

# MEMBERSHIP



May/June 2017

## Editorial...

Social media has become an incredibly huge part of our daily lives. I include myself in that, I find myself, first thing when I wake up to check my phone to see if I missed any calls or text messages, then onto email, then to social media to check the news, weather, and what my friends did during the hours that I last checked. I find myself being harassed by older generations for having my face in my phone all of the time. It follows on with the old adage of "that's not the way we always do it. Fortunately, or in some cases unfortunately, times are changing and "staying connected" is the new normal. Of course that's not the way we did it before. 30 years ago we didn't even have cell phones and 20 years ago all they could do was make a call. Now we carry small computers in our pockets. Then there is the addition of the internet, making information readily available at our finger tips.

When was the last time you did something to help, aid or assist a brother in need? What have you done to help promote the fraternity? Have your actions in public been representative of being a good Mason and have followed the Masonic and Scottish Rite Virtues? If you are not able to answer these questions positively, then maybe you need to take a long look and re-evaluate yourself. Why did you join Masonry? We all profess that we do not join under an improper motive, so there has to be something else that attracted you to the fraternity. We all need to go back to the time we were first raised and the excitement that came with it. Then share that with your brothers. If we can do that, I believe we can become stronger, and enjoy our time together more.

With Love and Brotherhood,  
K. Dwayne Kaufman 32° 0

## Fall Reunion With a Twist...

The Fall Reunion of our Valley will add a little twist! Years ago, we invited the ladies/spouses to attend the day as well as the candidates. We made an effort to "educate" our ladies as to what Scottish Rite Freemasonry is all about. Well, we're going to flashback to days gone by and try it again. The Commander-in-Chief to be has decided to bring the ladies in again.

The reunion schedule for the ladies, although not totally complete, will include a trip to the Mall in the morning after some coffee and donuts. They will return to the Valley to have lunch with their spouses and find out what they did in the morning! Following lunch, they will again board the bus with a trip to the winery in Bellwood...after a tour of how wine is made, the ladies will have the opportunity to do some taste testing. Wine will also be available for sale!

Returning to the Valley, the Secretary will spend some time teaching the ladies what the Valley is all about. He plans to talk about hats, degree work, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and anything else they may have questions about! After listening to him, there will be a fashion show produced by one of the local department stores...a treat about the "new" Fall and Winter fashions.

After a little time to relax and mingle, the day will end with dinner...and it might be noted that the dinner will not be filled with the usual many introductions and speeches! The Class Namesake will be the only speaker! Hopefully, after a long day, everyone will be able to depart around 7:00 PM.

Now is the time to think about finding candidates for this reunion. And start letting your spouse/lady know that she is encouraged and welcome to attend. We are also in the process of developing a list of potential candidates from the One-Day Adventure who did not join

the Valley as well as some Jaffa Shriners who are not currently a Scottish Rite Mason.

The full reunion schedule will be outlined in detail in time for the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

## Palm Sunday...

As in the past, the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, was responsible for honoring our brethren who passed away during the last Scottish Rite year. Bro. Joshua M. Kline, 32°, Most Wise Master and his officers portrayed "The Last Supper" on Palm Sunday afternoon. This year's site was the Providence Presbyterian Church in Altoona. If you missed this presentation, you missed one of the highlights of our year. The cast did a wonderful job. Our thanks go out to not only the Providence Presbyterian Church but to **Ill. John Mallow, 33°, MSA**, our Director of Stage, and **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32° MSA**, Director of Robing, both of whom played a large part in the overall success. The cast included: **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA**; **Bro. David E. Dodson, Jr., 32°**; **Bro. Barry A. Yingling, 32°; MSA**; **Bro. N. Bruce Mentch, 32°, PMWM**; **Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA**; **Bro. Jason R. Nye, 32°**; **Bro. Jeremy R. Johnson, 32°**; **Bro. Jordan W. Settle, 32°**; **Ill. Bro. Jack H. Speece, 33°**; **Bro. Leon Collins, 32°**; and **Bro. K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°**.

