



SPRING REUNION - Everything's Set see inside - page 3

According to **Bro. Earl Hockenberry, 32°**, Reunion Coordinator, the final schedule appears to be complete for the **Spring Reunion scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 2018**. A copy of that schedule can be found on page 3. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. There will be the "regular" dinner on Friday evening and coffee/donuts on Saturday morning as well as lunch on Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately, there will be no ladies program this Spring. There was just not enough space in the building! But fear not, we are keeping the ladies uppermost in our mind as we plan for the Fall, 2018 reunion! There will be some degrees conferred via DVD as well as some conferred "live" and on stage.

We continue to improve our stage degrees with more memorization and less need for "crib" sheets! Let's make an effort to get some additional petitions for this Spring. As of this printing, we have three on hand...let's at least get to double digits! If you need a petition, either call the Secretary or go online. We'll see that you get one!

Breaking News...Sweeping Changes Enacted...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. As taken from the Supreme Council website, there is an expansion of the eligibility criteria for Abbott Scholarship awards. Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2018 Abbott Scholarship program:

1. A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction;
2. A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the NMJ; **Application Deadline**
3. A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the NMJ who is: **MARCH 30, 2018**
 - a. a high school senior who has attained a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
 - b. A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

The application form is new and is the only one that will be accepted. Go to the NMJ website at <https://scottishritenmj.org/valleys>.

Please note: The deadline for submission of applications has been set for the close of business on **March 30th, 2018**. Two copies are to be submitted to: **Mr. John R. Biddle, 809 Walnut Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673**.

Address Updates...

Brethren, have you moved and notified all the right places? The phone company, the electric company, your gas company? Yep, you did all that, I would guess. What about your Valley of Altoona? Forget about us? Please let me know if and when you move. Each time the Valley publishes the Trumpeteer, we get as many as 20 or so copies returned. Some are returned because the member is "temporarily away" which means he is probably in warmer weather for the winter! If those brethren would tell me when and where they are going and when they are coming back, I could forward the Trumpeteer. But if you move and don't tell me, your newsletter comes back. No, they will not forward newsletters, only first class mailings. And each time a newsletter is returned, the Valley pays \$.49 each. Please let me know if you change your address!



Also, there are some returns as a result of moving and leaving no forwarding address. Such is the case with the following brethren: **Bros. H. George Russell**, 706 Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-1438; **George Hunter Good**, 303 E. Holmes Ave, # 1st Flr, Altoona, PA 16602-3225; **Stephen Walter Kane**, Dark Shade Drive, Windber, PA 15963; **Jeffrey Paul Grimes**, 5730 White Oak Cv., Myra, Texas 76253; and **Elmer Charles Beere**, 2900 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601-1716. If anyone might know the whereabouts of these brethren, please let the Valley know. Thanks you!

Dues...Dues...Dues...

We still have some brethren who have yet to pay their dues for the 2017-2018 Scottish Rite year...and we also have a few who owe for two years. Let's see if we can get everyone to pay his dues. Remember, you pay \$65.00 and \$27.00 of those dollars go to Supreme Council. The Valley exists on the other \$38.00! We need your dues!

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REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 27, 2018



- 6:00 PM Dinner buffet will be available in the Chanter's Room All invited
- 6:00 6:45 PM Candidate Registration in the AASR Lodge Room
- 7:00 PM Opening Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA, Thrice Potent Master, Presiding
- 7:10 PM 4° - "Master Traveller" DVD AASR lodge Room
- 7:55 PM Instruction "Transition from Blue Lodge to Scottish Rite" AASR Lodge Room Ill. JD Kline, II, 33°, Presenter
- 8:10 PM 8° - "Intendant of the Building" AASR Lodge Room Bro. Randy J. Thompson, 32°, Degree Master
- 9:15 PM Closing

REUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 8:00 AM Class Registration AASR Lodge Room
Coffee/Donuts will be available in the Chanter's Room for all
- 8:30 AM Opening Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Bro. David N. Whysong, 32°, KSA, Sovereign Prince, Presiding
- 8:45 AM 16° - "Prince of Jerusalem" Auditorium Full Ceremonial Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA, Degree Master
- 9:45 AM Opening Chapter Rose Croix, 18° - Bro. James B. Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA, Most Wise Master, Presiding
- 9:55 AM Recess
- 10:10 AM 18° - "Knight Rose Croix of H.R.D.M." Auditorium - Full Ceremonial Ill. JD Kline, II, 33°, Degree Master
- 11:30 AM Opening Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32° - Auditorium Full Ceremonial Form Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA, Commander-in-Chief, Presiding
- 11:45 AM 19° - "Brothers of the Trail" AASR Lodge Room Full Ceremonial Form Bro. Robert A. Verbonitz, 32°, MSA, Degree Master
- 12:30 PM Lunch Chanter's Room
- 1:30 PM AASR Lodge Room - Class Picture (Presiding Officers and Class Namesake); Candidate Instruction "Hats of the Scottish Rite" Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA, Presenter
- 2:00 PM 29° - "Knight of St. Andrew" Auditorium Full Ceremonial Bro. K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA, KSA, Degree Master
- 3:15 PM 32° - "Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret" Auditorium Full Ceremonial Ill. JD Kline, II, 33°, Degree Master
- 5:15 PM Recognition of and Remarks by the Class Namesake: Ill. Lloyd C. Sorge, 33° - Presentation of Lapel Pins
- 5:30 PM Closing



Through the efforts of Commander-in-Chief **A. Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA** and **Bro. Jeremy Johnson, 32°**, the Valley has created a group of brethren who have volunteered to "help out" when and where needed on stage.

These are the brethren who might dress up and march on and off stage and never say a word! Others are the mainstays of our ritualistic orators! They are the **charter members** of the **newly-formed Actor's Guild**. A thank you is in order to the following.

Duncan McIntyre	A Brady Appleman	Jerry Lower	B. Wayne Weaver	JD Kline, II	David N. Whysong
Joshua M. Kline	Barry Yingling	Robert Verbonitz	Jerry Lyons	Ronald Barndt	H. Foster Snively
David A. Blackner	Evan Watters	Ben Watters	Charles Davis	John D. Ream	Kenneth McCloskey
Al Just	Michael Duminiak	Vernon Gutshall	Stanley Snyder		
Larry Bilotto	Chris Pechtold	Jordan Settle	J. David Kline		
Drew Rand	Randolph Thompson	Jeremy Johnson	James Walkingshaw		
John Myers	N. Bruce Mentch	George Greiner	Earl Hockenberry		
Jack Speece	K. Dwayne Kaufman	Wayne Baggett	William Settle		
Steve Matthews	Lloyd Sorge	Richard Fluke	Leon Collins		
Jason Nye	Kevin Lindsey	Randy Smith	Dave Dodson		

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??**

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
<small>(Navy Blue & Gold...Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Logos on same tie)</small>		

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

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR PENNSYLVANIA

- Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°.....Pittsburgh
- Ill. Jeffrey W. Coy, 33°.....Shippensburg
- Ill. George Nakonetschny, 33°.....Perkasie
- Ill. Robert W. Bateman, 33°.....Clifton Heights
- Ill. Keith E. Parkinson, 33°.....Beaver

ACTIVE EMERITUS MEMBERS

- Richard G. Hawk, 33°.....Elizabethtown
- Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°.....Elizabethtown
- Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33°.....Elizabethtown
- Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°.....Butler

From the Secretary's Desk...

Greetings at mid-year! Fall Reunion, Christmas, and New Year's are now just memories! We have passed the mid-year point of this Scottish Rite year, and all things seem to be going rather well in our Valley. The KSA recently concluded a successful fund-raising event, and the planning of our Spring Reunion and our Palm Sunday service are both underway.

I must say that there is a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the Valley. Degree teams are being organized and scheduling rehearsal dates a great time to hone our stage skills as well as a great time to enhance our brotherly skills!

Since the 2nd notice of dues has gone out, I am getting dues payments on a somewhat regular basis. We still have some outstanding dues but we seem to be getting better. There will be a 3rd notice sometime soon before we have to think about suspensions for non-payment of dues a task I always hate!

Attendance at recent meetings has improved. I attribute that to the outstanding programs that have been arranged by our Presiding Officers and their officer corps. Brethren are coming out for great dinners, great programs, and the opportunity to see and be with brethren they don't always see. In January, we had about 50 brethren present. Great! Let's keep it up! Speaking personally, it makes my trip back to Elizabethtown a little easier knowing we had a good meeting with many in attendance!

From the Commander-in-Chief...

Greetings Brethren... We are starting this new year planning an April reunion. It is my goal to try and improve our degree work and to have as many brethren involved as I can. Our last reunion did improve and the better we get, the better the new candidates learn the message. **Bro. Earl Hockenberry, 32°** and our Secretary have put together the agenda for the two day reunion and will be posted in the Trumpeteer. **Ill. Bro. Lloyd Sorge, 33°** is the class namesake and his biography is quite impressive. I have requested that each body of the Scottish Rite do some kind of external or internal project to promote our fraternity.

