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VALLEY NOTICE

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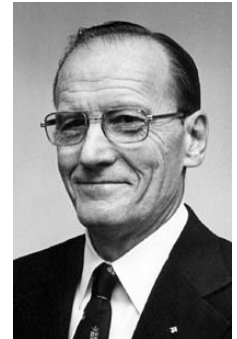
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Fall Class Exemplar Announced

The Exemplar for the Fall Reunion Class in the Valley of Reading is Illustrious George E. Boyer, 33°.

Illustrious Brother Boyer was born on December 11, 1918, the son of Heber and Alice Boyer. He graduated from Pottstown High School in June 1936. He worked for Cloverleaf Dairy for 26 years, then Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for 16 years. On December 20, 1942, he married the former Blanche Dengler and they have one son, James L. Boyer, an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council and a Past Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory. Illustrious Brother Boyer is an Elder and Deacon of St. John's United Church of Christ of Pottstown.



Ill. George E. Boyer, 33°

Illustrious Brother Boyer was raised a Master Mason in Stichter Lodge No. 254 on September 19, 1945, and was installed as Worshipful Master on December 26, 1961. He was appointed the District Deputy Grand Master of the 40th Masonic District by The Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, John L. McCain, in 1976, and served the traditional 10 years. He was Knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, in Reading Consistory in 1946, and was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council on September 26, 1975, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Illustrious Brother Boyer is a member of Excelsior Mark Lodge in Philadelphia; Royal Arch Chapter No. 271; Palestine Chapter No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; and Nativity Commandary No. 71, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he is a member of the following Masonic Bodies and Appendant Organizations: Rajah Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Royal Order of Scotland; a Past Puissant Sovereign of Constantine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Pottsgrove High Twelve Club; and The Lower Pottsgrove Trowel Club.

The Commander-in-Chief and the Valley of Reading are pleased to present Illustrious Brother George E. Boyer, 33°, to the class as their exemplar.

...and now for something completely different!

SCOTTISH RITE DAY

Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton has designated Saturday, Nov. 14 as Scottish Rite Day in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is a time set aside for all members to celebrate their membership and camaraderie with their Brothers.

FRIDAY EVENING –
NOVEMBER 13, 2009

(Members only)
Buffet Dinner
4° - Master traveler
14° - Grand Elect Mason

And...

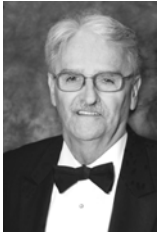
SATURDAY MORNING –
NOVEMBER 14, 2009

*** Members and their Ladies ***
31° - Knight Aspirant
32° - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

The Ladies Auxiliary has various activities planned in the banquet room while the Scottish Rite members attend the degree presentations.

LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

“Heißen Sie willkommen zu Oktoberfest”
German Oktoberfest Lunch And The Reading Liederkrantz Dancers



Notes From

The Commander-in-Chief III. Victor M. Frederick III., 33°

Looks like we made it through another summer and now must prepare for our Stated Meeting October 27 and our fall reunion on November 13 and 14. The members should be aware that this reunion is being heralded as "Scottish Rite Day" by our Sovereign Grand Commander, where we should and will make our Scottish Rite **Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable**. This class's exemplar is Ill. George E. Boyer. A friend and brother whose example we should all follow so that all may know the high ideals for which we stand. Please see further details of our upcoming reunion in this newsletter.

For a recap on the events since our last newsletter let me start with the Lucky 7 Ride. Sam Wandzilak, Tom Gamon and I accomplished riding our motorcycles in forty nine states and two Canadian Providences in twenty eight days riding over 12,000 miles. Thanks to many of you this ride by Hiram's Scottish Riders raised over \$60,000.00 dollars for the 32 deg Children's Learning Centers with over \$20,000.00 going to our own Reading Center.

Following the Ride at the Council of Deliberation in Seven Springs on July 11 three of our members received the Meritorious Service Award. Our congratulations to Brothers Thomas J. Covely 32°, Donald G. Laumeister 32°, and Donald L. Baker 32°. Next Year in Hershey PA our Nominees for this prestigious award are J. William Freeston 32°, and Jay B. Coleman 32°. The Valley congratulates and thanks all of these brethren for their hard work and dedication. The Valley also received some recognition at this year's council. Reading received the Ill. Richard A. Kern, 33° Benevolence Award for contribution to the Blue Envelope Appeal and the Ill. W. Orville Kimmel, 33°, Membership Award for the number of new members versus lost membership. My congratulations to all of you who contributed, to make it possible for our Valley to receive these distinctions.

While we were riding the highways, our annual Fishing Rodeo took place on June 13 at Limestone Springs. Fun was had by all and I thank everyone who picked up my slack since I was not able to attend. The Workers Picnic on July 16 was well attended and the food wagon visited many times, as usually happens at Masonic functions. The Family Picnic was a great time. The weather cooperated, the food was delicious and the **water was cold**. Ill. Russell Baker and I were dunked into the water tank many, many times. We were not aware of the skill exhibited by our Valley Members in throwing a baseball and hitting the target. The diving board broke and saved Russ and I until next year. Plan to attend - you won't be sorry.

