



# VALLEY NOTICE

NOTICE AND NEWSLETTER



VALLEY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

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### VALLEY NOTICE

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## Berks County Judge, Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33° To Be Honored Guest At Spring Reunion

Our honored guest, his Honor and Illustrious Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33°, will address the class of candidates and the brethren at the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Reading.

Illustrious Brother Sprecher was first elected a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County in 1992. He graduated from Kutztown University in 1972. Received a Master of Public Administration from Marywood College in 1976 and a Juris Doctorate from Widener University in 1982. He served as a research planner on the Pennsylvania Governor's Justice Commission from 1972 through 1975. He teaches courses in Criminology and Business Law at Albright College, Alvernia College, St. Joseph's University and Reading Area Community College. He is the Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Berks County Bar Association. He is a member of the American Judicature Society, the Berks County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Kutztown Chamber of Commerce, the Berks County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Fleetwood Rotary. In his spare time he is a Big Brother with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Berks County.



In 1970, Illustrious Brother Sprecher married Jane L. Shade and together they have one son and two daughters. The family attends St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fleetwood where Illustrious Brother Sprecher teaches Sunday School.

Illustrious Brother Sprecher was raised a Master Mason in Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660 on April 26, 1983. He was knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, by Reading Consistory on November 23, 1991, and coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council on September 26, 2000, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Valley of Reading is pleased to welcome our own Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33°, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, as our guest and present him to the class as their exemplar.

## Chester County Club Installs New Officers

The Chester County Club of the Valley of Reading installed new officers at the annual Ladies Seafood Night on April 2, 2008. The dinner and installation were held at the



Coatesville Moose Lodge. Pictured from left to right are Paul A. Swank, Jr., Secretary, William J. Guiseppe, Past President, William H. Tennant, President, Craig W. Shaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Raymond Thompson, Jr., 33°, Treasurer. Not pictured is R. Kevin Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.



## The Commander-in-Chief

Ill. L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33<sup>rd</sup>

Greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous springtime. This is my favorite time of the year. The new growth on our flowers and trees is bursting out in an array of color to remind us that the dull and drab days of winter are gone. This is the season of renewed activity in our Scottish Rite Valley. Many of us are studying our lines and preparing for the rehearsals that enable us to perform well in the several degrees that will be presented at our annual spring reunion on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend the reunion and witness the fine degree work that we present for your benefit.

Our annual spring reunion is also the time for us to replenish our membership and our participation in the many functions in the Valley of Reading. We hope to present a large class at our reunion and to do so requires the help and dedication of all our members. You are all on the MEMBERSHIP Committee. It is up to each of us to invite our Master Masons friends to join our Valley and share in its many activities. The key to having a strong Valley is to have committed members who want to see us grow and prosper. Membership packets with petitions are available in the Valley office. These packets are a great help in inviting prospective members to become a part on our Valley.

All of us who live within our jurisdiction are automatically members of a County Club. (There is no cost to join and belong and no dues to pay.) If you are not familiar with your County Club and its activities, let us know and we will have your County Club contact you. (Just call the Valley Secretary, 610-373-0722.) Each of these Clubs has social activities throughout the year and invites you to participate in the fun and fellowship they offer. You will have the opportunity to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances at these events.

The Valley of Reading is a family oriented organization. Our next family event will be the annual Fishing Rodeo and Fun Day at Limestone Springs Trout Hatchery near Richland on June 12. This is a great day for the kiddies. Check your *Valley Notice* for details and reservations. The annual Family Picnic will be held on Saturday August 2, 2008. We have changed the day and time of this picnic to enable a greater number of our members to participate. Our picnic will be on a Saturday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Check the *Valley Notice* for more details about this great picnic.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet and greet many of you at our Stated Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a dinner for our members and their ladies at 6:00 p.m. The dinner cost is only \$4.00 for an excellent meal. Following dinner, our meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. While we are meeting, the ladies also will meet as the Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies have a good social time and some very interesting programs.

There are a lot of great things happening in the Valley of Reading. We invite you to come out and join in the fun and fellowship that we offer.

Hope to see you soon.



## Most Wise Master's Moment

Robert J. Hoyes

Spring is finally here, but all the summer activities are just getting started. The Scottish Rite Family Picnic at the Liederkrantz, the Fish 'N' Fun Day at Limestone Springs and all the County Club Events. There is something for everyone here in the Valley. Just by reading this Notice I'm sure you will find something that you, your children, or your grandchildren will enjoy. The time you spend with them, is the time they will always remember.

