also Director of Stage, Member of Motor Corps, and Potentate's Aide. He is a member of Court No. 70, Royal Order of Jesters.

## **Mattern, Arthur W., 32°**

Brother Arthur W. Mattern, 32°, was honored on July 14, 1979 at the Council of Deliberation by having the Meritorious Service Award bestowed upon him after having been elected by the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Altoona.



Brother Mattern was born in Altoona on August 21, 1894 to Robert A and R. Minnie (Drolsbaugh) Mattern. He was educated in the Gaysport (Hollidaysburg) and Altoona Public Schools. He graduated from Altoona High School in 1912. In 1918, he received a B.S. Degree from Penn State College. He saw military service during World War I, receiving much schooling in wireless maintenance and he did the same work as a civilian until the United States Army took over that phase in 1920.

At one time, Mr. Mattern did summertime work with the Pennsylvania Railroad, later working with electrical power companies in Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh and retired from Penelec in Altoona in 1959.

On March 29, 1920, Brother Mattern received his Master Masons Degree in Aberdeen Lodge No. 187, F&AM. He took his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Harrisburg on May 5, 1945, and later demitted to be affiliated as a charter member in the Valley of Altoona. Immediately, he was placed on the Robbing Committee and is now Chairman of the same. He is also a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple. Active in the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brother Mattern served for many years as Clerk of Sessions. He belongs to the Altoona Engineering Society.

Our honored member resides at 2825 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA with his wife, the former Emma B. Foust. They are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Carothers. There are two grandchildren.

## **McIntyre, Paul E., 32°**

On July 13, 2002, at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, Pa., Brother Paul E. McIntyre received the coveted Meritorious Service Award. (This is the highest honor in the power of our Valley to grant for outstanding service.)



Brother Paul was born October 3, 1913 in Geeseytown PA, a son of Howard and Bessie (Mundorf) McIntyre. On September 20, 1941, he married Margaret B. Slippey in Geeseytown. Together, they had two children, a daughter Paulette and son Duncan P. The McIntyres are members of Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg PA.

Our Brother is a fifty year member of Portage Lodge No. 220, F&AM, Hollidaysburg, where he is a past trustee, a member of Mt. Moriah

Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, Mountain Council No. 9, R&SM, Mountain Commandry No. 10, K. T. He is also a fifty year member of the Valley of Altoona AASR where he received the Meritorious Service Award in 2002, and a member of the Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. He has served as Chairman of the Jaffa Mini-Clinic, and member of the Road Runners, Railroaders and Ushers units of the Jaffa.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our congratulations to Bro. McIntyre on his latest achievement, the M S.A.

### **McMillan, Arthur O., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Hershey on July 8, 2000, Bro. Arthur O. McMillan, 32° was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.



Arthur O. McMillan was born on November 16, 1934, in Rayville, Maryland, to Bee Simon and Ruth (Matthews) McMillan. He has one older brother who is now deceased and two younger brothers, Robert of California and James of Oklahoma. He attended Arundel High School in Maryland, and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. at the age of 17. He served in the Korean War where he received two Purple Hearts, one Silver Star and two Bronze Stars.

On June 17, 1956, he married Helen (Payne) McMillan in the First Methodist Church of Hyattsville Maryland, where they are still members. They attend the First United Church of Christ in Everett, Pennsylvania. They have three daughters, Helen M. married to Wesley L. Myers of Ball Ground, Georgia, Doris J. Clark of Bowie, Maryland, Penny L. married to Alan Beegle of Clearville, Pennsylvania. They have seven grandchildren, Robert and Daniel Myers of Georgia, Kelli Clark and Sammy Clark, Jr. of Bowie, Maryland, Brandi, Starla, and Alan J. Beegle, Jr., of Clearville, PA., one great grandchild, Robert A. Myers of Georgia.

In 1960 he went to work for Greyhound Lines, Inc. in Washington D.C., as a mechanic, he graduated from Bell School for Diesel Mechanics in 1960, and from Delco Remy Electrical School in 1969 and Detroit Allison School for Turbine Engines in 1979. He retired in 1990 with 30 years of service to Greyhound Lines.

Bro. Art was raised a Master Mason in Mt. Herman Lodge #179 on November 11, 1969, and he served as Worshipful Master in 1979. He is a member of Ruth Chapter #7, Order of the Eastern Star of Hyattsville, Maryland, and is a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel #4, International Order of Job's Daughters. He is also a past Dad for George Fleming Moore Chapter of DeMolay of Hyattsville, Maryland. He is a member of Chief Logan Forest # 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona, where he served

as Thrice Potent Master in 1997-98, and he is presently a Trustee on the Executive Board. He joined Jaffa Shrine in 1993.

The Valley of Altoona extends our Congratulations again to Bro. McMillan on this award for the Valley appreciates the many services he has given us.

### **Moore, Robert P., 32°**

Brother Robert P. Moore, 32°, was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Council of Deliberation, held in Hershey on Saturday, July 9, 1994.



Brother Moore was born October 13, 1926, in Port Matilda, Pa., the son of Fred (deceased) and Esther (Cowher) Moore, who is now 94 years old.

Brother Moore is an active member in St. John's United Methodist Church in State College, where he served as Trustee and President, Chairman of the Pastor Parish Committee, Superintendent of Sunday School and assisted with youth Fellowship.

Brother Moore attended Port Matilda grade and high school, graduating in the Class of 1945. He also earned apprenticeship-International Typographical Union in printing. He took Insurance courses at Penn State. He worked as a printer for Nittany Printing and Publishing Co., Himes Printing, and was also owner of the Robert E Moore Printing Shop for 25 years. He retired in 1994 from Robert P Moore Insurance Agency.

Brother Moore married Josephine Rumbarger from Warriors Mark on October 8, 1950. They had no children, but he assisted his nephew in college, Dr. Frederick J. Moore, Chiropractor. He also coached Little League Baseball for 10 years in State College. Brother Moore served with the U.S. Navy for 2 years in the Pacific Theatre (Pearl Harbor).

Brother Moore was presented a plaque by State College Lodge #700 in appreciation of service as Secretary from 1981-1993.

He's also an avid hunter and fisherman, having done it from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Canada where he goes annually.

His Masonic record is as follows: He belongs to State College Lodge #700, where he was initiated in April 1952, Past Master in 1965, Trustee - President, 1965-1982, and Secretary from 1981 to 1993. Valley of Altoona, he was member of the Frederick B. Yorks Class, then served as Thrice Potent Master in the Lodge of Perfection in 1983, served on the 14° team, and Degree Master of the 14° from 1973 to 1993. Jaffa Temple, AAONMS, Bellefonte Royal Arch Chapter #241, High Priest in 1980. Nittany Council

#57, Royal & Select Masons, Dropped out of line in 1993, due to ill health. Constans Commandry #33 Knights Templar, Commander in 1990, Served as Trustee. Red Cross of Constantine #33, Williamsport Conclave. York Rite College #21, Seven Mountains Council #65, Allied Masonic Degree. Centre County Scottish Rite Club, Assisted in the reorganization of the Club, and also Past President. Centre County Shrine Club. Centre Forest #129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Life Member Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Centre County Hi-Noon Club, and also a member of State College Chapter #388, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Valley appreciates the many services he has given to us, and we extend our congratulations to him and wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Morningstar, Daniel C., 32°**

Brother Daniel C. Morningstar, 32, was the 1998 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, Due to an accident; Dan was unable to be present to receive his award at the Council, held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on July 11, 1998. He will be presented his Jewel and red hat at our Fall Reunion Banquet on October 24, 1998.



Brother Morningstar was born in Huntingdon, PA, on April 9, 1917. He was the son of Jacob and Emma (Snyder) Morningstar. He is currently a confirmed Lay Pastor of the Huntingdon Presbytery. He presently lives at RR 2 Box 233, Hesston, PA.

He attended elementary school in Donation, PA, and graduated from Huntingdon Area High School in 1936. Dan attended the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business taking such courses as Accounting, Auditing, Law and Economics. Dan is a Certified Public Accountant, but has retired with 50 years of work as a bookkeeper, accountant, auditor, and income tax preparer. He has worked in a CPA firm, had his own partnership practice, and worked for the U.S. Government Civil Service in the U.S. General Accounting Office, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and the U.S. Navy Internal Audits Division as Assistant Director.

He married Martha Margaret (Peg Coble) in 1942, making this year their 56th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of 4 children - James, Susan, Diane, and M. Annette.

Bro. Dan has been involved in many civic activities. He was heavily involved with Boy Scouting, attending many activities and receiving many awards including the distinguished Silver Beaver Scout Award. He is a Republican Co. Committeeman for Penn Twp., a member of AARP having taught their defensive driving program for 4 years and is involved with the Huntingdon & Smithfield Correctional institution Prison Ministry. He preaches at each once a year plus preaches annually at the Hollidaysburg and Westminster Woods Homes. He also helps in distributing Gideon Bibles to hotels, motels, and to high school and college students.

He helps with Shrine activities to benefit crippled children and tile Salvation Army. Brother Morningstar has an impressive Masonic Record He was initiated into the Silver Spring Lodge No. 215 in 1969 and was Senior Deacon in 1974. He joined the Valley of Washington, D.C, A.A.S.R, and the Almas Shrine Temple in Washington D.C. in 1970 and demitted to the Valley of Altoona, A.A.S.R., and Jaffa Temple in 1979. He was Sovereign Prince for the Valley in 1982 and 83 and served on the Valley Executive Board for seven years. He was a Huntingdon Co. Shrine Club Shriner of the Year. Dan also belongs to the York Rite Bodies, having joined Standing Stone Chapter No. 201. RAM, Huntingdon, in 1980, Huntingdon Commandry No. 65, in 1980, and the Nittany Council No. 57 in 1983. He has served as Most Excellent High Priest, Eminent Commander, and Thrice Illustrious Master. Dan is currently Sr. Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of the Chief Logan Forest No. 131 of tile Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is also a Charter Member of the Jaffa Shrine Hillbillies Club and Past Masters Club. He is a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, Williamsport Conclave.

The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our congratulations to Bro. Morningstar on his latest achievement, the M S.A.

### **Mower, Charles A., 32°**

At the Council of Deliberation meeting at Hershey in July, Brother Charles A Mower, 32, P.T.P.M. was nominated to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the Council Meeting in 1982 at Scranton. Brother Mower has a dedicated and long record of service to the Valley of Altoona.



He served in several stations in the Lodge of Perfection finishing as Thrice Potent Master for the 1975-76 year. He served as Trustee for three years for the Valley. He has an excellent record as the instructor for the Lodge of Perfection Officers. During the Reunions, he is back stage lending a helping hand, mostly as a prompter for degree teams. When the work in the Secretary's office builds, he can always be counted upon to bring a pair of willing hands in to the office to eliminate the problem.

We offer our congratulations to Brother Mower on his selection as Altoona's Meritorious Service Award recipient for the year 1982

## **Nedimyer, Richard E., 32°**



When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Seven Springs Resort on July 14, 2001, Bro. Richard E Nedimyer, 32° was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is the most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.

Richard E. Nedimyer was born on July 11, 1925 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, to Andrew J and Mae (Haagtand) Nedimyer. He attended Garfield Elementary, Keith Junior High School and Altoona Area High School.

Brother Nedimyer served in World War II from 1943 - 1946.

In 1957, he married Marjorie Jean (Crain) Nedimyer in First United Methodist Church in Altoona. They have 2 daughters, Melanie and Lori. They are also blessed with 5 wonderful grandchildren.

He worked for the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier and retired with 45 years service.

He's been involved in several community services including the P.T.A, and Boy Scouts. He participated in local baseball and basketball leagues as a player, coach and manager. He attained Most Valuable Player 3 times while playing City League Baseball. He also officiated as a registered official, P.I.A.A., for 27 years for basketball and 25 years for baseball. In 1946 he received a contract from the Pittsburgh Pirates as a pitcher, but a serious ankle injury disallowed him to further this opportunity.

Brother Nedimyer's Masonic Services include being President of the Altoona Shrine Club, President of the Square Compass Club, President of the Jaffa Chanters, President of the Scottish Rite Choir, Chaplain of Tall Cedars #131, Member of Logan Lodge # 490, Member of the Jaffa Shrine including the Circus and Entertainment Committee and Past President of the Jaffa Roadrunners. He is also Chairman of Daffodil Days Distribution as the roadrunners helped to deliver daffodils all over the area.

The Valley appreciates the many services he has given to us, and we extend our congratulations to him and wish for health and happiness to him and his family

## **Robinson, Earl C., 32°**

Brother Earl C. Robinson, 32, has been given the Meritorious Service Award in the Valley of Altoona for 1968. This coveted award is given only to Masons who have proven themselves worthy of it, by their services.

The recipient is a Past Master of Mountain Lodge No. 281, F. & A. M. and a former Trustee of the same. At present he is serving on the Charity Committee and the Committee of Instructions. He is a Past Trustee of Mt. Royal Arch Chapter No. 189. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona claims him as a Past Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, and a former Trustee in all bodies. He is Past President and current Secretary of the Past Presiding Officers Club, Valley of Altoona, degree master for the 17° and 18°, a member of the 20° cast and is actively engaged as a member of the Coordinating Committee, director of support groups and serves on the stage crew for Reunion activities.



Brother Robinson holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, being Past President of the Oriental Band, a member of the Amusement Committee, Ushers Club and bowls in Jaffa's Bowling League.

Our honored brother served his country in the United States Navy for a period of 28 months in World War II, seeing action in the Pacific Theatre.

An active member in the Fourth Street Church of God, Altoona, Pa., Brother Earl teaches high school students and he sings in the church choir. He also is on the Church Council, being its financial secretary.

Brother Robinson lives with his wife, Helen, at 308 Pine Ave., Altoona. They are the parents of a daughter, Nancy, a student at Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa. He is employed as a Sales Representative for Union Roofing & Heating Supply Co., Inc.

### **Rothrock, Kenneth L., 32°**

Kenneth L. Rothrock, Jr., 32°, was elected to receive the Red Hat and jewel of the Scottish Rite's Meritorious Service Award at the recent Council of Deliberation held at Seven Springs Resort on July 24, 1993.



Brother Ken was born in Altoona, son of Kenneth L. Sr. and Orpha (Davis) Rothrock. In 1957, he marries Joanne D. Miller. They have two sons, Kirk E. and Shawn L.

He is a graduate of Altoona High School and received a B.S. Degree from Juniata College. He formerly taught math at Keith Jr. High School in Altoona and was a computer programming instructor for the Altoona Vo-Tech School.

Brother Ken is a member of the Mardorf United Methodist Church, Altoona where he served as Church Financial Secretary for many years.



Brother Rothrock is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 281 F&AM, Valley of Altoona, and Jaffa Temple. He has served as Sound Chairman for the Valley of Altoona for a period of 15 years. At Jaffa Temple, he is active on the Entertainment Committee, Sound Committee, and was a Potentates Aid in 1989. He is also a member of the Jaffa Arab Patrol.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served as an Electronics Technician. For 25 years, he was a PIAA sports official for football, basketball and baseball.

We congratulate Brother Ken on his Meritorious Service Award.

### **Schaeffer, J. Guy, 32°**



The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother J. Guy Schaeffer be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1960 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 8, 1960 at Scranton PA. Brother J. Guy Schaeffer, 32°, is our chief Electrician and through the years has faithfully managed the stage lights, attending all meetings and rehearsals.

### **Smith, Gray F., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at the Seven Springs Resort on July 24, 1999, Brother Gray F. Smith, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley



Bro. Smith was born on April 7, 1902 in Canoe Creek PA to Charles C. and Alice M. (Mattern) Smith. He was one of seven children, six boys and one girl. His only sister, Ruth Hayes, lives in Lock Haven PA.

On September 4, 1929, he married Ethel M. Heverly. They were married 55 years when she passed away in April of 1984. They had one daughter, R. Ethel Smith. She married John H. Wingard in 1960 and they had two sons, John Jr. and Scott B. Wingard. Bro. Gray also has four great grandchildren, Amy, Michael, Scott Jr. and Hope, of whom he is very proud of.

Bro. Smith retired from the PRR on July 1, 1967 with 47 years service. He then did yard work for other people to keep busy for 20 years.

In 1985, Gray met Pearl Wadsworth and they were married on November 15, 1988. They have 10 wonderful years together and they like to take bus trips when possible.

Brother Smith has a very impressive Masonic Record. In November 1928, he received his 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in Harrisburg Consistory and later transferred to A.A.S.R. Valley of Altoona in 1954. He served as Captain of the Honor Guard for many years for the Valley. He has received his 50 year pin in Consistory, Blue Lodge and Jaffa Shrine. He belongs to Chief Logan Forrest #131 since 1985. Gray first joined Portage Lodge # 220 in 1927 and served as Worshipful Master in 1935. He is the oldest living member of Jaffa Temple at the age of 97.

He joined the Jaffa Shrine in the "Dedicating Class" of the new Temple in September, 1930. He was an active member of the Arab Patrol from 1943 through 1996. He was also active in the Ushers, a member of the Jaffa Past Masters Club, Railroad Club and the Hillbilly Club. For many years he served on the Amusement and Entertainment Committees, where he was the number one ticket seller. His son in law and both Grandsons are involved in Masonry.

The Valley of Altoona is very pleased to extend our congratulations to Bro. Gray F. Smith on his latest achievement, the M.S.A.

### **Srock, James O., 32°**

When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Seven Springs Resort on July 14, 2001, Bro. James O. Stock, 32° was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This award is the most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.



James O. Srock was born on June 9, 1926 in Ramey, Pennsylvania, to Frank and Edith (Glass) Srock. Both of his parents are deceased. Bro. Srock has 3 brothers, and 1 sister. His brothers are: Larry of Maine, Donald of Houtzdale, PA., and David of Clearfield, PA., 1 sister, Marion Kolesar who was killed by a drunk driver in 1984. He also had 2 half sisters, Rhilda and Nellie and a half brother, Frank Jr. who are all deceased. Bro. Srock graduated from Madera High School in 1944. He also attended Penn State University under the V12 program during the war.

Brother Srock served in World War II for 3 years. He served in the United States Navy as MoM 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, served on USS Lander and PT Squadron.

In 1951, he married Eleanor (Munson) Srock in Faith United Lutheran Church. They have 1 son, Mark, who became a Mason at the age of 21 when James was Master of Lodge and gave his son the 3 degrees. The Srocks attend Faith United Lutheran Church in Houtzdale. Bro. Srock is a Church Council member, Council President, Treasurer, Choir member, and Sunday School Superintendent.

He worked at Penn DOT as a Civil Engineer. He retired on July 8, 1987 with 25 years service. Bro. Srock also owns and operates his own business of farming, sawmill, and stripping coal.

He is on the Madera High School Reunion Committee and Past President of the Committee. He is a Past Lions Club member, and past member of the Lutheran Church Men.

