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VALLEY NOTICE

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Supreme Council Annual Meeting Held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia 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 attended the meeting on August 29-31.

The 2010 Session was highlighted by the conferral of the Thirty-third Degree upon 163 Scottish Rite Masons including those from the Valley of Reading; Michael A. Black and William P. Ulrich, who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.



Ill. Michael A. Black, 33°



Ill. William P. Ulrich, 33°

The 2010 meeting ended with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Chicago in August 2011. Nominated were Kevin S. Barnhardt and James R. Shaw

The Valley extends heartiest congratulations to them and wishes them many good years of active service to the Rite. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement within the fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

Meritorious Service Awards Conferred

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 Valleys. 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.



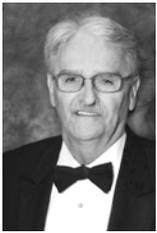
Brothers John W. (Bill) Freeston (right) and Jay B. Coleman (left) with Illustrious Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Right Worship Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

At the 139th Convention of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at Hershey, Pa. on July 10, 2010 Brother J. William Freeston and Brother Jay B. Coleman received the Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Freeston was born September 30, 1926 in Pottsville, PA. He received the degree of Master Mason in Pottsville Lodge No. 730 on September 17, 1953 and is now a member of Pulaski Lodge No. 216 and was knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on May 21, 1954. He has served the Reception Committee faithfully for many years and is currently the director of the Reception Committee.

Brother Coleman was born July 12, 1936 in Reading, Pa. He received the degree of a Master Mason in Lodge #62 on September 22, 1958, and was knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on November 18, 1967. He has faithfully served as a projectionist at Reunions for many years.

Brothers Robert K. Bricker, 32° and Ralph D. Gutshall, Jr., 32° have been selected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at Seven Springs next year.



Notes From

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

Hope you all had a great summer and are getting ready for the fall. This fall will hopefully bring new membership to Masonry in general and the Scottish Rite in particular. October 30th is our one day class where a man may join and receive all three degrees and become a Master mason, receive the 32nd degree of Scottish Rite and join the Shrine all in one day. We will be having our regular reunion on November 20th and will be encouraging the one day class candidates to attend the reunion and further their masonic education. Remember that the initiation fee for the Scottish Rite has been lowered to one hundred dollars for the one day class as well as for the reunion. Also please do not forget the York Rite bodies as another option to further one's enlightenment.

At our Reunion, the class exemplar will be our RWGM Thomas Sturgeon. Please plan to attend and look for further details for the Reunion elsewhere in this newsletter.

At Council in Hershey Pa. this year the Meritorious Service Award was received by J. William (Bill) Freeston and Jay B. Coleman. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious and well deserved award. Next year's nominees are Robert K. Bricker and Ralph Gutshall. These brethren will receive their MSA in Seven Springs in July of 2011. 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 once again received the Ill. Richard A. Kern, 33° Benevolence Award for contribution to the Blue Envelope. Many thanks to all of you who contributed to make it possible for our Valley to receive this distinction.

At the Supreme Council held in Philadelphia in August, Brothers Michael A. Black 33°, and William P. Ulrich 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. Also at this session Reading received two nominations to receive the 33° in Chicago in 2011. They are Kevin S. Barnhardt, and James R. Shaw. The Valley looks forward to you receiving this distinction for all of your hard work and efforts to make a difference to humanity.

Our *Valley Notice* newsletter was recognized once again at the Philadelphia Session by receiving Honorable Mention 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 Fishing Rodeo, Workers and Family Picnics all went well, and I thank the committees for all of your hard work to make these affairs a success.

Please plan to attend as many Valley functions as possible and I hope to see many of you at the one day Class and the November Reunion.

Bless you all.



