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Teaching children with dyslexia

The men and organizations pictured to the right are those who have made a $10,000 or more commitment to support the Valley of Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center Endowment Fund.

As Freemasons, we have always been benevolent and charitable. For Scottish Rite Masons, our Charity is to teach children with dyslexia how to read. It is important in giving them social confidence.

The teaching method is the Orton-Gillingham program. It is a one tutor – one student ratio. This method is very expensive but extremely effective. It costs approximately $5,000 a year for each child. Our goal is to raise $2,500,000 to endow the Children's Dyslexia Center for the future.

To make it easier to make this commitment, you can spread out your $10,000 donation over a ten year period. Call Bro. Ray Dietz, 33°, at 412-369-9500 for information. The future of our children is our most important mission. I encourage each of you to have your picture on this page and be a BUILDER of this Masonic benevolence.

Your donation is tax-deductible.

Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°
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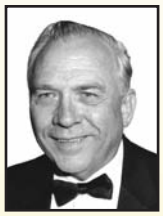

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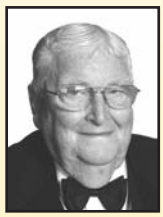

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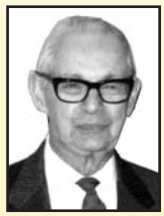

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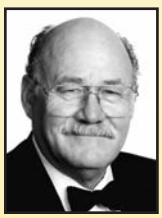

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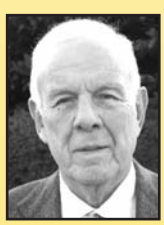

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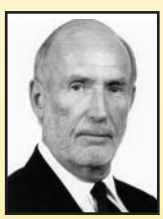

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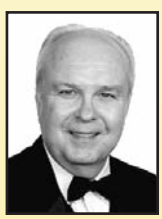

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Consider your picture, lodge, or organization here.

To My Scottish Rite Brethren:

This has been an interesting and exciting year for our Learning Center. The Board approved the hiring of a new Director, Ms. Janet Becker. Ms. Becker is only the third Director in our Center's history, following Maria Paluselli and Beverly Anderson.

Thirty-five students are being tutored by the nineteen dedicated specialists that the Center has on staff. Our Center continues as one of the largest Learning Center programs in the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Our Learning Center students are currently completing their final tests, and many are looking forward to graduating from the Center on Thursday, May 12th. I'm sure that this will be a happy and important milestone for both the graduates and their parents.

We, as Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Pittsburgh, should be especially proud of the reading success and accomplishments generated within our Center. Students come to us burdened by a reading disability that often grinds them down into a sense of frustration and failure.

Through the expert instruction provided by our tutors, and the implementation of strategies prescribed by the Orton-Gillingham system, students can discover the keys to reading and reading comprehension. What once was nearly impossible now glimmers with hope. Self-esteem increases with each reading goal that is accomplished and dreams for a bright future, which may have already been abandoned, are once again renewed.

Brethren, our Children's Dyslexia Center can and does make a positive and life-long change in the lives of children every year.

How can you help the students and the Learning Center reach their goals?

- Make an annual voluntary contribution to the Learning Center.
- Attend the Walk-for-Dyslexia on Saturday, October 8. Bring a group of friends, neighbors, and maybe even co-workers to share in this fundraising event. Gather pledges.
- Become an esteemed member of the Builders Council by pledging a thousand dollars a year for ten years or by a bequest in your will.
- Be proud of the many good works that we do, especially with our efforts relating to our Children's Dyslexia Center.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Blessings to each and every one of you.

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°
Chairman, Board of Governors
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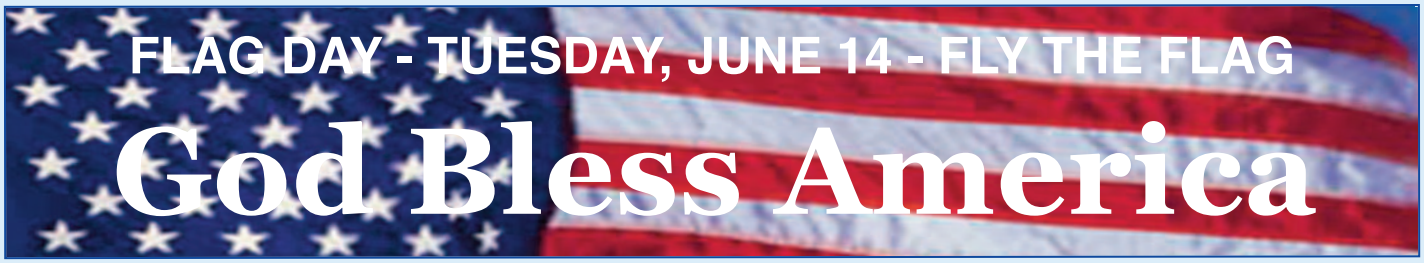

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Message from the Commander-in-Chief

John A. Habel, 33°

There are three areas that I would like to focus on: The Children's Dyslexia Center, the ritualistic work of the Valley, and other Valley activities.

I am sure you are aware that the Valley sponsors the Children's Dyslexia Center. We have around 30 to 35 students in each session and it cost about $5,000 a year per student. How do we raise this money?

First there is the Builders Council. The members and organizations you see pictured in this publication have pledged to give $1,000 a year for ten years to help endow the center. We need $2,500,000 to accomplish this. Our motorcycle club, Hiram's Riders, raises $25,000 a year for this cause. That is quite a lot of money, but if we count on them alone, it would take 100 years to become endowed. Perhaps you could consider becoming a member of the Builder's Council.

The Valley now sponsors a Golf Outing. You could become involved with it by: playing golf, sponsoring a tee, etc. Look on page 12 for additional information. Last year the Valley went on a Cruise. We raised $2,000 for the Center. We are going on another cruise this year. So far 42 people have signed up. Consider joining us, for I assure you that you will have a good time.

This year's Walk-A-Thon is on October 8. Perhaps you could have a team. I have one. I have challenged other lines and individuals to raise more money than me. I have never made known the totals I have raised but I am going to now. Not to brag, but to encourage others to raise more money than me. Here are the results: 2007 – $1,550; 2008 – $1,560; 2009 – $1,470, and 2010 – $1,880. How do I do it? I ask people to sponsor me. Some give $5, most $25, and a few give $100. I never ask who gives what. In fact it was not until last month that I asked how much I raised. The secret is I ask a lot of people to sponsor me and then I walk. I do not break any speed records and I always come in last, but I do finish. Perhaps you will sponsor me on October 8.

