



# VALLEY NOTICE

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### VALLEY NOTICE

Is a publication of the four bodies of the Valley of Reading, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and is the official notice of meetings, events and activities of the Valley.

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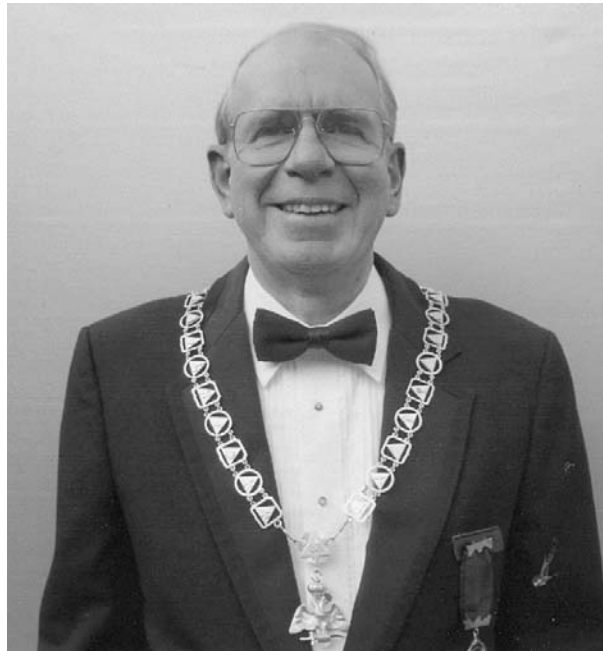
## Illustrious William L. McCarrier, 33° To Be Honored Guest At Fall Reunion

The Valley of Reading will host Illustrious William L. McCarrier, 33°, Active Member of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania, who will address the class of candidates and the brethren at the Fall Reunion.

Illustrious Brother McCarrier, the son of Dr. W.V. and Lois Gruver McCarrier was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, in 1939. He is a graduate of Montineau High School and Grove City

College, where he received a BS Degree in Mathematics and Physical Science in 1961.

Illustrious Brother McCarrier taught math and physics at Montineau High School from 1961 to 1966. He founded the Interstate Pipe and Supply Co., which he operated for nearly 30 years. He is also an owner or partner in Sterling Care Personal Care Homes, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Morrow Drilling Co., McCarrier Oil Co., and MCC Realty Group. In 1995 he was elected a Butler County Commissioner and served from 1996 to 1999. He is also extremely active in community affairs.



Illustrious Brother McCarrier was made a Mason in Butler

Lodge No.272 in 1967 and served as Worshipful Master in 1975. He is a Past Commander-in-Chief of New Castle Consistory, S.P.R.S.. He was coroneted a 33° Mason at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1983 and elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 2004. He is also a member of the York Rite bodies in Butler and a member of Syria Shrine.

Illustrious Brother McCarrier married Irene Trabert in 1960. They have three married sons; William, Jr., Brian and John, and six grandchildren.

The Valley of Reading is pleased to welcome Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°, Active Member of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania, as the honored guest for the coming Reunion and present him to the class as their exemplar.

## SANTA IS COMING TO DINNER!

Santa plans to visit the Scottish Rite Cathedral  
December 6 and 13, 2008

Look for this guy  
and a sign-up sheet on Page 9





## Notes From

**The Commander-in-Chief  
Ill. L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33°**

Our annual Fall Reunion for the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading will be held on November 22. In a recent message, I appointed each of you to the Membership Committee. It is important for the overall financial and social health of our Valley that we all work together to get new petitioners and bring new members, new ideas and new blood into our Scottish Rite family.

At our October Stated Meeting, we held a Master Mason's night. This gave our members an opportunity to invite and introduce Blue Lodge Masons and their ladies to the Scottish Rite family of the Valley of Reading. By viewing our activities first hand, we hope that some of these Masons will like what we do in our Valley and decide to submit a petition for membership. Did you bring a prospective candidate to the meeting?

There are many maintenance projects that need to be done in and around our beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. Some of these are major projects that must be done by professional contractors. However, many of these jobs are simple "spruce up" projects such as painting railings, painting doors, washing windows, replacing light bulbs and tubes and many other chores. We are looking for some willing workers from among the Scottish Rite Family to help with some chores. Are you willing to give us some of your spare time? You can volunteer by calling the Scottish Rite office and ask to be put on the volunteer list.

