



From the Secretary's Desk...



Due to a little confusion on the part of the Secretary, the last issue of the Trumpeteer was to include November, but, alas, there were no articles of interest for November and beyond. Sorry! I think I have it fixed at this point.

By the time you read this, our Fall Reunion will be history...something that I hope people will still be talking about in a very positive way. The degree teams and all of the support groups worked hard and put a lot of effort in ensuring that we did the best job possible. There are any number of brethren who deserve to be commended. When you see one, extend the hand of fellowship and tell him what a good job he did.

As your Secretary, I have noticed some changes...all for the good! I see some younger brethren stepping up and grabbing hold of the fraternity and the values we teach. I see a renewed interest in "doing things right" so to speak. The Commander-in-Chief's September program was a great idea...refreshing our memories of how to do things the right way. *Continued on back page.*

From the Commander-in-Chief...First and foremost, I want to thank all those who chose to make our Fall Reunion a success. It takes a lot of work and effort to make things happen the right way! I thought the degree work has improved and was done professionally. It is most important that these degrees that we confer get the message across of what a Scottish Rite Mason stands for.

We have brought new members into the fraternity...let's not forget them by not getting them involved! We are still in need of brothers who will come and stand in onstage as guards, part of crowds, and other non-speaking parts in an effort to help fill the stage.

We are in the process of planning our Spring Reunion. Read the article below to see what has been planned thus far. More detail will be added as time moves on!

Planning, Planning, Planning...

2018 Spring Reunion Plan to attend!

The planning has begun for our **Spring Reunion** to be held **April 27 and 28, 2018.**

We are anticipating conferring the following degrees: 4° via DVD, another degree in the Lodge of Perfection still to be determined; the 16° from the Council, Princes of Jerusalem; the 18° from the Chapter of Rose Croix; and from the Consistory, the 19°, 29° (conferred by the KSA), and the 32°. We are looking to confer two degrees on Friday night and the remainder on Saturday.

We have a few hurdles to jump due to the basement being unavailable due to the rental of the basement for a consignment sale. That means we need to use the "Chanters Room" for a fellowship dinner on Friday evening as well as for coffee and donuts on Saturday morning and lunch on Saturday afternoon.

We were planning another Ladies program but we have no where to house them! They will have to wait until the Fall!

So, except for the 4° all other degrees will be "live and in color." That means a degree master will soon be contacting some of you.

Be ready to say yes and to learn your part! We need to continue to improve our degree work. We are getting better, but still have a ways to go!

As of this printing we have one petition on hand. Let's see if we all can raise that number...it takes a little work, but you all know someone who would enjoy fellowship! The Ladies program at the reunion was a huge success. I received many thank you's for the different activities that the Valley organized. As we move on through this Scottish Rite year, I have asked each body to sponsor some kind of a "**program project**". This is something outside the meeting room walls and something that could involve many of our brethren as well as possibly our families as well. The "**program project**" is to be identified by the end of this year and completed by the end of this Scottish Rite year.

Watch for information and registrations! We all need to show masonic inspiration to build a fraternity that others would be envious of. Finally, the holidays will soon be upon us. As the Commander-in-Chief, I am sure I speak for my officers and all of the brethren in wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas season. I plan to add an article in each of the succeeding editions of the Trumpeteer.

Christmas Greetings...To all of the brethren and your families, the Valley of Altoona would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and happy holiday season. So, again, enjoy the holiday season with friends and family. Remember the old saying: "He is the reason for the season." Without His patience, where would we be?



Enjoy the season and take time to worship Him.

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Our Fall Reunion



THANK YOU'S

A number of thank you's and congratulations are in order for the successful Fall Reunion that was recently conducted (October 7, 2017).

First and foremost, a congratulations goes out to our newest 32° Scottish Rite members. They include: **Bro. David N. Alexander, 32°** from Bellefonte; **Bro. Jason D. Dix, 32°** from Spring Mills; **Bro. Stephen A. John, 32°** from Hollidaysburg; **Bro. James A. John, 32°** from Altoona; **Bro. Steven W. Matthews, 32°** from Cresson; **Bro. Thomas E. McIntosh, 32°** from Falls Creek; **Bro. Steven B. Morrissey, 32°** from Altoona; **Bro. Keith A. St. Clair, 32°** from Boliver; and **Bro. Christopher L. Watkins, 32°** from Johnstown. The Valley is proud to have you as a member!

Also, congratulations are in order for the Valley's newest recognized awardees. They include: **Ill. Bro. William W. Hellier, 33°** and **Ill. Bro. Kevin H. Lindsey, 33°**; **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA**; **Bro. Leon Collins, 32°, MSA**; **Bro. K.**

Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA; and **Bro. Dean A. Sipe, 32°, MSA**.