It's hard to believe that my year as Most Wise Master is coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Officers in the Valley for their support as well as all of the Brethren behind the scenes who have worked diligently to make every endeavor a success. Too often we just assume things will "work themselves out" but without the combined efforts of the members of this Valley, they won't. I still would like to encourage every member to get involved, the friendships you form, and the enjoyment you will receive, will overshadow any doubts you may have.

I recently ran into an old friend. Although we belonged to different Blue Lodges, we worked together as Junior Officers while we were advancing through the Chairs. He had moved out of the area for about ten years, and had just moved back. He decided to stop by the Masonic Center just to see if he remembered anyone. To his surprise, many of the Brethren remembered him; everyone shook his hand and welcomed him back. I was glad to hear he is, once again, involved in Masonic Work. Sometimes it only takes the first step to find the right path.

Thank You for a wonderful year!

## Schuylkill County Club

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Steak Fry

Date: Wednesday, June 11

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Auburn Park  
Auburn, PA

#### Ladies Picnic

Date: Wednesday, August 13

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Auburn Park  
Auburn, PA



## Sovereign Prince Speaks

**William L. Loos**

Greetings to everyone. As I write this column, our March Stated Meeting is approaching, and our Spring Reunion is soon upon us. I can hardly believe my year serving as your Sovereign Prince is almost over. It was my pleasure to serve the Valley of Reading for the past year. I enjoyed presiding over the Fall Reunion and Stated Meetings, and I was pleased to meet so many of the Brethren at our various activities throughout the year. The highlight for me was our successful Family Life weekends, but I also thoroughly enjoyed the Fish Rodeo, Easter Egg Hunt, and the many County Club functions that I was able to attend. We have a very active Valley with activities to cater to the wide variety of interests of our Brethren and their families. Hopefully everyone is aware of their County Club and the activities that they have to offer, as well as the other functions of the Valley and other County Clubs, as advertised in the Valley Notice publications throughout the year.

As this is my last column as your Sovereign Prince, I wish to thank all of the members and Illustrious Brethren for all of the assistance given to me throughout the year. We cannot be a successful Valley without the unselfish efforts of our members. In particular, I wish to thank a few people. First of all, Illustrious Brother Jon DeHart 33° deserves a big note of thanks for all of his efforts to publish the Valley News, and I truly appreciate his support throughout the year, especially for the excellent article on the Family Life Weekends that he published in the March edition. I also wish to thank Illustrious Brother Chris Tecklenberg 33° and Lois Ensslen for all of their support and assistance. They handle all of the daily business of the Valley, provide clerical support for the presiding officers, and maintain our beautiful Cathedral in West Reading. Additionally, I wish to thank the officers and Past Sovereign Princes of the C. Gilbert Steffe Council of Princes of Jerusalem for all of their efforts and support they have afforded me throughout the year. Lastly, I wish to thank our other presiding officers, Illustrious L. Donald Loos 33°, Bob Hoyes, and Bob Engleman, for their support and congratulate each of them on a very successful Scottish Rite year.

As mentioned in previous columns, please come out to our next reunion on Saturday, May 17, and join in on the fun. Please consider either taking part in the degrees on-stage or helping out in one of our behind-the-scenes departments. These groups include Wardrobe, Make-Up/Wigs, Electrical/Lighting, Sound, Property, Stage Crew, Choir, Marshalls, Tylers, Registrars, Stewards, Casting, and Reception. If you are interested in helping out, please fill out the form located in the Valley News or contact one of the department heads. If you are not sure what area(s) interest you, please come to the May reunion and take some time to walk around backstage between

the degrees and visit the various departments. It is a real eye opener to see all of the different groups in action to make our reunions successful. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work”, and I guarantee you will meet new friends and have a lot of fun helping out.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our Valley as your Sovereign Prince. Best wishes to everyone in the upcoming months. I hope to see a large turnout to our Spring Reunion on May 17 and our Stated Meeting on May 27. Please come early for an enjoyable dinner for only \$4.00 per person. Please read the Valley Notice in its entirety to keep abreast of all of the events held throughout the year. It has truly been my pleasure to serve you and I will be continue to be available to assist the incoming officers in the future. God Bless You!



## Thrice Potent Master's Corner

**Robert C. Engleman**

It's hard to believe my term as Thrice Potent Master is almost over. The reunion and then the Stated Meeting for installation of new officers – that's it. The experience has been so rewarding meeting new friends and visiting with all the county clubs.