At the Supreme Council held in Boston MA in August, from the Valley of Reading Brothers William H. Tennant 33°, and Robert A Swoyer 33° and from the Valley of Lancaster Brother Robert S. Conway 33° were coroneted honorary members of Supreme Council. The Valley of Reading is fortunate to have these dedicated brethren to help continue the work of our Valley. At this session in Boston two of our members were nominated to receive the 33° in Philadelphia in 2010. They are Michael A. Black 32° and William P. Ulrich 32°. Once again congratulations to the newly coroneted and nominated brothers.

Our Valley Newsletter was recognized at the Boston Session by the awarding of the "Brother Franklin" award for the Best Publication from Valleys with 2,500 to 5,000 members. Congratulations to Ill. Jon J. DeHart, 33° for another job well done. Send your articles to Jon and he will work his magic.

Our Valley and its representatives have been doing really well with the recognition and awards as mentioned in this article. Our Secretary Ill.

Christopher Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA recently received the Hodegos Youth Leader Award which is presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The award recognizes truly outstanding adult leaders of the Masonic related youth programs. The award takes its name from the Greek word hodegos, meaning "a leader, a guide and an instructor of the inexperienced." That's all for now and I hope to see all of you at our next Stated Meeting and Reunion. We cannot exist without your support. Don't wait. The time will never be just right" and remember "The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side."



Thrice Potent Master's Corner

Kevin S. Barnhardt

The summer season is behind us and now the work of the Lodge of Perfection has begun. The Lodge members are looking forward to the fall reunion and are preparing to conduct a very fine fourteenth degree. It is one of our few opportunities to show our existing members the fruits of our labors as well as to impart on the candidates what an honor and privilege it are for the lodge members to be selected to serve in the line. It is an eight year journey and is worth every moment. We continue to maintain the high ideals imparted upon us by the many past TPM's who attend our rehearsals and guide us through the work.

The lodge members encourage you to attend the fall reunion and show your appreciation for their efforts in fostering the tenets of Scottish Rite Masonry.

I am certain in times past, when the economy was difficult, times were hard, and basic human civility suffered, members attended Stated Meetings as well as Reunions for the purpose of supporting those brethren in need. Remember your sacred vow; **"I will aid with my counsel and my purse, all worthy Grand Elect Masons in sickness and distress, upon their appeal to me. That I will help a Brother in danger, stand by him in ill report and slander, advise him when he errs; and that I will comfort him in sorrow and misfortune, as a true and worthy Brother should.**

Let us remember our sacred vows and participate in Scottish Rite Masonry. There just may be Brethren in need who can use your support and assistance.



Sovereign Prince Speaks

Paul A. Swank

Greetings everyone! Do you recall the song lines, "Summertime and the living is easy..."? I hope you can recall this past summer as an easy living one. But the summer has passed and we must now change the word 'easy' to 'busy'. In the last Valley Notice I challenged you to invite others to become involved in the Valley activities. This is such a great time to do so. Our County Clubs are an integral part of the Valley. Between October and November there are five great county club events featuring everything from pancakes to football to ladies nights to a stag food and fun night. These are in addition to the regular business meetings. There is something for everyone. Support your home club and take a guest with you.

There are two Valley meetings to attend. The Lancaster Lodge of Perfection meets on Tuesday, October 20. This is a great opportunity to see degrees not offered this fall. Our own stated meeting is on October 27. Come out and support your officers and see how the Valley functions. There is always a great dinner before the meeting. Invite your lady and let her see the Auxiliary in action. The Fall Reunion takes place on November 13 and 14 with two degrees each day followed by a fine social on Saturday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for hands-on involvement, particularly if you like to work behind the scenes. Opportunities abound in degree casts, wardrobe, stage work, and makeup.

It seems a bit early to promote Family Life weekends but this is the only notice to do so. The dates this year are December 12 and 13 and December 19 and 20. If you haven't participated as yet, you are missing Dinner with Santa on each of the Saturday nights, Live Nativity, Train Displays, Fish Pond, Face Painting and balloons by the Clowns the ever popular Hiram's Scottish Riders motorcycles, refreshments, and everyone's favorite, Santa Claus. Many of these events are strongly supported by the Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee, but help is always needed in staffing the Live Nativity, greeters and dinner with Santa. If you are able to help, contact one of the officers whose pictures appear on these pages. Brethren, the opportunities abound. Take the steps to enjoy them.

As this is the only Valley Notice before the holidays, my wife Penny and I extend early best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a glorious Christmas Season and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



Most Wise Master's Moment

Bradley L. Auker

Greetings from your Chapter of Rose Croix.