The thank you's could be many. Apologies to those I might forget: **Ill John Mallow, 33°, MSA**. Without his efforts and those of his helpers, those degrees conferred on stage would not have happened. John came to rehearsals and ensured all went well. All Degree Masters and Casts It takes time and effort to get a cast together and then to have them come to rehearsals. It must have worked this year as the degrees on stage were excellent. It was hard to see any "cheat sheets" used, if in fact, anyone did! Great job, guys!

Ill. Jack Speece, 33°. Jack worked tirelessly and over a relatively short period of time to get the material in order to produce another outstanding Reunion Booklet. It is a tough assignment to get the information and have it correct! **Bro. Jeremy Johnson, 32°**...he was called upon to ensure that the DVDs worked. With the Secretary being technologically challenged, we needed someone who could do this assignment...another great job! The KSA in general...they made sure the candidates (and the Ladies) got to where they needed to be in a timely and professional manner.

Commander-in-Chief **A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA and his wife**. Brady and his wife executed a plan to entertain the Ladies during the day. What a great job they did! Many positive comments were made. Maybe we can do this more often...get out Ladies out to enjoy a Scottish Rite program! And the biggest thank you I could announce would be to the brethren who showed up to support our Valley's reunion.

In addition to our own, we had visitors from the Valley of Washington, DC, the Valley of Pittsburgh, the Valley of Coudersport, and the Valley of Stubenville, Ohio. It was nice to see some outsiders. Conversations indicated they liked what they witnessed!

Finally, a thank you to **Bro. Charlie Yingling, 32°, MSA** for his work as the Steward. When you want coffee and donuts and lunch and snacks for the Ladies, look for Charlie. He will take care of it. Without him, many members would be hungry, thirsty, and grumpy! Thanks, Charlie for all you do!



Due to a lack of communication on the part of the Secretary, we did not list those who have gone to meet with the Grand Architect of the Universe at the last several stated meetings. It is only fitting and proper that we recognize them here.

May God keep them in His holy keeping:

Clair M. Waugerman of Manns Choice and Lodge #320 passed on 8/14/2017;
Donald G. Boller of State College and Lodge #700 passed on 9/8/2017;
Billy B. Marshall of DuBois and Lodge #312 passed on 9/8/2017;
James D. Rosenthal of Altoona and Lodge #231 passed on 9/13/2017;
Donald Devorris of Altoona and Lodge #616 passed on 9/14/2017;
Harry W. Wittman, Jr. of Lancaster and Lodge #616 passed on 10/4/2017;
Carl J. Dahlin of New Oxford and Lodge #312 passed on 11/15/2017

ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Altoona, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts, and whose officers are:

Ill David A. Glatly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° Deputy for Pennsylvania

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Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33°.....Elizabethtown
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New Leadership...



At the annual meeting held in Rochester, NY in late August, our newest Sovereign Grand Commander, **III. David A. Glattly, 33°** was installed.

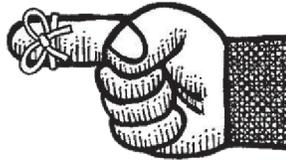
He succeeds **III. John W. McNaughton, 33°**, now a Past Sovereign Grand Commander.

Noteworthy is the fact that Past SGC McNaughton joins Past SGC **III. Robert O. Ralston, 33°** as the only two living past SGCs.

Commander Glattly has a robust agenda planned with membership being one of his priorities. Follow the progress of our rite by going to the NMJ website at: www.scottishrittenmj.org.

A Gentle Reminder...

Brethren... We experienced it at the Fall Reunion and I am sure we will experience it again. When the Valley has a program and we need a head count, **it is important that you take a few minutes and make that reservation.**



I know that a lot times, I will get the same excuse, "Oh, I forgot." Others will tell me, "Well, I never had to make a reservation years ago. I just showed up." Well, brethren, those days are gone.

Meals have become increasingly expensive, and many times, not enough brethren sign up so the event or the meal must be cancelled. Brethren, we are making an effort to grow the Valley of Altoona, but it takes all of us, not just the same few brethren. **Do your part to make the Valley grow!**

NOTES~ The **Hospitaller's Fund** is still in existence. **Bro. Dr. Robert Ludrowsky** is our Valley Hospitaller and is ever ready to aide and assist where and when needed. All that needs to be done is to contact the Hospitaller, the Commander-in-Chief, or the Secretary. They are there to help!

Aid and Assistance... During the Valley of Harrisburg's Fall Reunion held on November 18th, a member of our Valley became one of the few (if any) members of the Valley of Altoona to take a role in their 16°. **Bro. Joshua M. Kline, 32°** was a member of the Guard Squad! *Thanks for the help, Josh!*

Dues...Dues...Dues...
Your annual dues were sent out in June.
Some members have yet to pay dues for the 2017-2018 Scottish Rite year.