Planning has already begun for our annual FAMILY LIFE program in December. We have many activities planned for the enjoyment of all ages. The Model Railroad Club has been busy for more than a month preparing some new and unique model train creations for your enjoyment. We will also have many activities for the kiddies, including clowns, tattoos, a fish pond and those great cookies. The "Live Nativity" is always the highlight of these festivities. Bring your children or grandchildren for dinner with Santa on one of the Saturday evenings. Refer to the reservation form elsewhere in the *Valley Notice*.

Best wishes to you and your families for a bountiful Thanksgiving Day. May God's richest blessings be with all of us as we thank Him for the prosperity we enjoy in this, the greatest nation on earth.

### **OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The four Stated Meetings of the Oversight Advisory Committee for 2009 will be at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, January 12, March 9, June 1, and October 12.

#### **To Contact Committee Members**

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Blaine F. Fabian, Admin Sec'y	(610) 678-4347



## **Most Wise Master's Moment**

**John R. Nester**

Brethren,

As we approach the holiday season, I believe we all experience a certain amount of anxiety that occurs during this time of year. We allow the stress of the season to cloud our perspective of the true meaning of the holidays.

The Scottish Rite through the Family Life Program offers both members of the Valley of Reading and the community a safe and enjoyable way to participate in this wonderful holiday season. The Family Life Program literally offers activities for all ages. I encourage you, as a member of the Valley of Reading, to bring your family and friends to any one of the four nights that is most convenient for you or even better, attend all four nights. There are no limitations as to how often you may attend.

Recently, I ran into a brother who told me that he has not attended a Scottish Rite Reunion since he became a member over 10 years ago. He informed me that due to family and church commitments he was unable to spend an entire day at the Cathedral. I asked him if he could possibly spend a half a day at the reunion. I could tell by his facial expressions, he was thinking I didn't have a clue as to what I was talking about. His response was, everyone knows you must stay for the entire reunion. I informed him that he was in fact correct, you should stay for the reunion in its entirety. A candidate is required to stay for obvious reasons however, but as a member, you may come and go as you please or as needed. Needless to say, you should do it respectfully and if possible, avoid entering or exiting while a degree is in progress. Please keep in mind, you are always welcome to attend the reunions even if you are unable to stay for the entire day.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

*Brethren*, as you know, the door to Scottish Rite Masonry is not locked but needs to be swung open by you so that your Blue Lodge can pass through.

It is our responsibility and privilege to see that qualified Master Masons are invited to petition for membership in the Scottish Rite. It is important that we constantly revitalize our organization with new young blood to meet the challenges of these changing times. If every member just took a little time to speak to a prospective candidate and invite him to join with us, you could truly help in revitalizing our Scottish Rite Bodies.

### **WILL YOU OPEN THE DOOR?**

*From Erie, PA Sr News.*

*However it pertains to ALL Valleys!*



## Sovereign Prince Speaks

**David J. Dickson**

November is here and that means we are anxiously awaiting and preparing for, our fall reunion on November 22. The casting notices and degree assignments have been sent out and degree rehearsals have long been underway. The choir has been rehearsing and all of the groups who support and make our reunions a success are getting ready for a great day. But who are these people? It certainly must cost a lot of money to hire all of these people for all of the preparations and one day to put on the reunion. But wait a moment. It seems as though I remember seeing many familiar faces from our Valley at rehearsals and other preparatory functions. I have also seen these faces at the reunions busily working in various groups such as Wardrobe, Makeup, Wigs, Lighting, Sound, Property, Stage crew, Choir, Marshalls, Tylers, Registrars, Stewards, Casting and Reception. Do you think these people just might all be members of our Valley, Brothers who are not paid one cent but are volunteers who enjoy what they are doing? They are having a good time while serving their Valley. But just because I just said they are not paid one cent does not mean they are not paid. You see, they are extracting the most from their membership dues and are being rewarded in so many ways.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the Family Life program coming up on December 6 & 7 and 13 & 14. My predecessors have done such a thorough job in the past describing the many interesting activities that will be taking place for the entire family. Therefore I am not going to go list them all at this time. Some of the activities to note are the live nativity each evening, Dinner with Santa for the children on both Saturday nights and the trains, clowns, motorcycles and more. Take the time to attend your Family Life evenings and bring a brother, friend or relative along with you. I assure you that you will have an enjoyable time. Just to see the smiles on the children's faces and hear their laughter will certainly reward you beyond measure.