I am just back from the Ill. Sir William D. Coldren, Potentate of Rajah Shrine cruise to Canada. Yes back in the real world. I had three phone calls and a couple of e-mails waiting on me about The Craft Show to Devastate Dyslexia. We have had two meetings and the final one is coming up. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a success. I am sure our efforts in this undertaking will become more rewarding as the years past and the craft show continues to grow.

Before long the cool winds of Autumn will begin to blow, the leaves on the trees will change to their beautiful fall colors that mother nature gives us every year. This time of year is also called fall harvest, which reminds us we reap what we sow.

Masonry does make good men better, but a man must put forth some effort on his own. Our October 27, 2009 Stated Meeting is a great time to start putting forth some effort. A \$5.00 per person (bring your lady) meal at 6:00pm, is a great time to see what you can do to help at the Valley and start growing in the Scottish Rite. After the meal, the Ladies have a short meeting and some entertainment, while the men have their meeting. This meeting, the Ladies will be bringing all kinds of desserts. So come on out and enjoy, you will not be sorry. I Promise!

Have you ever shared what you like about the Scottish Rite with our Brothers at your Blue Lodge, if not, why? Maybe one of your brothers wonders about the Valley of Reading but does not want to ask, so speak up, don't put this off for someone else to do. It doesn't matter if you don't have all the answers, nobody does. Share with them your Scottish Rite experiences at your Blue Lodge and you will create an opportunity for more fun and fellowship with them.

Don't forget the other upcoming events at the Valley of Reading, the Family Life Program on December 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 2009. This event takes a lot of work, so come out and enjoy the fruits of your Brothers labor, nothing will make them happier than to see you there. Please check your Valley Calendar for other events. The Valley of Reading has so much to offer, I feel sorry of those who chose to miss it. Come out and support your Valley, without you the Valley of Reading is nothing.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

RECEIVE THE VALLEY NOTICE AT YOUR WINTER RESIDENCE

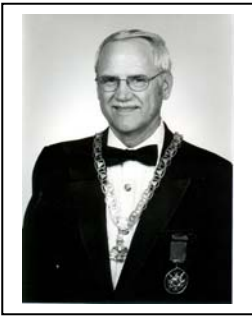
Your Scottish Rite Office can forward the Scottish Rite newsletter, *The Valley Notice*, to you winter residence. The Post Office will not. You can telephone, mail, or email us your departure date, return date, and your winter address, and we'll take care of the rest. Or contact us when you arrive and return.

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P.O.Box 6013

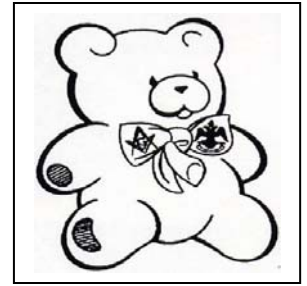
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ACTIVE'S SPOT



**Russell W. Baker, 33°
Active for Pennsylvania**

SUPREME COUNCIL held its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts from August 23 through August 25, 2009. During this session 114 brethren from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction were coroneted 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons and 139 brethren were nominated to receive this high honor in August 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Three brethren from the Valley of Reading received this degree in Boston and they were illustrious brothers William Tennent, Robert Swoyer and Robert Conway. The two brethren who were nominated to receive this honor in Philadelphia were Michael Black and William Ulrich. Congratulations to each of these brethren from the Valley of Reading.

I.C.E. is the new acronym that has been adopted by our Supreme Council. It stands for Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment. Also a new vision statement which is "EVERY MASTER MASON A DEDICATED SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASON" has been adopted. All Valleys are to promote Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment in all their programs and degrees. At the Supreme Council session **Inspiration** was displayed in the conferring of the 33rd degree on 114 brethren. The degree was conferred flawlessly by a team of Active Members from our Supreme Council and also in the charge given to the class by retiring Active Member Edwin O'Dell, 33° from Michigan. **Convenience** was provided in that the candidates, all of the illustrious brethren and the visiting dignitaries were housed in one hotel. The degree was conferred in the adjoining Hynes Convention Center. In addition the hotel and Convention Center were connected to the Prudential Center and mall which included many shops and restaurants. If you did not want to you never had to go outside, but there is so much to see do in Boston that most attendees ventured to various historical sites and attractions. **Enjoyment** was displayed in the marvelous message during the Vesper Services on Sunday evening. Also during the Monday morning General Session when introductions were kept to a minimum, the success of a child who had completed his training at the Lexington, Massachusetts Learning Center and in the three separate appearances and entertainment of ventriloquist Ronn Lucas. Enjoyment was also provided on Monday evening's entertainment when a very thought provoking play was presented.