Brother Srock's Masonic Services include being raised a Master Mason on Osceola Lodge F & AM #515. He joined the Lodge in 1974. He served as Master in 1978 and 1992. He is a member of the Square and Compass Club, Osceola Mills, and served as Treasurer. He is a member of the Jaffa Roadrunners. Bro. Srock served as Sovereign Prince in the Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1992-93; 1994-95; and 1999-2000.

The Valley appreciates the many services he has given to us, and we extend our congratulations to him and wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Wilson, J. Clarence, 32°**

The Presiding Officers of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona recommended Brother J. Clarence Wilson be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for 1955 which was approved by the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 8, 1955 at Reading Pennsylvania.



Brother James Clarence Wilson, better known as "Jimmie", resides at 200 Rosewell Street, Lakemont, Altoona PA, recently retired as Train Dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Brother J. Clarence Wilson is a member of Logan Lodge No. 490, F&AM, Altoona PA. He received the 32° in Williamsport Consistory, June 29, 1928, but is now a full member of the Valley of Altoona. He is a Charter Member of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14° since Dispensation. Brother Wilson is a Grand Tall Cedar of the Chief Logan Forest No 131, Altoona PA and a Member of the Jaffa Shrine.

He is a member of the Ward Avenue Presbyterian Church and very active in church work.

Since the Constituting of the Valley of Altoona, he has been a very faithful and ardent worker, working in several Degrees, looking after the robbing department and is now Hospitaler of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona.

### **Wingard, Ralph F., 32°**



When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on July 11, 1998, Brother Ralph F. Wingard, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley.

Bro. Wingard was born in Williamsburg on March 31, 1920, to John Harvey and Anna (Farber) Wingard. He graduated from the Hollidaysburg School District.

Bro. Wingard belongs to the Yellow Springs Lutheran Church in Williamsburg where he has served as Vice President of Church Council and is also assistant Communion Server. He married Ruth E. (Hearn) Wingard on August 4, 1949. They have no children.

Bro. Wingard has worked at the Hollidaysburg State Hospital as a Stationary Boiler Engineer, and at the Blue Knob Radar Station as a Heating Specialist, and he retired from the Postal Service as a Rural Mail Carrier after 20 years of service.

Brother Ralph was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1938-41 and a Staff Sergeant during World War II (1942-1945). He received a Bronze Star Medal, three Major Battle Stars and a Bronze Arrowhead for the D-Day Landing in France. Ralph also served during the Korean War (1950-51) as a Staff Sergeant and received 3 Major Battle Stars for major engagements in Korea.

Bro. Wingard joined the Portage Lodge 220 in 1955, where he was Master of the Lodge in 1965. He joined the A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona in 1957, where he has served in the 15°, 16°, and 32°. He's been the Degree Master of the 15° for over 20 years.

He's been , a member of Jaffa Shrine since 1959, he's been a member of the Arab Patrol since 1962, and member of the Past Master Club. He's also a member of the Hillbilly Club and a member of Tall Cedars.

Bro. Ralph received a kidney transplant in January of 1991, and he's doing real well now. He enjoys golfing, and also is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Our congratulations to Brother Wingard on receiving this prestigious honor. He is a tireless worker and a benefit to our Valley.

## Witmer, Philip E., 32°

On July 8, 1988, Brother Philip E. Whitmer was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award during the meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at Hershey. Awards were given to one member of the seventeen Scottish Rite Valleys represented.



Brother Witmer was born in Bellefonte on July 4, 1926 to Russell W and Augusta L. Witmer. He is the youngest of four children. His brother and both sisters live in the Bellefonte-State College area.

He is a graduate of Bellefonte High School and received an Associate Degree while working in the Physical Plant Administration at the Pennsylvania State University. He retired from there in 1984 after over twenty-two years of employment.

In 1950, he married the former Phyllis B. Stewart and they are the proud parents of a son, Philip E. Witmer Jr. of Houtzdale, and a daughter, Cathy E. Mower of San Diego, California.

Brother Witmer served his country as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was also an active member of the Civil Air Patrol for a number of years. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Lay Leader, and Choir member at the St. John's United Methodist Church of State College.

His Masonic record includes: Past Master of Bellefonte Lodge No. 268, Past High Priest of Bellefonte Chapter No. 241 R.A.M., Past Commander of Constans Commandry No 33, Member (Floor Officer) of Nittany Council No. 57 R&SM, Past Grand Tall Cedar of Centre Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R., Band Member of Jaffa Shrine, and a member of several other Masonic related Bodies.

He and Mrs. Witmer recently moved from State College to a rural location near Julian, PA.

## Woods, Lewis W., 32°



Brother Lewis W. Woods was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation on July 13, 1991, it was held at the Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, Pa.

Bro. Woods was born February 16, 1930 in West Decatur, Pa., the son of Martin L. and Violet Smeal Woods. He graduated from the Philipsburg High School in 1947. Brother Lew is an active member of Faith United Methodist Church, Bellefonte, Pa. He is a Past Trustee, Church School Superintendent, Sunday

School Teacher, Youth Advisor and Chairman of the Administrative Council.

Brother Woods served his country in the U.S. Army 1951-53, during the Korean Conflict.

He is married to the former Patricia Morrison and they reside at 1311 Parkwood Drive, Bellefonte, Pa.

He was a chain store manager for several years and then was self-employed as a Grocery Retailer, being owner-operator of Lew Woods Market in Bellefonte.

Lew is a member of Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte, Royal Arch Chapter #241, Constans Commandery No. 33, Life Member A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona. He served the Valley as Most Wise Master in 1980 and is presently serving the Valley as a Trustee. He is also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Forrest #129, Life Member and Past Potentate of Jaffa Temple, Royal Jesters Court #70 and is presently serving on the Board of Governors of the Erie Unit of Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. He is presently Secretary of the Centre Co. Scottish Rite Club.

His other affiliations include Life Member V.F.W. at Bellefonte, B.P.O.E. Bellefonte, Past Member of Rotary and Bellefonte Jaycees.

Brother Lew is also active in civic organizations such as Civil Service Patrol, Bellefonte Borough and Past Board Member of the Bellefonte Y.M.C.A. Brother Lew is a poet in his own right specializing in Patriotic Poetry. He was invited to attend the Golden Poet award World of Poetry Convention in Las Vegas in 1990. Honored first in his class Food Service School, Breckenridge, Kentucky 1952 and received a 3rd place trophy at the Mid Atlantic Shrine Association for a poem written and orated titled "America" Brother Woods is certainly deserving of the high honor that was conferred upon him at the Council of Deliberation in receiving the Meritorious Service Award, he is assuredly an outstanding Citizen and Mason.

### **Woods, Ross F., 32°**

Ross F. Woods, 32, M.S. received the Meritorious Service Award in New Castle, Pa. at the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation meeting on July 8, 1977. This award is unique in that the recipient is chosen by his peers.



Brother Woods was born in Blandburg, Pa. to Emory A. and Olive (Fry) Woods and he received his education in the Altoona Public Schools. After thirty nine years service he retired from Penn Central Railroad in 1975 as a sheet metal worker. He is a Republican 12th Ward Committeeman and a Civil Defense Ward Director. Our honored Brother was a Trustee in the Evangelical Methodist Church, Altoona, Pa.

Ross is a member of Mountain Lodge, 281 and is a member of

the Grievance Committee. He is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix and for many years has taken part in the 17° and 18° and is now Assistant Degree Master of the same. He also is a member of the Valley of Altoona's Honor Guard. His greatest achievement in our Valley is the fact that he is responsible for the founding and giving his "all" to the success of the Scottish Rite Players, of which he is Chairman. Mr. Woods is a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple where he was once President of the Oriental Band. He also holds membership in Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, 189, Altoona, Pa.

He and Mrs. Woods (the former Helen E. Rudisill) reside at 953 31st St., Altoona, Pa. They are the parents of four sons: J. Richard, executive vice president and general sales manager of Midland Glass Co., Middletown, N.J.; Theodore E., program director of the Jewish Center at Harrisburg, Pa.; Dan A., Asst. Director of Virginia Educational Loan Authority, Richmond Virginia; and Kirk I., psychological counselor for Virginia State Penal System, Richmond, Virginia. There are eight grandchildren.

### **Woomer, Dale W., 32°**

The Valley of Altoona is proud to name the 102nd Reunion Class in honor of Dale W. Woomer, 32°.

Brother Woomer has led a long and distinguished Masonic career in Logan Lodge, The Valley of Altoona and Jaffa Shrine. Brother Woomer has served in many capacities in these Masonic bodies, but most recently his endeavors have been directed to the establishment and operation of the 32 Masonic Learning Center for Children.



In the past three years Brother Dale has single handily overseen the construction and opening of the Learning Center. Brother Dale was responsible for securing the donation of furniture, carpet and various other materials necessary to complete the construction of this enormous project. Brother Dale also hand picked the Board of Governors from prominent county citizens who could contribute to the leadership of the Center. To round out the Board, Brother Dale chose three Ill. Brothers from the Valley, James A. Yoder, Ronald R. Yoder, and Jack H. Speece.

During this time Brother Woomer became very ill, yet even this did not deter his dedication to the Learning Center. He continued his daily visits, giving of his time, effort, his money to see this Center become a reality. Through his personal efforts Dyslexia can now be challenged in our communities. His dedication to our fraternity and this very special project is without equal.

These are the qualities that not only make the man a Mason but are also those qualities that should make him a 33rd Degree Mason. No man has given as much to this Valley as Brother Dale W. Woomer. Congratulations, Brother Dale!

**Young, John R, 32°**



When the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation met at Altoona on July 13, 1962, Brother John R. Young, 32°, was honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This Award is most coveted because it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation of any state, granted for outstanding service to the Valley. The Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend our Congratulations to Bro. Young on his latest achievement.



# Chapter Six

33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Honorary Members







This is the highest or official degree which can only be granted and conferred by the Supreme Council. It can not be applied for. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, a number of Thirty Second Degree Masons from throughout the Jurisdiction are elected to receive the Thirty-Third Degree because of "outstanding service to the Fraternity or service to others which reflects credit upon the Order". Nominations for the Thirty Third Degree are made by the Deputies after consultations with their fellow Actives in each state.

1926	Dr. John C. Nugent	1978	Joseph E. Bordell, 33°
1946	Arthur E. Winter, 33°		Richard W. Logue, 33°, M.S.
1955	Howard W. Lindaman, 33°	1979	Ross F., Woods, 33°, M.S.
1955	William P. Miller, 33°		Frederick E. Luse, 33°
1956	J. Floyd Buzzard, 33°	1980	Arthur L. Brown, 32°
1957	George E. Brehman, 33°		Howard H. Speece, 33°
	Frederick B. Yorks, 33°	1981	John C. Kline, 33°
1958	H. Dean Burket, 33°	1982	L. Russell Hill, 33°, M.S.
1959	Harry Hostetler, 33°		Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°, MS
1960	Robert E. Dively, 33°	1983	Vernon W. Anderson, 33°
1961	Harry C. Stenger, 33°	1984	Robert L. Freeburn, 33°
	Harry W. Gerlock, 33°	1985	James K. Thompson, 33°
1962	Clair L. Hall, 33°		Ronald R. Yoder, 33°
	Edwin F. Kinkead, 33°	1986	Merle D. Kimmel, 33°
1963	Ernest Dejaiffe, 33°, M.S.	1987	Richard D. Gunsallas, 33°
1964	Byron A. Roberts, 33°	1988	William E. Evans, 33°, M.S.
1965	Donald R. Wolford, 33°	1989	Harold A. Burket, 33°, M.S.
1966	S. Blair Sponeybarger, 33°	1990	Paul D. Hineman, 33°
1967	Harold R. Mallow, 33°, M.S.	1991	Jack H. Speece, 33°
1968	Allen L. Crum, 33°	1992	J. David Kline, 33°
	Eugene F. Yoder, 33°	1994	Kenneth O. Knowles, 33°
1969	Joseph Dukes, Sr., 33°		Arthur L. Rankin, 33°
1970	Reno A. Lepley, 33°	1995	Ernest Weierick, 33°
	Albert S. Carney, 33°	1996	Walter B. Stitzer, 33°
1971	Harold G. Miller, 33°	1997	James A. Yoder, 33°
	Lloyd E. Bastian, 33°		John R. Biddle, 33°
1972	Eugene E. Lindsey, 33°, M.S.	1998	Richard B. Fluke, 33°
	Robert Muir, 33°	1999	Gerald J. Gutshall, 33°
1973	Theodore R. Bolger, 33°	2000	William J. Harris, 33°
	Earl C. Robinson, 33°		Lloyd C. Sorge, 33°
1974	Harold D. Yoder, 33°		Wayne C. Faupel, 33°
	Raymond D. Blowers, 33°, M.S.	2001	James H. English, 33°
1975	Percy O. Kephart, 33°	2002	Duncan P. McIntyre, 33°
1975	Howard M. Hazen, 32°, M.S.	2003	Robert W Bradley, Sr. 33°
1976	Thomas R. Barber, 32°		
1977	Ralph W. Isenberg, 32°, M.S.		
	Charles B. Rishell, 33°		

## Anderson, Vernon W.

September 28, 1983

Ill.: Brother Vernon W. Anderson, 33° received the 33rd Honorary Degree on Wednesday, September 28, 1983 at the Supreme Council sessions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Our honored Brother was born at Mapleton, Pennsylvania on March 16, 1917 and was educated in the public schools there, graduating from Mt. Union High School in 1934. He pursued a course in Structural Drafting from I.C.S. in Scranton in 1946. In 1982 he retired as Store Manager for Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation, division of Natural Resources on I.T.T.

He served the municipal government in several capacities: Borough Council for seven years, Municipal Authority for over four years, Borough Secretary for eight years and is in his second year as Borough Manager. He recently was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army at Huntingdon.

Ill.: Brother Anderson was in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945 and served in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He was discharged with the permanent rank of Staff Sergeant.

His Masonic record shows that he is a member of Mt. Union Lodge, F. and A.M., No. 688, where he was Treasurer for two years, Chaplain from 1973 to 1978 and is again presently holding the office of Chaplain. He is a member of Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201, Huntingdon and was Most Excellent High Priest in 1955, serving as Trustee for a number of years. Member of Mountain Council, No. 9, and Huntingdon Commandery, No. 65, of Huntingdon. He was formerly a member of the A.A.S.R., Valley of Harrisburg and in 1971, he demitted to become affiliated with the Valley of Altoona. He was Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix in 1979-80 and is presently serving a second three-year term as Trustee. He is also President of the Past Presiding Officer Association of the Valley of Altoona. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple where he is serving on the Chaplain Corps and is a member of the Legion of Honor.

Brother Anderson is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Mapleton. He held such offices there such as Trustee, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, Church School Teacher, Certified Lay Speaker since 1968. He presently is a teacher of the Herman Smith Bible Class in the First United Methodist Church at Mr. Union, Pa. Brother Anderson lives at Mapleton Depot with his wife the former Mary H. Wible. They have two daughters Linda and Jean who are both teachers.

## Barber, Thomas R.

September 29, 1976

Brother Thomas R. Barber received the honorary 33rd degree in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 29, 1976.



Mr. Barber was born in South Wales, Great Britain on July 11, 1906 to William and Mary Ann (Evans) Barber. His father was employed as a mine mechanic. He received his education in the County Council Schools and the Cardiff City Technical College, Cardiff, Wales, and after emigrating to America in 1926 and becoming a United States citizen in 1932, our honored brother studied under the Penn State extension courses in Applied Electricity, qualifying for a chief electrician's license.

"Tom" was formerly employed by the U.S. Steel Co. of Johnstown and is now employed by the Berwind Corp. as a machinist foreman.

Music has been an integral part of Brother Barber's life as evidenced by his services to the following: Director of Music for the past 13 years at the Memorial Baptist Church of Johnstown; formerly a tenor soloist at the First Lutheran Church of Johnstown; organist for Jaffa Shrine Temple and the Chanters Unit for 15 years and organist for the Scottish Rite Choir for 14 years as well as providing dinner music for many functions.

His church's Board of Trustees saw his services for 15 years, acting as Chairman for several years. He was a member of the local school board for six years with two years as president; he was Treasurer of the local Civic Organization; and organized the Fire Company, being their President for 12 years and he also was Chief Air Raid Warden during World War II.

III: Brother Barber became a member of Johnstown Lodge No. 538, F. & A. M. in 1932 and is an affiliated member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona. He is active in Jaffa Shrine Temple and along with lending his musical talents there, he was a Potentate's Aide for 12 years and an Imperial Representative in 1966.

The new Honorary Member resides at Sidman with his wife, Kathryn, and they have an adopted son, Ronald Jay, who is with the U.S. Steel plant in Johnstown. There are three grandchildren; Eric, Brian and Cynthia.

## **Bastian, Lloyd E.**

**September 29, 1971**

At Supreme Council's recent session in Philadelphia, Ill.: Brother Lloyd Erving Bastian, 33°, was honored by receiving the Honorary Degree.



Brother Bastian, a native of Frewsbury, New York, was born on October 6, 1912 to Erving C. and Alice Shures Bastian. He was educated in the schools there, advancing his education with his business career.

After spending fifteen years with Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company, he then became affiliated with the McCreary Tire and Rubber Company to become a district manager and is in his twentieth year with them.

Our honored Brother served with the United States Army as tank Commander for a period of three years, seeing action in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, New Guinea and the Philippines. He was wounded in action in the Island of Luzon.

Brother Bastian is married to the former Elizabeth Lattimer Newcome and they reside at 225 Pond Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania. There is a son, Howard C. Newcome, who resides with his family in Brookville, Pennsylvania.

His Masonic career began in Frewsburg, New York, where he was the first initiate to be raised in Carroll Lodge No. 1147. His Scottish Rite membership began with the Valley of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, transferring to the Valley of Altoona where he now holds the office of Sovereign Prince of Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°. He is past director of the Indiana Scottish Rite Club, Valley of Altoona and was recently elected to the office of first vice president. He is a former president of the Indiana County Shrine Club and in 1966 was Potentate of Jaffa Shrine Temple and is still serving on numerous committees with Jaffa Temple. Brother Lloyd also is a member and officer of the Royal Order of Jesters, the American Legion, B.P.O.E., Indiana Country Club, and the Rattlesnake Club.

## **Biddle, John R.**

**September 23, 1997**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. John R. Biddle, 33°, on September 23, 1997, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, when Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, met.



Ill. Bro. Biddle was born on May 22, 1940, in Roaring Spring, PA., the son of Homer E. and Clara L. Biddle. In 1958, he graduated from Morrison Cove High School, and then graduated from Juniata College with a B.A. Degree in History and English. He has done graduate work at Penn State University.

On August 21, 1965, he married Marsha E. Gochnour. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who teaches first grade in the Spring Cove District. Our Ill. Brother has been employed by the Claysburg-Kimmel School District for over 32 years. He has served as Chairman of the Social Studies Department and has been advisor to the Senior Class for 31 years. He has received various honors in his teaching career.

