



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2018

*Fall Reunion Schedule Includes **Dinner and Ladies Program...***

The Fall Reunion schedule has been put together, discussed, and finally agreed upon. It appears all the pieces are in place. Now, all we need are some candidates to make it all worthwhile! As you will recall, we have had previous reunions in which we had no candidates, but we held the reunion anyway. It is a great way to keep our degree casts sharp and to generate a higher feeling of brotherhood. Naturally, we still have room for an auditorium full of candidates, but as they say in the theater "...the show must go on." Here is a somewhat condensed version. Look for a complete reunion booklet that will be prepared by **Ill. Jack H. Speece, 33°** at the reunion!

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Supreme Council's New Initiatives...

One of Sovereign Grand Commander Glattly's key priorities is a focus on membership; recruitment, retention, and restoration. We are starting to see the "Not Just A Man. A Mason." campaign take hold in the jurisdiction. There is a huge wave of excitement like we haven't seen in some time. Our members are proud to be Scottish Rite Masons. And thinking about it, we are just getting started!

We must be set up for success if we want to realize success. Please take advantage of the resources the Supreme Council is providing to enhance the member experience. It will go a long way in the education and awareness of what we do as a fraternity. A network of statewide Membership Chairs have been identified. They, in turn, have contacted the Membership Chairs of each Valley in an effort to share information as well as solicit ideas. The co-Membership Chairs in our Valley are: **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA** and **Bro. K. Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA**.

If you have some ideas to share, these are the brethren to contact! There are some additional initiatives and materials that are being developed. A new membership packet has been produced and each new initiate will receive a packet filled with items from the Supreme Council as well as from our own Valley. Finally, Master Masons interested in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason can apply for membership online! Watch for these changes and help the jurisdiction recruit and retain!

Membership Notes...

Each year our Supreme Council recognizes our long-time members with a certificate. We add to that a lapel pin indicating their years of service. It seems only fitting and proper that we add to that recognition:

Fifty year members include: **Bro. Edward Gaydosh, 32°** from Commodore; **Bro. Gerald B. Hymes, 32°**, from Altoona; **Bro. George F. Merritts, 32°**, from Revloc; **Bro. William G. Stonebraker, 32°** from Hollidaysburg; **Bro. Harvey Wander, 32°** from White Oak, PA; **Bro. Jerrold Williams, 32°** from Dubois; and **Bro. Larry E. Wurster, 32°**, from Clearfield.

Recognition for sixty years of membership include: **Bro. Ralph F. Knisely, 32°** from Avondale, AZ; and **Bro. Franklin D. Shaffer, 32°** from Everett.

Sixty-five year members include: **Bro. Lewis K. Johnson** from Erie and **Bro. Charles S. Isenberg, 32°** from Millersburg, PA.

Finally, **Bro. James G. Knepper, 32°** from Somerset will be celebrating seventy years of membership.

When you see them, take a moment to shake their hand and tell them thanks for their service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry!

From the Commander-in-Chief...

Brethren...We have a really good reunion planned for November. **Bro. Earl Hockenberry, 32°**, along with **Bro. Jeremy Johnson, 32°, MSA** have the activities and the degree

work prepared and ready to go. We do have a ladies program featuring some ladies from Jobel Court showing how they prepare the Raggedy Ann dolls that they make for the hospitals. We are looking to add more to this program. We need to generate some candidates! We are going to great expense to have a banquet and programs, but as of this writing, we do not have any candidates. Do you know anyone who would benefit from our fraternity for fellowship and to expand their Masonic knowledge? If you do, see that they get a petition. Our brotherhood needs new IDEA'S AND PARTICIPATION.

We also need to contact **Bro. J. David Kline, 33°, Secretary** to sign up for the banquet so that we have an idea of the attendance. Since we will not be having a spring reunion we need to offer now. A new degree that has not been conferred in many years is being done by **Bro. Randy Thompson, 32°**. Your Commander-in-Chief is asking for your help and your attendance.

The Menu Has Been Set...

Through the efforts of our chief steward, **Bro. Charlie Yingling, 32°, MSA**, the menu has been set for our monthly pre-meeting dinners. Remember, the dinner costs just \$5.00 but the brotherhood and fellowship is priceless! Since you know the menu, there is no reason not to attend!

As always, all meals will feature a vegetable and a dessert...

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Comments from the Thrice Potent Master...

The next Lodge of Perfection meeting is scheduled for January, 2019. Plan to attend that meeting and get a complete rundown of the laying of wreaths at Fort Indiantown Gap in December. Going to print before the event takes place and planning a recap of the program is a little risky, but this program seems to be one that will stir a lot of interest and it will be a pleasure to talk about how our Valley supported a nationwide program of such importance.

