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

Well Brethren, the dark months of summer are nearly behind us. Within a couple of weeks, we will be enjoying our September stated meeting hosted by the Consistory body. Before we get to our October meeting we will be having our Fall Reunion. A lot of work has gone into the planning to make this a very successful one-day event. To really be successful, the Valley NEEDS your participation!! We have put together a program designed specifically for the enjoyment of your lady. Already planned are a train ride, some wine tasting, some fashion ideas, and even a familiarization talk by "me"!! What else could you ask for? All of this while the men are gaining additional Masonic knowledge. Look for the complete schedule of the reunion elsewhere in this addition. You should have received an oversized postcard a few weeks ago outlining the program. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

On another note, you all know that your dues notices were sent out to you in late May. If you haven't paid your dues yet, let this serve as a reminder. As we move forward in the Valley, I see some exciting changes coming. The KSA is moving along and doing well. There was talk of forming some smaller groups of men with similar interests within the fraternity. There was even talk of forming some teams for some local leagues...i.e: bowling, darts, pool, etc. Get tuned in and turned on to what's coming...and get involved!!

— Ill J. David Kline, 33°

### A Note from the Command in Chief

As we embark upon this journey in our fraternity this year, we need to start at the basics. We need to have participation from all of our brethren. It is apparent that far too few of the brotherhood are trying to set our path. I am asking that if you signed a petition for any of the 106 new members at the last reunion, invite them to our next meeting in September. It will be a very short time until the fall reunion, and we need some help. We have several degrees that we are unable to perform due to lack of participation. It is a benefit to your Masonic journey to see the degrees being performed and better yet, your participation in them.

There were some new ideas brought up during our letter stuffing for new membership that we will be discussing in September. We need some new activities that will enhance, promote, and inspire our fellowship in Masonry. Our reunion in October will be the start of some changes. Our ladies will be invited this year. We have a lot of activities planned for them while we are conferring the degrees. They will then join us back in the evening for the banquet.

Ill. JD Kline, II, 33° and past Commander in Chief will be the namesake for this class and I would like it to be special. Shortly you will be receiving some communication on the activities that are being planned for the ladies and the schedule for the fall reunion. Please reserve the meeting dates and especially October 7, 2017 for our fall reunion. Come and participate and be part of the fun and fellowship.

Brother Jeremy Johnson, KSA has formed a reunion group that will be made up of brothers who will assume the costumes of

guards, satraps, and stand-ins of non-speaking parts to help the degree masters fill those positions. If you are willing to participate in this group or if you are a degree master and need fill-ins, please contact Jeremy through email at jrjohnson0821@gmail.com.

We would love to revive some of the past traditions and create some new ones. Let us bring some fun activities to our fraternity. We NEED to hear from you, or even better yet we would love to SEE you. Fraternally A. Brady Appleman, CIC.

### Reunion Banquet...

The fall reunion banquet will be held on October 7th. You will find a schedule of the activities elsewhere in this addition (maybe you have already read it!). What you didn't read is the information about the banquet itself. Immediately following the degree work and the celebrating of our honorees, the reunion banquet will be held in the Jaffa Dining Hall. The cost of the dinner will be \$10/person. Where else can you go out with your sweetheart and get a full course meal for \$20? Entertainment at the banquet will be provided by the Altoona High School Stage Band. Naturally, the class members and their ladies will be guests of the Valley. All others should drop a check in the mail to: Charlie Yingling, 611 Robinson Avenue, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. Reservations should be made by September 15th. Please make every effort to come out and enjoy an evening of good food, good entertainment and great fellowship with your fellow brothers.

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## Brother to Brother Calling Program...

We are still in need of brethren to participate in the Brother to Brother program. Even if you are only able to make a few calls a month, consider getting a list of names. The more guys we have making calls the less calls you will have to make. If talking on the phone is not your thing, why don't you just invite someone to come with you to a meeting. The presiding officers have been working very diligently to present interesting and informative programs. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while you don't know what you are missing. It is not all about business. Come for the fellowship and dinner, see what the KSA is up to, stay for the meeting and enjoy a great program.

## KSA News

The KSA is also working on obtaining new collars for all of the bodies. If you have been to a meeting recently, you can see that our are starting to look worn out and dirty. Samples were presented at the August executive board meeting.

The KSA will be working with the Jaffa Highlanders for this year's Burns Supper on Thursday, November 30th. If you have not had the opportunity to experience this, you won't be disappointed. Look for more information in the future. Come out and try some Haggis, YUM!!

If you are interested in joining the KSA, contact any member. Remember this is a black hat society only, sorry if you have already earned your MSA or are a 33° you are not eligible to join.