Monies raised when you pay your dues comes to around $35,000 a year.

We have just come off two major ritualistic productions: The Spring Class and the *Story of the Crucifixion.* A very special thanks to the cast, make up department, robing room, sound and stage crew, choir, reception committee, office staff and to anyone else involved. They were both great.

The Class was named in honor of Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He was very pleased with the work. As an added attraction members from the Valley of Grand Rapids Michigan visited our Valley. They presented a masonic play, *The December Rose.* It was well received by the members and their ladies.

The Fall Reunion is November 17 and 18. As a special treat our Grand Master, Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, will revive his role as Constance. Many say he did the best portrayal of the role in the Valleys history. Others might say, Bill Dickey, Howard Hardie, Ed Fowler were better. Well, let's put the pressure on. ❖

ABOUT THE COVER –

Freemasonry and the Statue of Liberty

Designed by two French Freemasons, financing supported by a prominent U.S. Freemason and hundreds of contributors, laying of the cornerstone ceremony by the Grand Lodge of New York, the colossal *Statue of Liberty Englightening the World* is a story of Freemasons going hand-in-hand in unity and success crowning their efforts.

In 1865 a young French sculptor named Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi went to a banquet near the town of Versailles, where he struck up a conversation with Edouard de Laboulaye, a prominent historian.

De Laboulaye, a great admirer of the United States, observed that the country's centennial was approaching in 1876. He thought it would be a good idea for France to present America with a gift to commemorate the occasion. But what? Bartholdi proposed a giant statue of some kind, and thought about it for the next six years.

By 1871, Bartholdi had most of the details worked out in his mind: The American monument would be a colossal statue of a woman called *Liberty Enlightening the World*. It would be paid for by the French people, and the pedestal that it stood on would be financed and built by the Americans. *(Read about the Statue of Liberty starting on page 7)*

In Memoriam

May it be his portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother"

Since our last issue, the following brethren have been called home.

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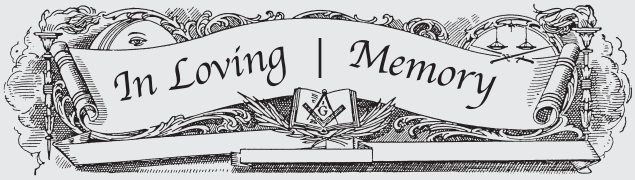

T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

Thursday, June 2, 2011

7:30 p.m.

STATED MEETING OF THE FOUR COORDINATE BODIES

A Stated Meeting of the Four Coordinate Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Pittsburgh, PA will be held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Business will be transacted in the Lodge of Perfection 14°; Council of Princes of Jerusalem 16°, Chapter of Rose Croix 18° and Consistory 32°.

Officers of Pennsylvania Consisory will preside.

John A. Habel, Jr., 33°
Commander-in-Chief

Jeff A. Biddle, 32°
Most Wise Master

David E. Kearns, 32°
Sovereign Prince

David W. Morgans, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

ATTEST:

Donald M. Murphy, 33°
Secretary

5th Stated Meeting

of the 2010 - 2011 Scottish Rite Year

★ **Ladies & Children Invited**

★ **Entertainment by Cahal Dunn begins at 7:00 p.m.**

★ **Enjoy a Fellowship Dinner before the meeting!**

$10.00

Served from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Please make Reservations
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A Redication to the Principles of Freemasonry

Masonic Philosophy to Live by!

The Trowel

Spreads The Cement Of Brotherly Love And Affection, Which Unites Us Into One Sacred Band Or Society Of Brothers, Among Whom No Contention Should Ever Exist, But That Noble Emulation Of Who Can Best Work And Best Agree.

The Five Points of Fellowship

The central bonds that hold Freemasonry together are found in the obligations we have taken and the commitment to which we honor them. The word fraternity has its origins in the Latin word "Frater," which means "Brother." Thus, our Fraternity is a Brotherhood, or sacred band of Brothers, committed to mutual support, understanding, respect, and affection.

The symbol which best communicates our commitment is the Five Pointed Star, presented in the Master Mason's Degree. Each point of the star represents a point of fellowship and reminds us of our obligations to each other. As a group of equals, the Five Pointed Star should guide our actions toward one another.

1. With the first point of fellowship, we are instructed to go by foot to **answer the needs** of others, but more especially that of a Brother Freemason. This is not to say we ignore others in our benevolent acts, but rather that we look carefully not to ignore our Bothers in need. Beyond helping with Masonic instruction and guarding a Brother's fidelity, we should strive to insure our Brethren reach their potential and serve the Order to the fullest. Helping them to improve themselves helps us to be better Freemasons.

2. Within the second point of fellowship, we find the **power of prayer**, especially prayer directed for the benefit of a fallen Brother. When we kneel to pray, we call upon the most powerful force to bring about good. Acknowledging our dependence upon The Most High can lead to the wisdom to see His path, the courage to choose that path above all others, and the strength to carry out His will. Clarity of action and concern for the welfare of our Brethren makes Freemasonry a stronger Fraternity.

3. With the third point of fellowship, we are reminded of the **responsibility of trust**. Holding in our heart the secrets of our Brother is a sacred responsibility. We do have some discretion with those secrets, but our honor requires treating them with the utmost respect. When communicated to us confidentially, a Brother's words are to be securely guarded, as we would wish our own words to be properly guarded. We earn the trust of others by giving trust, and our Brother is our most trusted friend.

4. In the fourth point of fellowship, we are charged to **support the character** of our Brother, either before his face or behind his back. In an age when people eagerly seize rumors concerning the conduct of others, we must guard the character and integrity of our Brethren on all occasions. As Freemasons we are charged to erect our Masonic edifices, not tear them down, and a careless word can do more harm than good.

5. With the fifth point of fellowship, we are encouraged to give **wise counsel** to our Brother Freemason and to support him in his time of need. In Ancient Craft Masonry, the hand symbolized the support, while the whispered counsel, if found worthy, was equally common. The key is to see the responsibility of communicating good advice and providing support and help in implementing that advice. No matter who we are, we will need some help at some time, and, as Freemasons, we should strive to be available to offer our assistance to others when needed.