Also, as the Knight Junior Warden of the Knights of St. Andrews, a little information and update: the Knights of Saint Andrews or KSA have been serving the Valley since starting up about 5 years ago. The KSA is the first in a PA Valley and are found more in the Southern Jurisdiction. The KSA are for recently made (<10 years) Brothers in Scottish Rite and are to function as the working arm of the Valley. Since starting up, they have developed bylaws and ritual, along with casting the 29th Degree and cleaning out the back storage room off the Lodge Room. They also serve as the greeters during the Reunions and assist with the candidates during their initial journey in Scottish Rite.

Currently the KSA is looking to grow their numbers. So, if you are interested, please reach out to the Valley Secretary or ask one of the KSA members. They're easy to spot, either wearing a glengarry or the full Scottish regalia including a kilt. We meet just prior to every Valley body meeting at 6:45 till 7:15. Please consider joining by talking to a Sir Knight and find out a little more of who we are and what we do.

Greetings From the Sovereign Prince...

Bro. Stanley Snyder, 32°, Sovereign Prince of the Council, Princes of Jerusalem wants to remind all AASR Masons that there is a need for additional non-perishable foodstuffs for the Altoona Food Pantry.

This initiative, started with the last set of officers, is being continued through the term of Bro. Snyder. Non-perishable goods can be brought to any meeting as well as to the Fall Reunion. The collected foodstuffs will be delivered to the Altoona Pantry on a regular basis throughout the year. Do someone in need a favor...bring a contribution!

Honorary Members To Be...

Since our Supreme Council has changed their annual meeting to now bi-annual meetings, the coronation of new Honorary Members now happens every two years instead of each year. The nominees are notified, but they do not receive their honorary degree until odd-numbered years.

That being said, we informed the membership of the following brethren who were nominated last year: **Bro. Edward Cernic, Jr. 32°** from Johnstown; **Bro David A. Blackner, 32°** also from Johnstown; and **Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32°**, MSA from Williamsburg.

We are pleased to announce that we received notification that our valley would receive a fourth nomination for 2019: **Bro. Dean A. Sipe, 32°**, MSA from Lewistown. Congratulations to all. They will be coronated in Milwaukee in August, 2019.

Supreme Council Names New Active Members...

During their annual meeting in Lexington, our Supreme Council announced the names of those brethren who will serve the NMJ as Actives for our state. Being the largest state (membership-wise), Pennsylvania has the greatest number of Active members.

With the death of Ill. Bro. Coy in August, **Ill. Bro. Thomas Labagh, 33°** from Elizabethtown was named. Also, **Ill. Bro. PJ Roup, 33°** from Pittsburgh. Ill. Bro. Roup will be the Active overseeing our Valley with the eventual retirement of **Ill. Bro. Thomas Sturgeon, 33°** next year. Congratulations to both of these brethren. As soon as the Valley gets a little more information about these two brethren, it will be posted in a future edition of the Trumpeteer.

The Menu *Continued from front page*

October 11.....Stuffed Peppers, Scalloped Potatoes
November 8.....Baked Ham, Candied Sweet Potatoes/Mashed Potatoes
December 13....Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Roll
January 10.....Pork and Sauerkraut
February 14.....Swiss Steak, Parsley Potatoes
March 14.....Corned Beef and Cabbage
April 11.....Meeting date is during Circus Week...alternative plans are being addressed!
May 9.....Stuffed Shells, Salad, Roll
June 13.....Pot Roast, Pepper Slaw



Valley of Altoona, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Officers - 2018 - 2019 Altoona Lodge of Perfection, 14°

Thrice Potent Master.....Lawrence Joseph Bilotto, 32°
Deputy Master.....Christopher Douglas Pechtold, 32°
Senior Warden.....Jordan William Settle, 32°
Junior Warden.....William Patrick Settle, 32°
Orator.....Phillip John Mentzer, 32°
Master of Ceremonies.....Ashley K. Sorge, 32°
Captain of the Guard.....Timothy J. Balconi, 32°

Altoona Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°

Sovereign Prince.....Stanley Eugene Snyder, 32°
High Priest.....Kenneth Dwayne Kauffman, 32°, MSA
Senior Warden.....Vernon Arthur Carey, 32°
Junior Warden.....John Paul Richards, 32°
Master of Ceremonies.....John Gilbert Myers, 33°
Master of Entrances.....Andrew J. Rand, 32°

Altoona Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°

Most Wise Master.....Jack Howard Speece, 33°
Senior Warden.....Leon Collins, 32°, MSA
Junior Warden.....Jason Russell Nye, 32°
Orator.....Gary Wayne Smith, 32°
Master of Ceremonies.....Richard Francis DeLozier, 32°
Captain of the Guard.....Arthur Stanton, 32°

Altoona Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32° (2016-2018)