Ill. Bro. Biddle is a member of the Roaring Spring Bare Memorial Church of God, where he has served on the Church Council for 16 Years, Deacon for 7 years, and Elder for 9 years.

He has been an active member of his Community in many Civic Activities such as: Serving on the Roaring Spring Borough Council for twenty years (1974-1994 and never missed a meeting), was Vice President of Council for four years and President for six years. He also was Chairman of the Roaring Spring Centennial Committee, Chairman of the Roaring Spring Bicentennial Commission in 1975-76. He was director of the Blair Co. Branch of the American Red Cross and he is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Garver Memorial Y.M.C.A., since 1985.

Masonically, he has an enviable record in all the branches of Masonry. He is a member of Woodbury Lodge #539, where he has been Worshipful Master three times, and has been Lodge Treasurer since 1980. He was made a Royal Arch Mason on February 12, 1980, in Mountain Royal Arch Chapter #189 held in Altoona. He was the Excellent High Priest in 1986. He was made a Royal and Select Master on October 5, 1981, in Mountain Council #9, and was the Thrice Illustrious Master in 1990. He was made a Knight Templar on November 25, 1980, in Mountain Commandery, #10 and was the Eminent Commander in 1990-91, and has been a Trustee since 1991. He is a member of Constans Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders stationed at Johnstown on September 5, 1986, and presently holds the office of Herald. He is also a member of Keystone Priory, #26 Knights of the York Cross of Honour stationed at Pittsburgh on May 2, 1992. He has been a member of the Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R., since June 22, 1968, where he has served as Thrice Potent Master and Commander-in-Chief. He is also the Degree Master for the 6°, has been Chairman of Family Life Week Committee and he was responsible for creating a manual for the Officers in the Lodge of Perfection with the help of Ill. Bro. James K. Thompson and Ill. Bro. Ernest Dejaiffe. He organized the Cove Area Scottish Rite Club in October 1984 and served as President for the first two years. He has filled various roles in the Degree Work over the year.

John is also a member of Jaffa Temple and the Cove Area Shrine Club.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our Congratulations to him and a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

## **Blowers, Raymond R.**

**September 22, 1974**

Ill.: Brother Raymond R. Blowers, 33°, M.S., received the 33rd degree in Atlantic City, N. J. in September, 1974. Well-known in Masonic circles, Brother Blowers received his



Master Mason degree in 1948 from Mountain Lodge No. 281, Altoona, Pa. and being on the charter, he became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona in 1951, later serving as Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°. He has the distinction of being among those who put on the 4th and 7th degrees at their initial portrayal in the Valley of Altoona. Since 1957 he has been Stage Director for the Reunions and was Trustee for three years.

Recently, Brother Blowers lent his expert hand to the completion of the newly-renovated Scottish Rite Lodge Room. Many other phases of the work in our Valley have seen his services, leading to his receiving the Meritorious Service Award in 1964. Our honored brother is a member of the Jaffa Temple where he currently is vice chairman of the Entertainment Committee. He is also a member of the Square and Compass Club.

Brother Blowers is a member of the Mardorf United Methodist Church, Altoona, and is retired from the Penn Central Railroad as a machinist. He and his wife (the former Helen Wise of Altoona) are actively engaged in the local "Meals on Wheels" project and he now is an officer in the American Association of Retired Persons.

Ray and Mrs. Blowers live at 112 25th Ave., Altoona, Pa. They have a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Stroh of Rockville, Maryland. There is one granddaughter, Jamie Lynn Stroh, age six.

## **Bolger, Theodore R.**

**September 26, 1973**

Ill.: Brother Theodore R. Bolger, 33°, received the 33rd Degree in Detroit, Michigan, in September, 1973. Ill.: Brother Bolger's Masonic career launched with membership in



Woodbury Lodge 539, in 1944. He served as Worshipful Master in 1962 and his father and three brothers also served in this capacity. Mr. Bolger is a Charter member of the Valley of Altoona and is currently Master of Ceremonies in the Altoona Consistory Body. He is in the casts of the 18th and 32nd degrees.

On December 27, 1961, R.W.G.M. Brother W. LeRoy McKinley appointed Brother "Ted" as District Deputy Grand Master for the 20th District and he served in this office for eleven years. He is a Past High Priest of Mt. Moriah Royal Arch Chapter # 166, a member of Mountain Commandery #10, Constans Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, Cove Area Shrine Club and the Royal Order of Jesters. He formerly belonged to the Valley of Williamsport,



demitting to help form the Valley of Altoona. Our honored Brother continues to be active in all phases of Masonic work.

Ill.: Brother Bolger was born in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, the seventh son of Dr. William M. and Gelia (Sanders) Bolger. He received his education in the Martinsburg schools, Kiskiminetas Preparatory School and Juniata College.

Active in sports, he played baseball in the area as well as in the minor leagues in the New York Yankee chain. Brother "Ted" saw military, service during World War II, serving twenty-six months in the United States Navy.

Until 1948 Brother Bolger was employed by Penn Central Electric Co. and the D. M. Bare Paper Co., when he began his own business selling and servicing equipment for the oil industry. He retired on January 1, 1972.

He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Roaring Spring and was an official board member. He also is a charter member and past president of the Roaring Spring Lions Club.

Brother Bolger was married to the former Anna M. Stephens in Roaring Spring where they lived from 1931 until this year when they moved to Sunbrook Apartments, Duncansville, Pennsylvania.

### **Bordell, Joseph E.**

**September 27, 1978**

At Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 27, 1978, Ill.: Brother Eliot Bordell, 33°, was created an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. This was a fitting climax to a lifetime of service to the community and the Masonic Fraternity.



Ill.: Brother Bordell was born in Allensville, PA (Big Valley) in 1906. He received his education in the public schools of Allensville. He attended Millersville State College, earning a teaching certificate (two year normal school). He taught in the rural school for two years, then moved to the City of Altoona. He retired after thirty-nine additional years in the City schools, working in various non-teaching positions. His position at retirement was Supervisor of Attendance for the Altoona Area School District.

He married the former Marie Kelly. They reside at 1420 Pitt Road in the Greenwood section of Altoona. They are the parents of a daughter and son: Colleen is married and is the supervisor of new products for the Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania. Duane is also married and holds the position of Tour Director for the Blue and White Bus Lines. Duane is also a member of the Valley of Altoona. The Bordell's are members of the Bethany Lutheran Church of Altoona.

His Masonic record is long and distinguished, including; Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616. He also served ten years as a Trustee of the Lodge. Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter Royal Arch Chapter No. 189. Still serving the Chapter as Trustee. Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters, served as District Deputy of District 4 of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. Served as Recorder of Mountain Council No. 9 for twenty years. Past Commander of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar. Past Thrice Potent Master of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°. Active in the degree teams of the Valley of Altoona for the 4°, 22° and 27°. Past Sovereign of Constans Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Twelve years as an active member of the Advisory Council of al-Aksa Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Member of Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

**Bradley, Robert W. Sr.**

**September 23, 2003**

At the Supreme Council Session held at St. Louis MO, Brother Robert W. Bradley was crowned Honorary 33° on September 23, 2003 at the 191<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.



Ill.: Bro. Robert was born July 20, 1940 in Cherry Creek, NY, one of eight children of Rev. Walter and Margaret Thelma (Mackey) Bradley.

He attended the Pennsylvania State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology and received a Graduate certificate in Human Resource Development/Training and a Master of Education. He also studied at LeTourneau University.

Bro. Robert was to the late Judith Bradley, and currently to Teresa del Carmen Silva on March 22, 1998. He is the father to a son and daughter. Elaine, married to Michael MacMahon, is a school teacher in Denver, CO. She has two sons. Robert Jr., a police officer in State College, is married to Jessica Poorman, They have a son and daughter. In addition, Brother Robert is the step-father of two boys and a girl.

Our Brother retired from the Travelers Insurance Company as general agent and from lecturing/proctoring positions at The Pennsylvania State University, Carnegie Mellon University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh.

He served in the U. S. Navy from April 1958 to January 1964.

His religious life includes attending the United Methodist (43rd Street Pittsburgh PA). Growing up, he sang weekly with the Gospel Messenger Quintet made up of his brothers and sisters on his father's radio program "The Gospel Messenger". He was also choir director and youth director at the Shoreview Community Methodist Church in San Mateo California. He was coordinator for the Crawford County Pennsylvania Youth for Christ. Finally, he also traveled with R.G. LeTourneau Evangelistic Ministries as a vocalist and trumpet player.

The honored recipient is a member of Bellefonte Lodge # 268, F. & A. M. He is a Past Commander in Chief of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, and is currently serving as Installing Officer. He has been a cast member for the 14° and 32° Ill. Brother Robert is also a member of Centre Forest No. 129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Jaffa Shrine where he is a past president and member of the Centre Co. Shrine Club,

His community life includes 7th degree Granger, former member Hayfield Grange, Crawford County PA; Member American Legion Post 908, Plum Pennsylvania; Member Fraternal Order of Eagles, Verona AERIE #1634, Verona, Pennsylvania; Member Allegheny County Sportsman League; Member Bakerstown Beagle Club; Member Downtown Kiwanis Club, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Member Pennsylvania Literacy Council, ESL volunteer-English as a Second Language; and working extensively with disabled confined veterans in teaching them how to read, mostly W.W.II and Korean veterans. A member of "Stop the Hate", he served as one of the volunteer lecturers; speaking on the subject of diversity in the community and workplace.

**Brehman, George E.**

**September 25, 1957**



At the Supreme Council Session held at Boston MA, Brother George E. Brehman was crowned Honorary 33° on September 25, 1957 at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Brother George E. Brehman is a Member of Portage Lodge No. 220 F&AM, which he served as Worshipful Master in 1930. He is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection 14°, 1951-53. A Past Commander in Chief Altoona Consistory, 32°, 1953-57.

**Brown, Arthur L.**

**September 24, 1980**

Ill.: Brother Arthur L. Brown, 33° was honored on September 24, 1980 in Cleveland, Ohio by receiving the Honorary, (33°) Degree.



Ill.: Brother Brown of R. D. 2, Somerset, Pa. was born in Johnstown, Pa. to Walter S. and Lyla G. (Smith) Brown. After graduation from Johnstown Central High School, he was drafted into the Armed Forces in 1951. He served in the United States and the European Theater before being discharged in 1953.

While away in service, his wife, the former Myra G. Boyd, moved to Somerset, Pa. with her parents. Upon his discharge from the Army, Arthur joined them in Somerset. He obtained

employment in the United States Postal Service at Somerset in 1956 and continues to work there as a window clerk.

Our Honored Brother is a member of Somerset Lodge 358, and is a Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix 18°. He is also a member of the Hebron Royal Arch Chapter of Meyersdale, Pa., the Jaffa Shrine and Westmoreland Forest #77 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He serves as a trustee for the Somerset County Shrine Club and is President of the Somerset County Scottish Rite Club. A member of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department and the Somerset Aero Club, Mr. Brown also is a member and serves on the Board of Administration of Calvary United Methodist Church in Somerset.

Ill.: Brother Brown is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of which he is a Past Commander.

The Browns' are parents of two daughters: Mrs. Terry L. (Mary Lee) Pletcher and Gail Jane and they have one grandchild.

### **Burket, Harold A.**

**August 29, 1989**



On Tuesday August 29, 1989, Ill.: Bro Harold A Burket, 33°, received the 33<sup>rd</sup> Honorary Degree in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Brother Burket was born in Altoona on July 7, 1915, (the second of nine children) to Chester H. and Catherine M. Burket. His father before him was an active member in our valley, doing valuable work in Robing.

He was educated in the Altoona Public Schools, graduating from Altoona High School in 1933.

In 1941, he married the former Dorothy M Zeigler, (now deceased). They had two daughters, Nancy B. Burket of Altoona, a Bookkeeper, and Carol B. Stitt of Las Vegas NV, a hospital executive secretary.

Our honored brother served his country as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theater and was in Ordinance during the Korean Conflict.

After 35 years service, he retired as Superintendent of Maintenance from Ward Trucking Corp.

Brother Harold is a member of the Grace United Church of Christ in Altoona where he is now Secretary of the Consistory (governing group).

His Masonic record includes: Member of Logan Lodge No. 490 F&AM and is current Secretary; Member of A.A.S.R. Valley of Altoona and is a past Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, member of the Honor Guard and Stage Manager. He is at present also the Hospitaler. He holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, being in the Legion of Honor and the Honor Guard. He also belongs to the Altoona Square and Compass Club and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

He resides at 2800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona PA.

### **Burket, H. Dean**

**September 23, 1959**

Ill.: Brother H. Dean Burket, 33°, was born in Altoona, PA, on April 26, 1900. He was educated in the Public Schools and is a retired employee of the Railway Express Agency, after twenty-nine years' service.



He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Altoona, PA, where he is now serving a three year term of Trustee, and had previously served as a Deacon. He is married and the father of two daughters.

Brother Burket is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 281 F&AM, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Mountain Chapter No. 9 R&SM, Mountain Commandry No. 10 Knights Templar, the Square and Compass Club No. 944, Royal Order of Scotland, Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11, Erin Council No. 63,

Knight Masons.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Harrisburg, where he still holds membership. A charter member of the Valley of Altoona, he was installed as Secretary when the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, was presented December 11, 1951.

On September 23, 1959, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

### **Buzzard, J. Floyd**

**September 26, 1956**



At the Supreme Council Session held at Cincinnati, Ohio, Brother Josiah Floyd Buzzard was crowned Honorary 33° on September 26, 1956.

Ill.: J. Floyd Buzzard, 33° is a member of Summit Lodge No. 312 F&AM, Ebensburg PA. He received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Williamsport and is a Charter Member of the Valley of Altoona. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies and Jaffa Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Altoona PA. He is a prominent physician in Altoona PA.

## Carney, Albert S.

September 30, 1970

Albert S. Carney was elevated to the 33° in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 30, 1970, at the 158th Session of the Supreme Council.



Brother Carney was born in Grantsville, Maryland, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Carney, and was graduated from the Robertsdale High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Juniata College, a Master of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Pennsylvania State University. He also studied at Oregon State University at Corvallis, Oregon, and the University of California at Berkeley, California.

Brother Carney is presently an Associate Professor of Chemistry in the Pennsylvania State University and has been a member of that faculty for the past 27 years. At the present time he is teaching and acting as Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the Altoona Campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Brother Carney is married to the former Margaret R. Simmendinger, R.N., and they are the parents of three daughters -- Mary, Mrs. Thomas Care of State College, and Marcy. The family resides at 2714 Third Street, Altoona. They are members of Christ Second Lutheran Church.

Dr. Carney has been active in the following Masonic Bodies: Past Master of Cromwell Lodge No. 572, F. & A. M.; Past High Priest of Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Secretary 1966 to date; District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, 1967 to date; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander, Mountain Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar; Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Keystone Priory No. 261, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Constans Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; Golden Triangle No. 32, York Rite Sovereign College of North America; Erin Council No. 6, Knights Mason; National League of Masonic Clubs No. 994; Royal Order of Scotland; Past Sovereign Prince of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem of the Valley of Altoona, A.A.S.R.; Jaffa Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Transfiguration Tabernacle No 29, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Correspondence Circle, The Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076, London.

Professionally, our honored Brother is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of College Chemistry Teachers; the American Chemical Society, serving as Treasurer of the Central Pennsylvania Section, 1963 to date; a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists. He is listed in "Who's Who in the East"; "Who's Who in Education"; and "American-Men of Science."

## **Crum, Allen L.**

**September 25, 1968**

Coroneted to the highest degree in Masonry, Brother Allen L. Crum of 607 Ridge Avenue, Altoona Pennsylvania, received this honor on September 25, 1968 in Atlantic City when the Supreme Council, 33, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



A Past Master of Mountain Lodge No. 281 F and AM, Brother Allen is one of the current Trustees and serves on the Grievance Committee. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona has enjoyed his services for many years. He is a Past Most Wise Master, Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18, formerly Degree Master for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees, Stage Crew, cast of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Degrees and is serving the final of a three year term as Trustee in All Bodies, and is now coordinator for the Degree Work. He holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, where he plays in the Oriental Band. He is also a member of the Eldorado Kiwanis Club and the Junior Order, United American

Mechanics.

Our Illustrious Brother is a sales representative for Fullwell Motor Products of Cleveland Ohio. He is married to the former Jane L. Whitbred of Altoona.

## **DeJaiffe, Ernest**

**September 25, 1963**



Brother Ernest DeJaiffe, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33<sup>o</sup> Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 25, 1963 at the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America at Boston, MA

Brother DeJaiffe is now serving as First Lieutenant Commander of the Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32<sup>o</sup>. He is a Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616, F&AM, Altoona. A Past Most Excellent High Priest of Mountain Chapter No. 189, R.A.M., A member of Mountain Council No. 9, R&SM, and is now serving as Eminent Commander of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar. He is a charter Member of the Valley of Altoona, served as Sovereign Prince 1955-56. He served as Assistant Director of Work from 1954 until appointed as Director of Work in 1961. Brother DeJaiffe is an Assistant Professor of Engineering at the Altoona Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. He is very active in Church and Community Affairs.

## **Dively, Robert E.**

**September 25, 1960**

Brother Robert E. Dively, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 28, 1960 at the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America at Boston, MA.



Brother Dively has devoted much of his time and talents to the Masonic Fraternity. He is a member and Past Master of Portage Lodge No. 220, F&AM, Member and Past Most Excellent High Priest of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 166, Member and Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9, R&SM, Member and Past Eminent Commander of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar, Member of York Cross of Honor, Penn Priory No. 6, York Rite College No. 11, Chief Logan Forest No. 131 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Royal Order of Scotland U.S. of A., Member and Past Potentate, Jaffa Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brother Dively received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Harrisburg, served as Sovereign Prince in Harrisburg Council, Princes of Jerusalem, demitting from the Valley of Harrisburg, he was one of the first 25 signers for request for Dispensation for the Valley of Altoona. He served as second Thrice Potent Master of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection and Second Commander in Chief for the Valley of Altoona.

## **Dukes, Joseph Sr.**

**September 24, 1969**

The highest degree in Masonry was received by Ill.: Brother Joseph Dukes, Sr., 33°, on September 24, 1969 in Boston, Massachusetts, when Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Brother Dukes was born in Spangler, Pennsylvania and educated in the Cambria County public schools and the Penn State School of Mines. His adult life has been spent in the coal regions of Central Pennsylvania with a major part of his duties being taken up with Safety in a supervisory capacity. He is a Past President of the Moshannon Mining Institute and Holmes Safety Council. He retired in 1964, after managing a family mining operation.

A member of the Cresson Presbyterian Church, our honored Brother served as President of the Board of Trustees for fifteen years.

Our Illustrious Brother's Masonic affiliations include membership in Summit Lodge, No. 312, F. and A. M., Ebensburg, Pennsylvania; a former member of the Valley of Williamsport, demitting to become a Charter Member in the Valley of Altoona where he was Thrice Potent Master in 1958-59 and on the Board of Trustees in 1959-62. He was



honored by his Scottish Rite Brothers by receiving the Meritorious Service Award in 1965.