\$30.00. I know that many of us are closely watching our finances because of the financial situations which are prevalent in our country. Many of us are on fixed incomes, have been laid off of work and our investments have decreased. Our 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is also experiencing a funding decline. Supreme Council has also experienced a decline in investment income and therefore the amount it can provide to each of our Learning Centers in the 2010/2011 academic year has been reduced to \$60,000. This is about one half of what is required for our Center to adequately train 25 children with dyslexia. The Board of Governors, Hiram's Scottish Riders and others have been working on fund raising events to close the gap between the \$60,000.00 and balance of approximately \$60,000.00 that will be needed for the next academic center. Brethren we can each help this effort in a BIG way. If you will save only \$1.00 a day for thirty days and if a majority of our 3,000 plus members do this we will more than fill this budget gap. Your check of \$30.00 should be sent to the Reading Center at P.O. Box 6013, Reading, Pennsylvania 19610-0013
Thanks, my brother.

The Valley of Reading is a good Valley, but the goal of your Officers is to make the Valley of Reading a GREAT Valley – The Greatest Valley in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. We can do it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Take the *NEW* Trivia email Quiz!

(Don't worry – this first one should be an easy one!)

Email your answer to the quiz question to the Scottish Rite Office: valley.of.reading@comcast.net.

ONLY EMAIL ENTRIES ARE ELEGIBLE!

THREE PRIZES: The fifth, tenth, and fifteenth member who reply by email will each receive a FREE couple's dinner (for him and his Lady) at the Stated Meeting on October 27.

QUIZ QUESTION: What does the acronym I.C.E. stand for?

Hint: the answer can be found somewhere in this issue

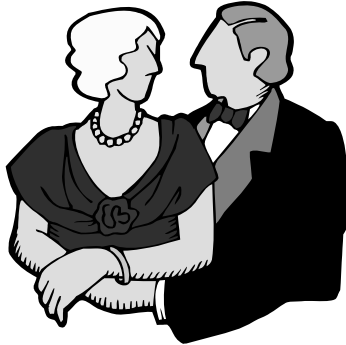
OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Stated Meetings of the Oversight Advisory Committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, October 12, 2009 and January 11, 2010

To Contact Committee Members

Larry A. Buzzard	(610) 286-6579
Victor M. Frederick, III	(610) 970-2153
Mark A. Haines	(610) 678-9874
Thomas A. Keen	(610) 369-7972
L. Donald Loos, Chairman	(610) 678-1063
Herbert K. Swisher	(610) 670-8084
Carl F. Berger, Secretary	(570) 385-2567
Blaine F. Fabian, Consulting Aid	(610) 678-4347

Lancaster County Club Annual Fall Ladies Night



Where: Shady Maple Smorgasbord
Blue Ball, PA

When: November 17, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Cost: \$25.00 Per Person

Contact: Randall Kegerise – 717.336.5821
Robert Conway – 717.733.7724

*Treat Your Lady to
an outstanding meal*

*Invite a Master Mason with petition for the
Fall Reunion and receive a free meal!*

LADIES AUXILLIARY



Join us on Tuesday night, October 27, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner prior to our business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring along your favorite dessert.

Immediately following our business meeting will be a presentation by Gene Friedman on antiques appraising. Members are encouraged to bring along small items to be appraised--NO JEWELRY, PLEASE.

If anyone has any questions about this information, please e-mail me at almar2@epix.net or call me at 610-593-6756.

Anyone needing a card such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy cards sent out to contact Cindy Hoffman at 610-987-6432.

Also, cookies will be needed for Family Life. Please start preheating the oven for that!
Thank you!
Marie Cook, Vice-President

Greetings From Chester County

Greetings, from the Chester County Club! I would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Skerrett Lodge No. 343 for the Club's annual chicken BBQ. Bros. Paul Swank and Raymond "Butch" Thomson delivered 70 plus dinners to the Masonic homes in Elizabethtown thanks to Bro. Walt Cook. Another 40 plus dinners were delivered to a retirement community in Honey Brook by Bro. Robert Phillips. All in all 250 dinners were sold before we started at 12 noon! I would also like to thank the friends and families who assisted in the preparation of the dinners and those who purchased dinners as this is our only fund raiser for the year and we thank you all. So, as you can see, going hand in hand in unanimity, does crown our efforts with success.

As the fall approaches, so does the fall reunion. This is a special time as we begin casting calls and rehearsals. Costumes are "pulled" and the stage crew adds their final touches. In order for these reunions to be successful it takes teamwork and dedication. The Valley needs **YOUR** help in making these reunions a meaningful success. Please do your part by inviting a Brother from your Lodge to join the Valley of Reading. Taking part in a degree is easy. All you have to do is **ASK**, for a non speaking part or if you like to talk that can also be arranged.

Friday November 20th we will be holding our Ladies night and Oldies dance at the Coatesville Moose beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$23.00 per person and tickets can be reserved by contacting Dave Jansen club secretary at 610.273.9314. Come on out for a great dinner and don't forget your dancing shoes.

