



## From the Secretary's Desk...



OK, so you went a month or so wondering where the Trumpeteer was and now you've received one within a couple of weeks after the last one! Just keeping you all on your toes! As a Scottish Rite Mason, you should be receiving the monthly magazine published by the Supreme Council entitled "The Northern Light." In the November issue, **Ill. David A. Glattly, 33°**, our new Sovereign Grand Commander presented, as a separate pamphlet, the results of the member survey taken a number of months ago. Now, I am not an avid reader and I don't always read everything that is mailed to me! However, and I will say it again, however... take the time to read, if nothing else, the information presented on pages 4 and 5 of the pamphlet... makes you think about where we are as far as Freemasonry goes!

Other news... Finally, the second notice for dues has gone out. Please pay your dues if you owe them... we have over \$25,000 still out from our membership. Enough said!

Around the jurisdiction, this is a slower time for we secretaries. Dues notices have been sent out, reunions in most valleys are now done, and Christmas gatherings are in the past. This does not seem to last quite long enough, however, as we soon begin to gear up for Spring Reunions, make our way through the dreary winter months, preparing for Easter, readying ourselves for changes in the officer corps, and dreaded suspensions, if needed. It is also the time of year that I get the fewest calls... thanks!

So, as we continue our Scottish Rite year, commit yourself to attending at least one more stated meeting and marking your calendar for the end of April and the Spring Reunion. Look for a related article elsewhere.

Fraternally, your Secretary.

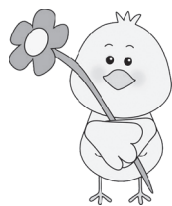
## Planning Continues for Spring Reunion

In the last edition, I briefed you on the proposed planning for the Spring Reunion. We are still planning it. It seems as though the cast is pretty well set for the 16°... **Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA** will be contacting you if hasn't already.

**Ill. Bro. JD Kline, 33°** will most likely be calling on the same cast as in the Fall; Hopefully, **Bro. Bob Verbonitz, 32°, MSA** will be available to confer the 19°... he does such an excellent job and we missed the 19° "live" in the Fall!. There were a few "bumps in the road" in the 32° but I am sure that our Degree Master, **Ill. Bro. JD Kline, 33°** has reviewed those and will be working to improve those areas. Listen for your phone to ring or your e-mail to remind you that you are a part of that degree.

Wouldn't it be great to fill the stage! **Bro. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA** and Venerable Master of the KSA and thus, the Degree Master of the 29°, has assured me that the degree will be staged "live" as well.

Rehearsal dates and times will be established and cast members will be notified well in advance of April 27 and 28, 2018. As indicated previously, we would like to have the 4° and another one from the Lodge of Perfection on Friday evening. Saturday should be an early start and a 4:30 or 5:00 closing... lots of degree work in-between! **Stay tuned!**



## From the Commander-in-Chief...

Brethren... I sincerely hope that all brethren had a wonderful holiday season and are resolute in the new year for our fraternity. The 16° and the 26° casts have been set and Bro. Earl Hockenberry, 32° is working on a tentative schedule for our Spring Reunion. We need to make commitments to be in attendance for the reunion to serve in the various positions in order to make it successful for our new members as well as for the brethren who wish to renew and view these degree offerings. Ask a brother to come along and spend some time with us this reunion and help to strengthen our core values. We have plans for more activity in this new year, but it will take some effort to make a meaningful contribution.

I would also like to thank Bro. Jordan Settle, 32° for his program offering at the December meeting. I am sure it was challenging to speak about such a time in his life. Thanks, Jordan! Finally, throughout the year, we will be asking for help in a variety of areas... be a part of the fraternity!



## Valentine's Day... Just Around the Corner!

*THE LEGEND OF ST. VALENTINE*

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome.

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## Athletes! We Have Athletes!!

In the midst of a Valley of a lot of members belonging to the grey-haired class, we found some athletes! Yes, it is true. More than one of our members (and maybe future members) ran a race and won a medal.

It seems that **Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°**, MSA decided to spend Thanksgiving morning (I think) doing something different. They decided to participate in the Hollidaysburg YMCA annual turkey trot race. Not only did Brady participate, but get this: Brady, pushing his granddaughter in a stroller, in the 2-mile race and took third place in his age group...His grandson from Missouri took 1st place in the 10-15 age group...His son-in-law, Toby Houtz, finished 1st in the 40-45 age group.