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity of serving the Valley and the Lodge of Perfection. I hope I leave it better for having served. There's still time to get petitions in for the reunion. Surely you must have a few brethren that would benefit from Scottish Rite membership.

The combined county club ladies night was well attended. Now if only we can get some more members to come to other county club functions. They're open to all members of the Valley and some to non-members. If you have any suggestions for activities you would like the Valley to consider, please give it to one of the officers. Here's an idea – Make time to make a commitment to attend 2 county club functions like the June 11<sup>th</sup> Schuylkill County Club Stag Steak Fry, June 14<sup>th</sup> Fishing Rodeo (bring the kids and grandkids), June 16<sup>th</sup> Ontelaunee His & Hers Clambake or August 2<sup>nd</sup> AASR Family Picnic. Make the Commitment. Make the time. Come and join us – you'll have a great time!

### GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB

#### Annual Picnic

Wednesday June 25

Ringin' Rocks Park

Steak Fry with all the fixin's!

Social hour 4pm - 5pm

Dinner 5pm – 7pm

Grab a partner for the horseshoe competition!

## Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show Draws Quite a Crowd

The annual Ladies Auxiliary fashion show on Saturday, March 29 hosted 268 women for an early spring afternoon of fun, food, prizes and of course, fashion. Fashions were provided by Boscov's Department Stores of Reading. Cheryl Weiser from Boscov's was responsible for fashion selection. She also announced and introduced the fashions as each lovely model strode down the catwalk. This year's models were Shirley McLucas, Billie Marlin, Ellie Jansen, Cindy Hoffman, Ruth Ann Frey, and Barbara Sedowsky.



**Fashion models (l to r): Ellie Jansen, Ruth Ann Frey, Barbara Sedowsky, Cindy Hoffman, Shirley McLucas, Billie Marlin**

Once again this year, many prizes were given away. The prizes included 81 special door prizes for which certain tickets were purchased and more than 100 door prizes for those who purchased a dinner ticket. With so many prizes it was difficult to even estimate their total value.

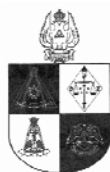


**The dapper waitstaff get their marching orders from Helen Hummel**

This gala fashion event was not solely for the ladies, however as 32 men participated: they served as waiters and handed out the door prizes to the ladies.

The money raised by the fashion show is donated to the 32° Masonic Learning Center and the Wardrobe Department of the Valley for costumes.

The ladies reported having a wonderful time. They heartily offered many nice compliments and as always, the ladies particularly enjoyed being catered to by the men of the Valley. The continued success of this annual tradition has led to a date being scheduled already for next spring's fashion show.



## T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

Reunion & Stated meetings of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of Reading, Pennsylvania will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 310 S. Seventh Avenue, West Reading, Pa., on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> days of the Hebrew month Iyyar, 5768 corresponding to:

**Saturday and Tuesday  
May 17, and 27, 2008**

The business and work will be conducted according to the program on these pages. A cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to all members of the Rite duly accredited. Your current dues card will admit you to all the Sessions of the Reunion and must be shown to the Tyler for admittance.

By order of:

**ROBERT C. ENGLEMAN, 32°**

Thrice Potent Master

**WILLIAM L. LOOS, 32°**

Sovereign Prince

**ROBERT J. HOYES, 32°**

Most Wise Master

**L. DONALD LOOS, JR., 33°**

Commander-in-Chief

**ATTEST:** Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA Secretary

Petitions for this class will be accepted until May 12. A list of candidates will be available in the Scottish Rite Office beginning May 15.

### **SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on who rests a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. The two Scottish Rite Masons who sign the petition have a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invite a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all your guests, and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the Master Mason who you recommend to Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is also your duty as a Scottish Rite mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the degrees at our Reunions.

## A Special Invitation To Our New Members

When you received the degrees of the Scottish Rite we hope you were impressed with the lessons of the degrees.

This is our special invitation to you, as a new member, to return and attend the Spring Reunion of the Scottish Rite in Reading on Saturday, May 17, 2008. You should report directly to the Lobby where you can "sign in" with the Tylers and receive a schedule of activities for the day, a reunion book. Let the Tylers and Marshals know you're a returning new member and they will, "take you under their wings". Don't forget to bring along your 32° Masonic Passport and have it stamped with each degree you attend.

During breaks and intermissions we encourage you to visit the back stage area, the costume department, the makeup room, and even the Choir up on the balcony. We're sure you'll find this fascinating. There's always food. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:00 am, a filling lunch at noon and a hearty dinner at 5:00 pm. Stop by the office and pick up your diploma if you have not already done so.