Mr. Dukes is a degree master for the 20th and 26th degrees and takes important speaking parts in various other degrees. He also is Chairman of the Stewards Committee. He is Past President of the North Cambria County Scottish Rite Club, where he was given the "Man of the Year" award in 1964. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Hollidaysburg and Jaffa Shrine Temple in Altoona. Brother Joe was Past President of the Northern Cambria Shrine Club, being its present Secretary.

Married to the former Janet McClelland, they live in Cresson, Pennsylvania and are the parents of five children and the grandparents of sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### **English, James H.**

**September 25, 2001**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. James H. English on September 25, 2001 in Indianapolis, Indiana, when the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill. Bro. English was born in Altoona, PA., on November 24, 1947, to James B. and Kathryn L. English. Bro. English's father was also a member of the Valley of Altoona. He attended Westminster College in New Washington, PA. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 1969. He also attended the University of Pittsburgh, School of Law where he received his Jurist Prudence in 1972.

On October 7, 1978, he married Debbie J (Kyler) English. The English's attend First Presbyterian Church of Altoona. He serves as an Elder for the church.

He is presently an Attorney at Law. He is a member of the panel for Chapter 7 Trustees for the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

He is a Board Member for the Blair County Legal Services, and President of the Blair County Bar Association.

Brother English's Masonic Services include DeMolay, being raised a Master Mason in Mountain Lodge F & AM #281. He is a member of the Square and Compass Club, Tall Cedars of Lebanon #151, Mountain Council and Commandry, and Jaffa Temple. He also served as President in the Altoona Shrine Club. He is also Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix. Bro. English is also the Reunion Director of Work.

Our congratulations to Ill. Bro. James H. English on receiving this prestigious honor. The Community and Masons everywhere appreciate all the efforts he has put forth to better our Community and Fraternity.

## Evans, William E.

September 27, 1988

Brother William E. Evans was born February 1, 1910 in Ebensburg, Pa., the son of Charles E. and Jessie (Good) Evans. He graduated from Ebensburg High School May 29, 1927. He started to work at the Cambria & Indiana RR Co., Colver, Pa. on June 1, 1927. He retired Feb. 1, 1973 with 46 years service – he was General Manager when he retired.



He is a member of the United Church of Christ of Ebensburg. He taught Sunday School 11 years, was Church Treasurer for 12 years. He served two terms on the Deacon Board. The church honored him and presented him with a plaque in 1982 for his dedicated and loyal service. He currently is chairman of the Church Nominating committee.

His civic activities: in 1986-1987 he was chairman of a successful fund raising drive to raise \$100,000 for construction of a new Senior Activity Center in Ebensburg. This new center was dedicated Sept. 26, 1987. Brother Evans is serving his 10th term as president of the Ebensburg Senior Citizens. He is Judge of Elections, East Ward, Ebensburg. He has been a VITA volunteer (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) for 10 years. He is in the RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). He is a member of the Board of Directors of SAC, Inc. (Senior Activities Centers of Cambria County). He received the Carnegie Good Human Relations Award during the Carnegie International convention in Naples, Florida in July, 1988. The Ebensburg Rotary Club honored Brother Evans Aug. 9, 1988 by presenting him the community achievement award in recognition of unselfish service and dedication to the community.

His Masonic record: Member of Summit Lodge No. 312, where he received his 50 year membership pin June 7, 1985. He is an Honorary Past Master and has served as Junior and Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Master of Ceremonies and Pursuivant. Currently he is a Trustee. He is a life member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Altoona where he received the Meritorious Service Award Nov. 22, 1986. He is degree Master for the 26°. He is a Past Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix and he is presently serving as Coordinator of the Valley of Altoona. He is a member of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 166 of Hollidaysburg, and a member of the Altoona Square and Compass Club. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine, serving on the Hospital and Membership committees. He is an area chairman for Air Transportation for Shrine Hospitals. He is Northern Cambria chairman for the annual Shrine Hospital Crusade. He has received the Samsar Award and is a past president of the Northern Cambria Shrine Club.

Brother Evans and Mrs. Evans (former Pearl Keilman) reside at 713 E. High Street, Ebensburg PA.

## Faupel, Wayne C.

September 26, 2000

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. Wayne C. Faupel on September 26, 2000, in Pittsburgh, PA., when the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill. Bro. Faupel was born in Bedford, PA., on November 12, 1946, to William C. and Anna M. Faupel. Both parents are deceased.

Ill. Bro. Faupel is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Bedford where he has served as an Usher since 1981. He graduated from Bedford High School, then he furthered his education at the University of Baltimore where he received a B.S. in Accounting in 1969. He then went to Frostburg State University, when in 1976 he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration. Our Ill. Bro. is Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Green Garden, Inc., in Bedford, PA.

He married Glenora H. Faupel on June 11, 1967. She currently is the Branch Manager of Manpower Staffing Services in Bedford. They have two children, a daughter, Jessica M. (Faupel) Badger, who was born September 15, 1977. She is a graduate student of Mayo Graduate School in Rochester, MN, where she specializes in Breast Cancer Research. Their son, Adam C. Faupel was born February 23, 1981. He is an undergraduate student of Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID, where he's a Business Major.

His Civic activities include: Coach - Odyssey of the Mind at the Bedford Middle School in 1989 to 1992; Past Chairman of the Bedford Co. Unit of the American Cancer Society Golf Tournament in 1996 to 1998, and team member of the Team of Hope for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Ill. Bro. Faupel's York Rite Masonic record is very impressive, he's a member of Bedford Lodge #320, where he was initiated in 1976, and was Worshipful Master in 1981 and now he's a Trustee. He's a member of Bedford Royal Arch Chapter #255, where he was initiated in 1977, and was High Priest in 1981, 1982 and 1983. He's been the Secretary from 1984 to 1991, and he's currently serving as Trustee. He's a member of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pa., where he was Grand Pursuivant in 1991 to 1992. A member of Mountain Council #9, where he was initiated in 1981 and was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1988. A member of Mountain Commandery #10 where he was initiated in 1983 and was the Eminent Commander in 1988 to 1989. A member of Grand Commandry of Pa., where he's Division Commander of Division #6 in 1998 to date. A member of Pa. Council of Anointed Kings. Order of the Silver Trial in 1988. A member of Constans Conclave Red Cross of Constantine where he was initiated in 1989 and was Puissant Sovereign in 1999. A member of Seven Mountains Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees where he was initiated in 1991 and was the Sovereign Master in 1998. A mem-

ber of Keystone Priory Knights of the York Cross of Honour where he was initiated in 1991 and was Herald in 2000.

Our Ill. Bro. is active also in the Valley of Altoona where he joined in 1994 and was the Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix in 1998-99. He's also a member of the 4th Degree Team.

Our congratulations to Ill. Bro. Faupel on receiving this prestigious honor. The Community and Masons everywhere appreciate all the efforts he has put forth to better our Community and Fraternity.

## **Fluke, Richard B. II**

**September 29, 1998**

The Highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Richard B. Fluke II on September 29, 1998 in Cincinnati Ohio, when the Supreme Council, 33, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill.: Brother Fluke was born in Roaring Spring on August 23, 1956, to Richard B and Betty O'Neal Fluke. His father belongs to Everett Lodge #524, who is a Past Master. He also belongs to Bedford RAC #255, Mountain Commandry #10 of Altoona, Valley of Harrisburg, and Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. His mother belongs to the Saxton Chapter #161 O.E.S., where she is a Past Matron. She was also appointed to the Grand Chapter Committee.

Our Ill. Bro. graduated from Tussey Mountain High School and received his Machinist Certification from the Williamsport Area Community College. He works for Berg Electronics of Mount Union, PA., as a toolmaker in the Specialty Machining Dept. He had also worked as a Die Maker for Seton Leather Division in Saxton, as a Machinist for McCabe Machine of Claysburg and as a Tool and Die Maker for Elco Connector Division of Huntingdon, PA.

He belongs to the Coalmont United Methodist Church of Saxton, where he has served as Trustee and been a Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher.

Our Ill. Bro. married Betty Kay Donaldson on June 17, 1978. She is a Guidance Counselor for Everett Area High School. She is a Past Matron and Past District Deputy of Saxton Chapter -161, O.E.S. She belongs to Oneida Assembly #172, where she has served as Mother Advisor for International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She also belongs to the Coalmont United Methodist Church and serves as Council Secretary, Pianist and Assistant Superintendent. They are the parents to two daughters: Sandra Kay, born April 17, 1981, who belongs to Oneida Assembly # 172 I.O.R.G., having served as Worthy Advisor, and Grand Representative to South Carolina and Arkansas. She was also Grand Flag Bearer of the American Flag in 1998. She is a High Honor Student in school where she belongs to the Sr. High Band, the Chorus, and Bell Choir, is a Hugh

O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador. Voice of Democracy winner, SADD President, Student Council, Yearbook Editor, Track Team, and is the Drama Club Student Director. She is also the Sunday School Recording Secretary. Their other daughter: Elizabeth Ann, born December 16, 1984, belongs to Oneida Assembly -172 I.O.R.G., where she has served as Worthy Advisor and is a Grand Representative to Iowa and Minnesota in 1998-99. In school she is a High Honor Student and belongs to the Sr. High Band, SADD, Student Council, Envirothon Team, Ski Club and the Odyssey of the Mind Team.

The Civic Activities of Ill. Bro. Fluke consist of belonging to Troop 71, Boy Scouts of America in Saxton. He is an Eagle Scout, Former Scout Master and a member of the Past Troop Committee. He also belongs to the Tussey Mountain Jaycees, where he has served as President.

His Masonic record is very impressive, he belongs to Everett Lodge #524, where he is a Past Master, Bedford R.A.C. #255, where he has served as High Priest and has been District Deputy Grand High Priest of District #10. He belongs to Mountain Commandery #10 in Altoona where he served as Eminent Commander. He's a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council 9, Altoona, and Past Thrice Potent Master of A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona. He's also a member of Constans Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine of Johnstown. He's a member of Seven Mountains Council # 65, where he's served as Senior Warden of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Altoona. He belongs to Chief Logan Forest #131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of Hollidaysburg. He is also a member of Saxton Chapter #161, O.E.S., where he's served as Worthy Patron.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our Congratulations to him and a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Freeburn, Robert L.**

**September 26, 1984**

On Wednesday, September 26, 1984, Ill.: Brother Robert L. Freeburn, 33° received the 33rd Honorary Degree in Boston, Massachusetts.



Brother Freeburn was born in Johnstown, Pa. on July 12, 1919. He was educated in the Johnstown Public Schools and graduated from Pitt University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He was employed by U. S. Steel in that capacity from 1940 to 1949, after which he was employed by Proctor and Gamble as Sales Representative, retiring in 1975.

He was a Radar Navigator in the U. S. Army Air Force in the South Pacific in World War II.

Ill. Brother Freeburn was on the Planning Commission for Richland Township for two years and the past 13 years he has been a member of the Altoona City Authority now serving as Secretary-Treasurer.

His Masonic record shows that he belongs to Hiram Lodge, F. & A.M., No. 616 being Worshipful Master in 1971 and has been a Trustee for the past 9 years. He joined the Valley of Altoona in 1967 and in 1979-80 was Thrice Potent Master in the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, degree master of the 32°, assistant to the Secretary, Assistant Director of Work, chairman of Support Groups and a current Trustee. He also belongs to the following: Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189 (Past High Priest and present Chaplain), Mountain Council, No. 9, (Past Thrice Ill. Master and present Chaplain), Mountain Commandery, No. 10 (Past Eminent Commander, Division Commander of Division No. 6 in 1977-80), Keystone Priory of York Cross of Honor, Joshua Association of Philadelphia, Constans Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine (now Conemaugh Gap York Rite College (Past Presiding Officer), Royal Order of Scotland, Altoona Square and Compass Club (Past President and Secretary), Jaffa Shrine Temple.

Our Ill. Brother holds membership at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Altoona, where he has served on Church Council and is currently a Communion Assistant.

Brother "Bob" is married to the former Helen Snyder of Johnstown. They are the parents of three children, Robert L. II of Columbus, Ohio, Lynn Black of Manassas, Va. A son, Mark Leedy is deceased. There are seven grandchildren.

The Freeburns reside at 614 Ruskin Dr., Altoona, Pa.

## **Gerlock, Harry W.**

**September 27, 1961**

Brother Harry W. Gerlock, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 27, 1961 at the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America at Chicago IL.



Brother Harry W. Gerlock resides in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where he is a proprietor of a machine shop.

He is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300 F&AM, Huntingdon, serving as Master for the year 1942.

He is Degree Master of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Degrees and is now serving as First Lieutenant Commander of the Altoona Consistory.

## Gunsallus, Richard D.

September 30, 1987

The Valley of Altoona is proud to present Ill. Brother Richard D. Gunsallus, 33°, our latest 33° member from the Supreme Council. He received the degree at the sessions in Boston on Wednesday, September 30, 1987.



Ill. Brother Gunsallus was born in Altoona on September 16, 1925, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Gunsallus. In 1947 he married Beverly Ann Blackburn. They have 3 children, Richard M., Deborah A. Gracey, and Douglas I. They have 8 grandchildren. Both of his sons are members of the Valley of Altoona.

He graduated from Altoona High School in 1946, then started his working career with Penelec, where he's working his way up to Supervisor Substation Maintenance.

He is a member of the First Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council. Ill. Brother Gunsallus has always been an active member of the Community where he's resided. In Scouting, he has served as a Cub Master and in sports he has managed a Little League Ball Team.

Masonically he has an enviable record in all of the branches of Masonry. He is a member and Past Master of Hiram Lodge #616 and now is serving as Secretary of the Lodge. He is a member and Past High Priest of Mountain Royal Arch Chapter #189. He is a member and Past Thrice Ill. Master of Mountain Council #9. He is a member and Past Eminent Commander for these services to the York Rite. He has received the order of the Silver Trowel and membership in the Knights of the York Cross of Honor. In the Scottish Rite he has served as Commander-in-Chief of the Altoona Consistory and as degree Master of the 22nd Degree. In the Red Cross of Constantine he is serving as an appointed Officer of Constance Conclave in Johnstown. He is a member of Grand Master A Council of the Allied Masonic degrees. In January next, he is scheduled for election as Potentate of Jaffa Temple of the Shrine.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our congratulations to him and a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

## Gutshall, Gerald J.

September 28, 1999

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill.: Bro. Gerald J. Gutshall on September 28, 1999 in Atlantic City, NJ, when the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill.: Bro. Gutshall was born in Pitcairn PA on March 13, 1921 to Benton L. and B. Grace Gutshall. His father was a railroader. Both parents are deceased. Gerald attended elementary and secondary schools in Altoona. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict and was awarded the Air Medal and Gold Star. He graduated from Shippensburg University with a B.S. Degree, majoring in Social Studies. He received his Masters Degree in Secondary Ed with a Principals Certification in 1957 from the University. Bro. Gerald is a retired educator and administrator from the Altoona Area School District

with 35 years of service. He was also a continuing education instructor at the Altoona Campus of Penn State.

Our newest 33° has belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Altoona since 1927. He has served in many capacities and offices at the church and is a certified lay speaker.

Gerald married Mary Margaret (Crain) Gutshall on November 15, 1941 in Winchester VA. They have 5 children – 2 daughters, Sandra Kline, and Sheryl Kerns, and 3 sons, Gerald J., Vernon S., and Timothy J. and 11 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

His civic activities include being on many committees and boards. He was on the committee for the Red Cross Blood Drive and Community Chest Fund Drive. He has been on or is on the Human Relations Advisory Council (Past VP), the Blair County Respiratory Disease Society Administrative Board, the Blair Senior Services, Inc. Administrative Board (VP 1993-94), has been in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program since 1984 (Program Chairman 1991-92, and 1995-97), an AARP member since 1982 (Instructor Training Specialist, Mentor, Instructor, Past Assistant State Coordinator) and past member of the Lakemont Park Advisory Board. Gerald has also helped with and belonged to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. In addition, he was a Blair-Bedford Merit Badge Councilor. He is a Past First Vice President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a charter member.

Ill.: Bro Gutshall's Masonic record is very impressive. He became a member of Hiram Lodge 616 on February 20, 1969. He served as Worshipful Master in 1976, Treasurer from 1989-92, and Secretary from 1992-95. He was a Representative in Grand Lodge, and a member of the Culture Committee, Education Committee, the Friend to Friend Committee and is presently a Trustee. He became a 32° Mason of the Valley of Altoona and served as Most Wise Master in 1991-92. He presently serves on the Executive Board.



He belongs to the Past Officers Club and participates in the 4°, 16°, 17°, 18° and 32° during Reunions.

Gerald belongs to the Mountain Royal Arch Chapter #189, where he served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1991. He is a member of Mountain Council #9, Royal and Select Master Masons of PA (Thrice Illustrious Master in 1989, Recorder 1995, and presently Chaplain) a member of Council of Anointed Kings, Order of the Silver Trowel, the Red Cross of Constantine, and Appendant Orders, a Life Member of Mountain Commandry #10, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania (Commander in 1991-92), a Member of the York Cross of Honor, Keystone Priory No. 26, and the Allied Masonic Degrees of USA, Seven Mountains Council No. 65 (Sovereign Master in 1997).

Our new Thirty-Third also belongs to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Chief Logan Forest #131, in Hollidaysburg PA, where he served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1997. He also belongs to Jaffa Shrine in Altoona PA where he is in the Legion of Honor, serving as Commander in 1989 and is presently on the Drill Team. He has done ritualistic work during the Shrine Ceremonials and is also a member of the Jaffa Horseshoe Curve Hillbillies No. 74.

Our congratulations to Ill. Bro. Gutshall on receiving this prestigious honor. The community and Masons everywhere appreciate all the efforts he has put forth to better our community and fraternity.

## **Hall, Clair L.**

**September 26, 1962**

Brother Clair L. Hall, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 26, 1962 at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America



Brother Hall was born in Snow Shoe PA, May 18, 1895, son of William B and Eliza (Thompson) Hall. On November 17, 1915, he married Marie A. Harvey who survives with the following children: Charlotte, Mrs. Boyd Paul, Clair, and George, all of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Clifford Schwartz, of Youngstown Ohio.

Illustrious Brother Hall took an active interest in the community affairs and served in such varied fields as: Fraternal, Church, welfare, politics, health, benevolence, and community betterment. He was a member of the Snow Shoe Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee for over twenty years. An outstanding example of his devotion to varied interests is noted in his serving on the Borough Council for thirty-four years.