Thus the Five Pointed Star reminds us to extend love and affection to our Brother Freemasons, doing for each of them as we would wish done for each of us. Each point carries an important lesson and responsibility found within the teachings of the Third Degree. Never forget that five-pointed ritual and the bonds that unite us into a sacred band of friends and brothers who strive to emulate the love of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe. ❖

Taking an oath and an obligation is a binding and serious thing. Accepting and fulfilling an oath and an obligation is an honorable thing. Not adhering to an oath and an obligation is disgraceful and dishonorable. Apparently there are Masons who having taken the oaths and obligations of the three symbolic degrees, have not only lied on their knees but have evidenced a total disregard for the Masonic advice spelled out in the Charges shared following the degrees. "Nothing can be more shocking to all faithful Freemasons than to see any of their Brethren profane the sacred rules of Freemasons and such as do, they wish had never been accepted into the Fraternity."

In the Ancient Charge delivered following the conferring of the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we are admonished "You are bound by duty, honor and gratitude to be faithful to your trust, to support the dignity of your character upon every occasion and to enforce by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry."

(excerpt from *They Lied on their Knees*)

by William A. Carpenter, *R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania (1984-1985)*

The Statue of Liberty

An International Masonic Inspiration

On October 28, 2011 the Statue of Liberty will officially celebrate her 125th anniversary.

An endearing symbol of American freedom, democracy, and international friendship, the Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous and recognizable icons associated with the United States of America. Strategically positioned at the mouth of the Hudson River near the harbor of New York, it welcomes visitors coming to the United States.

Statue Of Liberty Origins

The people of France gave the Statue to the people of the United States in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution.

French sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi (a freemason) was commissioned to design a sculpture with the year 1876 in mind for completion, to commemorate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence. On Washington's Birthday in 1877, Congress accepted the statue as a gift from the French people.

The Statue was a joint effort between America and France, and it was agreed on that the American people were to build the pedestal, and the French people were responsible for the Statue and its assembly in the United States.

However, lack of funds was a problem on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1882, France raised the money for the Statue of Liberty by charitable donations, performance of plays, and operas, and from a charitable lottery.

In America, theatre plays, art auctions and prize fights were held to raise money for the base.

Meanwhile in France, Bartholdi required the assistance of an engineer to address structural issues associated with designing such a colossal copper sculpture. Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (designer of the Eiffel Tower and a freemason) was commissioned to design the massive iron pylon and secondary skeletal framework which allows the Statue's copper skin to move independently yet stand upright.

In America, fund raising for the pedestal was going particularly slow, so Joseph Pulitzer (noted for the Pulitzer Prize and a freemason) opened the editorial pages of his newspaper, *The World,* to support the fund-raising effort.

Pulitzer used his newspaper to criticize both the rich, who had failed to finance the pedestal construction, and the middle class who were content to rely upon the wealthy to provide the funds.

Pulitzer's campaign of harsh criticism was successful in motivating the people of America to donate.

The French Third Republic was a shaky government at best during the time, but there was enough enthusiasm for the colossal gift to a fellow republic that the project kept moving forward.

History credits Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, and Joseph Pulitzer (all freemasons) as the ones responsible for bringing Lady Liberty to fruition.

Bartholdi had wanted to complete the Liberty Statue by July 4, 1876 and present it at that time for America's Centennial, but because of both technical and financial delays, only the arm and the torch were completed. They were placed on display at the U.S. Centennial Exposition, in Philadelphia, where visitors could pay 50-cents each to climb to the torch balcony and that money was used to fund the building of the pedestal. The face of Lady Liberty was completed on June 30, 1878, and was displayed at the Paris Exposition. The real identity of Lady Liberty's face has been the subject of debate and experts believe she was modeled after either Isabella Eugenie Boyer or Bartholdi's mother.

In July 1884, the Statue of Liberty was completed in France.

On August 5, 1884, The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone of the Statue in full masonic form.

Grand Master William A. Brodie, accompanied by 100 fellow masons, presided over the pedestal's Masonic consecration at the Laying of the Cornerstone ceremony. Among those at his side were Deputy Master, Frank Lawrence, and the Grand Chaplain Rev. Charles Camp.

The decorated vessel *Bay Ridge* draped with the red, white, and blue flags of France and the United States, ferried about

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Statue Of Liberty Timeline

- 1811 - Star-shaped Fort Wood built on Bedloe's (now Liberty) Island.
- 1871 - Bartholdi sails to America to present project and select a future site.
- 1874 - Fundraising for Statue begins in France.
- 1877 - Congress authorizes site for Statue but no money. Private fundraising begins for pedestal construction.
- 1881 - Statue assembly begins in Paris. Completed in 1884.
- 1884 - Pedestal Cornerstone Laying ceremony by the Grand Lodge of New York, F. & A.M.
- 1885 - Statue dismantled and shipped to New York. Joseph Pulitzer begins nationwide fundraising for pedestal.
- 1886 - Statue reassembled and dedicated.
- 1916 - Black Tom explosion on New Jersey waterfront damages Statue. Access to torch ends.
- 1924 - Statue of Liberty declared a national monument.
- 1933 - National Park Service takes over administration of Statue from War Department.
- 1937 - Statue closed for two-year restoration.
- 1941 - Military Police stationed on Liberty Island to guard Statue throughout WWII.
- 1984 - Statue closed for two-year restoration.
- 1986 - 100th Anniversary Celebration.
- 2001 - Statue and Liberty Island closed following 9/11 terrorist attack.
- 2004 - Improvements sufficient to provide full visitor access to observation deck level finished.
- 2011 - 125th Anniversary.

Source: US Department of the Interior.

Statue of Liberty

a hundred Freeasons, along with some visiting French Masonic Grand Officers to Liberty (Bedloe's) Island. A United States Army band played the French National Anthem, *La Marseillaise,* followed by *Hail Columbia.*

Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi

Richard M. Hunt, the principal architect of the pedestal, (and a Freemason), handed the working tools to the Masonic officers. Then Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary read the list of items to be included in the copper box within the cornerstone: a copy of the United States Constitution; George Washington's Farewell Address; twenty bronze medals of Presidents up through Chester A. Arthur, including Washington, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson and Garfield, who were all Freemasons; copies of New York City newspapers; a portrait of Bartholdi; a copy of a *Poem on Liberty* by E. R. Johnes; and a list on parchment paper of the Grand Lodge officers.