Commander in Chief.....Alan Brady Appleman, 32°, MSA
1st Lt. Commander.....David Alan Blackner, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander.....Alvin Edward Just, 33°
Orator.....Earl Joseph Hockenberry, 32°
Chancellor.....Evan Roscoe Waters, 33°
Master of Ceremonies.....Randolph J. Thompson, 32°
Engineer & Seneschal.....Joshua Matthew Kline, 32°
Standard Bearer.....David Eugene Dodson, 32°
Captain of the Guard.....Jeremy Ray Johnson, 32°, MSA

Officers, All Bodies

Treasurer.....Wayne M. Baggett, 32°, MSA
Secretary.....John David Kline, 33°
Tyler.....Members of the Knights of St. Andrew
Assistant Tyler.....Charles C. Campbell, 32°, MSA

Trustee - term ends 05/20.....James A. Yoder, 33°
Trustee - term ends 05/21.....John R. Biddle, 33°
Trustee - term ends 05/19.....Ronald R. Yoder, 33°

Member at Large - term ends 05/20...Randy E. Smith, 33°

Member at Large - term ends 05/21...Dean Alan Sipe, 32° MSA

Knights of St. Andrew

Venerable Master Kenneth Dwayne Kaufman, 32°, MSA

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New Valley Committee Assignments...

At the September stated meeting, the Commander-in-Chief unveiled and walked those in attendance through the newly-restructured committees associated with the Valley of Altoona. As soon as one of our creative geniuses come up with an appropriate chart, it will be on display! In the meantime, a nutshell summary is as follows: All committee chairs will come from the Consistory Body since they are elected/appointed for a two-year period. This will help provide continuity and structure from year to year. The committees include: the Leadership Committee, the Membership Committee, the Membership Retention Committee, the Education Committee, and the Fellowship Committee. All elected officers of all bodies have been included on at least one committee. Appointed officers may choose which committee they prefer to serve on. This will be done by notifying the presiding officer of the body in which you serve. He will then notify the committee chair.

NOW, the first thing that many nay-sayers will say is that we are a voluntary fraternity and we can't be mandated to serve anywhere! A lot of truth to that, but if you are interested in having our fraternity grow and prosper, then committee participation should be looked on as an opportunity and not a job! Just to give you all some idea as to where we are coming from... in 1985 or thereabouts, the Valley of Altoona was growing and was on the brink of breaking 5,000 members. Yes, 5,000 members. Today, our total stands at about 1,300. Yes, that is not a misprint... 1,300. And our Blue Lodge membership generates about 1 in 4 members of Scottish Rite. Why? If we continue to do things the way they have always been done, then you should plan to get the same results! This is a great topic for additional comments... send them to me and we can see that they get printed! I welcome some ideas.

HOWEVER, back to the committee assignments... Once the personnel of the committees is established, the chairs will contact the members for a meeting. It might be at a stated meeting or at a reunion or maybe on a Sunday afternoon. Whenever, the purpose will be to organize and get started. I am sure, it will be a little trying at the beginning, but if the brethren are willing, it can be a success! It's up to us to make it work! Let's all take a leap of faith and try it! Questions? Contact the Commander-in-Chief or the Secretary.

Wreaths Across America...

The Lodge of Perfection, under the leadership of both **Bro. Larry Bilotto, 32°** and **Bro. Chris Pechtold, 32°**, have undertaken a service project for members of our Valley. The project consists of taking a bus to Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Grantville, PA (just outside Harrisburg) and assisting in laying wreaths on every grave in this national cemetery. This is a project that includes all national cemeteries across the United States. We will be part of a larger group of volunteers gathering to recognize the service of those Americans whose final resting place is at the Gap.

A charter bus has been scheduled to leave the Jaffa parking lot at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Following the laying of the wreaths, those attending will be the guests of the Valley for a luncheon at Royal Oaks Golf Club, just a short drive from the cemetery. Following lunch, the bus will return you to the Jaffa lot. Each participant will also receive a ball cap and a T-shirt as our way of saying thank you for your efforts. There will be no cost to you. All we need is for you to commit to attending. A sign-up sheet was distributed at the September meeting and will again be available at the October and November meetings. Additionally, you can sign up by sending an email to the Secretary at davekline5@comcast.net. The bus will be a 48 passenger charter bus. We will take the first 48 who commit to attending. If you have any additional questions, please contact either Bro. Bilotto or Bro. Pechtold. **Bro. Wayne M. Baggett, 32°**, MSA will be on hand taking pictures for newspaper publication. Let's fill the bus and recognize our veterans! Currently 14 brethren have agreed to attend.