The person or persons who have said down through the years that one only gets from Free Masonry that which one gives, was so wrong. The benefits a member receives in return for working for his Valley exceeds much more than what he gives. We should all want to get as much benefit from our dues as possible. A good start in getting some return on your money is to support the activities of the Valley and attend the stated meetings, the reunions and the Family Life Program. To receive an even higher return on your money, volunteer to be a part of one or more of the many groups that make all of the events a success. You will be welcomed and have a great time. You need only to approach one of the officers or a brother who will direct you to the proper person. I get pumped up when I am involved in the Valley activities and I am sure you will also, so how about giving it a try.

## Time for Scholarships Approaches

As winter looms and a new year approaches, we begin to look forward to goals, plans and dreams. More specifically, will soon be time to look forward to the availability of scholarships for children and grandchildren.

The Leon M. Abbott Scholarships of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than three million dollars have been awarded to students from each state in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The criteria used to determine the eligibility of applicants include:

- A currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of one of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Applications should be submitted through the Valley Secretary. Application forms for the Abbott Scholarships will be available in the Valley of Reading Scottish Rite Office in January or on line at:

[www.supremecouncil.org/charities/Abbott.asp](http://www.supremecouncil.org/charities/Abbott.asp).

Children and grandchildren continuing their education toward the goal of a vocational career can apply for the Valley of Reading Vocational Career Scholarships. Applications for these scholarships will be available in the Scottish Rite office.

A useful source of information on Masonic Scholarships can be found on the Grand Lodge of PA website:

[www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/scholar/index.html](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/scholar/index.html).

Click on Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide.



## IN MEMORIAM

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

Derwin F. Steimling  
Date Unknown

Alan W. Fertenbaugh  
June 10, 2008

Arthur W. Rittenhouse  
September 12, 2008

Donald L. Weidner  
October 4, 2008

Harry H. Buchert  
October 6, 2008

### Supreme Council locations and dates 2009 through 2010.

2009 - Boston, Massachusetts  
(Aug. 23 - 26)

2010 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
(Aug. 29 - 31)

## Director's Run-Down Sheet Is Available To All

At Reunions, the sequence of all the day's events and activities is coordinated by the **DIRECTOR'S RUN-DOWN SHEET**. Members wishing to receive a copy of it are urged to send an email to the Valley office at [valley.of.reading@comcast.net](mailto:valley.of.reading@comcast.net). The distribution list will be developed by capturing the email responses only so the Run-Down Sheet will be emailed prior to the Reunion,. Please do not telephone the Scottish Rite Office regarding the Director's Run-Down Sheet as it will only be distributed based on email requests.

The Director's Run-Down Sheet is routinely finalized following the Department Heads Meeting, approximately two weeks prior to the Reunion.

For those preferring to wait until the day of the Reunion, a paper copy of the final edition of the Director's Run-Down Sheet will be available in the Scottish Rite Office.

## 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, 33°  
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Secretary/Treasurer Irvin D. Herring, 33°

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Second Vice President Charles W. Steffy, 33°  
Secretary W. Randall Kegerise, 33°  
Treasurer

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Secretary/Treasurer James F. Moyer

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Treasurer Ralph A. Clemmer

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Second Vice President Craig W. Shaffer  
Secretary Paul A. Swank, Jr.  
Treasurer Raymond Thompson, Jr.

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

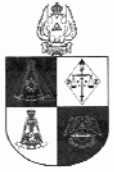
#### GEORGE WASHINGTON CLUB

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

## SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Applications for the Abbott and Valley of Reading Scholarships will be available after January 1 in the Scottish Rite office.

Applications must be returned to the office by March 1, 2009.