Alexandre Gustave Eiffel

The traditional Masonic ceremony was observed. The cornerstone being found square, level and plumb, Grand Master Brodie applied the mortar and had the stone lowered into place. He then struck the stone three times, and declared it duly laid.

The elements of "consecration" were then presented, corn, wine, and oil.

Grand Master Brodie proclaimed:

"No institution has done more to promote Liberty than freemasonry, and we as a fraternity take an honest pride in depositing the cornerstone of the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World."

Joseph Pulitzer

The ceremony, with all its speeches, military parades, and banners, was enacted before thousands of guests, civic dignitaries, including leading congressmen and senators.

Again, funding ran out, and again, Pulitzer came to the rescue. He offered to print the names of all donors in his newspaper. This bold move paid off, for from March to August 1885, he raised the last $100,000 needed, and construction on the pedestal was completed by April 1886.

On June 17, 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City Harbor aboard the French Navy warship, *Isére.* It was packed in 214 heavy cases.

On October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland, who had earlier objected to the building of the base.

In accepting the Statue of Liberty from the French, he said, "*We will not forget that Liberty has here made her home nor shall her chosen altar be neglected. Willing votaries will constantly keep alive its fires and these shall gleam upon the shores of our sister republic – until Liberty enlightens the world."*

Statue Of Liberty Stats

The statue is covered in 300 sheets of coin-thin copper. They were hammered into different shapes and riveted together.

Thickness of copper sheeting is: 3/32 in. or the thickness of two pennies placed together.

Visitors climb 354 steps (22 stories) to look out from 25 windows in the crown.

Seven rays in the crown represent the earth's seven seas.

Weight of copper: 62,000 lbs. (31 tons)

Weight of steel: 250,000 lbs. (125 tons)

Weight of concrete foundation: 54,000,000 lbs.

Wind Sway: 50 mph winds cause the Statue to sway up to 3 inches and the torch up to 6 inches.

The statue – 305 feet, 6 inch tall – was the tallest structure in the U.S. at that time.

The arm holding the torch measures 46 feet; the index finger, 8 feet; the nose, nearly 5 feet, and the pedestal 89 feet.

For the first 16 years of its existence, the Statue of Liberty was a beacon of light for immigrants coming to America, since it was also a fully functioning lighthouse at this time. The statue had a lighthouse keeper and an electric light that could be seen for 24 miles.

The verse most closely associated with the statue, *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free …"* wasn't added to the pedestal until 1903 – and only after officials realized what an inspiration the statue had become to the waves of immigrants arriving at nearby Ellis Island. The verse is part of *The New Colossus,* a sonnet composed by New York poet Emma Lazarus in 1883; she donated it to an auction at the New York's Academy of Design to raise money for the statue's pedestal.

In 1983, American Express launched a campaign advocating the restoration of the

Statue. The campaign stated that for every purchase made by a consumer using their American Express Card, a penny of it would go to a fund to be used to restore the statue back to its origional state. The campaign generated $1.7 million, an amount that was enough to begin restoration.

Pittsburgh played a part in its restoration. TRACO-international window and door company, based in Pittsburgh, was commissioned to manufacture and replace the 25 miniature windows that sparkle from Liberty's crown. The cost of the restoration of the Statue was $30 million.

On the day of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Statue of Liberty was closed as it was also a possible terrorist target. The monument was once again reopened on August 3, 2004 and remains open today.

The Fraternal Inspiration

Freemasons played an important role in the Statue of Liberty's development on both sides of the Atlantic: Sculptor, Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi, a member of Alsace-Lorraine Lodge in Paris; Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the Engineer; several powerful Freemasons of the French Committee, particularly the celebrated historian

Statue of Liberty

Louis-Henri Martin, all Freemasons.

Not surprisingly, the Masons were just as influential on the American side. Nearly all the major figures raising funds for the pedestal were Masons, including the architect Richard Morris Hunt, and Joseph Pulitzer.

Bartholdi sailed to America, at the suggestion of Édouard René Lefèbvre de Laboulaye, a French jurist, poet, and author (who is most remembered as the intellectual creator of the project) for the purpose of proposing a French project of lasting magnitude to honor America's Independence. He had already made a statue of the Freemason Marquis de Lafayette for the city of New York, for the occasion of the Centenary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Although he had no drawings as he set sail, his Masonic biographer writes, *"as he entered New York harbor, he caught a vision of a magnificent goddess holding aloft a torch of enlightenment welcoming all visitors to the land of freedom and opportunity."*

Liberty's name, *Liberty Enlightening the World* was probably derived from the Masonic idea of illumination and enlightenment.

Returning to France, he spoke of his vision in open Lodge, and newspapers. He and others managed to raise, through the help of a great deal of Masonic and public fanfare, the sum of 3,500,000 French francs, a very large sum for the 1870's.

When the project received favorable acceptance in America, Bartholdi, a member of Lodge Alsace-Lorraine, Paris, which was composed of prominent intellectuals, writers and government representatives, convened his Lodge to review it, even before it was shown to the U.S. committee.

On June 19, 1884, the Lodge, as if it were a pilgrimage, went in a body to review his masterpiece. On July 4, 1884 the finished statue was presented to the American Ambassador in Paris, Levi Morton.

On November 13, 1884 Bartholdi delivered a lecture and gave the Lodge a report on the history and various methods used in the execution of the statue. Again the Lodge witnessed his emotion when he came back from his visit to the United States in 1887, and told them of the ardent welcome he had received and of the wide enthusiasm created by his work.

The greatest moment for the U.S. Masons was indisputably the laying of the cornerstone for the statue and pedestal at Bedloe's Island, as Liberty Island was then known in 1884. ❖

Supreme Council to Meet in Chicago in August

Chicago will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Approximately 1,800 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies from 15 northeastern states are expected at the meeting on August 28 - 30.

The 2011 session will be highlighted by the conferral of the Thirty-third Degree upon 173 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Philadelphia.

The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement within the fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 30.

Introductory luncheons honoring the Thirty-third Degree candidates and their ladies are on the schedule for Sunday at noon.

The Sheraton Chicago Ballroom will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service during the afternoon.

The Executive Session, attended by the officers of the Supreme Council, will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 26 - 27.