**Dues is \$65.00...
 \$38.00 for the Valley
 and \$27.00 for Supreme Council.**

**A second notice will be sent out soon.
 Please make an effort to pay your dues. Thank you.**

New hats have arrived and will be distributed as soon as you are there to pick it up! If you are a new officer and do not have a hat and have not notified the Secretary with your hat size, do so and he will order a hat for you!



WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS



Do you have an email? Is it on file with the Secretary? Did you have one and then change it for whatever reason...and not notify the Secretary? Do you want to share your email address with the Valley Secretary? Answer YES to the above questions and get you name on the email listing of Valley brothers.

Simply send an email to davekline5@comcast.net and tell him you are willing to share your address and he will add it to the others. We have about 450+ addresses on file. That's OK, but it is only about 30% of our membership! Try it...I can always delete you if you tire of notes from the Secretary!

Officers: Valley of Altoona 2017-2018 Lodge of Perfection, 14°

Thrice Potent Master..... Wayne Martin Baggett 32°
 Deputy Master..... Christopher D. Pehtold, 32°, KSA
 Senior Warden..... Lawrence J. Bilotto, 32°, KSA
 Junior Warden..... Jordan A. Settle, 32°, KSA
 Orator..... Jeremy R. Johson, 32°, KSA
 Master of Ceremonies..... William P. Settle, 32°, KSA
 Captain of the Guard..... Phillip J. Mentzer, 32°, KSA

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Sovereign Prince..... David N. Whysong, 32°, KSA
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 Senior Warden..... Stanley Snyder, 32°, KSA
 Junior Warden..... Vernon A. Carey, 32°
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 Master of Entrances..... John G. Myers, 33°

Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°

Most Wise Master..... James Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA
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 Orator..... Jason R. Nye, 32°
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 Master of Ceremonies..... William Huston, 33°
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 Junior Warden..... Lawrence J. Bilotto, 32°
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 Trustee - term ends 06/19..... Ronald R. Yoder, 33°
 Trustee - term ends 06/17..... James A. Yoder, 33°
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 Member at Large - term ends 06/17.... Dean A. Sipes, 33°

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J. David Kline, Secretary
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Dec., Jan., Feb., ... Meeting Dates

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Calendar of Events/Stated Meeting Dates:

Brethren, below are listed the dates of our stated meetings and other events for the remainder of this Scottish Rite year. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend our meeting and enjoy the fellowship. In some cases, the detailed planning is yet to be determined.

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February 18, 2018 Executive Board meeting. All interested brethren are invited to attend.

March 8, 2018 Bro. James Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA and the Chapter of Rose Croix will be in charge of the meeting. Bro. Jim has planned a program dealing with "Securing the Valley's Financial Future."

March 25, 2018 The Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting the annual Easter program honoring our deceased brethren. Bro. Walkingshaw will be in charge of presenting "The Last Supper" tentatively scheduled for the Presbyterian Church in Altoona (same location as in 2017). Details to follow.

April 8, 2018 - Executive Board meeting. All interested brethren are invited to attend.

April 12, 2018 *Lodge of Perfection* By the time of the next *Trumpeteer*, Bro. Baggett will have a program planned and information will be provided.

April 27-28, 2018 **Spring Reunion** (providing we have enough candidates)...tentatively we will have a dinner on Friday evening along with degree work to follow.

May 10, 2018 Election of officers in the Lodge of Perfection, Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and the Chapter of Rose Croix.

From the Secretary... *continued from front page.*

The October program was inspiring. It is nice to see that the Presiding Officers, yes, the leaders of the Valley, have taken an interest in preparing quality programs for the stated meetings. In addition, the program for the Ladies at our Fall Reunion was outstanding. We should do more of this type of thing! And we have planned programs for the next several months.

On the darker side, and I don't want to dwell on this, but it must be mentioned... dues are due and we still have some brethren who have neglected to pay dues that were due in June! If there is a problem, let someone know about it. The Secretary or the Hospitaler or the Commander-in-Chief are people that can effect change and help, if needed. Otherwise, please forward those dues payments to avoid the need for suspension. Our membership continues to decline for various reasons. Brethren die...and I have worked hard to let people know that we don't want them to die! Others demit. Why? I'm still not sure. Still others are suspended. That's the part of this job that I hate the most...having to bring a brother's name before the lodge for suspension. I have said for years that we need to replace ourselves...now I say we need to replace ourselves maybe a couple of times over. However, I know I am not singing this song alone. Many other organizations are experiencing a similar problem. The question I always come back to is WHY? We have a great product that should be easy to sell. We live by these principles...why not allow others to share in what we have! Let's commit to finding those people to help build our wonderful fraternity...we have the quality every time we initiate a new member. But we also need some quantity. Work on getting a petition turned in for the next reunion!