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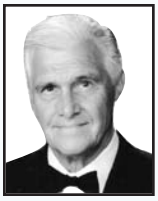
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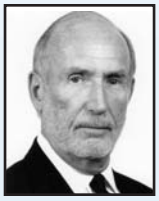
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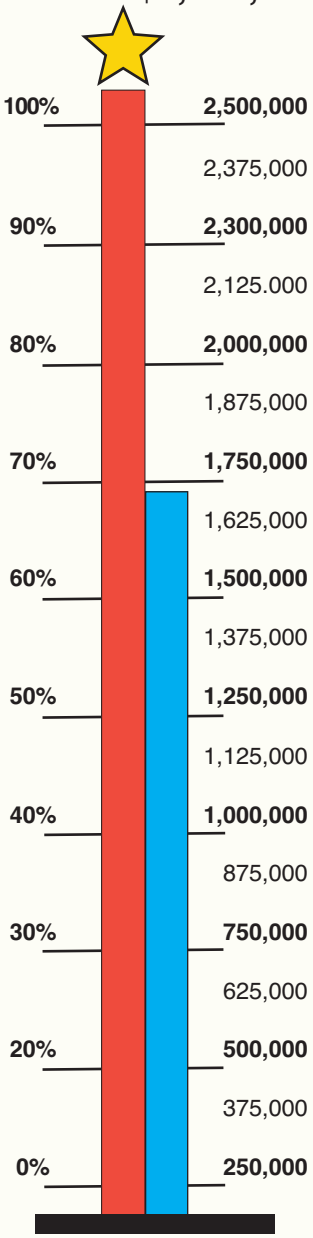

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– Bro. Winston Churchill

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14 Masonic Presidents Kept The Promise of America

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-1799)

1st. President (1789-1797)

George Washington Masonic Record

Initiated: November 4, 1752, Fredericksburgh (Fredericksburg) Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Brother Washington became Worshipful Master on December 20, 1788, and was inaugurated President of the United States on April 30, 1789, thus becoming the first, and so far the only, Brother to be simultaneously President and Master of his Lodge. ❖

JAMES KNOX POLK (1795-1849)

11th President (1845-1849)

James Polk Masonic Record

Initiated: June 5, 1820, Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tennessee.

Brother Polk assisted in the Cornerstone Laying of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., May 1, 1847. Governor of Tennessee 1839-1841. ❖

JAMES A GARFIELD (1831-1881)

20th President (July 2 - Sept. 19, 1881)

James Garfield Masonic Record

Initiated: November 19, 1861, Magnolia Lodge, No. 20, Columbus, OH

Owing to Civil War duties, Brother Garfield did not receive the Third Degree until November 22, 1864 in Columbus Lodge No. 30, Columbus, Ohio.

On October 10, 1866, he affiliated with Garrettsville Lodge No. 246, Garrettsville, Ohio, serving as its Chaplain in 1868-1869. Brother Garfield then became a Charter Member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 of Washington, D.C. on May 4, 1869; in fact, he was one of the Petitioners for the Lodge Charter. ❖

WILLIAM McKINLEY (1843-1901)

25th President (1897-1901)

William McKinley Masonic Record

Initiated: May 1, 1865, Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, VA

Bro. McKinley Affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 60, Canton, Ohio on August 21, 1867; and demitted from same to become a Charter Member of Eagle Lodge No. 431, also in Canton. Following his death on September 14, 1901, the name was changed to William McKinley Lodge effective October 24, 1901. Governor of Ohio, 1892-1896. ❖

JAMES MONROE (1758-1831)

5th President (1817-1825)

James Monroe Masonic Record

Though once thought lost, the 18th century records of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, A.F.& A. M., Williamsburg, Virginia have been recovered. An entry in the Secretary's Minutes of November 9, 1775 indicates that James Monroe was balloted upon and made an Entered Apprentice in Williamsburg Lodge. Also, the surviving Treasurer's Accounts for the corresponding date indicate that the Reverend Doctor William Yates, a professor at the College of William and Mary, and member of Williamsburg Lodge, paid to the Lodge a total of £4; the fee for "initiating James Monroe, a student at the College." Although not yet 18, the age of admission was at the discretion of each Lodge at that time. Although unproven, it is generally accepted that Monroe may have taken other degrees in St. John's Regimental Lodge in the Continental Army. ❖

JAMES BUCHANAN (1791-1868)

15th President (1857-1861)

James Buchanan Masonic Record

Initiated: December 11, 1816, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Brother Buchanan became Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 1822-1823; and in 1824 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Lancaster, Lebanon and York. ❖

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919)

26th President (1901-1909)

Theodore Roosevet Masonic Record

Initiated: January 2, 1901, Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York.