Sovereign Grand Commander, John Wm. McNaughton will preside over a General Session of the Supreme Council on Monday, August 29. In the course of this session, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon in the River Exhibition Hall of the Sheraton Hotel for our registered guests.

That evening, entertainment in the ballroom will feature "The Second City" improvisational troupe for members and their ladies.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to offer Masonic-related items for sale.

The 2011 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Cleveland in August 2012.

The 200th anniversary meeting is slated for Washington, DC, in 2013. ❖

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Please contact one of the Ticket Committee Sales Reps for tickets or tables of eight (8) or use the coupon below.

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Time Line

Cocktails	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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Fellowship	until ??

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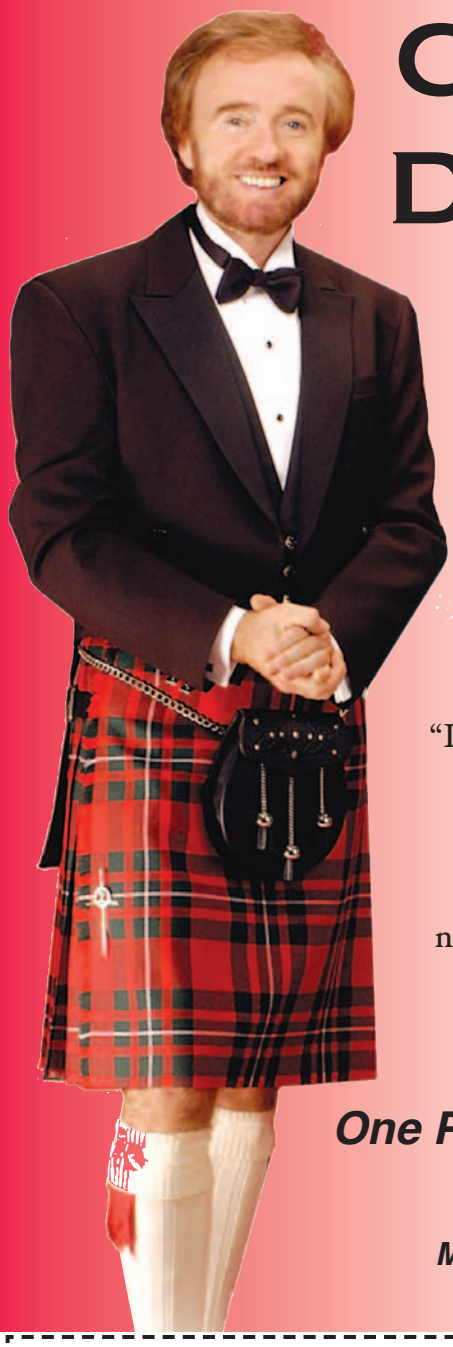

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From the Secretary's Desk

Donald M. Murphy, 33°, *Secretary*

The 2010 – 2011 Scottish Rite year has come, and is now almost gone. It's now safe to say that we have had a great year. Two outstanding reunions, another increase in attendance and a bright future on the horizon have branded this year a success. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, June 2nd would be a perfect time to join the excitement. We have another outstanding show lined up for your entertainment. *(see ad on the right)* Where else can you get a great dinner and a show for only $10. All we ask is that you make reservations by calling the office.

All of our activities have been well attended this year. With over 250 new candidates this year it's obvious that the Reunions have been a success.

The Story of the Crucifixion had over 400 in attendance. The upcoming Pirate Ball Game is already sold out. If you were lucky enough to get tickets, they will be mailed shortly. We have only 60 tickets left for the Washington Wild Things game at the end of July. Finally, the charity golf outing for our Learning Center will take place on June 13, 2011. We are looking for foursomes or individual golfers. Use the registration form on page 12.

Speaking of our Dyslexia Center, I would like to personally thank all who made a contribution along with your dues payment. This has been the best year in quite some time. We are always looking for new ways to raise the money needed to keep our doors open. Our Builders Council has recently added several new members. We thank those members for their generous contributions. A new fund raising venture for the center is:

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CAMPAIGN

The Children's Dyslexia Center, Pittsburgh, has been accepted to participate in the

3 Rivers / PA West Consolidated Federal Campaign. If your are a federal employee or know a federal employee, details on how you can contribute to this effort will be available soon. Watch the next issue of this magazine.

The Valley of Pittsburgh is looking forward to a bright future. We are doing our best to provide our members with **I**nspiration, **C**onvenience and **E**njoyment (ICE). Come out and become a part of the fraternity of choice. ❖

Tips on Pumping Gasoline

As of this writing, the price of gasoline in the Greater Pittsburgh area is $3.99.9 a gallon for regular.

Here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon:

1. Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening – your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. The service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

2. When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

3. One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

4. Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

As they used to say:

"Happy Motoring!"

Sponsorships Available for Golf Event

There are several levels of Sponsorships available for business and individual consideration:

Event Sponsor $5,000
Dinner Sponsor $2,000
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The above sponsorships include: Entrance of four golfers, golfer's gift, bag service, greens fees, cart, snack at the turn, foursome photos, locker room use, dinner, skill and door prizes, and signage recognition.

Other sponsorships that are available include:

Flag Sponsor $150
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Half Page Ad $125
Quarter Page Ad $75

Deadline for Sponsorships, Golf and Dinner reservation is June 1, 2011.

Make checks payable and mail to: Charity Golf Tournament, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Questions? 412-939-3579.

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Benefits the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center

Valley of Pittsburgh Charity Golf Tournament - June 13

Youghiogheny Country Club

1901 Greenock Buena Vista Road
Elizabeth Township, PA 15135

Registration: 12:00 p.m.
Shotgun start: 1:00 p.m.
Cash Bar: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Fee: $110.00 per golfer. Includes a golfer's gift, bag service, greens fees, cart, snack at turn, locker room facilities, dinner, skill and door prizes.

Dinner Only: $30.00.

- Charity Golf for Dyslexia Reservation Form -

Enclosed is my check, payable to **Children's Dyslexia Center Golf Tournament** in the amount of $_____ for: ❑ Golf, $110 per golfer ❑ Dinner Only, $30 per person ❑ Sponsorship $_____ ❑ Donation $_____

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Mail reservations by **June 1, 2011**, with check, to Charity Golf Tournament, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. 412-939-3579.