## 2018 MSA Awardees Named at COD

At the July meeting of the PA Council of Deliberation, the MSA awardees for 2018 were announced. The two nominees from our Valley who were submitted included: **Bro. Bruce Mentch, 32°** and **Bro. Jeremy Johnson, 32°**. Both are deserving members of our Valley.



*National Memorial Arch*



*Dedicatory Stone at the National Memorial Arch*

## Have you been to...

The National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge, PA? If you have not had the opportunity to visit Valley Forge, it is well worth the trip. It is just off of the PA Turnpike and is very easy to get to. The National Memorial Arch is one of the many monuments around the encampment at Valley Forge. It underwent major structural repairs from 1996-1997. The project was funded entirely by the Freemasons of Pennsylvania. Many thanks to RW Grand Master Edward O. Weisser and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their efforts in preserving this great remembrance to Bro. George Washington and the Continental Army.

## Upcoming Meetings

**September 14, 2017:** Dinner at 6:15 pm. KSA will meet at 6:45pm. The Consistory will open at 7:30 pm. The program for the evening will be a review on the procedures for opening and closing the lodge as well as other procedures such as how to attend the altar, when you should remove your cover, dialogue, etc. Presiding officers should be prepared to answer your sign and battery if called upon.

### **October 7, 2017:**

Fall reunion beginning at 9:00 am. Concluding with dinner at 5:00 pm

### **October 12, 2017:**

Dinner at 6:15 pm. KSA will meet at 6:45 pm. The Council, Princes of Jerusalem will open at 7:30 pm. The program will be presented by Bro. J. Duffy Hines. He will be speaking on the the life and military career of General Lejeune.

### **November 9, 2017:**

Dinner at 6:15 pm. KSA will meet at 6:45 pm. The Chapter of Rose Croix will open at 7:30 pm. The program for the evening will be on Religions and Christmas.

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# Honors for Those Who Serve

## Congratulations to our Honorees...

We will be taking a little different approach to honoring our MSA awardees and our honorary members at the upcoming reunion. We have all been to those banquets where you have to sit and listen to speech after speech of those being honored. Sometimes this gets to be very boring and drawn out much longer than it should. Instead, this year we will be honoring those brethren immediately after the degree work is completed. They will be presented their hats and jewels in the auditorium. Guests will be welcome to sit and listen. This will give us an opportunity and more time to enjoy dinner and our entertainment and still get on the road home at a reasonable hour. Again, plan on attending the reunion and stay for dinner. Those being honored this year include: **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA** from **2016**; **Bro. Leon Collins, 32°, MSA** from **2016**; **Bro. K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32° KSA, MSA** recipient in **2017**; **Bro. Dean A. Sipe, 32°, MSA** recipient in **2017**; **III. Bro. William W. Hellier, 33°** and **III. Bro. Kevin H. Lindsey, 33°**, both coroneted Honorary Members in Rochester in August, 2017. If you see any of these brethren take a moment to congratulate them on receiving t0e great achievements.



William W. Hellier, 32°, MSA receiving his Past Commander in Chief jewel from Wayne M. Baggett, 32, MSA



Barry C. Yingling 32° MSA receiving his past Sovereign Prince jewel from his dad, Charles A. Yingling, 32, MSA.



K. Dwayne Kaufman receiving his MSA at the COD from III. John W. McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and III Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Active for Pennsylvania

### 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.

## 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°, MSA  
Senior Warden..... Stanley Snyder, 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  
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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° MSA  
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°

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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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# Fall Reunion • Saturday, October 7, 2017

The Commander-in-Chief has chosen III. John D. Kline, II, 33°  
as this year's Class Namesake.

## Schedule of Events

**9:00 AM Coffee/Donuts** • Jaffa Shrine Center Dining Room  
Open to all candidates and members

**9:30 AM Candidate Registration** • AASR Lodge Room  
Candidate Instruction — Transition Talk — “From Symbolic Lodge to Scottish Rite”  
III. J.D. Kline, II, 33°, Presenter

**9:45 AM Opening** • Altoona Lodge of Perfection, **14°**  
Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA, Thrice Potent Master, Presiding

**10:00 AM** • **4°** • AASR Lodge Room – DVD Presentation

**10:45 AM Opening** • Altoona Council Princes of Jerusalem, **16°**  
Bro. David N. Whysong, 32°, Sovereign Prince, Presiding

**11:00 AM** • **15°** Auditorium – Full Ceremonial  
Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA, Degree Master

**12:00 PM Opening** • Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, **18°**  
Bro. James B. Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA, Most Wise Master, Presiding – Candidate Instruction – “  
The Hats Worn in the Valley of Altoona” – Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA, Presenter