Thrice Potent Master's Corner

James A. Gilbert

As I compose this article for the Fall issue, with the summer heat still upon us, I cannot help but thank all the brethren for their attendance at the various County Club and other Masonic family functions. Hopefully, the Fall weather will catch us a break and The One Day Masonic Class on October 30th, will be a huge success. The reason for this small intro is really to touch on the main subject of "Membership" and the important facts facing the future of this Great Fraternity. It takes fresh new ideas of the younger generation, along with experience of educated men who know what the results of solid planning in the financial world can produce, to work together to keep Freemasonry on an upward path for the better of all mankind. It is the duty of every dedicated member to take responsible actions to see that a goal is reached for this purpose. I'm sure we all know of at least one deserving individual with the high ideals for which we stand, to join us as Freemasons and to become prosperous citizens of this free country of the United States of America.

Would you like to help? Come join the fun!

I'd like to help at the Reunion. 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

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Most Wise Master's Moment

Edward R. Stein

As much as it is my honor to serve the Valley of Reading and its members as Most Wise Master, it is also my privilege to serve as Chairperson for the Board of Directors for the 32° Learning Center for Children with Dyslexia. On September 11th, the Board held its 2nd Annual Benefit Concert in support of the operation of the Learning Center and I am pleased to announce that it was a great success! This would not have been possible if it were not for the efforts and support of the members of the Board, our corporate sponsors, SRVC, the Learning Center staff, our families and friends! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Valley of Reading and the many Brethren who took the time to support this wonderful cause in one way or another.

I am aware that as Masons we are pulled in many directions and asked to support many causes. We are constantly being asked to give of our talents, our time and our money. Regardless, you continue to answer the call and for that I say thank you. I truly appreciate it and I know the children appreciate it!



ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
Valley of Reading
P.O.Box 6013 Reading PA 19610-0013

Reduced Initiation Fees for Fall Reunions

\$100.00

Plus a half year's dues of \$50.00

Ladies Auxiliary Doings

By Marie Cook

Join us on Tuesday night, October 26, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner prior to our business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring along your favorite dessert.

The program, after our meeting, will be "Five First Ladies". This will be a very interesting program by Walt and Margie Cook. Be sure to put this date on your calendar now.

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

Also, start preheating the oven, cookies will be needed for the December Family Life program.

Join us Saturday, November 20th for the bus trip to Allenberry Playhouse. It is their Christmas Show - "The Coming of Santa." Only twenty-five tickets are reserved. The cost is \$80.00 per person. Make your reservations at the Stated Meeting.



Sovereign Prince Speaks

Michael D. Wolfe

Remember my last article about our visitor's reactions to our Valley's fraternal friendship and hospitality?

You'll have a fantastic chance to show off your Valley during the following events. Mark these dates on your calendar or planner now:

October 26th-----stated meeting (dinner at 6:00 pm);

October 30th-----One Day Class

November 20th----Fall Reunion

Some other important dates are the 11th/12th and 18th/19th of December which are the Family Life weekends. Everyone should be there with family or friends. The thought for these weekends should be for all, but especially for the children.

There is nothing more rewarding then seeing a child on Santa's lap or getting their picture taken on a motorcycle. The room where the trains are displayed can only be described as full. When the children hear and see the trains, they are so spell bound at all the little houses, people and all the moving parts. Kudos to the train club for all the years of making the time to set up their displays for everyone to see. Also a special thanks to (All) the volunteers, especially the SRVC members.

The only way the Valley can make things happen, is through your time and efforts. Your presence is important at these meetings. Also, bring a brother who has a problem getting there. Maybe they don't have transportation or just need a friendly, helping hand.

Support all your county clubs and keep bring in new men to the fraternal family.

Membership

ARE YOU READY FOR THE QUESTION?

By Carl F. Berger

Everyone leaves his mark in life. Can you name yours? Do you ever ask yourself, "What have I contributed to the community?" or, "What have I ever done to help, aid and assist in my Fraternity?" Are you satisfied with your answers, or could you possibly do a little more?

There is probably no other fraternity that can offer what ours offers. Think about it; friendship, fellowship, character building, self-esteem, planning, and social activities for you and your family regardless of age. These are but a few of the most notable traits of our Fraternity. Once you begin to attend or participate, your family and colleagues will notice a change in you for the better. Attend the Valley's functions with a positive attitude and reap the benefits.