Brother Hall was a member of Bellefonte Lodge No. 268 F. and A.M., and served as Worshipful Master in 1954. He became a member of the Valley of Williamsport in

January 1942. He was also a charter member of the Valley of Altoona, where he worked in several degrees. His illness caused him to withdraw from the office of First Lieutenant Commander in the Altoona Consistory. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Philadelphia Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1962. He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 24 and Constans Commandry No. 33 at Bellefonte and Nittany Council No. 57, Royal and Select Masters, State College Pennsylvania. He also holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, A.A.N.O.M.S., Altoona Pennsylvania, and was a Past Grand Tall Cedar of Centre Forest No. 129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

### **Harris, William J.**

**September 26, 2000**

The highest Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. William J. Harris on September 26, 2000 in Pittsburgh PA, when the Supreme Council 33 , Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill. Bro. Harris was born in Phillipsburg PA on June 15, 1938 to Benjamin and Izetta L. (Benner) Harris. Both of his parents are deceased.

Our Ill. Bro. graduated from Phillipsburg Osceola High School and received his Radiologic Technology Certification from Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia PA. He retired from Symphoney Mobilex and now works at Jaffa Temple as the Recorder.

He belongs to the United Methodist Church on 58<sup>th</sup> Street in Altoona, PA.

Our Ill. Brother married Lois H. (Jones) Harris on November 21, 1959. They have two sons, Steven K. Harris who is a member of Bushnell Lodge No. 30 in Bushnell FL, and Gregory L. Harris, who is a member of Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Tyrone PA and the Valley of Altoona.

His Masonic record is quite impressive; he joined the Tyrone Lodge No. 494 in 1969, and was Master of the Lodge in 1973. He joined the A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona on November 6, 1970, then joined the Jaffa Shrine in 1971 and was Potentate in 1991. He was Deputy Director General for the MASA Spring Meeting in 1997. He was then Commander in Chief for the Valley of Altoona from 1997 to 1999. He is also a member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Chief Logan Forrest, Royal Order of Jesters, Court 70. Bro Harris served as Impressario; Order of Quetzalcoatl, Colotic Miztli Teocalli No. 91, serving as Tlacuilo. He received the prestigious OKET award in 2001.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our Congratulations to him along with a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

## Hauenstein, Spencer W.

September 29, 1982

In St. Louis, Missouri on September 29, 1982, Ill. Brother Spencer W. Hauenstein, 33°, M.S., received the highest degree (that of 33rd) in Scottish Rite Masonry. Supreme Council, 33° Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met at that time.



He was born in Carbondale, Pa. on November 14, 1927 to Russell F. and Frances (Spencer) Hauenstein. He was educated in the Carbondale schools, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Scranton, Tufts University, Boston University where he received a B.S. in Education and New York University earning a M.S. in Education and was certified in Physical Therapy.

In his profession as a Physical Therapist, Brother Hauenstein worked at the Bellvue Medical Center, New York from 1952 to 1954; director of Physical Therapy Department in the Altoona Hospital from May 1954 to May 1980; consulting Physical Therapist for Hillview Convalescent Home for ten years and is presently employed by the Department of Public Welfare in Pennsylvania, heading the Physical Therapy Department of the Altoona Center for Developmental Disabilities; is a consultant to the Infant Stimulation Program of the Altoona Center for Special Learning; delivers services to homebound patients through physician referrals with the Blair County Home Nursing Agency. The following hospitals also saw his services: Bedford Memorial, Clearfield, Nason (Roaring Spring) and the J. C. Blair in Huntingdon.

His civic activities include eight years on the Borough of Bellwood Council (four years as president) and is now on another four year term; former Secretary of Bellwood-Antis Redevelopment Authority and was Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Blair Planning Commission. He worked for the United Fund and is a regular contributor to the Red Cross blood program. He also was an advisory member to the Blair County Home Nursing Association.

Our honored Brother has been active in all phases of Scouting in the Unit, District and Council, serving on all important committees and receiving six major awards including the Silver Beaver Award for his outstanding work.

Our Brother was in the United States Army in the 511<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, enlisting in 1945. He served five years in the Reserve Forces.

He is married to the former Phyllis J. Greenwood and they are the parents of two daughters; Barbara Ann, a teacher; Patricia Lee, married and a son, Eric, a Forester in Montgomery, Alabama. There are two grandchildren.

The Masonic record of Brother Hauenstein is as follows: In 1966 he joined Logan Lodge, No. 490, becoming Worshipful Master in 1973, was Chairman of the Culture Committee,

Chaplain, former vice president of the 20th Masonic District School of Instruction and currently is a Trustee of Logan Lodge and Secretary of the Masonic Hall Association. Was Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Trustee for all Scottish Rite Bodies, member of the Scottish Rite Players, Degree Master of the 32° Cast (now assistant), active cast member of the 4°, 5°, 7°, 17°, 18°, 27° and 32°. On July 11, 1980 he received the Meritorious Service Award. He belongs to Mountain Commandery, No. 10. Mountain Council, No. 9, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189. He also belongs to Jaffa Shrine Temple and is Chaplain of the Drum and Bugle Corp. Also a member of the Altoona Square and Compass Club.

His other memberships include a life member of National Riflemen's Association, American Motorcycle Association, American Physical Therapy Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Physical Therapy.

The Hauensteins reside at 421 Boyle St., Bellwood and they are members of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church where Brother Spencer is a Ruling Elder.

### **Hazen, Howard M.**

**September 24, 1975**

Brother Howard M. Hazen, 33°, M.S., received the honorary degree in Boston, Massachusetts on September 24, 1975.



Mr. Hazen was born in Scottdale, Pa., to William B. and Maude T. (Starr) Hazen when his father was teaching in a business college there. He was educated in the Altoona schools and the Zeth Business College. He is employed by the A&P Tea Company and has been with them for thirty-six years.

Illustrious Brother Hazen is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, served as Sunday School superintendent and on church council for numerous terms. Earlier he worked with Boy Scouts and was a "Dad" for the Order of DeMolay.

The honored member belongs to Hiram Lodge No. 616, F. & A.M., Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona (formerly a member of Williamsport Scottish Rite). He is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Entertainment Chairman for eleven years having charge of Family Nights and any entertainment pertaining to reunions and picnics. He also takes part in the 7th, 17th, 18th, 20th degrees along with being degree master of the first section of the 32nd degree. Jaffa Shrine Temple has had his services on the appointive divan, served as entertainment chairman for two years and is currently secretary of the amusement committee in addition to rounding out a total of six years as membership chairman. He is a past president of the Square and Compass Club. In July 1974, Brother Hazen was honored in Pittsburgh by receiving the Meritorious Service Award, having been named by his peers in the Valley of Altoona.

The 33rd degree recipient resides with his wife, Loretta, at 871 30th St., Altoona. They are the parents of a son, H. Allan Hazen, 32°, who is with the U. S. government, and a daughter, Mrs. Ray A. Nycum, Jr. (Susan), a teacher in the Altoona Area School District. His son-in-law is also active in our Valley. There is one grandson, Jeffrey Allan Nycum, age three.

## Hill, L. Russell

September 29, 1982

When Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met in St. Louis, Missouri, Ill. Brother L. Russell Hill, 33° M.S. received the 33° on September 29, 1982.



The Masonic service record of Brother Hill includes the following: Past Master of State College Lodge, No. 700. Also a former Trustee and Chairman of their Masonic Culture Committee; Past High Priest of Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241, Royal Arch Masons; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Nittany Council No. 57, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander of Constans Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. Presently serving as Treasurer and is Secretary-Treasurer of Division No. 8 Past Commanders and Line Officers Association. Past Most Wise Master of Altoona Chapter Rose Croix, 18°, served as a Trustee for the Valley of Altoona and is now also

Assistant Director of the Work of our Valley. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1978. Holder of a Fifty Year Senior of DeMolay. Became a Charter member of Penn State Chapter on May 28, 1923. Member of Jaffa Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Presently serving as Esteemed Loyal Knight of Lodge No. 1600, B.P.O.E., State College.

Our Masonic servant was born in Bellefonte in 1906. He was educated in the public schools of the area, supplementing this education with diplomas from International Correspondence School, the Eckels College of Embalming and the Dale Carnegie program. In 1926 he married Ann Edith Ward, now deceased. There were three sons: Ward, Logan and Theodore. (Theodore is now deceased.)

Our honored Brother lives in State College where he is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Having retired from Cerro Copper and Brass Co. in 1971, he now gives generously of his time to a number of Civic causes in the Centre County area. Brother Hill has received many honors. Two of these are his membership in Penn Priory of the York Cross of Honor and Trinity Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine

## **Hineman, Paul D.**

**September 25, 1990**

When Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met in Milwaukee WI, Ill. Brother Paul D. Hineman, 33°, received the 33° on September 25, 1990.



Ill.: Bro. Paul was born June 23, 1911 at Big Run PA, a son of Joseph C. and Esther (McQuown) Hineman. He attended the Mahaffey High School, taking courses in mining. He worked in mining for 47 ½ years, starting as a laborer and working his way up to General Superintendent.

On September 23, 1929, he married Lois W. Bennett, and they have four daughters and one son; 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

In public life, our Ill.: Bro. spent two years on the Barnesboro Park Authority, four years on the Mine Foreman's Examining Board and was a first aid and safety instructor.

His fraternal associations include membership in Clearfield Lodge No 314, F&AM, Valley of Altoona, Secretary of the Clearfield Scottish Rite Club and Jaffa Shrine. He received the Grand Master's Award in 1985 and the Samsar Jewel with 3 diamonds from the Jaffa Shrine.

He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Moose and the Eagles.

The Hineman's are a member of the Glen Ritchey Presbyterian Church, and they reside in Clearfield PA.

## **Hostetler, Harry**

**September 23, 1959**

Brother Harry F. Hostetler of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 23, 1959 at the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America at Buffalo New York.



Brother Hostetler is now serving as First Lieutenant Commander of the Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°.

He is a member of Lewistown Lodge No. 203 F&AM, Lewistown PA, a Past High Priest of Lewistown Royal Arch Chapter No. 186, Lewistown PA, a Past Illustrious Master of Nittany Council No. 57, State College PA, a Past Commander of Lewistown Commandry No. 26, Knights Templar, Lewistown POA and a Representative to the Grand Commandry of South Dakota.

Brother Hostetler is now serving as Right Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandry, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

He resides at 620 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Lewistown PA, being very active in church and civic affairs. He is married and the father of two children.

### **Isenberg, Raph W.**

**September 27, 1977**

The Honorary 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree was given to Ill.: Brother Ralph Wilson Isenberg M.S., 33<sup>o</sup> on September 28, 1977 in Pittsburgh PA. A life long resident of Williamsburg PA, Brother Isenberg was born of February 16, 1898 to Seymore M and Anna (Potter) Isenberg and was educated in the Public Schools there.



Our Ill.: Brother was a Millwright for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Williamsburg, and retired after 39 years.

Brother Isenberg served on the Williamsburg Borough Council for twelve years and for 45 years he was on the Consistory of the Reformed Church. He and his wife are now members of the United Church in Christ.

His outstanding Masonic service includes: Became a member in 1922 and was Worshipful Master in 1941 of Portage Lodge No. 220 F and AM and now has his fifty year service emblem. Is currently Trustee of his Lodge and Chairman of the Masonic Culture Committee. He is the recipient of a fifty year certificate of Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 166 and was the High Priest in 1940 and again in 1964. He is now a Trustee of that body. Member of Mountain Council No. 9 and has been on their Degree Teams for thirty years. Holds membership in Mountain Commandry No. 10 and was in all the appointed chairs at one time or another. He has a fifty year certificate from this organization. In the Spring of 1923, our Ill.: Brother joined the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Harrisburg and later became a charter member in the Valley of Altoona where he was selected High Priest of the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16<sup>o</sup>, in the Charter petition and was Sovereign Prince in 1954-55. Our Valley has seen his services as Degree Master for the 15<sup>o</sup> and 16<sup>o</sup> since the organization of the degree casts in the Valley of Altoona and conferred the degrees at the Second Reunion of the Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He was particularly honored by receiving the Meritorious Service Award in 1961. Because of his lengthy participation in the work of our Valley, it is fitting that our Ill.: Brother be honored on this our Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Married to the former Nettie D. Detwiler on May 21, 1925, he and Mrs. Isenberg live at 726 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Williamsburg PA. There are two sons; Robert P of San Bouno California – Retiring from the United States Air Force, and Charles S. of Millersburg PA – a teacher in the public schools.

## **Kephart, Percy O.**

**September 24, 1975**

On Wednesday, September, 24, 1975 in the city of Boston, Ill. Bro. Percy O. Kephart received the 33°. This marked the climax of many years of faithful service to the Masonic Fraternity. That service includes the following: Past Master of Osceola Lodge No. 515, Past High Priest of Clearfield Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 228, Past Thrice Illustrious



Master of Moshannon Council No. 56, Past Commander of Moshannon Commandery No. 74 and Past Thrice Potent Master of Altoona Lodge of Perfection. He also is a member of the York Cross of Honor, an honor bestowed upon him by the York Rite.

Our Illustrious Brother was born on February 1, 1915 in rural (Decatur Township) Clearfield County and has spent his life in that same area. He graduated from Houtzdale High School and has completed special courses in Mining, Soil and Water Conservation from ICS in Scranton. He has also completed the Dale Carnegie Course in Speech. He is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Water Treatment Plant operator.

He is a member of the Brisbin Church of God and serves his church and community well. In elected positions he has served 6 years as constable and 10 years on the Borough Council. He is also active in the management of the large cemetery located in Brisbin, being a past president of the cemetery association.

He and his wife, Bertha, live in Brisbin. Their family, consisting of two girls and two boys, is grown. Only the youngest, Bud, remains at home.

## **Kimmel, Merle D.**

**September 24, 1986**

The Valley of Altoona is proud to present to Ill. Brother Merle D. Kimmel, 33°, our latest 33° member from the Supreme Council. He received the degree at the sessions in Cincinnati on Wednesday, September 24, 1986.

Ill. Brother Kimmel was born in Kimelton, Pa. on May 10, 1918. He was educated in the Public Schools of Somerset Area. His working career was spent with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, from which he retired as a freight conductor.



His Masonic record includes:  
Member of Somerset Lodge, 358  
Director of Somerset Masonic Temple Association.  
Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture.  
Served as Chaplain of the Lodge for two years.  
Member of the Valley of Altoona, Pa.  
Membership Chairman for the Somerset Area for many years.  
Member of Hebron Royal Arch Chapter, 272.



Member of Cambria Council 32, Royal and Select Masters.  
Member of Oriental Commandery, 61, Knights Templar.  
Member of Westmoreland Forest, 77, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.  
Jaffa Shrine, Altoona, Pa.  
Co-Chairman of the Hospital Committee.

In service to his community and to his fellow man:

Member of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department. Served several years as Director.

Member of Somerset County Easter Seal Society.

Has served in various capacities during the past ten years.

In 1977 he received the award "Brace for an Ace" from the State Society.

Member of Keystone Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Vice President of Disaster Services.

Received the Red Cross Award for outstanding service for his work in the 1977 Johnstown Flood.

In the service of his country III. Brother Kimmel spent 50 months in the U. S. Air Force during World War II, and 24 months with the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. III. Brother Kimmel has received many honors including the fore mentioned "Brace for an Ace" from the Easter Seal Society, "Man of the year Award," from the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, and the Meritorious Service Award from the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

Our Honorary Member is married to the former Ethel Sanner, and they live at 321 W. Garrett Street, Somerset, Pa. They have a daughter named Vicki, who is married and lives in Lancaster, Pa.

## **Kinkead, Edwin F.**

**September 26, 1962**

Brother Edwin F. Kinkead, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 26, 1962 at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America



A native and lifelong resident of Ebensburg, Brother Kinkead was born on April 12, 1904, son of the late Oscar and Minerva (Spencer) Kinkead.

An active sportsman all his life, he participated in athletics at Ebensburg High School from which he graduated in 1922. He was also a member of the famous Ebensburg Tigers baseball team and equally well-known basketball "Big Five". He was an avid golfer and staunch cheerleader of the hometown kids in schoolboy games. He and his wife were a "good team" in themselves, popular among neighbors and among many groups.

Our Brother was for many years, owner of Kinkead Insurance Agency, a four-generation family business begun by his grandfather in 1885 and continues on by his father and is now being carried on by his son Jack.

Illustrious Brother Kinkead was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ebensburg. He was made a Master Mason in Summit Lodge No. 312, F. and A.M. , Ebensburg in 1925, serving as Worshipful Master in 1931, being elected Secretary in 1942 and held that office at the time of his death. He was a charter member of the Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania, being a Past Most Wise Master and former Trustee. He was coroneted to the 33° on September 26, 1962. Brother Kinkead also belonged to Mountain Commandry No. 10, Altoona PA, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Altoona Pa, the Royal Order of Scotland, Jaffa Shrine Temple, Altoona Pa, Ebensburg Rotary Club, L.O.O.M. No. 681, Central Cambria Quarterback Club, and the Ebensburg Country Club.

Brother Kinkead is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former Mildred Johnston; a daughter, Margaret, wife of Edwin Beattie, Lexington Ky.; a son, John S, married to the former Nadine Maurer, Ebensburg; six grand children and a sister Jane, wife of Charles D. Miller of Corry, Pa.

### **Kline, John C.**

**September 30, 1981**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. John C. Kline, 33°, on September 30, 1981, in Philadelphia, Pa., when Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Brother Kline, born in Osceola Mills, Pa., to Malvin H. and Jane (Brown) Kline, was graduated from the Central Cambria School District in Ebensburg, Pa., in 1934. After serving his country from 1942-44 in the U. S. Army's European Theater of Operation, he was honorably discharged and returned to continue his employment with the Cambria and Indiana Railroad. He retired in 1973 with just over 34 years of service, the last 27 as a railroad locomotive engineer.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Ebensburg, our honored brother serves on the board of trustees. He is a past president of this board, past president of the church's administration board, and presently serves as Chairman of the Pastoral Relations Commission. While living in Colver, Brother Kline was the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Colver. In addition to his church work, Brother Kline played an integral role in the formation of the Young Republicans of Cambria County, Colver Unit, serving as its president from 1947-50 and vice-president of the Cambria County Young Republicans in 1950. Taking a leave of absence from the railroad, he also served his Colver community as Postmaster.

Our Ill. Brother's Masonic affiliations include membership in Summit Lodge #312, F. and A.M., Ebensburg, being raised to a Master Mason in 1952; a member of the Valley of Altoona, Class of 1954, where he was the Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1961-62. Currently, he serves the Valley as the Second Lt. Commander of the Consistory body.

Brother Jack is the degree master for the 20° (Past Officers) and 26° degrees. He is a past president of the Valley's Past Officers' Association and of the Northern Cambria County Scottish Rite Club where he was named "Man of the Year" in 1977. He is also a member of Mt. Moriah Chapter # 166, Royal Arch Masons, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Mountain Commandery, No. 10 and Jaffa Shrine, Altoona.

Married to the former Ruth Wills, they live in Ebensburg, Pa., and are the parents of two children, Judith Naughton of Texas, and John David of Ebensburg. There are five grandchildren. Ill. Brother Kline's father, Malvin, was awarded the M.S.A. in 1958. His son, J. David, is a past Most Wise Master (1976-77) and currently serves the Valley as Engineer and Seneschal in the Consistory body as well as serving as the Valley's Coordinator.