## Thursday Meeting Dates:

**May 11th All Bodies**  
Election of Officers

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*Inspire our members by  
emphasizing our Core Values:*

*Reverence for God, Devotion to Country  
Integrity, Justice, Toleration, and Service.*

*Ensure that activities are convenient.*

*Provide enjoyable programs and  
fraternal fellowship.*



### June Meeting Program...

Our June program speaker will be Ms Sara Q. McConnell, Exec. Director of NAMI Blair County. The National Association for the Mentally Ill is a national non-profit organization that provides programs and services for those with mental illnesses and their caretakers. The program will start at 7:30 pm and should be over by 8 pm. I will augment the talk with a few facts about the AASR program to aid research in Schizophrenia.

### Attention Brothers

Sir Knight Larry Bilotto of KSA is organizing a fundraising lottery during the month of November.

The effort is to raise funds to help cover the costs of regalia.

He is looking for help in selling the \$5 tickets which will have 2 numbers selected for payouts on the weekends.

### Where Can I Find a Candidate?...

Brethren... With the Spring Reunion being canceled, it is imperative that we work hard to get a class for the Fall Reunion, tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2017. Where do we get these candidates? Let me share a little research that was done about a year ago. The chart below reflects the Blue Lodges in both the 41st and 20th districts. It is pretty self-explanatory... so we have a lot of potential members to draw from.

	BL Membership	Valley Membership	that equates to
Lodge #220	343 members...	78	22.7%
Lodge #281	427 members...	55	12.8%
Lodge #282	409 members...	112	27.3%
Lodge #490	289 members...	84	29.0%
Lodge #539	189 members...	74	39.1%
Lodge #574	205 members...	45	21.9%
Lodge #282	282 members...	88	31.2%
Lodge #278	218 members...	41	18.8%
Lodge #312	210 members...	65	30.9%
Lodge #355	267 members...	9	3.3%
Lodge #358	321 members...	52	16.2%
Lodge #538	407 members...	70	17.2%
Lodge #554	330 members...	16	4.8%
Lodge #568	98 members...	7	7.1%

Surely, we should be able to find 50 members from our Blue Lodges!

### From the Secretary's Desk...

By the time you read this article, we should be ready for our annual election of officers to serve the Valley of Altoona for the next Scottish Rite year (2 years in the Consistory body). The outgoing presiding officers did a wonderful job this past year. We welcomed a great class of 106 new candidates in October with many of the officers in attendance. Although we had to cancel the Spring Reunion, it seemed to me that if we would have had the candidates we would have had a committed officer crew to make the reunion a memorable one! We did miss a meeting due to weather, but sometimes those things happen! Most of the Presiding Officers had a planned program for the membership that was acceptable to all. Thanks goes out for your efforts in making the meetings ICE-friendly!

Naturally, with an election, we say good-bye to the old and welcome the new and wish them the best. Leading the Lodge of Perfection will be **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA**; the Sovereign Prince will be **Bro. David N. Whysong, 32°**; the Chapter of Rose Croix will be under the leadership of **Bro. James B. Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA**; and the Consistory, S.P.R.S. will be under the leadership of **Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA**. It looks like a good group to me! As in the past, these brethren will need the support of each and every brother in the Valley. Some politician made a campaign promise to "Make America Great Again". I echo that thought...let's "Make the Valley Great Again".

Finally, we will be going dark in the months of July and August. The summer is a great time to round up those candidates for a Fall class. The Secretary would be happy to have ½ the number we had last Fall! Let's make that happen as well!

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## Scottish Rite Members Honored



*John G. Meyer receiving his Past Most Wise Master Jewel from the Commander in Chief, William W. Hellier, 32°*



*Commander in Chief William W. Hellier, 32° presents Roy E. Cook° 32 his 50 year pin.*



*A magnificent example of architecture, the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was completed in 1873. Make the trip and tour (open to the public) the beautiful temple with your family.*

## 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

### Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°

Sovereign Prince..... David N. Whysong, 32°, KSA  
 High Priest..... K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, KSA  
 Senior Warden..... Stanley Snyder, 32°, KSA  
 Junior Warden..... Vernon A. Carey, 32°  
 Master of Ceremonies..... John P. Richard, 32°  
 Master of Entrances..... John G. Myers, 33°

### Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°

Most Wise Master..... James Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA  
 Senior Warden..... Jack H. Speece, 33°  
 Junior Warden..... Leon Collins, 32°  
 Orator..... Jason R. Nye, 32°  
 Master of Ceremonies..... Garry W. Smith, 32°  
 Captain of the Guard..... Richard F. Delozier, 32°

### Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°

Commander in Chief..... Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA  
 1st Lt. Commander..... David A. Blackner, 32°  
 2nd Lt. Commander..... Alvin E. Just, 33°  
 Orator..... Earl J. Hockenberry, 32°  
 Chancellor..... Evan Watters, 33°  
 Master of Ceremonies..... William Huston, 33°  
 Engineer & Seneschal..... Randy Thompson, 32°  
 Standard Bearer..... Joshua M. Kline, 32°  
 Captain of the Guard..... David E. Dodson, 32°

### Knights of St. Andrew (KSA), 29°

Venerable Master..... K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°  
 Senior Warden..... Joshua Kline, 32°  
 Junior Warden..... Lawrence J. Bilotto, 32°  
 Secretary..... Jeremy R. Johson, 32°, PVM  
 Treasurer..... George Greiner, III, 32°  
 Marshal..... Jordan Settle, 32°  
 Captain of the Guard..... Stanley E. Snyder 32°  
 Prior..... William P. Settle, 32°  
 Sentinel..... Dave P. Juart, 32°

### Officers, All Bodies

Treasurer..... Charles Yingling, 32°, MSA  
 Secretary..... J. David Kline, 33°  
 Hospitaler..... Robert S. Ludrowsky, 32°, MSA  
 Tyler..... Charles C. Campbell, 32°, MSA  
 Assistant Tylers..... Knights of St. Andrew  
 Trustee - term ends 06/18..... John R. Biddle, 33°  
 Trustee - term ends 06/19..... Ronald R. Yoder, 33°  
 Trustee - term ends 06/17..... James A. Yoder, 33°  
 Member at Large - term ends 06/18.. Randy E. Smith, 33°  
 Member at Large - term ends 06/17.... Dean A. Sipes, 33°

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After 5 days return to:  
**ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE**  
**VALLEY OF ALTOONA**  
P.O. Box 829 - Altoona, PA 1603  
"Return Service Requested"

Non-Profit  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit #102  
Altoona, PA 16

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How To...  
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Email:  
**davekline5@comcast.net.**  
Cell phone  
**814-244-7193.**  
Home Elizabethtown  
at **717-689-5687.**  
Office  
**814-942-2061**  
(Least effective not checked everyday)

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### **Suspensions...**

The worst part of the job of the Secretary is to bring before the lodge the names of those brethren who are 2 or more years in arrears in the payment of their dues. These brethren must be suspended. Action will be taken at the May meeting. If you are one of these brethren you still have a chance to pay your dues or at least one year's dues to avoid suspension. If you have a reason why you are unable to pay, let either the Hospitaler or the Secretary know. The Valley is here to help our brethren when needed. Why do we need to suspend? The explanation is rather simple: Supreme Council assesses each member in the Valley \$27.00 each year. This is done in mid-June. If you are a member as of June 15, then you are assessed. That is why we need to suspend before then.

### **Dues... Dues... Dues...**

Just a note to all. Be advised that the dues notices will be coming out soon. Remember, we no longer print a membership card. You'll get the dues notice, but you should already have a plastic membership card. Supreme Council started that a number of years ago. However, I usually get some comments across the dues invoice that say "...I never got a dues card..." You did, but you may have lost it, thrown it away, whatever... It happens! Just let me know and I will order you a replacement. And the dues will not be going up again this year! So when you get that notice in a couple of weeks, take a minute and write that check! Thanks.

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Date :  
6/28/2017

Start Time :  
1:30 PM

End Time :  
7:00 PM

Where :  
Altoona Masonic Hall

Address :  
600 Jackson Avenue, Altoona, PA  
16602