Haven't been to a function lately? Again, come around, introduce yourself to someone, and enlarge your circle of friends. After all, strangers are just friends we haven't yet met.

Remember, leave your mark. You CAN make a difference!

IN MEMORIAM

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

Kenneth M. Swartley March 30, 2010	Donald R. Moyer, Jr. August 8, 2010
John L. Miller May 18, 2010	Ira G. Dietrich August 12, 2010
Robert P. Roubos June 24, 2010	Thomas T. Matusic August 12, 2010
Robert W. Ritter June 28, 2010	Gerald F. Moore August 13, 2010
Raymond A. Freedman July 3, 2010	Paul P. Thomas August 16, 2010
Robert W. Lindenmuth July 7, 2010	John F. Lengel August 16, 2010
Emelo P. Belmonte, Jr. July 9, 2010	Howard D. Madeira July 17, 2010
Lee J. Hoch July 14, 2010	Harry L. Bachman, Jr. August 18, 2010
Benneville K. Kreisher July 16, 2010	William C. Jones, Jr. August 20, 2010
Grant R. Wilson July 19, 2010	Walter J. Potteiger August 20, 2010
Paul F. Gaynor July 16, 2010	Clifford A. Reigle August 30, 2010
Donald R. Dysinger July 16, 2010	



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

A Stated meeting 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 18th day of the Hebrew month Cheshvan, 5771 corresponding to:

**Tuesday, October 26, 2010
7:00 o'clock p.m.**

Business will be transacted in Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°; C. Gilbert Steffe Council, 16°, Princes of Jerusalem; Francis Marion Highley Chapter, 18°, Knight of the Rose Croix; and Reading Consistory, 32° Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. 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.

Following the business of the four coordinate bodies a DVD presentation of The 4th Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, **The Master Traveler**, will be premiered for the brethren.

By order of:

JAMES A. GILBERT, 32° **EDWARD R. STEIN, 32°**
Thrice Potent Master Most Wise Master
MICHAEL D. WOLFE, 32°
Sovereign Prince
VICTOR M. FREDERICK, III, 33°, DSM
Commander-in-Chief

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

**DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING
6:00 TO 6:45 p.m.
\$8.00 PER PERSON**

Things You Ought To Know

Facts, Information, Legends and Trivia

PIE SALE IS A SWEET WAY TO HELP THE LEARNING CENTER – Our brethren from Lancaster have organized a pie sale fundraiser to benefit children with Dyslexia. They are baking 8 different types of pies including some sugar-free varieties. Return the form on page 5 to order, and for more details. You can then pick up your pies at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in West Reading on Tuesday, November 23 between 11a.m. and 6p.m. – Just in time for Thanksgiving!

GO FISH! – The Fish n' Fun Fishing Rodeo was held on June 12. Fifty participants enjoyed the day at Limestone Springs Trout Hatchery for fishing, food and fun. The weather was great, prizes were awarded, and money was raised. This yearly event is perfect for Scottish Rite families to meet others, and spend wonderful quality time outdoors. The next Fishing Rodeo is slated for June 11, 2011.

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE! - You can now pay your Scottish Rite dues safely and securely directly from your computer.
Log onto: www.supremecouncil.org
Click on: Pay your dues online
Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and eCheck are accepted.

Annual Fall Ladies' Night

All you can eat Seafood

Where: Shady Maple Smorgasbord
Blue Ball, PA
When: November 2, 2010
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 he receives a free meal!*



Following the Stated Meetings on
October 26, 2010
The Reading Premier Showing
of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council's epic DVD production of

The Master Traveler

The 4th Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry

STARRING

HIRAM and his GUIDE

with special guest stars

George Washington, The Lumberjacks, and "The Four Chaplains"

A private Showing for Members Only.
Your dues card is your admission.

Calling All Lancaster Co. Club Members!