Message from the THRICE POTENT MASTER

David W. Morgans, 32°

Have you ever heard the expression, *No man is an island?* Did you know that it is a quote from *Meditation XVII* of the book, *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* written in 1624 by a British clergyman and poet named John Donne (1572-1631)? Did you know that in the same meditation Donne writes, *for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee?* It is amazing that phrases we use, or are familiar with today, were written so long ago. The phrase *No man is an island* came to mind as the Scottish Rite year is coming to an end. and the Valley will see three of its Presiding Officers step aside as three new men take their places.

The full phrase is, *No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent.* This phrase goes well with our fraternity and for the officers who serve it. No one man can run the Valley effectively. The Presiding officers have had men who have preceded them in office and men who will succeed them in office whom they have been able to confer with about Valley decisions and from whom they were able to learn new things to improve their leadership skills.

The Valley of Pittsburgh also needs more than just officers to make it run. Our Valley would be truly lonely and ineffective if it weren't for the staff to run the day-to-day operations, the countless volunteers who help in every aspect of Valley life, and the members who pay their dues, come to meetings, participate in the many social and charitable events, and attend the spring classes and fall reunions. We all play important roles in some way or another to make the Valley of Pittsburgh a wonderful place to be a member. Our fraternal bonds interconnect us with each other in many ways.

Donne's *Meditation XVII* deals with the interconnectedness of mankind and the inevitability of death. He wrote this during a time in his life when he was very ill and felt that death was tugging on his coattails. He likens a continent being made smaller when a clod of dirt falls into the sea, to a man being made poorer when another man dies, and is no longer part of his life. In the Valley of Pittsburgh, we too are made poorer when one of our brothers dies, or resigns from the Valley. We no longer have the opportunity to learn from, or fellowship with those men.

If we put a positive spin on the rather bleak outlook of Donne's observations we also see that our lives are made richer from the men that we meet in the continent of Freemasonry. The Valley of Pittsburgh has thousands of members and each member has the potential to positively impact the life of another. However, we can have no positive impact if we never are in each other's company, if we individually act as islands rather than as parts of a continent.

Please consider coming out to the Stated meeting on June 2nd, or putting in a reservation for the golf outing to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center on June 13th or any other event in the life of the Valley and share good fellowship with your fellow Scottish Rite countrymen. You will add value to your life as you enrich the lives of your brothers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Thrice Potent Master, it has been a very rewarding experience. Farewell until we meet again. ❖

Show You're Proud to be a Mason

Purchase a **'PROUD TO BE A MASON'** Lapel Pin – $5.00 (see page 23 for details)

Purchase a **'Masonic License Plate'** for your car. (see page 22 for details)

Not to Scale

Purchase a sheet of vinyl 3" fade resistant **'Car Badges'** - six to a sheet in various colors – $10.00

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Save! Purchase Pin, Badges & Shirt for $25 Incl postage. Send check payable to Valley of Pittsburgh, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh. PA 15237. Questions? 412-939-3579.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 346 F. & A.M.

14th Outdoor Meeting in the Hills

Dawson, PA

Friday, June 24, 2011

If you have never been to the annual Meeting in the Hills, do yourself a favor and get a car load and go this year. It is scheduled for Friday, June 24 at Christner's Grove near Dawson, PA. It is an evening of great food and good fellowship attended by over 500 Masons from a wide geographical area.

A delicious New York Strip Steak Dinner is served with all the fixin's at 6:00 p.m. Cost: $25.00.

A short Lodge meeting is held following dinner.

Call Bro. Rich Bigley at 724-547-2367 for tickets and directions. E-mail: bigs@zoominternet.net.

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So You're a 32° Mason - Now What?

Congratulations on becoming a 32°, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret! Now that you've completed the whirlwind experience of a Scottish Rite reunion, you might be asking yourself, what's next?

Plenty!

First, take some time to reflect about the degrees in which you've just participated. It is important to devote some time to understand the lessons exemplified through the Scottish Rite degrees.

Get active in your Valley activities. "But how can I get active in the day-to-day work of my Valley?" Lots of ways!

The most obvious way is to attend the events and activities of your Valley. This constitutes a broad range from stated meetings, dinners, charitable functions, and degree work. There is usually some activity or function that interests you, and if one is lacking - suggest one! Maybe you can do backstage work, use your drama training to participate in the degrees, or raise money for one of many charitable endeavors. Masons tend to be eager to serve, and this willingness can sometimes lead to overburdening ourselves. When we take on too much, something has to suffer. We must strive to never take on more than we can bear.

Through your activities you will frequently encounter the Scottish Rite's best asset: its members! Be sure you take advantage of your membership by developing new friendships, discovering new mentors, and increased fellowship opportunities.

No matter how active you choose to be in your Valley, remember that as a 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, your obligation runs deeper and broader than ever before. Remember that in the 32nd Degree, you vowed to serve as a true soldier who seeks truth, and knowledge, demands freedom of voice, vote, and opinion for all people, combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth, encourages men to be self-reliant and independent, and performs zealously his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren, and himself. These are not idle words, but lofty ideals to be sought after and served. The best way you can contribute to the Scottish Rite is strive daily to live up to your obligations. By doing so, you will truly deserve the title of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. ❖

Article taken, in part, from the May/June issue of the Scottish Rite Journal, Southern Jurisdiction.

YOUTH NEWS

Dennis J. Snedden, 32° — Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation

Rainbow Girls Honored

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, eighteen Rainbow Girls were recognized for their hours of Volunteer Service at the Masonic Village at Sewickley during their Capping Ceremony.

Ms. Cindy Stefl, *Administrator of Assisted Living,* welcomed approximately 70 people. The honorees received greetings from Miss Paula Kaufman, *Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star;* Mrs. Ann Beck, *Masonic Village Activities Director;* Mrs. Helen Snedden, *Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow* and Miss Kaitlin Nemec, *Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.*

Mrs. Betty Marshall, *Western Rainbow Volunteers Director,* presented six Rainbow Girls with their Certificates of Appreciation for 15 hours of volunteer service. This was followed by six others who received a cap representing 25 hours; four girls for 50 hours; two for 75 hours and three for 100 hours of volunteer service. Following the singing of the "Rainbow Song" a benediction was given by Mr. John Berger, *Worthy Grand Patron, Order of Eastern Star.*

This very active program includes 33 Rainbow Girls, each with a minimum of 15 volunteer hours from seven area assemblies. They are New Castle No.1, Irwin No. 42, Pitcairn No. 90, Faith No. 150 (Wexford), Ohio Valley No. 157 (Coraopolis), Hope No.186 (Pleasant Hills), and Beaver Valley No. 187 (West Bridgeport).