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

Reunion 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 24th day of the Hebrew month Cheshvan, 5769 corresponding to:

**Saturday  
November 22, 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:

**JOHN J. TUMOLO, III, 32°**  
Thrice Potent Master

**JOHN R. NESTER, 32°**  
Most Wise Master

**DAVID J. DICKSON, 32°**  
Sovereign Prince

**L. DONALD LOOS, JR., 33°**  
Commander-in-Chief

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

Petitions for this class will be accepted until November 17. A list of candidates will be available in the Scottish Rite Office beginning November 19.

### **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.

## **VALLEY OF READING ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2008/2009**

### **READING LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°**

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

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

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

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

John R. Nester	Most Wise Master
Bradley L. Auker	Senior Warden
Edward R. Stein	Junior Warden
William J. Oehme, 33°	Orator
Richard E. Miller	Master of Ceremonies

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

L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33°	Commander-in-Chief
Victor L. Frederick, III, 33°	1 <sup>st</sup> 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°
Glenn A. Balthaser	Gerald A. Mengel
Gene P. Naus	

# BE PART OF THE FUN OF A REUNION!

## Here's who to contact:

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Class Marshals	Louis A. Fiorini	610-779-6025	
Registrars	Bruce G. Sechrist	610-678-0783	
Tylers	James R. Strunk, III	610-373-8890	
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Lighting Director	William J. Lausch	717-484-4260	blausch@hotmail.com
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Casting Director	Irvin D. Herring	610-562-7300	idherring@msn.com

## 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:

<b>Ill. John Wm. McNaughton, 33°</b> Sovereign Grand Commander	<b>Ill. James L. Tungate, 33°</b> Grand Treasurer General
<b>Ill. Jim S. Deyo, 33°</b> Grand Lieutenant Commander	<b>Ill. Gardner C. Sconyers, Jr., 33°</b> Grand Secretary General
<b>Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°</b> Deputy for Pennsylvania	

### *Living Honorary Members of the Supreme Council Valley of Reading*

<b>Received 33°</b>	<b>Received 33°</b>	<b>Received 33°</b>
* Ill. Emanuel Iglesias, 33°MSA 1972	Ill. Edward O. Weisser, 33° 1992	Ill. Harry Bertoti, 33° 2002
** Ill. John G. Allen, 33° 1972	Ill. Floyd A. Feger, 33° 1993	Ill. Mark H. Haines, 33° 2003
Ill. George P. Meissner, 33° 1973	Ill. Irvin D. Herring, 33° 1994	Ill. Herbert K. Swisher, 33° 2003
Ill. George E. Boyer, 33° 1974	Ill. John L. Winkelman, 33° 1994	Ill. Jon J. DeHart, 33° 2004
Ill. William T. Hill, 33° 1978	Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33° 1996	Ill. Victor M. Frederick, III, 33° 2004
Ill. Malcolm B. Schaeffer, 33° 1978	Ill. Larry A. Buzzard, 33° 1996	Ill. Harriss A. Butler, III, 33° 2005
Ill. P. Thomas Feeser, 33° 1979	Ill. Marion I. Miller, 33° 1996	Ill. Conrad L. Heimbach, 33° 2005
Ill. Clarence R. Klopp, 33° 1979	Ill. John A. Walter, 33° 1996	Ill. Edward J. Stumm, 33° 2005
* Ill. Norman A. Fox, 33°MSA 1980	Ill. Louis A. Fiorini, 33° 1997	Ill. Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA2005
Ill. Robert W. Fries, 33° 1982	Ill. John C. Evans, 33° 1998	Ill. Eric L. Brandt, 33° 2006
Ill. Lynn G. Brandt, 33° 1984	Ill. Stephen Rudick, 33° 1998	Ill. Franklin D. Caltagirone, 33° 2006
Ill. Paul D. Fisher, 33° 1985	Ill. W. Randall Kegerise, 33° 1999	Ill. Kerry J. Cashman, 33° 2006
Ill. Clarence J. Echternacht, 33° 1986	Ill. Noah W. Wenger, 33° 1999	Ill. William D. Coldren, Jr., 33° 2006
Ill. Lincoln K. P. Buchanan, 33° 1987	Ill. Delight E. Breidegam, Jr., 33° 2000	Ill. Irvin C. Henry, Jr., 33° 2006
Ill. Clair P. Kessler, 33° 1987	Ill. Donald F. Geschwindt, 33° 2000	Ill. Ray E. Feick, 33° 2007
Ill. Blaine F. Fabian, 33° 1988	Ill. Richard E. Hummel, 33° 2000	Ill. Irwin A. Kohler, 33° 2007
Ill. Charles W. Steffy, 33° 1988	Ill. L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33° 2000	Ill. William J. Oehme, 33° 2007
Ill. Gerald R. Baum, 33°MSA 1989	Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33° 2000	Ill. Allen D. Moyer, 33° 2008
Ill. Joseph Gentile, 33° 1989	Ill. J. Richard Eby, 33° 2001	Ill. Raymond Thompson, Jr., 33° 2008
Ill. James L. Boyer, 33° 1991	Ill. Thomas C. Keen, 33° 2001	
Ill. Marvin G. Speicher, 33° 1991	Ill. Clarence W. Martin, 33° 2001	