In closing, I have had the opportunity to travel about the Valley meeting the Officers and members. This has been a great experience and a lot of fun. A little time and effort equals a whole new learning experience. Think of it as a mini vacation. As I said before, "the more you go, the more you know". Have a great fall and I will speak to you in the next Valley Notice issue.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Craig W. Shaffer, President
Chester County Club

Ontelaunee Club Thanks you

The Officers of the Ontelaunee Club which to thank all the Brethren, their ladies and quests who came out in support of the Annual Clam Bake in June held at the Hamburg Game Assn. All 135 of you were able to enjoy Bean Soup & Sausage Sandwiches, drinks & snacks from 3:00 till 6:00 and the Bake at 6:00 with Sweet Corn and all the trimmings and all the Fried Fish you were able to eat. During the afternoon you could see various Card & Domino games being played. **It was a great afternoon of Fellowship** for all in attendance. There were many door prizes & gift certificates won by many. All this activity was accompanied by the relaxing music supplied by the Turner Brothers Orchestra live.

We Thank you all

Hope to see you all next June 20th, same time & place, we'll do it again.

Mark your calendar

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

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

LANCASTER COUNTY CLUB

President William P. Ulrich
 First Vice President Michael D. Wolfe
 Second Vice President
 Secretary Charles W. Steffy, 33°
 Treasurer W. Randall Kegerise, 33°

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY CLUB

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 First Vice President David E. Moyer
 Second Vice President Charles E. Griffiths
 Secretary/Treasurer James F. Moyer

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 First Vice President Andrew E. Weitzenkorn
 Second Vice President Travis M. Barteckho
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 Treasurer Ralph A. Clemmer

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 First Vice President Bernardo DeLellis
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 Secretary David W. Jansen
 Treasurer Raymond Thompson, Jr. 33°

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 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



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

The Stated Meeting and Reunion 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 9TH, 13TH, and 14TH days of the Hebrew month Cheshvan, 5770 corresponding to:

**Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday
 October 27, November 13 & 14, 2009**

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 and must be shown to the Tyler for admittance.

By order of:
KEVIN S. BARNHARDT, 32 **BRADLEY L. AUKER, 32°**
 Thrice Potent Master Most Wise Master
PAUL A. SWANK, JR, 32° **VICTOR M. FREDERICK, III, 33°**
 Sovereign Prince Commander-in-Chief

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

**DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 27
 6 TO 6:45 P.M.
 \$5.00 PER PERSON**

Petitions for this class will be accepted until November 9. A list of candidates will be available in the Scottish Rite Office beginning November 11.

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.

**The 2009-2010 dues
 are now payable.
 If you have not paid
 yours - please do so
 NOW.**

Give a Hoot



About your Fraternity

REMEMBER 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!**

IN MEMORIAM

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

Richard F. Laux August 15, 2008	Robert L. Stover July 7, 2009
Philip Soltoff September 14, 2008	Harold T. Miller July 8, 2009
Kenneth L. Unger December 10, 2008	George D. Sweigart July 15, 2009
John M. Kramer April 17, 2009	Harold E. Trego July 16, 2009
Leon W. Johnson April 18, 2009	Edward S. Daniels July 17, 2009
Harry I. Goldflam April 19, 2009	John L. Gottier July 17, 2009
Anthony F. Caraffa May 17, 2009	Martin T. McLain July 25, 2009
Grover O. Scott June 1, 2009	Thomas E. Knaster July 27, 2009
Truman H. Erb June 1, 2009	Richard J. Loughin July 31, 2009
Milton Shugerman June 5, 2009	Levi H. Zerr August 1, 2009
Fred Zemble June 8, 2009	Richard A. Rhode August 8, 2009
Joseph H. Esbenshade June 9, 2009	Maurice H. King August 10, 2009
Frederick R. Walters June 13, 2009	Robert E. Fasnacht August 12, 2009
Robert L. Detterline June 26, 2009	Jeremiah M. Greiner August 22, 2009
Clarence C. Boyd, Jr. June 30, 2009	Harvey W. Hilbert August 27, 2009
Harold G. Norton July 1, 2009	William Calvaresi August 29, 2009
Richard C. Rineer July 4, 2009	Herbert L. Erb August 30, 2009
Irvin Slight, Jr. July 4, 2009	

VALLEY OF READING

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

2009/2010

READING LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°

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

C. GILBERT STEFFE COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°

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

FRANCIS MARION HIGHLEY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°

Bradley L. Auker	Most Wise Master
Edward R. Stein	Senior Warden
William J. Oehme, 33°	Junior Warden
Richard E. Miller	Orator
Harry E. Hackman	Master of Ceremonies
Bruce M. Cronrath	Guard

READING CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

Victor M. Frederick, III, 33°	Commander-in-Chief
Herbert K. Swisher, 33°	1 st Lieutenant Commander
William H. Tennant, Jr., 33°	2 nd Lieutenant Commander
Bruce E. Gaston	Orator
Rob K. Heddens	Chancellor
Thomas L. Underwood	Master of Ceremonies
James F. Steinman, Jr.	Engineer and Seneschal
Joseph Dewey Hopple, III	Standard Bearer
William J. Guiseppe	Captain of the Guard
Stephen E. Frey	Color Bearer
G. Carson Freeman, 33°	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

WELCOME

to all our new members for having taken a step forward in your Masonic Journey. We proudly present three key factors which you have the opportunity to enjoy and benefit, **Inspiration**, **Convenience**, and **Enjoyment**. The experiences available to you and your family will bring smiles and fond memories to last a lifetime. Don't wait getting started and if you can't find something of your liking, let us know by contacting the office. Think something is missing? Let us know that too.