Brady indicated it was a "huge" race, and he bragged a little that those listed above medaled. His wife, his son, his daughter-in-law and another grandson participated but fell short of the standards set by the others! Congratulations to the Appleman clan! And he was not alone. Bro. Jordan Settle, 32°, and his brother also competed in the 4.5 mile race. Jordan finished 2nd and his brother finished 3rd in their age group...His daughter, Hayden, won her division. What does that say for the rest of us! To the Secretary it says, "**Great, I'll be a cheerleader.**"

## We've Got A...Plan...

Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of any organization, especially your Scottish Rite Valley of Altoona. The Valley's Executive Board is looking for a few good men to lead and coordinate our membership plan to make sure all Master Masons have a personal contact to advise them how to become a Scottish Rite Mason.

Recruiting is a little easier for us because our target audience is Master Masons, and the place to find them is in our Blue Lodges. If you attend your lodge regularly, you are aware of newly made Master Masons, and they are our primary source of petitioners. We would like to have one Valley member in each Blue Lodge identified as our "Ambassador" to that lodge a contact who can advise men how to petition the Valley when they are ready to do so. This ambassador will be the coordinator between their Lodge and their Valley. We want that relationship to be two ways if we can help the Lodge in some way, we want to be able to do it.

You can be that link. We feel the Valley has resources to offer the Blue Lodges. Valley program speakers and lectures could easily be made available to them, and the Scottish Rite offers another avenue to keep men interested in masonry. We have motivated men who can assist Blue Lodges in their community service activities. After all, we are really one big family. Interested? Do you think you can make the Valley of Altoona more visible in your Blue Lodge and coordinate communications between members? Please drop me an email or give me a call and we can discuss opportunities to get more good men involved in our Valley. The Membership Committee needs your involvement. Fraternally... **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°**, MSA [twobags52@hotmail.com](mailto:twobags52@hotmail.com), 814-241-9523

## Abbott Scholarships...

Each year since 1951, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has awarded scholarships for deserving young men and women. As of this date, over \$15 million dollars have been awarded.

Pennsylvania masons may submit the name of a deserving student. There is criteria that must be followed. Go to the following website and click on "Charities" and an application can be downloaded: [scottishritenmj.org](http://scottishritenmj.org).

The deadline date for submission of packets has not yet been established but it can be assumed that it will be due by the close of business on March 30, 2018.

All applications should be completed and two copies should be submitted to: John R. Biddle, 809 Walnut Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. THEY ARE NOT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY. Keep an eye out for further details!

## Spring Reunion... a CHALLENGE!

Brethren, as I sit here working on the next edition of the Trumpeteer, I am also thinking about the Spring Reunion and just how many candidates it would take to give our Valley a great start for 2018. Thus, I am issuing a challenge...I will provide each member with the following if they are a first-line signer:

This is a challenge issued by the **Secretary**, not the Valley and not the Executive Board! Naturally, the petitions must be signed and the petitioner must become a member of this Spring Class and finish the weekend as a "32° Scottish Rite Freemason." **How many will take up the challenge??**

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| 1 petition   | 200 Aniversary Lapel Pin Value        | \$4.00  |
| 3 petitions  | 200 Anniversary Coffee Mug Value      | \$10.00 |
| 6 petitions  | Scottish Rite NMJ 32° Unity Tie Value | \$32.00 |
| <i>(Navy Blue &amp; Gold...Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Logos on same tie)</i> |                                       |         |

## 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, 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° 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°

### 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 Tyler..... 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. Sipe, 32°

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*Valentine - Continued from front page*

When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.



**VALENTINE'S DAY: A DAY OF ROMANCE**

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. (The greeting is now part of the manuscript collection of the British Library in London, England.) Several years later, it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

**TYPICAL VALENTINE'S DAY GREETINGS**

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) *Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.*

**Presiding Officer Pictures...**  
I know this sounds early, but I am asking that the 2018-2019 Presiding Officers please get your picture taken so that when the time comes, it can be framed and placed on the wall in the outer room. If you wait until you are elected and then, as my mother used to say, "...dilly-dally around", it'll never be hanged! Check out the frame size...it should be an 8" X 10". Work on it!

**Believing**

Brethren... this article was submitted by our Sovereign Prince, **Bro. David Whyson, 32°**. He read it the Knight Templar Magazine. It was written by Sir Knight Daniel E. Koch, Jr., PGC Montana.

My daughters believe in Santa Claus; however, some of their classmates are trying to convince them that he is not real and does not exist. I am not one to try to crush the imagination of my girls; so I give them the official definition of what it means to believe which is as follows: "BELIEVE, verb, **1.** To accept something as true, genuine, or real; **2.** To have confidence in the truth, the existence, or the reliability of something, although without absolute proof that one is right in doing so." I always follow this with the usual affirmation of "if you believe in your heart that he is real, then he is real for you, it does not matter what someone else believes, your beliefs are yours alone." My girls talk about how they get a happy, warm, and loving feeling when they are around other people during Christmas, and they let me know it is because of the magic of Santa Claus, and his magic comes from those who believe in him. Who am I to disagree with that kind of logic and wisdom?