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

## Friends of Hiram's Scottish Riders Holiday Poinsettia Sale

Benefits: 32° Masonic Learning Center



6" Poinsettia with 3 to 5 blooms  
Donation \$10.00 each

Colors: Red, White, and Marble

Pickup at the Scottish Rite Cathedral during the Family  
Life Program Saturday, December 6th or  
Sunday, December 7th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Red \_\_\_\_\_, #White \_\_\_\_\_, # Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: Hiram's Scottish Riders  
Send orders to: Dianne Hoppie 842 Franklin Road,  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Order deadline: November 20**

## 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 PAST DUE.**

**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

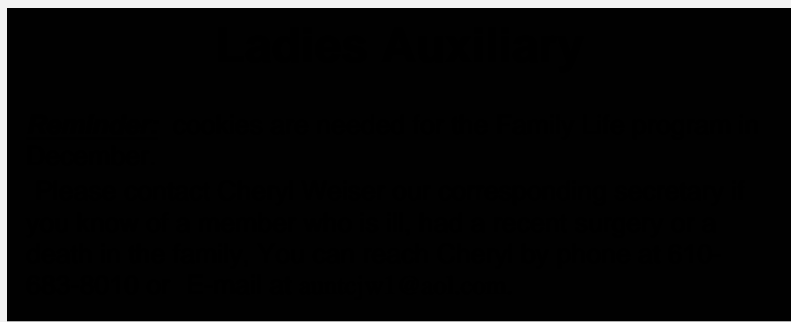
Have your Passport stamped after each degree at this Reunion to verify that you have witnessed the degree.

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



The Schuylkill County Club Installed new Officers at their Pre-reunion Stag Dinner held at the Red Lion Cafe near Pine Grove on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Pictured are David E. Moyer, 1st Vice President; Charles E. Griffiths, Sr., 2nd Vice President; James F.

Moyer, MSA, Secretary/Treasurer; Raymond W. Moyer, President; and Norman F. Lengel, Chaplain.



# PETITIONS INCENTIVE

Be the first line signer on a petition for this fall's Scottish Rite Reunion and be eligible to win valuable awards.



**FIRST AWARD** – Six, yes six, tickets to the Combined County Clubs Ladies Night on March 7, 2009  
a \$180.00 value



**SECOND AWARD** – Four tickets to the Combined County Clubs Ladies Night on March 7, 2009.



**THIRD AWARD** – Two tickets to the Combined County Clubs Ladies Night on March 7, 2009

**TO BE ELIGIBLE:** ♦ Sponsor a candidate and be the first line signer on his petition, ♦ The more candidates you sponsor, the more chances you have to win, ♦ Accompany your candidate to this Fall's Reunion, ♦ Receive a ticket from the Registrars in the Candidate's Room, ♦ One ticket for each candidate you sponsor, ♦ You must be present at the Fall Reunion to win, ♦ Winning tickets will be drawn by the Commander-in-Chief.

PETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP PORTFOLIOS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FROM THE VALLEY OFFICE.  
(610-373-0722)

Prizes sponsored by the Combined County Club's.