**12:15 PM Lunch** • Jaffa Shrine Center Dining Room  
AASR Lodge Room • Class Picture – Presiding Officers and Class Namesake

**1:30 PM Opening** • Altoona Consistory S.P.R.S., **32°**  
Bro. A. Brady Appleman 32°, MSA, Commander-in-Chief, Presiding

**1:45 PM** • **19°** • AASR Lodge Room – Full Ceremonial  
Bro. Robert A. Verbonitz, 32°, MSA, Degree Master

**2:30 PM** • **29°** – Auditorium – DVD Presentation  
Bro. K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA, Degree Master

**3:15 PM • Break**

**3:30 PM** • **32°** – AASR Lodge Room and Auditorium – Full Ceremonial  
III. John D. Kline, II, 33°, Degree Master

**4:30 PM** • Reception of Guests  
Presentation of newest MSAs and Honorary Members of the Valley of Altoona...  
Presentation of hats and jewels

**5:00 PM Dinner** • Jaffa Dining Hall  
Music provided by the Altoona Area High School Stage Band/Concert Band

Petition for Membership  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY  
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction-United States of America

To the Officers and Members of Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Altoona Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°,  
Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Altoona Consistory, S. •P. •R. •S. •., 32°

SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

I, the undersigned hereof, humbly show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable bodies, and request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren.

In making this application I promise you on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, under whose authority the said body is now holden, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees; that I will hold allegiance and be loyal to the said Supreme Council as the Supreme Power of the said Rite within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States; that I will hold as illegal and spurious every other body of whatever degree claiming to be of the said Rite, that may be established within its Jurisdiction, that is not holden mediately or immediately under its authority, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Freemasonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any body of the said Rite of which I may be a member; and should I violate any part of this promise I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Freemasonry and to forfeit all my rights therein and in any body of the Rite, and be denounced to every body thereof in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

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Prefix, if any : \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY): \_\_\_\_\_

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE EXAMINED THE CURRENT SYMBOLIC LODGE DUES CARD OF THE ABOVE PETITIONER.

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Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, City, State Zip

Candidate's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

I have \_\_\_\_\_ before petitioned for the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Received Degree of Master Mason in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F.&A.M.,

located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

I am now a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ F.&A.M., located at \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

I currently reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
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County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **The Fall Reunion Ladies Program...**

The Executive Board has given the Commander-in-Chief the green light to go ahead and plan a program for the Ladies of the Valley. On Saturday, October 7th, while the Ill. JD Kline, II, 33° Class is being initiated into the Valley, the ladies will be busy as well. A particularly nice program has been arranged for them. After getting to the Valley with their guy, and having a coffee and some pastries (non-fattening donuts!!), the ladies will be off to the Altoona Train Station for a beautiful train ride down over the mountain to Huntingdon. The "Fall Foliage" train ride is designed to show off the beautiful mountains of western PA during a beautiful time of the year. A short bus ride back to the Jaffa will get them back in time for lunch with their fellow.

Following some great lunch time conversation, with both the candidates and their ladies excited about what had happened in the morning, it will be back to degrees for the guys and back on the bus for the ladies. The ladies will be off to Bellwood to a local winery for a tour and some wine tasting. There will also be wine available for purchase.

Once they get back to the Jaffa the ladies will have a chance to relax with some refreshments and conversation. Our secretary, Ill. Bro. J. David Kline, 33° will then take some time with them to tell them what their guys either didn't know or couldn't tell them at lunch. That way, at the end of the day, either both will be confused, or the ladies will be able to tell their guys what they should have learned! Hopefully, all will have made some friends during the day.

Dinner will conclude the activities of the day. A typical reunion banquet is filled with speeches. Not so this year. Some recognitions of the honored brethren will occur, but there will be only one speaker this year, the class namesake (and he has been "advised" to keep his remarks short).

So, brethren, even though this newsletter is addressed to you, the member, consider bringing your better half to this year's reunion. It will be something different than in previous years. And this is not limited to just the candidates. All members are encouraged to attend and bring their lady.

### **Congratulations!!**

We would like to congratulate Bro. Jeremy R. Johnson 32°, PVM, on his marriage to Katie on July 1, 2017. A good time was had by all in attendance.

### **Rehearsal Dates:**

The final 32° rehearsal date will be September 24, 2017 at 2:30 pm. All participants should plan on attending. Remember this degree has changed and we need all actors to be ready with their parts. If you have any questions, contact JD Kline at [klinejd.kline@gmail.com](mailto:klinejd.kline@gmail.com) or J. David Kline at [davekline5@comcast.net](mailto:davekline5@comcast.net)