By Michael D. Wolfe

The officers of the Lancaster County Club would like to hear from some if not all of the members. My number is 717-468-8565 or E-mail me at bigmdwolfe@yahoo.com. I would like to express that the turnouts for our events are less than acceptable for the high standards that the county has had in the past.

If any of the new Scottish Rite members are not aware of what county club they are associated with after joining the Valley please call the Valley office. All members who are living in Lancaster automatically are a member of the Lancaster County Club unless you have joined the Harrisburg Valley.

We have a function coming up in November on the 2nd, fall ladies night at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. This is the event for this year and it is open to all Valley members. We had to cancel one dinner because of the uninterested members of the club. This club has about 800-900 members and we can't pull 30 members out of the woodwork for one night of food and fellowship.

We need to become proud once again. Can you not set aside one or two nights of fun in the whole year? Get on the phone and call another member and make plans to come on the 2nd of Nov. you won't be sorry. We need a great turnout

If anyone would like to be involved or become an officer contact me at the above number. We need new ideas and interest get involved.

Thank you all.

Valley of Reading Benevolence Rewarded



The Valley of Reading received the 2010 Illustrious Richard A. Kern, 33°, Benevolence Award at the 139th Convocation of The Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. The award is based on the percentage of members who responded to the Supreme Council's Blue Envelope appeal. This year's Convocation was held on July 10th at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Thank you for your generous contributions and for making this award possible for the second year in a row.

Pagoda Club's

2010 Sunday Afternoon Football
Sunday
October 17, 2010
Starting Time – 1:00 PM

OPEN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

**2 GAMES PROJECTED
AT THE SAME TIME**

Plenty of food and drinks!
\$10.00 per person (pay at the door)

*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 11, 12, 18, 19, 2010

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 11th or 18th 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 is \$3.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults .

Deadline: November 27, 2010

**Make checks payable to SRVC and mail with the form below to:
Faye Baker, 440 Ford Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.**

If you have any questions, please call Faye baker (717) 361-5582.

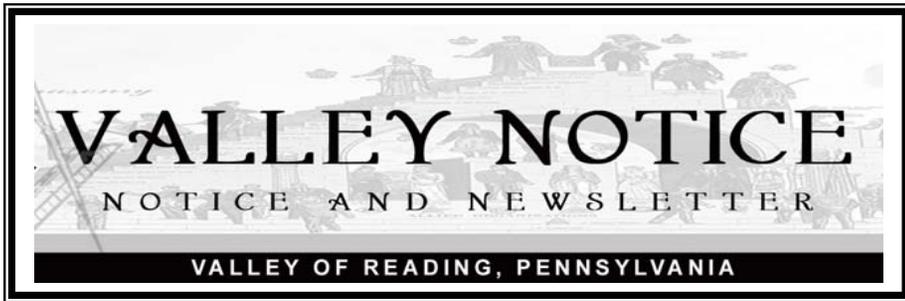
Member's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Date Attending (circle one) December 11th December 18th

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)



Food For Thought...

Freemasonry's strength lies in the fact that it offers the right model by which men can grow and achieve balance in their human and spiritual lives. Further, it offers another widely unpublished and still largely hidden role to men—the role of patriarchy. By our teachings and our individual role modeling, we can guide our younger members from a sort of boyish impetuosity to mature and manly judgment; we can lead them back to the timeless ethical and spiritual traditions which can facilitate their own transformation and rebirth into manhood. By educating ourselves and living the traditional virtues of character, by teaching our moral and ethical lessons over and over, we raise the consciousness of each generation. Our younger members learn how to be friends, how to be honored and esteemed, how to cultivate honor and integrity and compassion in their lives in ways that make them worthy of love in the eyes of their own beloved, and in their communities. The object of teaching virtue is to want to be worthy of being loved. What we all learn in fraternity, we are charged to take out into the world.

-- Robert G. Davis, 33°

Understanding Manhood in America: The Elusive Quest for the Ideal in Masculinity

Inside each *Valley Notice*, find out what Freemasonry in the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading offers you to “take out into the world.”

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