## COMBINED COUNTY CLUB'S LADIES NIGHT

Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading  
Buffet Dinner in the Zimmerman Banquet Room.

Tables of 8 are available.

Entertainment by Rock-n-roll legends: The Emeralds  
Live, on stage, in the William M. Marr Auditorium



The Schuylkill County Club presented a \$1,000.00 donation to the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children at their Pre-Reunion Stag Dinner on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Pictured are Victor M. Frederick, III, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander of Reading Consistory, S.P.R.S., and President and Founder of Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club; James F. Moyer, MSA, Secretary/Treasurer of the Schuylkill County Club; and Raymond W. Moyer, newly installed President of the Schuylkill County Club. The dinner was held at the Red Lion Cafe near Pine Grove.



# Scottish Rite Masonic

## Family Life Program

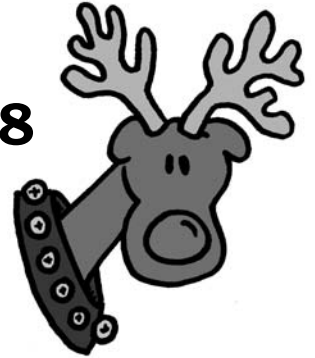
Live Nativity Scene, Holiday Display, Santa Claus,  
Tattoos by the Motorcycle Club, Clowns,  
Fish Pond, Train Displays, Refreshments



**Scottish Rite Cathedral**  
**December 6, 7, 13, 14, 2008**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**TRAIN DISPLAY OPENS AT 5 P.M.**



***Everyone Is Welcome – It's ALL FREE!***

**Make Family Life Activities a Success-Volunteer to Help  
Call Dave Dickson - (610) 373-6279**

**Scottish Rite member's children and grandchildren are invited to have DINNER WITH SANTA either December 6th or 13th from 5:00-6:00pm in the Scottish Rite Ballroom. Santa will have a gift for each child (1 to 8 years of age), but you must register to insure a gift for your child. Dinner includes chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and dessert. Admission for everyone is \$3.00 each. Deadline: November 28, 2008**

Make checks payable to SRVC and mail with the form below to:  
Carol Brandt, 437 Ford Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.  
If you have any questions, please call Carol Brandt (717) 361-5379.

**Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date Attending (circle one) December 6th December 13th**

**Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 ea Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Girl/Boy (Ages 1-8)      Child's First & Last Name      Birth Date (Month & Year)**

Girl/Boy (Ages 1-8)	Child's First & Last Name	Birth Date (Month & Year)

If more space is needed, please use an additional sheet of paper

## More Things You Ought to Know ...

### Maintenance: Our Challenge Today

More than a quarter of a century ago, *WE* were building *OUR* Scottish Rite Cathedral. Of course, there were the contractors and construction workers -- and, Brethren, there were VOLUNTEERS, too -- an army of volunteers. Some were craftsmen, such as plumbers, electricians or carpenters, and many others were handymen and ladies, willing workers who simply did what had to be done.

That was the generation of Scottish Rite Masons who accepted the challenge to build and gave us this magnificent facility. Time has passed. Now, this generation of Scottish Rite Masons accepts the obligation to maintain and preserve it.

"Today, preservation maintenance may be nearly as challenging as building construction was," said Ill. Robert W. Fries, 33°, President of the Cathedral Association. He cited the upcoming resurfacing of the huge parking lot and reconditioning of light standards, fixtures and their infrastructure estimated at \$250,000.

With that, Bro. Bill (William P.) Ulrich, a construction contractor who is a member of the Cathedral Association Board, said: "... maintenance does not mean all big jobs. In fact, a critical portion of maintenance includes the myriad of constant care chores such as fixing this, touching up that, correcting something here, and adding something there." That's preservation."

"As an example," he added, "When I told Mike (Bro. Michael D.) Wolfe that we needed a wrought iron railing painted, he VOLUNTEERED ... and a few days later it was done."

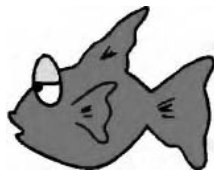
Rhetorically, he asked: "How many handyman-type jobs are there to be done at the Cathedral?" Fraternally, he suggested: "We need an Army for Maintenance!"