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. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., 33°
Grand Treasurer General
Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°
Grand Secretary General

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

Living Honorary Members of the Supreme Council Valley of Reading

*Ill. Emanuel Iglesias, 33° MSA	1972	Ill. Donald F. Geschwindt, 33°	2000
**Ill. John G. Allen, 33°	1972	Ill. Richard E. Hummel, 33°	2000
Ill. George P. Meissner, 33°	1973	Ill. L. Donald Loos, Jr., 33°	2000
Ill. George E. Boyer, 33°	1974	Ill. Jeffrey K. Sprecher, 33°	2000
Ill. William T. Hill, 33°	1978	Ill. J. Richard Eby, 33°	2001
Ill. Malcolm B. Schaeffer, 33°	1978	Ill. Thomas C. Keen, 33°	2001
Ill. P. Thomas Feeser, 33°	1979	Ill. Clarence W. Martin, 33°	2001
Ill. Clarence R. Klopp, 33°	1979	Ill. Harry Bertoti, 33°	2002
*Ill. Norman A. Fox, 33° MSA	1980	Ill. Mark H. Haines, 33°	2003
Ill. Robert W. Fries, 33°	1982	Ill. Herbert K. Swisher, 33°	2003
Ill. Lynn G. Brandt, 33°	1984	Ill. Jon J. DeHart, 33°	2004
Ill. Paul D. Fisher, 33°	1985	Ill. Victor M. Frederick, III, 33°	2004
Ill. Clarence J. Echernacht, 33°	1986	Ill. Harriss A. Butler, III, 33°	2005
Ill. Lincoln K. P. Buchanan, 33°	1987	Ill. Conrad L. Heimbach, 33°	2005
Ill. Clair P. Kessler, 33°	1987	Ill. Edward J. Stumm, 33°	2005
Ill. Blaine F. Fabian, 33°	1988	Ill. Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA	2005
Ill. Charles W. Steffy, 33°	1988	Ill. Eric L. Brandt, 33°	2006
Ill. Gerald R. Baum, 33° MSA	1989	Ill. Franklin D. Caltagirone, 33°	2006
Ill. Joseph Gentile, 33°	1989	Ill. Kerry J. Cashman, 33°	2006
Ill. James L. Boyer, 33°	1991	Ill. William D. Coldren, Jr., 33°	2006
Ill. Marvin G. Speicher, 33°	1991	Ill. Irvin C. Henry, Jr., 33°	2006
Ill. Edward O. Weisser, 33°	1992	Ill. Ray E. Feick, 33°	2007
Ill. Floyd A. Feger, 33°	1993	Ill. Irwin A. Kohler, 33°	2007
Ill. Irvin D. Herring, 33°	1994	Ill. William J. Oehme, 33°	2007
Ill. John L. Winkelman, 33°	1994	Ill. Allen D. Moyer, 33°	2008
Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33°	1996	Ill. Raymond Thompson, Jr., 33°	2008
Ill. Larry A. Buzzard, 33°	1996	Ill. Robert S. Conway, 33°	2009
Ill. Marion I. Miller, 33°	1996	Ill. Robert A. Swoyer, 33°	2009
Ill. Louis A. Fiorini, 33°	1997	Ill. William H. Tennant, Jr., 33°	2009
Ill. John C. Evans, 33°	1998		
Ill. W. Randall Kegerise, 33°	1999		
Ill. Noah W. Wenger, 33°	1999		
Ill. Delight E. Breidegam, Jr., 33°	2000		

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

Commander-in-Chief Receives Distinguished Service Medal

Sovereign Grand Commander, The Illustrious John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, presented the Scottish Rite Distinguished Service Medal to Illustrious Victor M. Frederick, III, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory and Founder of Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club. The presentation was made at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 11, 2009. The medal is presented to a Scottish Rite Mason who has rendered outstanding, distinguished, and exemplary service to the Masonic fraternity at large. The recipient must have demonstrated such service to the Scottish Rite not often witnessed among the general membership. This is only the third time the medal has been presented.

Pictured with Brothers Frederick and McNaughton is Illustrious Stephen Gardner, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.



THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Meritorious Service Award is recognition of distinguished service of a Masonic character granted to those members of the Rite who have given years of active, capable, and faithful service to their Valley. It is authorized by the Supreme Council and given upon the recommendation of the presiding officers of the subordinate bodies to their Council of Deliberation. It is the highest honor that a Council of Deliberation is authorized to confer.