I am pleased that **Bros. Baggett** and **Whysong** have told me they have their project planned and will post it soon. I also have a request for a brother to step up and be a public relations man for our fraternity. Someone who will take pictures of some of our functions and leadership and send them to the newspapers of our area. If you think you could help please contact me or the Secretary and we will get you started. If you are tech savvy, this should not be an overbearing position. We need to promote who we are. Thanks to **Bro. Randy Thompson, 32°** who is assuming the degree master for the 8th degree. The old 26th degree, which is permitted to be seen by the Public, will make its first showing in May of this year at a local lodge. I also have requests from three other lodges to do this. To all participants of the degrees for the spring reunion, lets get ready!

A practice session for the 16th and 26th degrees will be held February 25th at 1:30pm (prior to the Executive Board meeting). I wish to have a fraternal gathering after the reunion as a get together to wine and dine. If you have any ideas please submit them to me. I would like to hear from you. **Fraternally, Brother Brady**

From the Thrice Potent Master

Brothers, here's your chance to help feed some hungry Altoonian families. The Altoona Food Bank serves more than 1,000 people monthly. Bring some canned or otherwise shelf-stable food items to the April 19 meeting or to the April 28 Reunion, and we will gather the donations and give them to the Altoona Food Bank. Let's see if we can gather more than 100 pounds of food.

The Food bank gathers a lot of donations around Thanksgiving and Christmas, but in the spring and summer, not so much. May is the time of the year when food banks' budgets begin to run low, also. So it's the perfect time for the Valley of Altoona to step up and provide some food security for folks in need.

If you cannot make either meeting, leave food items in the Valley's ante-room in the box provided. If you want, instead of donating food, send a financial donation to the Secretary with a note it is for the food drive. The Food Bank does not receive Federal or State funds and they belong to a central buying service and so they buy food at a good discount.

Commander-in-chief Brady Appleman has challenged the members of the Valley of Altoona to engage in some community projects. The Lodge of Perfection has chosen a food drive as well as supporting the annual "Sweat for Vets" race that takes place in Nov. Please lend a hand and help feed some folks in need. Info on the race in the Fall as the time draws near. Show your "can-do" spirit in April.

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..... Jeremry 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..... Jeremry 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. Sipe, 32°

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After 5 days return to:
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Valley of Altoona
J. David Kline, Secretary
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KEEP IN MIND... These UPCOMING EVENTS!

- March 8** Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° - DeMolay Presentation by members of the al-Aksa Chapter
March 25 Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° - Palm Sun. Service at Providence Presbyterian Church in Altoona
April 8 Executive Board meeting at 3:00 PM
April 19 Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14° - NOTE Change from the 2nd Thursday due to Shrine Circus!
May 10 All bodies except the Consistory **Annual Election of Officers**
June 14 Altoona Lodge of Perfection
July and August Valley is dark for the summer
July 13-14 PA Council of Deliberation King of Prussia Open to all Elected Officers, Past Officers, MSAs and Honorary Brethren

DeMolay Program...

“Dad” Jay Reilly, 32°, Chapter Advisor for the al-Aksa Chapter of DeMolay has asked for some time to present a program called the Ceremony of Light. It is a small lecture that explains in greater detail the seven cardinal virtues of a DeMolay. Dad Reilly believes it will mean a lot for the members to see the boys actually putting on a ceremony and showing what they actually do and learn in the DeMolay program. Additionally, an open house has been scheduled for March 24th at the Altoona Masonic Hall. While this Open house is geared primarily toward getting new members, anyone (adults and kids alike) who is interested in learning more about DeMolay is invited to attend and I encourage all the Valley members to stop out and see the boys.

Palm Sunday...

Bro. James B. Walkingshaw, 32°, MSA, Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° and his officers will be presenting “The Last Supper” as the Valley's tribute to those brethren who have gone to meet the Grand Architect of the Universe since the Easter season of 2017.

This is a program conducted by the Chapter of Rose Croix since the inception of the Valley more than 60 years ago. The details include: Date: **Sunday, March 25, 2018**; Location: **Providence Presbyterian Church on Broad Avenue at 24th Street**; Time: **3:00 PM**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Service. Letters of invitation will be forwarded to the family of our deceased brethren with a special invitation to attend.

All masons as well as non-masons are encouraged to attend to pay tribute to those brethren who gave of their time and talents while a member of the fraternity.

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