The girls present theme parties through-out the year to the nursing home and assisted living residents. Most parties have between 50 and 80 participants. Games are played, songs are sung, and snacks are eaten, with smiles all around.

This is the 27th continuous year for this outstanding Masonic family tradition of Rainbow Girl's volunteer service. ❖

Village Sponsors DeMolay's

Six members of Steel City DeMolay recently received Food Safety Certification training. The Masonic Village William Slater II Master Masons Club generously underwrote the two-day, eight-hour course.

DeMolay's who received the training were, Luke Dufour, Aaron James, Lamonte James, Domenic Santucci, William Sewell, and Andrew Trapp.

The training idea was conceived by "Dad" Joe Schrock, and coordinated by Masonic Village Food Service Director, Pete Countouris. Retirement Living Chef Jeff McDonald taught the course.

Chef Jeff is a certified Food Safety Instructor for Servsafe Essentials, a program of the National Restaurant Association. ❖

Congratulations Miss Lauren Nace

Miss Job's Daughter 2011-12

Lauren Nace, of Job's Daughter Bethel #21 in Butler, is the new Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania.

Lauren was crowned at the Miss Pennsylvania Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, April 2, 2011. In achieving this honor, Lauren was the winner of three individual awards. The Contestant High Sponsorship Award (she raised and collected $5,619.01 for Job's Daughter Scholarship Fund), the Speech Presentation Award and the Written Ritual Award.

When asked, *"If you had a genie, what would you wish for?"* Lauren responded, *"To charter a Bethel in the west (PA) so that Bethel #21 will no longer be lonely."*

Lauren is a senior at Butler High School and enjoys dancing, especially with the Sequinette Dance Team.

One busy young lady, Lauren is also the current State Sweetheart for Pennsylvania DeMolay.

Look for Lauren around the state, in her sash and crown, as she travels for and represents Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania as Miss Job's Daughter 2011-2012. ❖

Student Scholarships to be Awarded

Valley of Pittsburgh scholarships and Leon M. Abbott scholarships will be awarded on Friday, May 27 at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at $25 per person. *For Reservations, send a check payable to Lodge of Perfection, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh. PA 15237. Tickets held at the door.*

The Leon M. Abbott Scholarships provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic related youth groups, and graduates of a Dyslexia Center.

A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale qualifies for assistance. Freshmen scholarships are distributed after an acceptable GPA is submitted, following the first semester. ❖

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Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Last Saturday of the Month

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Served by Ohio Valley Rainbow Girls

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Saturday, May 21

Rain or Shine

Day of Ride
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$20 single / $10 passenger
Ride: 12 Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Ride ends:
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Message from the Sovereign Prince

David E. Kearns, 32°

My Dear Brethren –

I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed being Sovereign Prince of the Princes of Jerusalem this past year. I would like to thank Brothers Emery Amden and John Kovac for appointing me and having faith in my ability to be a good officer. I hope I have fullfilled that trust.

I have met so many great men during the retreats and social events. I have also witnessed the hard work and time given by so many to make our events successful.

Our spring class was great. It was a extra special occasion with having the brethern and ladies from the Valley of Michigan join us. Their masonic play, *December Rose* was performed in a very professional manner and enjoyed by the 'full house' that turned out to see it.

As a past officer now, I will continue to contribute to the events and fundraisers, especially the Children's Dyslexia Center which the Valley holds near and dear to its heart. The Learning Center always needs our help.

We are planning another cruise in January 2012 to raise money for the school and this fundraiser only grows by more people signing up and enjoying a vacation. We have 42 signed up and hope to pass the 72 passenger number of this year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at some of the summer events coming up.

Take care and have a great summer. ❖

Spes Mea In Deo Est

Orient Lodge No. 683

2011 GOLF OUTING

Benefits Masonic Charities

Saturday, July 30, 2010

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MASONS & FRIENDS! COME! CELEBRATE!

Syria Shrine & Scottish Rite

Masonic Family Picnic

Friday, August 5, 2011

Kennywood

GIFT FOR KIDS

Fireworks at 9 p.m.

Come Early 10:30 a.m. Stay Late 11:00 p.m.

TIME SCHEDULE

11:00 - 6:00	Guessing Contest
11:00 - ?	Buttermilk Tank
Noon - 5:00	Drawings for Door Prizes
	Check tote board at Restaurant Bldg.
2:00	Races, penny scramble, lollipop pull, limbo contest, scavenger hunt & water balloons at Pavilion 5
3:00 - 5:00	FREE BINGO at Pavilion 5
4:00	Welcome by Potentate George Polnar.
4:15	Ride with the Potentate and the Commander-in-Chief meet at the Restaurant Bldg.
5:15	Funnel Cake eating contest *In front of Restaurant Bldg.*
5:45 - 6:40	Band Concert
6:45 - 7:15	Highlanders Performance *In front of Restaurant Bldg.*
6:30	Units form for Parade
7:00	All Door Prizes must be claimed.
7:30	Grand Shrine Parade
	Conclusion of Parade - Presentation of Grand Master, Syria Potentate, and Valley Commander-in-Chief.
9:30	Fireworks
	GOODNIGHT!

Sponsored by:
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George W. Polnar, *Potentate*
Valley of Pittsburgh
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Guest of Honor

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Bring Your Picnic Baskets
Free Buttermilk & Chocolate Milk

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George Polnar, *Potentate*

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Following Parade

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Message from the
Most Wise Master

Jeff A. Biddle, 32°

As I sit here writing my last musings, I have a feeling of both sadness and joy. The sadness comes from being finished with my years as a Scottish Rite Officer in the Valley of Pittsburgh. I have had the unique privilege of getting to know and work with many honorable men and great Masons over the last several years. Many of my Masonic mentors were instrumental in me becoming involved in the Valley. One in particular was Ill Brother Jay McElravy. Brother Jay taught and mentored me in both masonry and life. Since his passing I have thought of him often. It also saddens me that I will not see many of my dear and beloved brothers as often as I have in the last few years.

The joy comes from knowing that even as I finish my Officer career in the Valley, I will see all of my old friends as well as many new friends in the coming years at the various Valley meetings and functions, even though I will no longer be an Officer. I am joyous that the Valley is also left in very capable hands with the incoming Officer core.