Brother and President Roosevelt visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (in its present home, the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street) on November 5, 1902, for the Celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial of Brother George Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry. Governor of New York, 1899-1901. Brother and President Roosevelt issued an Executive Order, dated, October 17, 1901 changing the name of the "Executive Mansion" to the "White House". ❖

ANDREW JACKSON (1767-1845)

7th President (1829-1837)

Andrew Jackson Masonic Record

(Lodge records lost) Initiated:

The record for Brother Jackson has not been located. He seems to have been a Member of St. Tammany Lodge No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee, as early as 1800. It was the first Lodge in Tennessee, organized in 1789, under a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The name was later changed to Harmony Lodge No. 1 on November 1, 1800.

Brother Jackson is officially listed as a Member in the Lodge Return to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee for 1805. On December 27, 1813, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was granted its own Constitution.

Brother Jackson was the sixth Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, serving from October 7, 1822 until October 4, 1824. ❖

ANDREW JOHNSON (1808-1875)

17th President (1865-1869)

Andrew Johnson Masonic Record

Initiated: May 5, 1851, Greenville Lodge No. 119, Greenville, Tennessee.

Military Governor of Tennessee, 1862-1865. (Lodge records lost during the Civil War) ❖

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT (1857-1930) 27th President (1909-1913)

William Taft Masonic Record

Initiated: February 18, 1909.

Brother Taft was made a "Mason at Sight" within the Body of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, Cincinnati, Ohio, by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson. His father and two brothers were also Members of this Lodge. Brother and President Taft addressed the Brethren, saying, "I am glad to be here, and to be a Mason. It does me good to feel the thrill that comes from recognizing on all hands the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." He visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the occasion of a Special Communication held in the Masonic Temple (One North Broad Street), on March 12, 1912. ❖

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Valley of Pittsburgh 32° Masons

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Message from the Commander-in-Chief

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°

I first became an officer of the Valley of Pittsburgh twelve years ago. You know, a lot can and usually does happen to a person during a period of twelve years. While serving the Valley, my wife and I lost all four of our parents, we moved into a new home, and we each retired after thirty-six years of teaching. Relatives grew up to start their careers and some new folks appeared upon the scene either through marriage or by birth. I guess it's true when they say that change is one thing that we can always count on.

It is hard for me to imagine the opportunities that have been afforded to me here in our Valley. It was an honor to serve the Princes of Jerusalem as Sovereign Prince. I was coroneted a 33° and was especially privileged to move through the Consistory Line to serve as Commander-In-Chief for the last two years.

Someone asked me if I learned anything while serving as an officer of the Valley. I did. I came to realize early on that a line officer is but a small cog in a machine that is made of many, many parts. We succeed only because of the work and dedication of many others. Our Scottish Rite is greatly blessed by a large number of Brethren and Ladies who donate great amounts of their time, their skills, and their resources in order to make this Valley the special place that it is.

John F. Kennedy said "We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives"……but how can someone express their thanks adequately enough to cover all of these Brethren over all of these years? At the expense of forgetting someone, please allow me to just offer my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all. So many of you continuously play an important role in the success of this Valley year after year. Serving you as an officer will always be a special high-point in my life. Masonry, with all of its ideals, rituals, and camaraderie has always been important to me. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Finally, as Dr. Seuss admonished, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

Hey, I'm smiling! Thanks again to all and Best Wishes to the Valley of Pittsburgh and its officers for many years of future success.

Fraternally, with God's Blessings,

Rich

Rich Rodibaugh, 33°
Commander-in-Chief
Spes Mea In Deo Est

Memorial Day May 26
Flag Day June 14
Independence Day July 4

Fly the Flag of Freedom

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Scottish Rite Masons
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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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Thursday, June 5, 2014

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 5, 2014 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 Consistory will preside.

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

Arthur F. McGuiggan, 32°
Most Wise Master

Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°
Sovereign Prince

D. Todd Ballenger, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

ATTEST:
Donald M. Murphy, 33°
Secretary

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The Modern Vitruvian

by P. J. Roup, 33°

Whispers on the Wind

Henry checked his watch as he was opening the door to the Lodge. 12:05. He hated to be late, even if it were just a few minutes. Sure, it was only a practice, but he prided himself on the efficiency of his rehearsals. They started and ended when they were supposed to, and he worked hard to keep everyone on task while they were there. He knew that the younger guys were scheduled more tightly than he had been when progressing through the chairs, and as a consequence he tried to be respectful of their time, even if it meant giving a gentle scolding to the Brethren who arrived after the appointed hour.