We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Both our telephone number and email address are listed in this newsletter.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
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Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA  
Secretary for the Valley

## Bequests And Donations Help Learning Center Thrive

Brother Charles Y. Berger bequeathed \$75,820.00 to the 32° Masonic Learning Center at the Valley of Reading, Pennsylvania. This money was put into the Valley of Reading's Endowment Fund. The Board of Governor's, staff, and students greatly appreciate this gift.

Three years ago, the Board of Governors established this Endowment Fund. Hopefully, through generous gifts such as this and other donations, enough monies will be raised that the interest alone each year will fund the expenses of the Learning Center here in Reading. The principle of this Fund cannot be used for expenditures. Only the interest earned each year is used in Reading's Learning Center Budget.

Like all donations to the Learning Center, the Endowment Fund is a 501(c) (3). Brethren, please keep the 32° Masonic Learning Center Endowment Fund in mind when planning your estate or if you are making a

## HOW ABOUT YOU?

When you receive your meeting notices do not cast them aside without reading them. Each one of our publications does and will contain something of interest to you. We plan some splendid features for each meeting and Reunion, and the only way you can keep yourself posted on what is going on is to read your notices.

### NOTICE: ALL MEMBERS

We extend to you a cordial invitation to enjoy all the meals during the Reunion

### BE FRATERNAL

When you attend a Scottish Rite Reunion, do not sit down in a corner and expect every member to come and shake hands with you, and in case they fail to do so, complain that the members are not fraternal and lack sociability. It is no more their duty to do so than it is yours. Every member should aim to promote the fraternal spirit by saying a friendly word of greeting to the other members. Try it. You will like it.

**The 2008-2009 dues are now PAYABLE.  
If you have not paid yours - please do so NOW.**

**Send to: Scottish Rite Office  
310 S. 7th Ave.  
P. O. Box 6013  
Reading, Pa. 19610  
Phone 610-373-0722 - Fax 610-373-0795  
Email - valley.of.reading@comcast.net**

When you pay your dues do not forget your voluntary contribution to the Building Fund and the Hospitaler's Fund.

### DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT

Have your Passport stamped after each degree at this Reunion to verify that you have witnessed the degree.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION  
YOU WILL LIKE IT!**

donation to charity.

Currently we have 23 students in our Learning Center being tutored by seven paid tutors and two volunteer tutors. We also have three scholars (tutor-trainees) who are training to be tutors for the Learning Center.

The members of the Valley of Reading should be very proud of the success that the Learning Center is having. We are truly making a difference in the lives of children coping with dyslexia.

Thank you,  
Ed Stumm  
Chairman  
Board of Governors

## IN MEMORIAM

The Valley of Reading remembers with respect the following Brethren whose deaths have been reported since the last publication of *VALLEY NOTICE*:

ARTHUR HAVERSON      JOHN R. LOUGHEAD  
JUNE 13, 1998              FEBRUARY 23, 2008

EARL V. JAY              CARL W. MYERS  
MARCH 10, 2001              FEBRUARY 29, 2008

GEORGE B.              HAROLD R. LONG  
SWYMELAR              MARCH 3, 2008  
JUNE 3, 2001

EDWARD H.              ALLEN G. SPITLER,  
ROTHSCHILD              JR.  
MARCH 12, 2003              MARCH 5, 2008

PAUL R. LEVY              JOHN W. MILLER  
FEBRUARY 2, 2004              MARCH 6, 2008

JOHN R. SCHNEIDER      LeROY R. ERB  
APRIL 24, 2006              MARCH 11, 2008

HOWARD M.              CHARLES L. MOHL  
SIGMAN                  MARCH 11, 2008  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

WILLIAM C.              DONALD R.  
STEPHENS                  SHANELY  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2007              MARCH 12, 2008

JOHN S. HANEBURY      JAMES R. BOLEY  
OCTOBER 9, 2007              MARCH 16, 2008

ERNEST L. BROWN      JAY H. LEVAN, JR.  
JANUARY 12, 2008              MARCH 16, 2008

ADOLPH J. HUMS              JOSEPH S. RADEN  
JANUARY 23, 2008              MARCH 18, 2008

PETER J. ZAFFARY              GEORGE A. NEIFFER  
JANUARY 29, 2008              MARCH 19, 2008

JACK H. STUBER              DONALD E. YEICH  
FEBRUARY 7, 2008              MARCH 19, 2008

PAUL S. MAIER              ARTHUR F. DeHART  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008              MARCH 20, 2008

RAYMOND MEANS              FREDERICK  
FEBRUARY 16, 2008              EDENHARTER  
MARCH 27, 2008

LEON W. BAKER              ARTHUR H. BINNER  
FEBRUARY 17, 2008              MARCH 29, 2008

## OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

We pay tribute to the officers of our City and County Clubs, to the founders and leaders, past and present, and to the members for their splendid cooperation in promoting the Scottish Rite Way and the Masonic understanding and fellowship that go with it.