## **Kline, J. David**

**September 29, 1992**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. David Kline on September 29, 1992 in Chicago, Illinois when Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill. Brother Kline was born in Colver, PA on November 14, 1946, to John C and Ruth (Wills) Kline. His father, Jack, was a Past Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Altoona and also an Ill. Brother. Brother Kline was graduated from Central Cambria High School in 1964, received a B.A. in Sociology and English from Otterbein College in 1968, and an M.A. from West Virginia University in 1972. He earned his Secondary School Administrative Certification from Pennsylvania State University in 1977. Brother Kline is currently working on his doctoral degree in Elementary Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. As a teacher, he taught English at Blacklick Valley High School where he was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1973. As an administrator, he served the Windber Area School District. Currently, he is employed with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 in Ebensburg as a Program Specialist for Continuing Education and Management. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and serves as a Regional President and is Chairman of the 1992 State PASCD Conference.

An Army Reservist for the last 22 years, Brother Dave currently holds the rank of Major and serves as the Executive Officer of the 485th Chemical Battalion headquartered in Johnstown. Over the years, he has served as Company Commander of the 130th

Chemical Company and as the Assistant Operations Officer of the 464th Chemical Brigade.

A member of the United Methodist Church in Ebensburg, he serves as a member of the Administrative Board. Additionally, Brother Kline served for eight years as a member of the Ebensburg Borough Council.

Our Ill Brother's Masonic affiliations include membership in Summit Lodge #312, F and AM, Ebensburg being raised to a Master Mason in 1968; a member of the Valley of Altoona, Class of 1969, where he has served as the Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1976, and as Commander in-Chief from 1989-91. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Mt Moriah Chapter #166. Royal Arch Masons, Hollidaysburg, PA., and Jaffa Shrine Altoona.

Brother Dave is the degree master for the 17°-18°. He is a past president of the Northern Cambria Scottish Rite Club where he was named "Man of the Year" in 1984. He is also a member of the Northern Cambria Shrine Club. He currently is the President of the Valley's Past Officer Association. Additionally, he serves as the Coordinator of the Valley of Altoona, An active member of various degree teams. Dave has taken parts in the 9th, 10th, 17th, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21st, 26th, and all of the official parts in the Ceremonial Section of the 32nd degree

Married to the former Barbara Orr, they live in Ebensburg, PA and are the proud parents of three children: Ruth Catherine, a junior at Dickenson College, in Carlisle, John David, II, a freshman at Lebanon Valley College in Annville and Joshua Matthew, a sixth grade student at Central Cambria Middle School. He has one sister, Judeth Naughton of Texas.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our newest Ill. Brother and we extend our congratulations and wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Knowles, Kenneth O.**

**September 27, 1994**

The Valley of Altoona is proud to present Illustrious Brother Kenneth O. Knowles, 33°, one of our latest 33° members from the Supreme Council. He received the degree at the sessions on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 in Cleveland Ohio.



Ill. Brother Knowles was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 1, 1934, the son of Virgil and Mildred Knowles. His father, an attorney at law, had a practice in Florida for more than 40 years. Ill. Bro. Knowles' mother, a homemaker, raised 3 older daughters. Ill. Bro. Knowles was educated in the public school systems of both Jacksonville, Florida and Philadelphia, Pa. Following completion of school in the spring of 1952, he was employed by Piasecki Helicopter Corp. in Morton, Pa. In August

of 1954, Ill. Bro. Knowles enlisted in the United States Air Force and perused a military career spanning 20 years, having retired in 1974 in the rank of Master Sergeant. He received the Air Force Commendation medal.

Ill. Bro. Knowles married the former Joyce A. Forshey in June of 1958. She is a native of the Altoona Area. Joyce is employed as the Office Manager for Midstate Tool and Supply Corp., a local automotive tool distributor. He and Joyce have raised three children, two daughters, Elaine Long, a computer technical representative for Delta Health Systems, located in Altoona. Their other daughter, Ellen Knowles is employed by the Presbyterian Home in Hollidaysburg, PA., as the Night Charge Nurse. They also have a son Keith, presently in the employ of Pepsi-Cola Co. of Altoona. Keith is a sales representative for the company.

Masonically, Ill. Bro. Knowles has compiled an enviable record. He is a member of Hiram Lodge #616, having been raised in November of 1980. A member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona since the Fall Class of 1981 Ill. Bro. Knowles served as Sovereign Prince in 1986-87, a total of eight years as the Treasurer for the Valley. He has also served on the Committee for Membership for 7 years and the Chairman for 4 years. He is a past member of the Valley's Long Range Planning Committee and a present member of the Officer Selection and Officer Training Committee. Our Ill. Bro. is also a member of Mountain Council #9, Royal and Select Master Masons, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter #189, and a Knight Templar in Mountain Commandery #10. A Member of the Altoona Square & Compass Club, the Jaffa Shrine Temple and the Jaffa Legion of Honor.

The Ill. Bro. Knowles' Family are members of the Pinecroft United Methodist Church, where he has served on the Board of Trustees since 1976, and is presently Chairman of the Committee and a Pioneer Pal to a church youth.

During his years in the military Ill. Bro. Knowles has served in many capacities. He has devoted much time on Committees with responsibilities to the Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association, United Appeal and the Girls Scouts of America. He has also received several Plaques of appreciation from the Bellwood and Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Companies. He was presented a lifetime membership award to the Pinecroft Volunteer Fire Company for service performed. All of our members appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Bro. Knowles and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to him as our selection for Honorary Member in the Supreme Council, 33°, for 1994.

## Lepley, Reno A.

September 30, 1970

Our Illustrious Brother Reno A. Lepley of State College, Pa., a retired Pennsylvania State Auditor, a member of the Valley of Altoona, was crowned a 33rd Degree Mason in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 30, 1970 at Supreme Council's 158th Session.



He was born in Winfield, Pa., R.F.D., on January 5, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Lepley, and was married December 15, 1934 to the late Lulu Homan Reish. There are three living step-children. He was educated in the Public Schools of Union County, Pa., Susquehanna University and Pennsylvania State University. He taught elementary grades for several years in the Public Schools of Union County, Pa. He was then employed by Penn State University as an accountant and finally by the State of Pennsylvania as an auditor for a period of twenty-one years, retiring January 1, 1964.

Brother Lepley is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, State College, Pa., having served on the church council and as a delegate to Synod. He is a member of the Valley of Altoona, presently serving as First Lieutenant Commander of the Consistory. (He transferred from the Valley of Williamsport.) He is a Past Master of State College Lodge No. 700, F. & A.M., State College; Past High Priest of Bellefonte Chapter No. 241, Royal Arch Masons; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Nittany Council No. 57, R. & S. M., State College, Pa.; and Past Commander of Constans Commandery No. 33, Bellefonte, Pa. He is recorder of Nittany Council and served as Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania in 1959. He holds a membership in the Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and had the Knights of York Cross of Honour conferred upon him May 2, 1970 by Penn Priory No. 6, Harrisburg, Pa. He is a member of Jaffa Shrine and the Royal Order of Scotland. A Fellow of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America. A Knight of the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri awarded by Grand Master's Council Allied Masonic Degrees, United States of America. Member of the Philalethes Society.

Our honored Brother served his country in the United States Army during World War I as a member of Base Hospital No. 61 A.E.F, France. He is a Charter Member and Past Commander of Nittany Post No., 245, American Legion, State College, Pa., and an Honorary Life Member of the University Club of State College; also a member of the Penn State Retired Staff Club. He is a recipient of the Golden Arrow Award presented by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America for outstanding service in York Rite Masonry.

**Linderman, Howard W.**

**September 28, 1955**



Brother Howard W. Linderman is a member of Porter Lodge No. 284 F&AM, Catasauqua PA and Past Potentate of Jaffa Temple. He was crowned a 33° Mason in ceremonies held at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Detroit MI on September 28, 1955.

**Lindsey, Eugene E.**

**September 27, 1972**

In September at Boston, Massachusetts, Ill. Brother Eugene E. Lindsey, M.S., 33°, received the Honorary degree. He is Past Sovereign Prince of the Altoona Council,



Princes of Jerusalem, 16° and a former Trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Altoona. He is degree master of the 27° as well as taking part in other degree work. His work as membership chairman has brought excellent results and he received the Meritorious Service Award in 1969.

Brother Lindsey, born in Duncansville, Pennsylvania, son of Tolbert C. and Mamie (Smith) Lindsey, was educated in the Allegheny Township schools, the Hollidaysburg High School, receiving a B.S. degree in 1942 at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his M.Ed. was earned at the University of Pittsburgh in 1954.

Our honored brother currently is assistant principal of the Hollidaysburg High School having formerly taught chemistry in Osaka, Japan, science and mathematics at the Morrison Cove High School and chemistry at the Hollidaysburg Community Joint Senior High School. Mr. Lindsey is co-owner of the Lindsey School Bus Lines.

A member of the Hicks Memorial United Methodist Church of Duncansville, Brother Lindsey teaches a Bible class and is Sunday School Superintendent. He also belongs to a number of professional organizations and is active in civic work.

Brother "Gene" saw military service in the Asiatic, Pacific and American theaters of operation.

The 33° recipient is a Past Master of Juniata Lodge No. 282, F. & A.M. and currently trustee of the same, Past High Priest of Mt. Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9 and is Eminent Commander of Mountain Commandery, No. 10. He also belongs to the following: Tall Cedars of Lebanon No. 13, Jaffa Shrine Temple, Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons of United States of America, Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Council of Anointed Kings, Royal Order of Scotland, Division No. 6, Line Officers and Past Commanders Association and Jaffa Temple Legion of Honor. He demitted from the Valley of Williamsport to be a part of the Valley of Altoona.

Eugene E. and Lois A. (Holsinger) Lindsey reside in Duncansville and they are the parents of one daughter, Eugenia, a senior at the Hollidaysburg High School.

### **Logue, Richard W.**

**September 27, 1978**

III. Brother Richard W. Logue, 33°, M.S., received the honorary 33rd degree in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 27, 1978, at the 166th Session of the Supreme Council.



The honored member belongs to Summit Lodge No. 312, F. & A.M., and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona where he is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix and has served as Trustee for the Valley. He has been a member of the Marshals since 1960 and has been Chairman of the Marshals for the past nine years.

Our Illustrious Brother is Past High Priest and is currently Secretary of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, Sr. Deputy G.T.C., Chief Logan Forest No. 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and is a member of Mountain Council No. 9, Mountain Commandery No. 10, Square and Compass Club and Jaffa Temple. He is past president of the Northern Cambria Scottish Rite Club and was presented in 1975 a plaque from them for meritorious service. He is also past president of the Northern Cambria Shrine Club, past treasurer of Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11 and a member of Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons, Royal Order of Scotland, and Correspondence Circle, The Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London.

In July 1976, Brother Logue was honored in Philadelphia by receiving the Meritorious Service Award, having been named by his peers in the Valley of Altoona.

Besides Masonic activities, Mr. Logue is a life member and past engineer of the Portage Volunteer Fire Co., past treasurer of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and vicinity, charter member and past president of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania, past president of the American Association of Firemen and a member of the board of control of Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association. He also belongs to I.O.O.F., Cove Lodge No. 368, Sons of the American Revolution and is a



charter member of the Portage Revolver and Pistol Club, having served as president and treasurer.

The 33rd degree recipient was born in Altoona, a son of Webster M. and Mary (Weber) Logue and was educated in the Altoona schools and Pennsylvania State University. He is a retired electrical inspector for the Department of General Services, State of Pennsylvania. He resides with his wife, the former Annaclare Paul, at Portage where they are members of the Bethany United Methodist Church. They are the parents of three children, Virginia Ann (Mrs. Dennis C. Richardson) of Murrysville Pennsylvania., Richard Paul Logue of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Patricia Lee Logue of Portage, Pennsylvania. There are two grandchildren, David and Kris Anne Richardson.

### **Luse, Frederick E.**

**September 26-1979**

Ill.: Brother Frederick E. Luse, 33°, received the Honorary Degree on September 26, 1979 in Chicago, Ill.



Frederick E. Luse was born in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1913, and educated in the Centre Hall- Potter Township School system, from which he graduated. Married the former Sara Smith on August 17, 1930. They now reside at Ridge Avenue, Centre Hall, Pa., and they are the parents of three children, Donna Luse Clinger, Churchville, Pa., a housewife; Keith D. Luse, Centre Hall, Pa., a food distributor and Past Most Wise Master of the Valley of Altoona; A. Robert Luse, Centre Hall, Pa., now owner of Luse's IGA Market.

A retail merchant all his life, working for several food stores. In 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Luse purchased their own store which they operated until their retirement in 1976. The Luse's are active members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Brother Luse served many terms on the Church Council and in the Sunday School Program.

Masonic activities include: Member of Old Fort Lodge 537, Centre Hall, Pa., having served many appointments during his affiliation and currently acting as Chaplain, and Secretary of Old Fort Masonic Club, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, Past Most Wise Master of the Valley. Member of the 14th and 20th degree teams and the Stewards Committees. Centre County Scottish Rite Club and Jaffa Shrine.

Other community activities: Member Centre Hall Lions Club, where he has served as Treasurer for 20 years. Responsible for daily display in the community of our nation's flag. Centre Hall Fire Co.; was instrumental in the formation of the Centre Hall Fire Police Association. Centre Hall-Potter Township School Board Director for 18 years, 16 years as Board Secretary. Instrumental in forming the Penns Valley Area School District and erection of the new high school. Member Progress Grange and P. O. S. of A., Centre Hall, Pa.

## Mallow, Harold R.

September 27, 1967

An Altoona businessman, Harold R. Mallow, and member of the Valley of Altoona, was elevated to the 33° in Pittsburgh PA on September 27, 1967 at Supreme Council's 155<sup>th</sup> Reunion.



Our Illustrious Brother, son of Mrs Esther (Burket) Mallow and the late George D. Mallow, was born in Altoona on September 13, 1926. He was educated in the Altoona Schools and is owner-operator of a service center in Altoona. The business embraces two city blocks, including a service station, hardware store, dairy store, car wash, Laundromat, and barber shop. He is married to the former Carolyn R. Clugh, and they are the parents of three fine sons, John, James and Jay. The family resides at RD 1, Altoona.

Brother Mallow is a member of the Juniata United Presbyterian Church, having served as Trustee, Secretary Treasurer from 1960 to 1966 and is currently acting as Elder. He holds membership in Mountain Lodge No. 281 F&AM; the Square and Compass Club; and the Scottish Rite Bodies in Altoona. He transferred from the Valley of Harrisburg. He also belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland, and Jaffa Temple, where he assists with stage and set designing.

The honored Brother has been and is still actively engaged in Degree work and concentrating on the stage and background setup for the Valley of Altoona Reunion Portrayals. The Valley honored him in 1953 with the Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Harold served his country as a Technical Sergeant in the United States Infantry and now works with the Boy Scouts of America as a Troop Committeeman. He is also a member of Lions International.

## McIntyre, Duncan P.

September 3, 2002

At the Supreme Council Session held at Boston MA, Brother Duncan P. McIntyre was crowned Honorary 33° on September 3, 2002 at the 190<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.



Ill.: Bro. Duncan Paul McIntyre was born in 1957 in Altoona Pennsylvania to Bro. Paul E. McIntyre, MSA, and Margaret B. (Slippey) McIntyre.

He graduated from the Hollidaysburg Area High School, and in 1979, graduated from Juniata College with a degree in Business Administration. While in college, he was a member of the touring choir for four years. He also served as Marketing Director of WKVR, the campus radio station.

Bro. Duncan was baptized and was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg and currently is an active member of the First United Methodist Church Choir in Hollidaysburg. On October 18, 1980, he married Judith Anne Richards of Hollidaysburg.

Upon graduation from college, he went to work for NCR Corp., Business Forms and Supplies Division, then for Gilcom Corp. at WFBG-FM in broadcast advertising sales. In 1988, he received his Pennsylvania Real Estate License and went to work for Classic Real Estate in Lakemont, Altoona PA. He has also worked in the local office for the 2000 US Census in an administrative capacity.

Ill.: Bro McIntyre was Entered into Portage Lodge No 220, F&AM in November 1985, and was Master of the Lodge in 1993 and 1994. He served on numerous committees and was past co-chairman of the joint Portage and Juniata Lodge's Red Cross Blood Drive.

He was a member of the Spring Reunion Class of 1986 in the Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R. where he is currently serving as Assistant Director of Work for the Valley. He has served as Chairman of the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee for two years, and as Chairman of the Valley of Altoona's Red Cross Blood Drive. He is the Degree Master for the 9°, and has had a part of most of the degrees portrayed at the Valley, primarily active in the 15°, 16°, 17°, 18°, and 32°.

Bro. McIntyre is also active in the York Rite Bodies; a Capitular Member of Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 166, R.A.M. where he served as High Priest in 1991/92 and had the Order of High Priest Conferred; a Cryptic Member of Mountain Council No. 9, R&SM, serving as Chaplain; and a Chivalric Member of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar, where he served as Prelate. He has participated in the conferral of all the degrees in all these bodies. In 2002, he received admission to the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant orders, and is a Knight Companion of Constans Conclave in Johnstown PA.

Ill.: Bro. McIntyre is a Noble of the Jaffa Temple AAONMS, Altoona, where he is a member of the Jaffa Ushers, serving as assistant secretary, and a charter member of the Jaffa Past Masters Club. He also serves on the annual mini-clinic and is a member of the ceremonial degree cast. He is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Court 70, and Chief Logan Forest No. 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where he served as Preceptor and past Trustee.

He is also a member of the Local Chapter of the Robert Burns Society. He was a charter member of the now defunct Keystone Chorale, and a member and past president of the former Altoona Choral Society.

**Miller, Harold G.**

**September 29, 1971**

Harold G. Miller, Secretary of the Valley of Altoona, was created a 33° Mason in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 29, 1971 at Supreme Council's 159th session.



Our Illustrious Brother, a native of Altoona, was born on August 15, 1899 to the late Adolph G. and Emma (Wentz) Miller. He is married to the former Dorothy Boring and they are the parents of a son, Harold, Jr., a chemical engineer with the Goodrich Chemical Company in New Jersey. There are four grandchildren.

After fifty years service, Brother Miller retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as head clerk. He also served for sixteen years as a Republican State Legislator for the First District of Altoona in the General Assembly at Harrisburg and at the present time he is Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Hollidaysburg State Hospital.

A member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Altoona, Brother Miller served several terms as ruling Elder. He also holds membership in the Christian Business Men's Committee of Blair County.

Our honored member was made a Master Mason on December 6, 1933 in Logan Lodge No. 490, F. and A. M., serving, as Worshipful Master in 1944 and currently is a Trustee in that body. In addition, he belongs to Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Mountain Council No. 9, and Mountain Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, Square and Compass Club, Jaffa Shrine Temple and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona, where he has been Secretary for all Bodies since 1965. He is Degree Master for the 7°.