The beautiful thing about masonry and life is that even though we live some of our experiences for a relatively few moments in the overall scheme of things, our memories and friendships can last forever.

As I finish this message, I would like to personally thank Brothers Don Murphy, Bill Roberts and Dave Morgans for making this particular year fun, enjoyable and easy.

From me to all of you an old Irish Blessing. "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the Palm of His hand." ❖

Spes Mea in Deo Est

Syria Shrine Gun Bash

Saturday, June 18 - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Shrine Pavilion

$20.00

Guests Welcome

Food and Refreshments included.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will be available at the Stated Meeting on Thursday, June 2 at the GPMC

Calendar of Events for 2011

May

21 - Hiram's Riders Ride for Dyslexia & Picnic
27 - Celebration of Education, GPMC
29 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

June

02 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC
08 - Masonic Veterans of Western PA
13 - Valley of Pittsburgh Golf Tournament
18 - Shrine Sports Bash, Shrine Pavilion
18 - Grand Lodge Quarterly, Pittsburgh, PA
24 - Meeting in the Hills, Dawson, PA
25 - Pirate Baseball Game, PNC Park
25 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
26 - Ride for Dyslexia, Latrobe Area Hiram's Riders
26 - July 2 - Syria Shrine Carnival

July

09 - Council of Deliberation, Seven Springs, PA
29 - Wild Things Baseball, Washington, PA
30 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
31 - Washington Lodge 164/Blue Knights Ride for Charity

August

05 - W. PA Shrine/Masonic Picnic, Kennywood Park
13 - 20 - Washington County Fair
20 - Hiram's Riders Picnic with the Grand Master
28 - 30 - Supreme Council, Chicago, IL
27 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

September

01 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC
14 - Masonic Veterans of Western PA
23 - Hiram's Riders Ride to Gettysburg & Elizabethtown
24 - Autumn Day at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA
24 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

October

06 - Oktoberfest, GPMC
08 - Walk for Dyslexia, GPMC
21 - Tim Warco Tribute Dinner, Jeremiah's. Washington, PA
29 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

November

03 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC
05 - Valley of Uniontown Degrees
06 - Daylight Saving Time ends
18, 19 - Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, GPMC
26 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

December

03 - Valley of Pittsburgh Christmas Luncheon Party
07 - Grand Lodge Quarterly, Philadelphia, PA
10 - Valley of Pittsburgh Children's Christmas Party, GPMC
14 - Masonic Veterans of Western PA
17 - Hiram's Riders Christmas Luncheon Party
27 - Grand Lodge Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA

GPMC - Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

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What's New in Membership. . .

by Donald W. Boehm, 2nd Lt. Commander, Membership Chairman

The Spring Class honoring Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, is in the books and rated "S" for successful. Thanks to the hard work of the membership team, as well as the officers and members of the Valley of Pittsburgh, 24 new Scottish Rite Masons have joined our family.

Some may think that this number is a bit low, but considering how many members we initiated in the One-Day Renaissance Class of October 26, this is a healthy number. I want to personally thank Grand Master Sturgeon for his presence which contributed greatly to this successful class.

As for the Valley Membership Programs, better known as the "Lincoln Degree" and "Nuts and Bolts of Scottish Rite", our traveling troupe of players continues to garner rave reviews at every stop. We provide a great lodge program, and serve as good-will ambassadors for the Valley. Creating personal relationships with our Blue Lodge customers is the heart of my membership philosophy, and I would estimate that 10 of the 24 new members were a direct result of these inspiring presentations. Our schedule is published, and if our "Road Show" is appearing at a lodge near you, come and join the fraternal celebration.

The Fall Reunion is now in the planning stages, and there is a rumor that a former Commander-in-Chief and current Grand Master, is going to make a stage appearance in the 31st Degree. I understand this "player" has a strong stage presence, and as a member of the 31st Degree cast myself, I plan on testing his metal. I think this stage veteran will do quite well, and what a great membership promotion this is going to be! Sparks are gonna fly, so plan on being part of this special event, and get new members, members, members! ❖

Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Program Schedule

06/13/11	Tri-County Lodge No. 252	Lincoln Degree
06/14/11	John E. Mair Lodge No. 729	Lincoln Degree
09/12/11	Dormont-Whitehall No. 684	Lincoln Degree
09/13/11	Jeannette Lodge No. 750	Lincoln Degree
09/20/11	Westmoreland Lodge No. 518	Lincoln Degree
10/12/11	Duquesne McKeesport Lodge No. 731	Lincoln Degree
10/19/11	Crafton Guyasuta Lodge No. 513	Nuts and Bolts

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Janet Becker, New Director of the Valley Children's Dyslexia Center

Janet Becker

Meet Janet Becker the new Director of our Children's Dyslexia Center!

Janet received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education / English and her Master of Science degree as a Reading Specialist from Duquesne University.

Janet is currently a reading teacher at Seneca Valley School District and teaches 7th and 8th developmental reading. She was the Reading Department Chair at Seneca from 2002 – 2010.

Janet was first certified in Orton-Gillingham in 2005 and achieved her Supervisor status in 2008. She completed certification as a teacher-trainer for Orton-Gillingham in 2010. Janet has also been serving on the Pittsburgh Board for the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (PBIDA) since 2008.

As you can see, Janet has devoted virtually her entire professional career helping children learn to read. Here are some thoughts from Janet regarding her work at the Learning Center:

"When I think of our Children's Dyslexia Center, the word life-changing comes to mind. I took the initial level training back in the fall of 2004 because a former colleague had casually mentioned it in an e-mail, and I thought it sounded like an interesting opportunity. Taking this training will always be one of the best decisions I have ever made. Tutoring at our Center has changed my view of many things, including how individuals learn to read and how to help struggling readers of all ages. Most importantly, our Center has impacted the lives of hundreds of students and their families in countless ways. Our tutoring program is truly one of a kind, and I am blest to see its rewards on a daily basis. Our graduates leave us not only with academic reading skills but with a renewed self-esteem and dreams for a bright future. We wish them well and take joy in their accomplishments and success."

The Board of Governor's is very pleased to have such a capable and dedicated teacher leading our Dyslexia Center's staff as its Director. Best Wishes for your continued success at our Children's Dyslexia Center!

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