Through a program of year-round activities, these clubs have succeeded in creating and keeping alive an interest in the Scottish Rite which has resulted in a creditable growth of membership from the areas which they serve.

### CITY AND COUNTY CLUB OFFICERS

#### ONTELAUNEE CLUB

President	Irwin A. Kohler
First Vice President	William G. Bensinger, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer	Irvin D. Herring, 33°

#### LANCASTER COUNTY CLUB

President	Robert S. Conway
First Vice President	William P. Ulrich
Second Vice President	John F. Harley
Secretary	Charles W. Steffy, 33°
Treasurer	W. Randall Kegerise, 33°

#### SCHUYLKILL COUNTY CLUB

President	John C. Dudley
First Vice President	Raymond W. Moyer
Second Vice President	David E. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer	James F. Moyer

#### GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB

President	Thomas Gamon, IV
First Vice President	Rob K. Heddens
Second Vice President	Andrew E. Weitzenkorn
Secretary	Homer H. Swarner, 32° MSA
Treasurer	Ralph A. Clemmer

#### CHESTER COUNTY CLUB

President	William H. Tennant, Jr.
First Vice President	R. Kevin Miller
Second Vice President	Craig W. Shaffer
Secretary	Paul A. Swank, Jr.
Treasurer	Raymond Thompson, Jr.

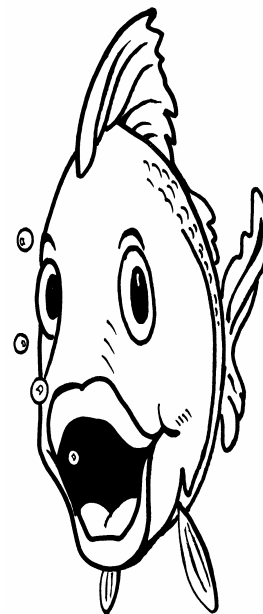
#### PAGODA CLUB

President	John J. Tumolo, III
First Vice President	Robert J. Hoyes
Second Vice President	Raymond W. Gottschall, III
Secretary	Samuel P. Wandzilak
Treasurer	Uwe N. Petersen, 32° MSA

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON CLUB

President	Philip Devor
Vice President	Martin Bashoff
Secretary/Treasurer	Herbert O. Zemble, 32°, MSA

# FISH 'n FUN DAY



Join the Valley  
of Reading at  
the hottest  
spot for family  
fun this  
summer

Saturday  
June 14  
10a.m.-  
12p.m.  
Prizes 12:30

Cost:  
\$3.00  
per  
person

***New Location!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
LIMESTONE SPRINGS,  
930 Tulpehocken Road  
Richland, PA***

- Spend a day of family fun with your Scottish Rite Family!
- Includes admission, fishing permit, hot dogs, drinks and prizes!
- Bring your own bait & tackle or rent it on the premises
- Bring lawn chairs for you and an ice chest for the fish you catch – ice can be purchased on site.
- You pay just \$3.00 per pound for the Trout you catch (\$0.50 per fish for cleaning )

-----**Complete Coupon Below & Return with Check**-----

For directions go to [www.limestonespringspreserve.com](http://www.limestonespringspreserve.com)

Attached is a check for \_\_\_\_\_ Admissions

At \$3.00 Per Person.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable to: "AASR Activities"

Send to: Scottish Rite Office

P.O. Box 6013

Reading, PA 19610

Adults:

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Kids(please include ages):

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## Scottish Rite Valley of Reading

# 2008 FAMILY PICNIC

At Reading Liederkrantz, Spook Lane, Reading

At a More Convenient Day and Time For the Whole Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 – 4:00 TO 8:00**



**Tradition Assures More Family Fun and Fellowship Than Ever**  
(Photos Show Some of the Fun, Food and Festivities of the 2007 Family Picnic)