**Miller, William P.**

**September 28, 1955**



Brother William P. Miller is a member of Hiram Lodge No 616, F&AM, Altoona PA, and District Deputy Grand Master of the 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District of Pennsylvania. He was crowned a 33° Mason in ceremonies held at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Detroit MI on September 28, 1955.

## **Muir, Robert**

**September 27, 1972**

At Supreme Council's recent session held at Boston, Massachusetts, Ill. Brother Robert Muir, 33°, received the Honorary Degree.



Born in Bakerton, Pennsylvania on March 3, 1911 to John R. and Annie (Jewitt) Muir, Brother Muir was educated in the West Carroll Township public schools. He has been steadily employed by Barnes and Tucker Company, a mining organization in Barnesboro, Pennsylvania, having been store manager and currently is the supply clerk.

Brother "Bob" is an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church of Barnesboro, serving on the official board for many years. He is past president of the Barnesboro Lions Club.

Our honored brother is a Past Master of Patton Lodge No. 658, F. and A.M., a charter member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Altoona and a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple. He was Sovereign Prince of the Altoona Princes of Jerusalem, 16° in 1960-61. Scottish Rite also sees him active as Degree Master for the 8° and in the casts of the 9°, 10° and 20° when members of the Northern Cambria County area portray the latter three degrees. He is past president of the Northern Cambria County Scottish Rite Club and past president of the Jaffa Shrine Club of the same county.

Brother Muir is married to the former Lois Lowe and there are three children: Mrs. Jean Molino of Barnesboro, Robert W. of Boca Raton, Florida, and John D. of Barnesboro. There are five grandchildren. The Muirs' live at 407 25th Street, Barnesboro, Pennsylvania.

## **Nugent, John C.**

**September 21, 1926      Affiliated**



Active for many years in the professional, public, fraternal and religious life of Blair County, Ill.: John C. Nugent, 33°, will be sorely missed in the community where he served many years as a dentist and oral surgeon.

Dr. Nugent was married on November 29, 1900 at Salem NJ, to Miss Elizabeth S Emmel, they had three sons; Lt. Gen. Richard E. (ret) of Marrit Island FL; Dr. Fred B. Nugent of Reading; and John Jr. of Granite City IL; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and four sisters. His oldest son, Dr. J. R. Nugent, Deputy Chief of the UNRRA in Japan, died July 27, 1945 while swimming near Yokohama Japan.

A resident of Spruce Creek, PA, he practiced his profession in Altoona and in 1927, served as president of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society. In 1933, he was appointed by Governor Pinchot to the State Executive Committee on Malnutrition.

Active in the Altoona Chamber of Commerce, Dr Nugent was elected president in 1925, after having served earlier as Vice President and other capacities. A Charter Member and Past President of the Altoona Rotary Club, he twice represented the Club at international conventions. He was appointed a member of the Altoona School Board in 1917 and in 1919 as was elected to a six year term. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church, he served on the Board of Trustees and on the Building Committee.

Ill.: Bro. Nugent was a member of Logan Lodge F&AM, Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, Mountain Council, Royal and Select Masters, the oldest living Past Commander of Mountain Commandry, Knights Templar, serving in 1914; active in promoting the welfare of the Williamsport A.A.S.R., and affiliated with the Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R. in 1955, the Jaffa Shrine Temple and Royal Order of Jesters.

Ill. Bro. Dr. John C. Nugent died March 21, 1959.

## **Rankin, Arthur L.**

**September 27, 1994**

Ill. Brother Arthur L. Rankin, 33°, received the 33rd Degree in Cleveland, Ohio on September 27, 1994, at the Annual Sessions of the Supreme Council, being made an Honorary Member.



Our Illustrious Brother was born March 20, 1943, in Six Mile Run, Pa., to Arthur M. and Dorothea Rankin.

He is a member of the Coalmont United Methodist Church, where he serves as Trustee, serves on Church Council, Sunday School Teacher, Lay Leader; he also is a Certified Lay Speaker.

Our Ill.: Bro. Rankin Attended and graduated from Saxton Liberty High School, he also went to Military School in the United States Air Force, where he served four years.

Ill. Bro. Rankin married the former Janet Patterson on July 14, 1962. They live at R.D. 1 Box 335, Saxton. They are the parents of two Sons, David, age 30, and Christopher age 26.

The honored recipient has a very impressive Masonic record, presently Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Altoona; Everett Lodge #524 where he is a Past Master; Bedford Chapter RAM #255, Past High Priest; Mountain Council No. 9 R-S Masters, Past T.I.M.; Mountain Commandry No. 10, Past Eminent Commander; Order of High Priesthood; Council of Anointed Kings of Pa.; Grand Lodge of Pa., Senior Grand Deacon 1982-86; Pa. Youth Foundation, Board of Directors 1991-92; Order of DeMolay, Legion of Honor;

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pa., Grand Marshall 1981-82, D.D.G.H.P., 1983-86. M.E. Grand High Priest 1991-92; Constans Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Puissant Sovereign 1992; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Deputy Preceptor 1994; Pa. College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitateibus Foederatis; Keystone Priory No. 26 KYCH, Warden of the Temple 1994; Knight York Grand Cross of Honor 1992; Seven Mountains Council No. 65, AMD, Past Sovereign Master; Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216; Pa. York Rite College No. 11; Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons; Chief Logan Forest No. 131 ; Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

The Membership of the Valley of Altoona is pleased to extend its Congratulation to Ill. Bro. Rankin on his latest achievement.

**Rishell, Charles B.**

**September 28, 1977**

Ill. Brother Charles Byron Rishell, 33° received the Honorary degree in Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 28, 1977. He was born in Clearfield, Pa. on August 8, 1909, the son of Harry



L. and Alice V. Rishell. He was educated in the Clearfield schools and is a member of the West Side United Methodist Church.

Ill. Brother Rishell retired after sixteen years as office manager of the Iron Workers Local No. 772 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers. Prior to that he was office manager for a contractor at the Shawville, Pa. Power Generating Station, a foreman of an electronics company at Hyde, Pa. and early in his career he was a machine operator at

Clearfield.

Married to the former Helen E. Smith, they live at 136 S. High St., Clearfield, Pa.

Our honored Brother's impressive Masonic affiliations include: Member and Past Master of Clearfield Lodge, # 314, F. and A.M.; member of the Clearfield Masonic Temple Association Board of Directors; Past Excellent High Priest of Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter, #228 also former Secretary for five years and is now their Treasurer, having served since 1971; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Moshannon Council, # 56, Royal and Select Masters of Philipsburg; Past Eminent Commander of Moshannon Commandery, # 74, Knights Templar, Philipsburg, Pa.; Past Grand Tall Cedar of Keystone Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon # 93, Curwensville, Pa. and has been their Treasurer since 1969; member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona since 1953 and is Degree Master for the 5° and a member of the 5° cast; Treasurer of the Clearfield Co. Scottish Rite Club; member of Jaffa Shrine Temple and was president of the Clearfield Co. Shrine Club in 1974; holds membership in the Clearfield Shrine Club Oriental Band, member of Mid-Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association and Association of Shrine Oriental Bands; member of Conemaugh Gap York Rite College, # 34, Johnstown, Pa. and is also on the Advisory Board of the Clearfield Chapter Order of DeMolay. In addition to this Honorary Degree, Ill. Brother Charles has received the following honors: Member of

Knights of York Cross of Honor, Penn Priory No 6, Harrisburg PA, in 1967, Member of Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and received the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Other memberships held are in the Clearfield Lodge No 50, B.P.O.E., Volunteer Fire Company of Clearfield, and is a life member of Third Ward Hose Co.

### **Roberts, Byron, A.**

**September 30, 1964**

On September 30, 1964 in Detroit Michigan, Brother Byron A. Roberts, Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Altoona, was crowned a 33° Mason in special ceremonies at the 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.



Brother Roberts, a native of Ebensburg PA, and educated in the Cambria County Public Schools, is a retired businessman, now residing in the historic Lemmon House in Cresson PA. For a period of six years, he served on the Borough Council at Ebensburg and is a member of South Bethany Congressional Church there.

The new Supreme Council Member lists his Masonic affiliations: Summit Lodge No. 312, F&AM, Ebensburg PA, where he received his Master Masons Degree on May 11, 1946. He also holds membership in Mountain Chapter No. 189 R.A.M., Altoona PA, and Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar. He received his 32° on May 3, 1946 in the Valley of Williamsport where he demitted to become a Charter Member of the Valley of Altoona on March 26, 1951, and soon after was appointed to an office in the Altoona Consistory until his election as Secretary of the Co-ordinate Bodies of the Valley of Altoona in December 1961. He also holds membership with the A.A.O.N.M.S., Jaffa Temple, Altoona and is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Court 70, Altoona. While in Detroit, he was initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Roberts is married to the former Francis Fryckland of Hastings PA and they are parents of two children, a son, Ronald M. of Johnstown, PA and a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Mardis of Ebensburg PA.

### **Robinson, Earl C.**

**September 26, 1973**

Adding to his many Masonic accomplishments, Ill. Brother Earl C. Robinson, 33°, M.S., received the 33rd degree in Detroit, Michigan in September, 1973.

The honored recipient is a Past Master of Mountain Lodge # 281, F. & A. M. and a Trustee of the same. At present he is serving on the Committee of Instructions and the Charity Committee. He is a former Trustee of Mt. Royal Arch Chapter # 189 and is Captain General of Commandery #10, Knights Templar. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,



Valley of Altoona claims him as a Past Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, and a former Trustee in all bodies. He is Past President and current Secretary of the Past Presiding Officers Association, Valley of Altoona. He is degree master for the 17° and 18° and a member of the 10° cast. Ill. Brother Earl is actively engaged as a member of the Coordinating Committee as Director of Support Groups and serves on the Reunion Stage Crew.



Brother Robinson holds membership in Jaffa Shrine Temple, being Past President and current Treasurer of the Oriental Band, a member of the Amusement Committee, Ushers Club and bowls in Jaffa's Bowling League.

Our honored Brother served his country in the United States Navy for 28 months during World War II in the Pacific Theatre.

An active member of the Fourth Street Church of God, Altoona, Pa., Brother Earl teaches high school students and he sings in the church choir. He also is on Church Council, being its Financial Secretary. He also holds membership in the Kiwanis Club and Navy League.

Brother Robinson lives with his wife, Helen, at 308 Pine Avenue, Altoona. They are the parents of one daughter, Nancy, a teacher at the Altoona Area High School. He is employed as manager, of Union Roofing & Supply Co.

## **Sorge, Lloyd C.**

**September 26, 2000**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. Lloyd C. Sorge on September 26, 2000, in Pittsburgh, PA., when the Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met.



Ill. Bro. Sorge was born on 27 July 1944 in Altoona, the son of Charles W. and Geneva G. McCready. His father died December 1980. His mother is a member of Altoona Chapter #290, O.E.S.

Lloyd graduated from Hollidaysburg Senior High School, Class of 1962, and enlisted in the United States Air Force 31 Jan 1963 for a period of six years. While serving, he attained the rank of Airman First Class; served with the 17th Bomb Wing; is a veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict and is a recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work with casualties from the USS Forrestal and the USS Oriskany. Lloyd graduated September 1970 from the Chambersburg Hospital Licensed Practical Nurse Program; is a 1979 graduate of Mount Aloysius Jr. College, with a degree in Pre-Mortuary Science, and a 1980 graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary

Science. Serving as a licensed Funeral Director, he and his wife own and operate Sorge Funeral Home, Hollidaysburg.

Bro. Sorge married Melody Gail Kunes on January 22, 1972 in St. James Lutheran Church, Altoona. She is a 1969 graduate of Altoona High School; a 1971 graduate of Mercy Hospital School for Certified Laboratory Assistants and was employed by the Blair County Chapter, American Red Cross. Melody is a Past Matron of Altoona Chapter #290, O.E.S. and served in 1999-2000 as District Deputy Grand Matron, District 9A. Lloyd and Melody have two sons, Ashley Karl and Aden Russell. Ashley, holding both private and commercial pilot's licenses, graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Arizona, and is currently in his senior semester at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, planning to return home in January 2001 and join his father in the family business. He is a member of Juniata Lodge #282, F&AM and A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona. Aden is a member of the Senior Class, Altoona Area High School. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Mt. Aloysius Jr. College and then the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. Aden is a member of al-Aksa Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he is serving as Senior Counselor.

Lloyd and Melody are members of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Duncansville, being active in the New Idea Sunday School Class. They are former members of the Lakemont United Methodist Church. Lloyd is a former counselor, Camp Sequanota. He is a current member of the Board of Directors, St. Leonard's Home; Hollidaysburg, Ill. Bro. Sorge served on the original board of Q-Site, Ebner Elementary School, and is a former board member of Family and Children's Services. Lloyd also holds an honorary life membership in the Allegheny Twp. Volunteer Fire Company. Both he and his wife are members of Scotch Valley Grange, #510.

Ill. Bro. Sorge holds life memberships in Juniata Lodge No. 282, F&AM, Hollidaysburg, where he presently serves on the Grievance Committee. He also belongs to Chief Logan Forest # 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Hollidaysburg; Jaffa Shrine, and serves as a "Dad" Advisor and treasurer of al-Aksa Chapter, DeMolay, and also is a member of Altoona Chapter #290, O.E.S.

His service to the Valley of Altoona includes Chapter of Rose Croix, 1978-79, Lodge of Perfection, serving as Thrice Potent Master 1988-89, is currently First Lt. Commander, Consistory Body and Degree Master, 32°, Allegorical Section.

Ill.: Bro. Sorge enjoys his family, helping others, life, the out-of-doors, gardening, hunting and fishing.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our Congratulations to him and a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

## Speece, Jack H.

September 24, 1991

The Valley of Altoona is very pleased and proud to name the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class in honor of our Illustrious Brother Jack H. Speece, 33<sup>o</sup>, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.



Ill. Brother Speece was born in Altoona, Blair County, PA to Howard and Audry N. (Detwiler) Speece. He received a BS Degree from Shippensburg State College and took Graduate Studies in chemistry at Indiana State University of PA. His military service was working with dangerous cargo in the U.S. Coast Guard as a First Class Port Security man. He also worked as a teacher, a chemist in Lewistown and Altoona and a heat treating and mechanical plating supervisor before being employed by Lee Industries, Philipsburg PA. As an applications engineer, he designs and sells stainless steel processing equipment for food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries through out the world.

Our Ill. Brother married V. Diane Alwine in 1969. They are the parents of two children, Karen D. Hamel, and Ryan Howard Speece. They have two grand daughters.

Ill. Brother Speece is well known among cavers, having published several county cave surveys and numerous articles. He is a Fellow of the National Speleology Society, and recipient of the Peter Hauer Spelean History Award and past editor of The Journal of Spelean History.

He is a past president of the Blair County Genealogical Society and was chairman of the building committee for their new library in Hollidaysburg PA. He continues to work as a librarian and on special projects. Genealogical research continues to be an active hobby.

He is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has many callings. He is a thirty-two year veteran of the Boy Scouts of America and a leader for two Jamborees and a Philmont Expedition. A former Eagle Scout, he holds the Scouter's Key, Adult Religious Award, Training Award, Den Leaders's Award the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter's Award, and Wood Badge.

Ill. Brother Jack H. Speece, 33<sup>o</sup> started his Masonic career in Al-Aksa Chapter, Order of DeMolay as a Preceptor, and earned the Representative Award. He served as Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616 F&AM, High Priest of Mountain Chapter No. 189, Royal Arch Masons, and Eminent Commander of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar, Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9, Royal and Select Master Masons, and Past President of the Altoona Square and Compass Club. He is a past Commander in Chief and Present Deputy Master of the Valley of Altoona and received the Honorary 33<sup>o</sup> in 1991. He is also serving in the lines of York Rite College, The Red Cross of Constantine, the Allied Masonic Degrees, and a member of the Jaffa Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

## Speece, Howard H.

September 24, 1980

Ill. Brother Howard H. Speece, 33° received the Honorary Degree in Cleveland, Ohio on September 24, 1980.



Brother Speece was born on January 31, 1919 in Altoona to Howard B. and Florence M. (Mutzabaugh) Speece. He graduated from Altoona High School in 1938 and married Audrey N. Detwiler on April 12, 1941.

Our Ill. Brother is a Past Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 616 and serves on the Masonic Culture Committee and is Past President of the Altoona Square and Compass Club. He also belongs to the following York Rite Bodies: Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189; Mountain Council, No. 9; Mountain Commandery, No. 10; Conemaugh Gap York Rite College, No. 34. In the Scottish Rite he belongs to the Valley of Altoona where he is the Current Commander-in-Chief, degree Master for the 32° and a member of the Honor Guard; the Royal Order of Scotland. He also belongs to Jaffa Shrine Temple where he is a member of Jaffa Arab Patrol and is its Chaplain; Jaffa Legion of Honor and is Past President and Director of the Altoona Shrine Club; co-chairman of the Jaffa Shrine Children's Hospital Committee.

Ill. Brother Speece served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 in the Infantry and Signal Corps in the European Theatre of Operations. He received two bronze stars for his service to his country. He holds membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars; National Rifle Association and is a Certified Rifle Instructor; is a Hunter Safety Instructor with the Pennsylvania Game Commission; is Past Secretary and Director of the Altoona Rifle and Pistol Club and Past Secretary and Director of the Altoona Volunteer Sportsmen's Club. Brother Howard is Merit Badge Counselor with the Boy Scouts of America.

After thirty eight years service, our honored member retired from Conrail as a lay-out man in the Hollidaysburg Heavy Repair Shops.

He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Altoona, serving on the Property Committee.

Brother and Mrs. Speece reside at 1810 2nd Street, Altoona. They are the parents of two children: Mrs. Jane E. Geiner, a mathematics teacher in the Altoona Area School District and Jack H., an applications engineer with Lee Process Systems Co., in Philipsburg, Pa. There are four grandchildren.

Looking forward to retirement, Jack enjoys working in the yard, building projects around the home, hunting and genealogy.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill. Brother and we extend our Congratulations to him along with a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

## **Sponeybarger, S. Blair**

**September 26, 1966**

S. Blair Sponeybarger Jr., well known for his Masonic activities, was elevated to the 33<sup>o</sup> in Boston MA on September 28, 1966 at the Council's 154<sup>th</sup> Session.



Brother Sponeybarger was born at Huntingdon PA, where he graduated from the Huntingdon High School with high honors. Following which, he graduated from Williamson College of Mechanical Arts and the Dale Carnegie Institute.

The Pennsylvania Electric Company has seen his services as a Civil Engineer for more than 30 years, as well as serving as a borough engineer at Martinsburg PA.

Our Ill. Brother is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where he is on the Planning Committee.