At the 138th Convention of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at Hershey Lodge on July 11, 2009, Brother Thomas J. Covely, Brother Donald G. Laumeister, and Brother Donald L. Baker, received the Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Covely was born July 16, 1930, in Reading, PA. He was raised a Master Mason in Chandler Lodge No. 227 on September 27, 1961, and was Knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, on November 1, 1961. At Reunions he can be found with the Robing Department.

Brother Laumeister was born June 26, 1937 at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He received the degree of a Master Mason in Puritan Lodge No. 740 on August 9th, 1963, and was Knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, on May 1, 1970. Don assists with the Wardrobe Department.

Brother Baker was born on July 19, 1927. He was raised a Master Mason in Fernwood Lodge No 532. He was Knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, in Benjamin Franklin Consistory on December 18, 1992, and has been a dues member in the Valley of Reading since July 26, 2002. Judging from his haircut, Don gives everything he has to the Wigs Department.

The Valley is proud to have Tom and the two Dons as its members.

1976 - Norman A. Fox, 33° *
1966 - Emanuel Iglesias, 33° *
1978 - Stanley P. Polekoff, 32° *
1985 - Gerald R. Baum, 33°
1986 - LeRoy E. Bechtel, 32°
1988 - Fred Zemble, 32° *
1990 - Charles J. Breiner, 32°
1990 - Robert J. Smilk, 32° *
1992 - Uwe N. Petersen, 32°
1992 - Herbert O. Zemble, 32° *
1993 - Edward C. Hahn, Jr., 32°
1993 - James A. Matz, 32°
1994 - Robert W. McClatchie, 32°
1995 - Robert A. Swoyer, 33°
1995 - David H. White, 32°
1997 - Guy W. Petery, 32°
1998 - J. Gary Grazier, 32°
1998 - J. Paul Groff, 32° **
1999 - Chester W. Brown, 32°

1999 - Percy J. Weller, 32°
2000 - Bruce R. Kinzey, 32°
2000 - William J. Lausch, 32°
2001 - Robert A. Bricker, 32°
2002 - G. Marshall Eaches, 32°
2002 - William E. Heckman, 32°
2002 - Homer H. Swarner, 32°
2004 - Robert W. Gilbert, 32°
2004 - Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°
2005 - Robert G. Eckroth, 32°
2006 - Ronald J. Kauffman, 32°
2007 - Charles L. Minnich, 32°
2007 - Kenneth L. Riegel, 32°
2007 - William L. Snyder, 32°
2008 - James F. Moyer, 32°
2008 - Chester R. Pierce, 32°
2009 - Thomas J. Covely, 32°
2009 - Donald G. Laumeister, 32°
2009 - Donald L. Baker, 32° ***

Congratulations! Brothers J. William (Bill) Freeston, 32°, and Jay B. Coleman, 32°, have been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at The Hershey Inn and Convention Center, Hershey, PA, in 2010.

*Valley of Abington merged August 1, 1991

** Received in the Valley of Lancaster

*** Duel Member, Valley of Philadelphia

Commander-in-Chief to Receive DeMolay Honor



The Supreme Council of DeMolay International announced that Illustrious Victor M. Frederick, III, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory, and founder of Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club, has been unanimously elected to receive The DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor Degree. The Legion of Honor is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Senior DeMolay or Master Mason by DeMolay International. Hiram's Scottish Rider's Motorcycle Club raises money to support the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children with dyslexia.

Also elected to receive the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor Degree is Illustrious Norman A. Fox, 33°. In addition to being a member of the Valley of Reading, Illustrious Brother Fox is a Past District Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Committee, and actively supports Freedom Chapter of DeMolay, which meets in Oxford and Honeybrook,

Pennsylvania. Both these Brethren were invested with the degree on September 27, 2009, at the Lancaster Masonic Center. The ceremony is open to the public.

The DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor is conferred upon Master Masons who are over 30 years of age and were never active members of DeMolay. These recipients have performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order of DeMolay, or have evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for DeMolay.

Each Chapter in Pennsylvania is permitted to make recommendations to the Executive Officer for the honor. He then submits his nominations to DeMolay International at its annual session, and that body must unanimously approve the nomination.

The Obligatory Day of the Legionnaire is March 18th. It commemorates the day in 1314 when Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake, becoming a martyr and exemplar of fidelity and toleration.

Supreme Council Annual Meeting Held in Boston, Mass.

Boston was the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2000 thirty-third degree Masons and their ladies, from 15 northeastern states converged on Boston from August 23 to 25.

The 2009 Session was highlighted by the conferral of the thirty-third degree upon 104 Scottish Rite Masons including those from the Valley of Reading; Robert S. Conway, Robert A. Swoyer, and William H. Tennant, Jr., who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

The 2009 meeting ended with the announcement of those elected to receive the thirty-third Degree in Philadelphia in August 2010. Included in this group were Michael A. Black and William P. Ulrich. The Valley extends heartiest congratulations to them and wishes them many good years of active service to the Rite.