**FROM 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. -- GREAT FUN FOR ALL**



**4:00 -- Let The Family Picnic Begin With Sociability, Food & Fun For Kids of All Ages!**  
**4:30 On -- Games With Prizes By Age Groups, Toddlers Thru Adults**  
**4:30--BINGO FREE -- 4:00-8:00 Other Partici- ICE Cream Soda, Diet pation Game: Soda, Pretzels, Peanuts**

**BE SURE TO REPORT TO THE REGISTRATION TABLE**  
*The Scottish Rite Member Only Must Show Current Dues Card*  
**FREE picnic tags will be given for you and your family Member**

### NOTE THE DAY AND TIME

**THE FAMILY PICNIC WAS MOVED TO LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING SATURDAY TO BE AS CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE FOR AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 -- 4:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

## ALLEGIANCE



The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Reading, District of Pennsylvania, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Boston, Massachusetts, and whose officers are:

**Ill. John Wm. McNaughton, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Commander

**Ill. Jim S. Deyo, 33°**  
Grand Lieutenant Commander

**Ill. James L. Tungate, 33°**  
Grand Treasurer General

**Ill. Gardner C. Sconyers, Jr., 33°**  
Grand Secretary General

**Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°**  
Deputy for Pennsylvania

### Received 33°

Ill. W. Richard Eshelman, 33° 1969  
 \* Ill. Emanuel Iglesias, 33°MSA 1972  
 \*\* Ill. John G. Allen, 33° 1972  
 Ill. George P. Meissner, 33° 1973  
 Ill. George E. Boyer, 33° 1974  
 Ill. William T. Hill, 33° 1978  
 Ill. Malcolm B. Schaeffer, 33° 1978  
 Ill. P. Thomas Feesser, 33° 1979  
 Ill. Clarence R. Klopp, 33° 1979  
 \* Ill. Norman A. Fox, 33°,MSA 1980  
 \* Ill. Harry Comer, 33° 1981  
 Ill. Robert W. Fries, 33° 1982  
 Ill. Lynn G. Brandt, 33° 1984  
 Ill. Paul D. Fisher, 33° 1985  
 Ill. Clarence J. Echternacht, 33° 1986  
 Ill. Lincoln K. P. Buchanan, 33° 1987  
 Ill. Clair P. Kessler, 33° 1987  
 Ill. Blaine F. Fabian, 33° 1988  
 Ill. Charles W. Steffy, 33° 1988

### Received 33°

Ill. Gerald R. Baum, 33°MSA 1989  
 Ill. Joseph Gentile, 33° 1989  
 Ill. James L. Boyer, 33° 1991

Ill. Marvin G. Speicher, 33° 1991  
 Ill. Edward O. Weisser, 33° 1992  
 Ill. Floyd A. Feger, 33° 1993  
 Ill. Irvin D. Herring, 33° 1994  
 Ill. John L. Winkelman, 33° 1994  
 Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33° 1996  
 Ill. Larry A. Buzzard, 33° 1996  
 Ill. Marion I. Miller, 33° 1996  
 Ill. Louis A. Fiorini, 33° 1997  
 Ill. John C. Evans, 33° 1998  
 Ill. Stephen Rudick, 33° 1998  
 Ill. W. Randall Kegerise, 33° 1999  
 Ill. Noah W. Wenger, 33° 1999  
 Ill. Delight E. Breidegam, Jr., 33° 2000  
 Ill. Donald F. Geschwindt, 33° 2000  
 Ill. Richard E. Hummel, 33° 2000  
 Ill. L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33° 2000

### Received 33°

Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33° 2000  
 Ill. J. Richard Eby, 33° 2001  
 Ill. Thomas C. Keen, 33° 2001  
 Ill. Clarence W. Martin, 33° 2001  
 Ill. Harry Bertoti, 33° 2002  
 Ill. Mark H. Haines, 33° 2003  
 Ill. Herbert K. Swisher, 33° 2003

Ill. Jon J. DeHart, 33° 2004  
 Ill. Victor M. Frederick, III, 33° 2004  
 Ill. Harriss A. Butler, III, 33° 2005  
 Ill. Conrad L. Heimbach, 33° 2005  
 Ill. Edward J. Stumm, 33° 2005  
 Ill. Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°MSA 2005  
 Ill. Eric L. Brandt, 33° 2006  
 Ill. Franklin D. Caltagirone, 33° 2006  
 Ill. Kerry J. Cashman, 33° 2006  
 Ill. William D. Coldren, Jr., 33° 2006  
 Ill. Irvin C. Henry, Jr., 33° 2006  
 Ill. Ray E. Feick, 33° 2007  
 Ill. Irwin A. Kohler, 33° 2007  
 Ill. William J. Oehme, 33° 2007

\*Valley of Abington merged 8/1/91  
 \*\*Affiliate, Valley of Corning, NY



## 50 Year Membership Recognition

Today, as we pick our way through this dizzy, giddy whirl of modern change and development, we give thought to leaving our mark on the walls we build, so that someone a thousand years from now may see what we have done. The brethren that we honor today have already left their mark; their works are everlasting, and they have lived in accordance with the truth and precepts of our order.