Mr. Sponeybarger has been active in the following Masonic Bodies: Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616 F&AM; High Priest of Mountain Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Secretary 1956 and 57; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander of Mountain Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar, Trustee since 1957; Past Illustrious King, Council of Anointed Kings of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Serving as Illustrious Scribe of above body since 1960; Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Harrisburg PA; Masonic Veterans Association of Western PA; Past Puissant Sovereign of Constans Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; York Rite College No. 11 for Pennsylvania; Knight Masons of Ireland, Erin Council No. 63; National League of Masonic Clubs No. 944, Altoona PA; Royal Order of Scotland; Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R., presently serving as Chancellor in Consistory; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Allied Masonic Degrees; Seven Mountains Council; Altoona Shrine Club; Jaffa Shrine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., presently serving as First Ceremonial Master; Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 70; Honorary Member Officers and Past Commanders Association No. 2, Knights Templar, Pittsburgh; Life Sponsor, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Member Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>.

In rounding out his professional career, our brother belongs to Registered Professional Engineer, Registration in Who's Who in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Society for Professional Engineers, listed in Who's Who in the East, National Society for

Professional Engineers, Altoona Engineering Society, Altoona Electrical and Electronic Association.

**Stenger, Harry C.**

**September 27, 1961**

Brother Harry C. Stenger, of the Valley of Altoona was crowned a 33° Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 27, 1961 at the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America at Chicago IL.



Reverend and Brother Harry C. Stenger resides in Tyrone Pennsylvania where he is superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged.

He is a member of Charity Lodge No. 144 F&AM, Lewisburg, serving as Worshipful Master in 1954.

He is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, and is now serving as Second Lieutenant Commander of the Altoona Consistory. He is the Degree Master of the 24<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**Stitzer, Walter B.**

**August 27, 1996**

Adding to his many Masonic accomplishments, Ill. Brother Walter B. Stitzer, 33°, received the 33rd degree.

Walter has been very active in the Valley for many years. He is a Past Commander in Chief, 1991-93, participated in Degree Work and served as chairman of long range planning. He is also responsible for setting up the Officers Seminar.



In York Rite of Freemasonry, he is a member of Bellefonte Lodge No, 268, serving as Master, and serving as past officers in Chapter, Council and Commandry. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Williamsport Conclave, York Rite Sovereign College No. 11, and Penn Priory No. 6, K.Y.C.H..

Our Brother was involved in his church, Boy Scouting, and Volunteer Fire Department.

For all his activities in the Fraternity and community, he was nominated to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Boston in 1996. His death came before he received the honor but due to a change in the Constitution of Supreme Council, he was recognized for the honor posthumously.

## Thompson, James K.

September 25, 1985



One of the hard working and devoted Masons of our Valley was honored by the Supreme Council at its Annual sessions in Detroit in September when he received the 33<sup>o</sup>, and was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.

Ill. Brother James K. Thompson, who resides at 885 Leisure Avenue, Johnstown has been serving our fraternity in the Central Pennsylvania area for many years. His Masonic record shows:

1. A member and Past Master of Johnstown Lodge No. 538.
2. A member and Past High Priest of Portage, Chapter No. 195.
3. A member and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Cambria Council No. 32.
4. A member and Past Commander of Oriental Commandery No. 61.
5. A member of the Valley of Altoona. At the present time he is serving as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection and as Degree Master of the 20<sup>o</sup>.
6. A member of the Red Cross of Constantine and at present is completing his year as Sovereign of Constans Conclave.
7. A member and Past Governor of Conemaugh Gap York Rite College.
8. A member and Past Grand Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.
9. In the field of Masonic Ritual, he served as Principal of the Johnstown School, Regional Instructor, and is now Chief Instructor for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He is married to the former Marion E. Holsopple. They have three children, Nancy, James D., and Debra.

Ill. Brother Thompson, being the son of a minister, places great value on his membership in the Belmont United Methodist Church where he serves as Church Treasurer and is a Lay Minister.

During World War II, Brother Thompson served with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific.

The Valley is happy and pleased that this life of service to humanity has been recognized and Ill. Brother Thompson is now an Honorary Member of our Supreme Council.

## Weierick, Ernest

October 3, 1995

The Valley of Altoona is very proud to name its 92<sup>nd</sup> Reunion Class for our Ill.: Ernest Weierick, 33<sup>o</sup>.

He is a Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616 and Past Presiding Officer of Mountain Chapter No. 189, Mountain Commandry No. 10, Mountain Council No. 9, and is a member of Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of York Cross of Honour. He is a past

District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Seven Mountains Council No. 65 Allied Masonic Degrees, and a past Puissant Sovereign of Constans Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Johnstown PA., and is a Line Officer in Transfiguration Council No. XXIX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Pittsburgh PA. He is also a member of Roland C. Fisher Mark Lodge No. 401, Oakland PA and is the District Deputy Grand Master for the 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, Grand Lodge of PA.



He is a Past Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Altoona, has served as Degree Master for the 16<sup>th</sup> Degree and is presently serving as Hospitaler of the Valley.

He and his wife Marjorie have been married for fifty-three years and are the parents of three children; Rebecca LaBelle of San Jose, California; Diane Musselman of Altoona; and Robert B. of Sykesville Md. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He and his wife are the owners of Courier Payroll Services, Altoona PA.

Masons everywhere appreciate the efforts of our Ill.: Brother and we extend a wish for health and happiness to him and his family.

### **Winter, Arthur E.**

**September 25, 1946**

**Affiliated**

Brother Arthur E. Winter, of the Valley of Williamsport was crowned a 33<sup>o</sup> Mason, the highest honor in the order, in ceremonies on September 25, 1946 at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.



Active for more than 50 years in the Blair County city where he lived for 67 years, Ill.: Arthur Ernest Winter, 33<sup>o</sup>, who sold and repaired pianos and other musical instruments, was "Mr. Altoona", a title he earned as a booster for the community in which he lived.

Brother Winter began his technical training in the piano business in New York City before he was 15 years old. He returned to Altoona in 1895 to work as a piano technician for his father and in 1906, entered into a partnership with his parent under the name of F.A. Winter and Son. Four years later, they opened a second store in Tyrone, which they operated until it burned in 1942.

In 1949, Arthur Ernest Winter retired from active business so that he could "give more time to my activities". Even before that he was a dedicated Rotarian, serving as governor of the 34<sup>th</sup> Rotary International District and attending 22 international conventions of the



service organization. In his capacity as a Rotary Delegate, he traveled through 14 European Countries.

Interested also in Masonry, Brother Winter, a member of Hiram Lodge No. 616, F. and A.M., joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Williamsport and in 1946 was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. He was one of those active in organizing the Altoona Scottish Rite Valley and was Illustrious Potentate of Jaffa Shrine in 1942.

Arthur Ernest Winter was on the Boards of the Y.M.C.A., Mercy Hospital, the chamber of commerce, and the Altoona Booster Association. Originally, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, he joined a group which founded the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Congregation. He was twice married, his first wife being Olga K. Keifer, and his second Helen Bohner.

### **Wolford, Donald R.**

**September 29, 1965**

Donald R. Wolford of Johnstown, a well known oral surgeon, was crowned a 33<sup>o</sup> in Cleveland Ohio on September 29, 1965 at the Supreme Council's 153<sup>rd</sup> Session.



Brother Wolford received his formal education at Temple University School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State University, Northwestern University and University of Michigan. He served in his profession in World War II and has practice set up in Johnstown, being Chief of Oral Surgery in the Conemaugh Valley Memorial, Mercy and Lee Hospitals in Johnstown, as well as being a consultant in many surrounding hospitals. He is sought after as a speaker on Oral Surgery in most of the United States and Canada. Dr. Wolford is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, and the Academies of International Dentistry, and

International Medicine and Dentistry. He holds memberships in numerous organizations pertaining to his field, serving as president of several of them.

Our Illustrious Brother is and has been actively engaged in many civic affairs for many years. His labor in this area would spell out a page unto itself. He is also a breeder of fine horses.

Launching his pre-Masonic career, Brother Wolford was Master Counselor of DeMolay. He holds membership in Johnstown Lodge, F&AM 538, A.A.S.R., Valleys of Altoona and New Castle, Portage Royal Arch Chapter, Cambria Council and Oriental Commandry. He also belongs to Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Jesters, and Jaffa Temple (serving as Potentate in 1963). Our honored Brother is the Degree Master for the 20<sup>th</sup> Degree and is Jr. Warden in Princes of Jerusalem, 16<sup>o</sup>, in the Valley of Altoona. His future plans include membership in the Royal Order of Scotland. Brother Wolford, a member of the Lutheran Church, is married to the former Wilma I. Miller and

they are the proud parents of Gary and Larry, students at Temple University, and Jeanie, who attends the University of Pittsburgh.

**Woods, Ross F.**

**September 26, 1979**

The Honorary 33rd Degree was bestowed upon Ill. Brother Ross F Woods on September 26, 1979 in Chicago, Ill.



Brother Woods was born in Blandburg, Pa. to Emory A. and Olive (Fry) Woods and he received his education in the Altoona Public Schools. After thirty nine years he retired from the Penn Central Railroad in 1975 as a sheet metal worker. He is Republican 12th Ward Committeeman and a Civil Defense Director. He is a member of the First Church of Christ in Altoona.

Ross belongs to Mountain Lodge, No. 281 and is a member of the Grievance Committee. He is Past Most Wise Master of the Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix and for many years has taken part in the 17° and 18° and is now Assistant Degree Master of the same. He is also a member of the Valley of Altoona's Honor Guard. His greatest achievement in our Valley is the fact that he is responsible for the founding and giving his "all" to the success of the Scottish Rite Players of which he is Chairman. Mr. Woods is a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple where he was once President of the Oriental Band. He also holds membership in Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 189, Altoona.

He and Mrs. Woods (the former Helen E. Rudisill) reside at 953 31st St., Altoona. They are the parents of four sons: J. Richard, executive vice president and general sales manager of Midland Glass Co., Middletown, N.J.; Theodore E., program director of the Jewish Center at Harrisburg, Pa.; Dan A., Asst. Director of Virginia Educational Loan Authority, Richmond, Va. and Kirk I., Psychologic Counselor for Virginia State Penal System, Richmond, Va. There are eight grandchildren.

**Yoder, Eugene F**

**September 25, 1968**



Elevated to the 33° in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 25, 1968, Brother Eugene F. Yoder, First Lieutenant Commander of the Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°, was thus honored by Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A distributor for Mobil Oil Company, Brother Yoder lives at 806 Mt. Vernon Ave., Huntingdon, Pa., with his wife, the former Henrietta King of Lewistown. Their son, Ronald, is a teacher in Huntingdon and their daughter, Mrs. David K. Brown, also resides in Huntingdon.

Illustrious Brother Yoder, born in Lewistown and educated in the schools there, is a member of the Stone Church of the Brethren at Juniata College, Huntingdon.

Our honored member is Worshipful Master of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 300, F. & A. M., Huntingdon; Past High Priest of Standing Stone Chapter No. 201, and Past Commander of Huntingdon Commandery No. 65. He also holds membership in York Rite College No. 11, Shamokin; Royal Order of Scotland of United States, Knight Masons of Ireland; Council No. 63, Harrisburg, Allied Masonic Degrees of Pennsylvania; Seven Mountain Council No. 65; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Forest No. 88; Grand College of Rites of United States. Royal and Select Masters; Nittany Council No. 57, State College.

Brother "Gene" is a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple, serving as a former president of the Huntingdon Shrine Club. He also is Past President of Woodcock Valley Lions Club.

### **Yoder, Harold D.**

**September 25, 1974**

III. Brother Harold D. Yoder, 33°, received the 33rd degree in Atlantic City, NJ, in September, 1974. He is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 616, F. & A.M., Mt. Royal Arch Chapter No. 189, Altoona Council No. 9, Altoona, Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, A.A.S.R., Valley of Altoona where he is a Past Sovereign Prince in the Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, and is degree master of the 4th degree and is in the casts of the 7th, 17th, 18th, 20h and 32nd degrees. He is the current Hospitaler.



Our honored Brother is a past president of the Square and Compass Club and a member of Jaffa Shrine Temple where he served as president of the String Band.

Mr. Yoder's education includes a B.S. degree from Bucknell University, an M.S. in Zoology from Cornell University with graduate work at Penn State and Pitt U. Brother Yoder has taught biological and physical sciences in the Altoona Area Senior High School and served as head of the Biology department for six years. For the past ten years he served as Science Supervisor, K-12 for the Altoona Area School District. He taught Zoology at the Altoona Campus, and Microbiology in the School of Nursing, Altoona Hospital. In 1965 he received the Pa. Science Teachers Assn. award for outstanding teaching.

Brother Harold is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pa. Academy of Science, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of Biology Teachers and the National Science Teachers Assn. He wrote and published "The Amphibians of Pennsylvania" and "A Microbiology Course for Senior High Students" which received national award.

Traveling extensively in all the fifty states and Canada, Brother Yoder has collected several thousand color slides. He is interested in photography, golfing and fishing.

He formerly was a member of the board of directors of the Central Pennsylvania Heart Association and the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. He formerly coordinated a Blair County Science Seminar.

Brother Harold and his wife, Naomi, are members of the Gethsemane United Methodist Church and they live at 2803 Broadway, Wehnwood, Altoona, Pa. They are the parents of a son, James Howard Yoder of Monroeville, Pa. There is one grandson, Michael James Yoder.

## **Yoder, James A.**

**September 23, 1997**

The highest degree in Scottish Rite Masonry was received by Ill. Bro. James A. Yoder on September 23, 1997, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, when Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, met.



Ill. Bro. Yoder was born in Bratton Twp., Mifflin Co., PA, to Luther J. and Ruth M. Yoder on January 20, 1933. He attended McVeytown High School, where he graduated in 1951. He received his B.S. in Education from Elizabethtown College, M.Ed. from Shippensburg University, Conference Course of Study and S.T.B. at Wesley Theological Seminary. He also received M. Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He retired from the Mifflin County School System after 31 years, and also retired from the Ministry, after 23 years.

Our Ill. Brother married Harriet Esther (McCall) Yoder on August 19, 1967. She received her B.S. and M.Ed. at Shippensburg University. Harriet taught school and is presently retired. They are the parents of two children, James Kent Yoder who is deceased and Denise Eileen Price who received her B.S. in Medical Technology from Elizabethtown College.

He served in the United States Army Medical Corp from June 1955 to May 1957.

Ill. Bro. Yoder has a very impressive Masonic Record, which includes being a Member of McVeytown Lodge No. 376, where he has been the Trustee Chairman since 1978. He has been 19th District Chairman of Masonic Education since 1986. Brother James has been P.H.P. of Chapter No. 186 and Trustee since 1982. He is Grand Chaplain of Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA., Grand Chaplain of F. & A.M. of PA. P.T.I.M. of Juniata Valley Council #64, and P.C. of Lewistown Commandery #26, Trustee since 1986. He has served two terms as A.G.P. Grand Commander of PA., and Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor. He is a member of Council of Anointed Kings of Commonwealth of PA. He is a Life Member of Chapter #186, Council #64, and Commandery #26. He is a Member of Jaffa Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Altoona, Past Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix for the Valley of Altoona, where he is presently on the Executive Board and on the 18<sup>o</sup> team for about 10 years. Brother James is also a life member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the Valley of Altoona A.A.S.R., and the Oxford Lodge No. 1 Ark

Mariners of Norway, Maine, U.S.A. He is a member of Grand Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. #5857 Erin Council No.6 and the Juniata Valley #88, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He belongs to the National Association of Legion of Honor, A.A.O.N.M.S., the Knights of the York Cross of Honour Penn Priory No. 6 and served as Grand Prelate of Covenant General Grand Master for Ill. Bro. Albert Carney. Brother James also belongs to PA York Rite College No. 11 and Seven Mts. Council #65 A.M.D.

Ill. Brother Yoder is also a life Member of N.E.A., P.S.E.A., and Retired Educators of Mifflin County. He has served on the Executive Board of the PA. Association of School Retirees since 1990, been Vice President of Burham-Derry Ministerium for eight years, and as, President of Island Grove Camp Ground, where he is serving as trustee for five years. He has served as Pastor for three different parishes of the United Methodist Church - Church Hill, St. Marks, Shrader-Salem and Burnam Yoked Parish.

### **Yoder, Ronald R.**

**September 25, 1985**

One of our new honorary members of the Supreme Council is Ill. Brother Ronald R. Yoder, 33°. His first active contact with the Craft was upon becoming a charter member of Huntingdon Chapter, Order of DeMolay and subsequently becoming a Senior DeMolay in 1957. Since becoming a member of the Craft in 1959, he has been an enthusiastic member. Ill. Brother Yoder's interest in DeMolay and Masonic-related youth groups continues to this day by serving as Chapter Advisor to Huntingdon Chapter, by serving as a representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and representing the Valley of Altoona on the Council of Deliberation's Youth Committee and serving as its Secretary. Two of Ill. Brother Yoder's sons are also DeMolays.



Ill. Brother Yoder is the son of Ill. Brother and Mrs. Eugene F. Yoder. He graduated from Huntingdon Area High School in 1954. He earned a B.S. degree in Education from Millersville University in 1960. He received an M.A. in Education from West Virginia University in 1965. He is employed by the Huntingdon Area School District as an Industrial Arts teacher in the senior high school. He is a member of the Huntingdon Area Education Association, the Pennsylvania State Education Association, and the National Education Association, as well as the Industrial Arts Association of Pennsylvania. He is also employed part-time by Baxter Machine Products of Huntingdon.

Ill. Brother Yoder is married to the former Carol Sue Hoover of Huntingdon and they are the parents of four sons, Jeffrey, age 15; Stephen, age 13; Thomas, age 11; and James, age 10. They reside in Huntingdon.

Ill. Brother Yoder is a member of the Fifteenth Street United Methodist Church and a member of the Twentieth Century Men's Class. He has served his church as a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the Administrative Board. He has been a teacher in the youth department.

III. Brother Yoder's Masonic activities include the following: Past Master, Mr. Moriah Lodge No. 300; Past High Priest, Standing Stone Royal Arch Chapter No. 201; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Nittany council No. 57; Past Commander, Huntingdon Commandery No. 65; a member of Penn Priory No. 6, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Past Sovereign Master and present Secretary of Seven Mountains Council No. 65, Allied Masonic Degrees; a member of the Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; a member of Jaffa Shrine; a member of Juniata Valley Forest No. 88, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He has been a member of the Valley of Altoona since 1961 and has served the Valley as Commander-in-Chief of Altoona Consistory from 1983 to 1985. He is presently representing the Valley on the Youth committee for Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

III. Brother Yoder hopes that his reception into this August body of the Rite is not the culmination of a Masonic career but an opportunity to better serve our beloved fraternity.

### **Yorks, Frederick B**

**September 25, 1957**



At the Supreme Council Session held at Boston MA, Brother Frederick B. Yorks was crowned Honorary 33° on September 25, 1957 at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Brother Frederick B. Yorks is a member of Bellefonte Lodge No. 268 F&AM which he served as Worshipful Master in 1953. He is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, 1955-56.