The Thirty-third Degree is an Honorary Degree and is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or significant contributions to others reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

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 12, 13, 19, 20, 2009

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

Scottish Rite member's children and grandchildren are invited to have **DINNER WITH SANTA** either December 12th or 19th 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 for children and \$5.00 for adults .

Deadline: November 27, 2009

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 12th** **December 19th**

Total Number Children Attending _____ @ \$3.00 ea **Total \$** _____

Total Number Adults Attending _____ @ \$5.00 ea **Total \$** _____

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

2010 Walk Scheduled

The next Walk for Dyslexia has recently been scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010. A chicken Barbecue will once again be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on the same day. The goal for the 2010 Walk is to reach at least 150 walkers and to raise at least \$5,000 so the Walk will pay for one student to be tutored for a year at the Learning Center. Please mark your 2010 calendar for the walk. Watch for more details in the next issue of *Valley Notice*.

DIRECTOR'S RUN-DOWN SHEET

At Reunions, the sequence of events is coordinated by the **DIRECTOR'S RUN-DOWN SHEET**. If you would like to have a copy emailed to you prior to the Reunion, send an email to the Valley office at valley.of.reading@comcast.net. The distribution list will be developed by capturing your email responses only. Do not telephone the Office. The Director's Run-Down Sheet is finalized following the Department Heads Meeting, approximately two weeks prior to the Reunion. A paper copy of the final edition of the Director's Run-Down Sheet is available in the office the morning of the Reunion.

Valley Notice Awarded Top Brother Franklin Award

The newsletter for the Valley of Reading has been awarded the Brother Franklin Award for "Best Publication" for 2008-2009. The awards are presented to Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction based on the size of the membership. The Valley of Reading is in the category for Valleys with 2,500 – 5,000 members. The Valley of Reading had been awarded with honorable mention a number of times in the past. The presentation certificates are on display in the Scottish Rite Office. "The outstanding efforts of the Officers, Clubs, Office Manager and members of the Valley who provide content about the many activities and facets of life in the Valley of Reading each share in the credit for this award," said Ill. Jon J. DeHart, 33°, editor of *Valley Notice*, "If Supreme Council thinks our printed publication enables members to feel "proud that they are part of an outstanding Valley", wait until they see what we're planning next!"

Cruise to BERMUDA!

with the Commander-in-Chief and his Wife

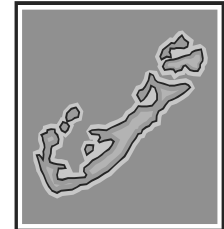
Holland America's Veendam June 13 -20, 2010

Explore this beautiful island, 'BERMUDA'!

Delightful English heritage mixed with American and Caribbean influences make up this beautiful island of Bermuda. You will wiggle your toes in the unforgettable pink sand beaches, shop in the many stores, enjoy afternoon tea or play a round of golf on one of the islands world class courses.



Interior Staterooms from \$11 48.05
 Ocean View Staterooms from \$1318.05
 Balcony Staterooms from \$2098.05



Your Daily Cruise Itinerary

<u>Day and date</u>	<u>Ports of Call</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Sun 6/13	New York City Pier		4:45pm
Mon 6/14	Day at Sea		
Tue 6/15	St. George, Bermuda	8:00am	
Wed 6/16	St. George		2:00pm
Wed 6/16	Hamilton, Bermuda	4:00pm	
Thu 6/17	Hamilton		
Fri 6/18	Hamilton		2:00pm
Sat 6/19	Day at Sea		
Sun 6/20	New York City Pier	7:00am	

EACH STATEROOM WILL RECEIVE A \$50 SHIPBOARD CREDIT.

The next informational meeting about the cruise will be **Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00 o'clock** in the afternoon at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in West Reading.



REUNION SCHEDULE

2009 FALL REUNION - SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY, November 13, 2009

5:30 p.m. – Hot Buffet – Zimmerman Dining Room

6:30 p.m. - Class Registration – Candidates' Room

6:45 p.m. - Class Orientation – Candidates' Room

7:00 p.m. - **Reading Lodge of Perfection 14°**

4° Master Traveler – in full form

Presentation of 400 and 1,000 point awards

14° Grand Elect Mason - in full form

Note: Required degrees in the Council and Chapter waived by the
Deputy for Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, November 14, 2009

8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast – Zimmerman Dining Room

9:30 a.m. – Class Registration – Candidates' Room

9:45 a.m. – Class Orientation – Candidates' Room

10:00 a.m. - **Reading Consistory, 32° S.P.R.S.**

31° - Knight Aspirant – in full form

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

12:00 p.m. – German Octoberfest Luncheon – Zimmerman Dining Room

1:00 p.m. – The Reading Liederkrantz Dancers – Zimmerman Dining Room

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