The Masonic influence has long been felt in their lives as they passed through the corridors of the temple and practiced the truths, and mysteries of the order; they believed in them, and practiced them, and made them as integral part of their lives. They found that Masonry is a way of life—a set of virtues and fundamental truths, which must be a living, vital part of our existence, not merely a series of ritualistic performances.

It is a privilege and an honor to once again pay tribute to those who have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Scottish Rite Masonry, a Milestone in their Masonic lives.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the following brethren. Proper honor will be bestowed upon them during our Spring Reunion, at which time those who are able to attend will receive their 50-year pins from the Commander-in-Chief. Those who cannot attend will receive their pins through the mail.

E. William Bricker  
G. Richard Briner  
Ivan C. Callihan  
Kenneth S. Clay  
Peter S. Deck  
Milton R. Edelman  
Harry N. Eisenbise  
Stephen L. Enck  
Manuel Estreicher  
Charles L. Glick  
Ernest R. Hartranft  
William T. Hill  
Edgar H. Hinkle  
Gerald R. Hinkle  
Leo L. Hughes  
Stanley Kline  
John H. Leibold

Daniel S. Levengood  
Sava G. Logothetides  
Ray H. Madenford  
C. Alan McCutcheon  
Joseph Z. Meck  
I. Barry Mohler  
Harold L. Oatman  
Charles M. Reinsel  
William L. Reynolds  
Richard H. Rhoads  
John E. Ripka  
Herbert C. Rubright  
William J. Sell, Jr.  
Harold L. Snader  
Albert H. Witmyer, Jr.  
William H. Yoh

## A Deserving Tribute To Those Who Have Served

On Tuesday, May 27, 2008 we will have the privilege of honoring those officers who have just completed their term of office.

It has been said that the secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known by those who seek it, serve it, live it. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no one can know it alone. Fellowship, rapport, and communication are necessary.

Members in Scottish Rite who have served as officers in the Scottish Rite have these essentials which make life happier by enlarging their circle of acquaintances and providing more opportunities for congenial fellowship and service.

We can truthfully say to each of these brethren “well done thou good and faithful servant.” The Valley is deeply grateful for the contributions you have made during your years of service in order to make our Valley grow.

We are proud to honor:

**BROTHER ROBERT C. ENGLEMAN, 32°**  
**Thrice Potent Master**

**BROTHER WILLIAM L. LOOS, 32°**  
**Sovereign Prince**

**BROTHER ROBERT J. HOYES, 32°**  
**Most Wise Master**

The Valley of Reading is grateful for having these brethren as leaders in their respective bodies.

**To all officers past and present and to all the members:**

As we approach the twilight of this Scottish Rite year and the dawning of a new, let us resolve to continue to contribute our best to our Brethren, our Lodge, our Country, and our God. So Mote it be.



## Event Expose' Easter Bunny "Active"

The Easter Bunny visited West Reading on Saturday, March 22 and made a special stop at the Scottish Rite Cathedral at 11:30 a.m. amid rumor and innuendo. The SRVC organized his annual appearance in the Valley of Reading as he greeted 55 children in three age groups: 1 to 3 years old; 4 to 5 years old; and 6 to 8 years old. Due to inclement weather this year, festivities were held in the candidates' room and the lobby of the Cathedral.

An Easter egg hunt ensued as the children scrambled to find eggs filled with candy, decals and other trinkets. Some of the children were lucky enough to find special numbered "prize eggs" which entitled them to chocolate bunnies and baskets. All the children received a delicious chocolate bunny for participating.

After the egg hunt, the SRVC served a lunch consisting of hot dogs, chicken nuggets, pudding, potato chips and fruit punch to the children and about 100 adults.