Say I want to VOLUNTEER ... Call or send a "Handyman Volunteer" message to Bill Ulrich, c/o Scottish Rite Cathedral, P.O. Box 6013, Reading, PA 19610 or Phone (610) 373-0722.

#### Would You Consider Volunteering For Small, Handyman Jobs? Some Sample Categories

Carpentry  
Caulking  
Cleaning  
Clerical  
Electrical  
Painting  
Replace bulbs & tubes  
Wallpapering  
Window Washing

## Ontelaunee Club



### His & Her Clam Bake & Fish Fry

Monday June 15, 2009

Hamburg Game Assn. Pavilion

Call Irv Herring, 610-562-7300 for details

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

## Ontelaunee Club Sausage & Pancake Stag Night held at Virginville Hotel on October 6



Ill. Harriss A. Butler, III, 33° speaks to a packed house.



President Ill. Irwin A. Kohler, 33° & Ill. Harriss A. Butler, III, 33° solve world problems as Vice President William Bensinger listens intently..



The hungry voraciously graze through the food line.



As usual, Ill. Edward J. Stumm, 33° draws attention to himself.

## Cathedral Roof Maintenance Completed

*Would you like to  
get involved?*

*Come join the fun!*

I'd like to help at the Reunions. Have a Director Contact Me. I've checked the areas I'm interested:

- Choir
- Speaking Part
- Non-speaking Part
- Make-up
- Wigs
- Tylers
- Marshals
- Registrars
- Reception Comm.
- Stewards
- Costumes
- Hand Props
- Robing
- Electrical/Lighting
- Stage Crew
- Stage Properties
- Sound/Audio

Name:

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Telephone:

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e-mail:

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R. L. Sensenig Co. completed installing new roofs above the main lobby, the candidates room, and the areas above the 32° Masonic Learning Center, on September 23, 2008.

The contracted cost to replace these roofs was \$96,000.00 paid from the Cathedral Association's maintenance escrow account. The next project under consideration is resurfacing of the parking lots.



### *"Just the Facts"* MASONIC TRIVIA

In 1892, the tallest building in the world was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets, Chicago, IL

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Andrew McNair, a Philadelphia Mason, rang the Liberty bell in Independence Hall of July 8, 1776 to call the people together to hearing the reading of the Declaration of Independence

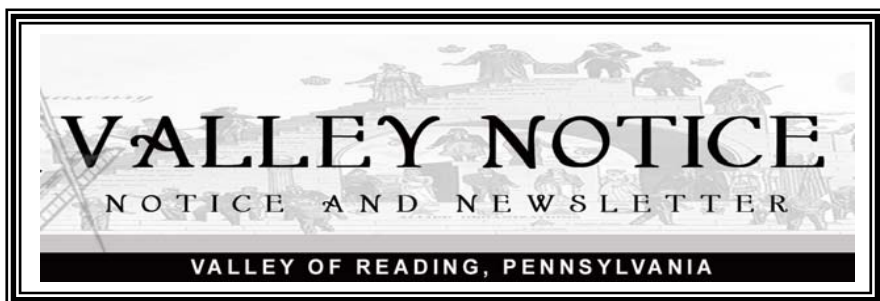
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## REUNION SCHEDULE

2008 FALL REUNION - SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

### SATURDAY, November 22, 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

8:15 a.m. - **Reading Lodge of Perfection 14°**

14° Grand Elect Mason - in full form

4° Master Traveler – in full form

8° Intendant of the Building – in full form

10:50 a.m. - **C. Gilbert Steffe Council, 16° Prince of Jerusalem**

16° Prince of Jerusalem - in full form

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

1:00 p.m. - **Francis Marion Highly Chapter, 18°**

17° Knight of the East and West – in full form

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

3:10 p.m. - **Reading Consistory, 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**

**Reception of Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°, Deputy**

**Presentation of 400 and 1,000 point awards**

28° Knight of the Sun – in full form

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

5:45 p.m. – Class Registration – Candidates’ Room

6:00 p.m. – 31° Knight Aspirant – in full form

32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret – in full form

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