While pondering all of this, I started to think about what I believe in, and it was kind of surprising when I realized that absolutely everything I believe in has to do with Masonry in one form or another. I believe that I am a better person, husband, and father because of the lessons of Masonry. I believe that my trust, understanding, and love for my heavenly Father are because of the lessons taught in Freemasonry. I believe the trust that I have for those I surround myself with is because of the lessons of Freemasonry. I believe that our communities are in some small way, better places in which to live because of what Masonry does. There are several other "I believes" but, in short, what I have been telling my daughters is true for me and you as well. If you believe in your heart that something is real or true, then it is such and will continue to be, as long as you believe. On the same note, if we stop believing in something, such as all the good Masonry does, then there is no truth or realness in it for you, and you could lose the willingness to fight for it.

I hope that this past Christmas season we all stopped and thought about what we believe in and rekindle the fight to keep our beliefs alive. I pray that the blessings of Heaven will be yours and your family's throughout the new year.

**Do You Have to be Perfect to be in the Lodge of Perfection?**

Does being in the Lodge of Perfection mean you are perfect? Of course not. No human is or will ever be perfect. But the name of the LoP is to remind us that we are working towards a better self a better mason, a better man. And by being better men, we hope to make a better society.

The desire and the willingness to change towards something better is an intrinsic part of being human and certainly is part of the reason we became masons. And after experiencing the first three degrees, as Master Masons, we sought more knowledge and inspiration and joined the Scottish Rite.

Scottish Rite, as well as other worthy masonic appendant bodies, offers opportunities to become a better man by working with attributes of worthy manhood that have been passed down through generations of men concerned with becoming better. We Scottish Rite masons underscore and highlight these values by performing and witnessing degrees. That's what makes us Scottish Rite Masons.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite teach virtue, honor, truth and the duty to direct one's life towards these moral goals. Just as stone masons don't find quality stone lying at ground level, as speculative masons we must dig, quarry, and seek value by pursuing knowledge and contemplating the symbols and allegories found in the teachings and degrees of Freemasonry.

A wise mason gave me advice many years ago that I have since heard many times. You get out of masonry what you put into it. This advice applies to most of life's endeavors marriage, parenting, career, friendships so find some time to invest in Scottish Rite. I think your rewards will justify your effort.

In the words of Albert Pike, noted masonic scholar, "He who desires to understand the harmonious and beautiful proportions of Freemasonry must read, study, reflect, digest and discriminate."

Fraternally, **Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA**

**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:  
III David A. Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander  
III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° Deputy for Pennsylvania  
  
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III. William L. McCarrier, 33°.....Butler

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**Jan. Feb. ... Meeting Dates**

As mandated by Supreme Council’s Constitution, due and timely notice is being given regarding our regularly stated meetings. Govern yourselves accordingly.

**Thursday, January 11, 2018...**The regularly-stated meeting of the **Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°**, will be held on this date beginning at 7:30 PM in the AASR Lodge Room. Dinner will be available for all members beginning at 6:15 PM for a nominal fee of \$5.00. A program entitled “The Origins of the Lodge of Perfection” will be presented by Ill. Bill Ringinger, 33°, a member of the Valley of Williamsport. Please make every effort to attend and support your Valley.

Attest: J. David Kline, 33°  
*Secretary* By Order of: Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA  
*Thrice Potent Master*

**Thursday, February 8, 2018...**The regularly-stated meeting of the **Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°** will be held on this date beginning at 7:30 PM in the AASR Lodge Room. Dinner will be available for all members beginning at 6:15 PM. An interesting program dealing with today's drug epidemic will be presented by the PA Surgeon General. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and support your Valley.

Attest: J. David Kline, 33°  
*Secretary* By Order of: David N. Whysong, Sr. 32°, KSA  
*Sovereign Prince*

**Fall Class of 2017...  
 Class Namesake: Ill. JD Kline, II, 33°**

Below is pictured the officers, class namesake, and most importantly, the newest members of the Valley of Altoona. Have you seen them around? **When you do, welcome them!**



**Lottery Results**

**...Knights of Saint Andrew**

The Altoona Clan conducted a fundraiser during the month of November. Tickets were sold with the two lottery numbers on each ticket. Drawings were the weekend dates. And we have the winners:

Congratulations to all the winners. The fund-raising effort benefitted the Clan in helping to offset the cost of their uniforms.

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| November 4 - Chuck Mong - \$100    | November 19 Sandy Fischer - \$150 |
| November 5 -Unsold ticket          | November 25 Unsold ticket         |
| November 11 J. David Kline - \$100 | November 26 Robin Collins - \$150 |
| November 12 P. Terry Reed - \$150  | November 30 Jessica Sorge - \$300 |
| November 18 Unsold ticket          |                                   |

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