Children and Adults enjoy lunch with "the Easter Bunny"

Amid all the fun and festivities, the Easter Bunny graciously posed for photos with all the children. He is reported to have actually spoken, much to the surprise of the children who were unaware that bunnies can, in fact, speak English. His speaking voice was eerily similar to that of our very own Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33° which started the rumor mill churning: was the Easter Bunny real, or just an "Active" ruse?



Who was that REALLY hopping down the Bunny Trail?

As the activities of the day concluded, the children's glee, and the joyful atmosphere pervading the Cathedral effectively squelched the rumors of bunny impersonation and chicanery and confirmed that yes indeed, the Easter Bunny is real, regardless of fraternal affiliation or vocal abilities.

Scottish Rite events are scheduled throughout the year. Activities for the ladies, brethren, children and grandchildren, families and friends enable the organization to draw people closer together around common values and promote the "Scottish Rite Family" way of life.

### VALLEY OF READING ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2007/2008

#### READING LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°

Robert C. Engleman	Thrice Potent Master
John J. Tumolo, III	Deputy Master
Kevin S. Barnhardt	Senior Warden
James A. Gilbert	Junior Warden
Raymond L. Kunkel, Jr	Treasurer: Four Bodies
Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°MSA	Secretary: Four Bodies
Marvin G. Speicher, 33°	Hospitaler: Four Bodies
Samuel P. Wandzilak	Orator
Thomas Gamon, IV	Master of Ceremonies
Andrew E. Weitzenkorn	Captain of the Guard
James R. Strunk	Tyler for all Four Bodies

#### C. GILBERT STEFFE COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°

William L. Loos	Sovereign Prince
David J. Dickson	High Priest
Paul A. Swank, Jr.	Senior Warden
Michael D. Wolfe	Junior Warden
David G. Wells	Master of Ceremonies
Robert C. Baessler	Master of Entrances

#### FRANCIS MARION HIGHLEY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°

Robert J. Hoyes	Most Wise Master
John R. Nester	Senior Warden
Bradley L. Auker	Junior Warden
Norman A. Bosold	Orator
Edward R. Stein	Master of Ceremonies
William J. Oehme	Guard

#### READING CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33°	Commander-in-Chief
Victor L. Frederick, III, 33°	1st Lieutenant Commander
Herbert K. Swisher, 33°	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander
William L. Loos	Orator
W. Randall Kegerise, 33°	Chancellor
Irwin A. Kohler, 33°	Master of Ceremonies
Donald G. Laumeister	Engineer and Seneschal
John Wm. Freeston	Standard Bearer
William A. Quinn	Captain of the Guard
H. Sheldon Horne	Color Bearer
Richard T. Karbel	Sentinel

#### TRUSTEES

Robert W. Fries., 33°	Malcolm B. Schaeffer, 33°
Mark A. Haines, 33°	

#### STEWARDS

Robert G. Eckroth, 32° MSA	Irvin C. Henry, Jr., 33°
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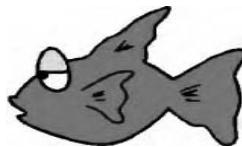
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## Ontelaunee Club

### His & Her Clam Bake & Fish Fry

Monday, June 16, 2008

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All masons, their ladies and guests are invited.

Sausage sandwiches, bean soup, snacks & drinks begin at 3 p.m.

Clam and Fish Bakes served at 6 p.m.

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## REUNION SCHEDULE

### 2008 SPRING REUNION - SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

**SATURDAY, May 17, 2008**

7:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast - Dining Room

7:30 a.m. - Class Registration – Candidates’ Room

7:45 a.m. - Class Orientation – Candidates’ Room

8:00 a.m. - **Reading Lodge of Perfection 14°**

14° Grand Elect Mason - in full form

4° Master Traveler – in full form

5° Perfect Master – in full form

*(cast from the Lancaster County Club)*

11:10 a.m. - **C. Gilbert Steffe Council, 16° Prince of Jerusalem**

15° Knight of the East - in full form

12:00 p.m. - **Buffet Lunch – Zimmerman Dining Room**

1:15 p.m. - **Francis Marion Highly Chapter, 18°**

18° Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. – in full form

2:30 p.m. - **Reading Consistory, 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**

21° Patriarch Noachite – in full form

29° Knight of St. Andrew – in full form

31° Knight Aspirant – in full form

**Presentation of 50 year pins**

5:00 p.m. – **Reunion Banquet – Zimmerman Dining Room**

6:15 p.m. – Class Registration – Candidates’ Room

6:30 p.m. – Reception of the Honorable Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33°

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Berks County

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