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Class Namesake: **Ill. Duncan P. McIntyre, 33°**

FRIDAY...NOVEMBER 2, 2018

5:30 PM	Assemble in Auditorium prior to dinner
6:00 PM	Fall Reunion Banquet Auditorium (Spouses included)
7:15 PM	Opening Lodge of Perfection Bro. Larry J. Bilotto, 32° , Thrice Potent Master, Presiding
7:40 PM	4° - "Master Traveler" - DVD AASR Lodge Room
8:15 PM	12° - "Master of Mercy" DVD AASR Lodge Room
9:15 PM	Closing of the Lodge of Perfection

SATURDAY...NOVEMBER 3, 2018

8:00 AM	Coffee/Donuts Basement Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Opening Council, Princes of Jerusalem Bro. Stanley E. Snyder, 32° , Sovereign Prince, Presiding
8:45 AM	15° - "Knight of the East" Full Ceremonial Form - Bro. A Brady Appleman, 32° , MSA Degree Master Auditorium
9:45 AM	Opening Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° - Ill. Jack H. Speece, 33° , Most Wise Master, Presiding (Opening Charge/Obligation only)
10:15 AM	Closing Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° - AASR Lodge Room
10:20 AM	Opening Consistory, S.P.R.S. Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32° , MSA, Commander-in-Chief, Presiding
10:30 AM	22° - "Prince of Libanus" Full Ceremonial Form - Bro. Randolph J. Thompson, 32° - Degree Master AASR Lodge Room
11:00 AM	32° - DVD "Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret" Introduction AASR Lodge Room
11:15 AM	32° - "Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret" Full Ceremonial Form Auditorium Bro. A. Brady Appleman, 32° , MSA - Auditorium
12:30 PM	Closing of Valley activities
12:30 PM	Lunch Basement Dining Hall (lunch is in conjunction with Jaffa personnel)
1:30 PM	Jaffa Shrine Ceremonial

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

A Ladies Program has been planned for Friday evening after dinner. The brethren will retire to the AASR Lodge Room and the Ladies will be under the direction of Mrs. Leon Collins. A group of ladies associated with the Shrine's Jobel Court make Raggety Ann dolls and send them to both the Erie and Philadelphia Shrine hospitals for their patients. The dolls go home with the patients upon their release. Mrs. Collins and another lady will show and explain to our ladies how this is done.

Knights of Rose Croix...

Ill Jack H. Speece, 33°, Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix will be hosting the November meeting of the Scottish Rite.

Ill. Bro. Jack will be presenting a program dealing with "Death". This is a paper he has prepared for the Academy. The meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018.

Deaths...

The Grand Architect of the Universe has called home the following brethren since our June meeting:

Robert M. Wallace	Harrisburg	#490	05/01/1967 - 08/04/2017
Richard E. Shimer	Altoona	#490	05/01/1976 - 01/10/2018
Robert C. Pine	Centerville, VA	#616	06/01/1968 - 01/20/2018
Douglas C. Panasiti	Deland, FL	#494	11/01/1974 - 01/22/2018
John W. Rutherford	Tyrone	#490	05/01/1973 - 02/26/2018
George C. Ferris	Hollidaysburg	#281	11/01/1979 - 03/31/2018
R. Dean Jobe	Plainfield, IL	#278	05/01/1981 - 04/05/2018
J. Richard James	Montgomery, PA	#299	05/01/1957 - 04/07/2108
John W. Spory	South Abington Twp.	#312	10/01/1959 - 06/04/2018
Harold M. Beringer	Tyrone	#494	05/05/1988 - 06/11/2018
Calvin C. Showers	Murrell's Inlet, SC	#616	04/01/1952 - 06/18/2018
Philip E. Witmer, MSA	Paisley, FL	#268	05/01/1976 - 8/10/2018
Dale F. Evans	Tipton	#490	11/01/1970 - 09/17/2018

If you know of the passing of one of our brethren, please take a moment to notify the Secretary so he can be included in future publications.

Some Definitions...

As I perused some Masonic publications, I came across the following "Recommended Attire Definitions" that sometimes we all need reminded of...

FORMAL: Tuxedo, dark business suit. Officers wear cap and jewels;

SEMI-FORMAL: Tuxedo, dark business suit. Officers wear cap and jewels;

BUSINESS: Business suit, or jacket and tie. Officers wear cap and jewel;

BUSINESS CASUAL: Dress slacks, collared shirt and jacket (no tie). Sweater if desired. No tie is required but is acceptable. No jeans or shorts.

SMART CASUAL: Pressed slacks, collared shirt (polo acceptable). No tie or jacket required but both are OK if desired. No jeans or shorts;

CASUAL: Comfortable khakis, jeans, shorts, polo shirt. Clean comfortable dress for the occasion.

Website Reminder...

Just to keep you alerted...don't forget to check out our new and improved website. Simply type in www.valleyofaltoona.org and our website will appear. Again, **Bro. Jordan W. Settle, 32°** has worked very hard to make this new website workable, easily accessible, and something to be proud of. If any of you have any interest in having something added to the website, please let Bro. Jordan know!

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