He truly couldn't figure out how today's men manage to do all that they do. He watched in wonder a few weeks earlier as Dylan showed him that he could pay his electric bill, book a hotel for his upcoming business trip, and download the newest Dan Brown book, all right from his phone. He even laughed when Dylan tapped the phone with an overly-grand showman's flair, proclaiming, "And to top it off, I just ordered us a pizza. It will be here by the time practice is over," adding with a wink, "I hope you like pepperoni, old man."

The rocky start to their friendship was barely a memory. Now the two of them met at least a couple of days a week to go over ritual, plan Dylan's upcoming year as Worshipful Master, or just to talk. Their favorite meeting place, weather permitting, was the lake on the campus of the tech company where Dylan worked. They typically walked the half-mile circuit around the lake twice, Dylan echoing lines of ritual as Henry fed them to him. After the walk, they would find an open bench and talk until Dylan had to get back to work.

Henry was proud of the man and leader that Dylan was becoming, and today he was delighted to be greeted by Dylan's easy laugh echoing from the Lodge room as he walked into the building. *These are good kids,* he thought to himself as he hung his jacket. But as the laughter subsided and the conversation continued, his delight faded.

"I didn't even know you could get a suit with lapels that wide," someone said, the whole group laughing in reply.

Another quickly retorted, "His suit is easily twenty years older than Dylan." Another chorus of laughter.

"I was going to ask him to join the line, but I'm afraid he'd show up in a powder blue tux." More laughter.

Henry knew immediately that they were talking about Roger, their newest Entered Apprentice. How ironic, Henry thought, that all these men who were here to practice for the conferral of Roger's Fellowcraft degree were instead gossiping about him.

The attention then turned to another Brother, and the attacks were just as mean spirited.

Henry was furious, but he quickly composed himself and entered the Lodge room. "My being late doesn't give you the right to sit around and gossip. Pair up and go over your individual parts. Dylan and I are going for a walk. I want to go over it with him one last time before we start."

Dylan rose to leave. The shortness of Henry's tone told him a lesson was coming.

"Grab your coat. It's chilly," Henry said.

In more ways than one, Dylan thought.

Dylan was pulling on his down vest as they left the Lodge and headed to the walking trail that abutted the Lodge property. The strong wind made Dylan thankful that he heeded Henry's advice. "Don't you want yours?" he asked Henry.

"I'll be fine. Too bad you couldn't afford one with sleeves," Henry mumbled as he bent and picked a stick up from off the trail.

Dylan wanted to laugh at the comment, but knew he shouldn't. "That's the style these days," was all he could muster.

Henry dug deep into his pocket and pulled out a penknife. He whittled in silence for what to Dylan seemed like an eternity.

"We're not out here to go over ritual, are we?" Dylan asked.

Henry looked at Dylan with a raised eyebrow and whittled another minute before he spoke. "What do you know about your Brother, Roger?"

"I don't know. He seems nice enough, I guess," he said. "Obviously not a sharp dresser," he added, simultaneously trying to lighten the mood and to get Henry to his point. Dylan was being tortured on purpose, and a big part of him knew he deserved it.

They walked without a word. "It's not that big of a deal. I won't do it again," he said, breaking the uncomfortable silence.

Dylan took the profession of Masonry seriously, and in his heart, he saw this as an opportunity for personal growth. The words of the Closing Charge echoed in his head: *You have promised to remind him in the most tender manner of his failings, and aid in his reformation.* He wasn't sure how tender Henry would be, but he knew with absolute certainty that he would be a better man at the end of this walk.

"Brother Roger joined the Marines after we were attacked on September 11th. For two years, he put himself in harm's way for you and me. While he was serving his country in Afghanistan and Iraq, his parents were killed when their house caught on fire while they slept. He came home and spent the last six years working two jobs to put his younger siblings through college. Once they finished, he was able to cut back to 60 hours each week, and he began taking classes himself. He wants to get a business degree.

"He told me he joined the Masons for two reasons. First, he thought they could teach him to be a better man." Henry chuckled. "Think about that. Two combat tours. Six years working without rest to take care of his little brother and sister, and he still thinks *we* can make *him* better."

Dylan felt terrible. He looked over at Henry. The wind was whipping his white hair and beard so fiercely that, for a moment, he reminded him of Charlton Heston as Moses.

"You said he joined for two reasons. What was the second?" he asked his mentor. He already felt so terrible that he wasn't sure he wanted to know the answer.

They walked to the crest of the hill and stopped. From the top of the trail, they could see for miles. Henry stood silently and whittled. The wind buffeted them from behind and carried the shavings several feet away before letting them fall to the ground. Finally, he answered. "The second reason," he said, "was that he wanted to remember what is was like to have a family again."

Dylan's eyes welled up with tears. How could he have been so insensitive?

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Children's Dyslexia Center Report

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°
Chairman

"You will find, as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others."

– Henry Drummond

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, students unlock the keys to reading and reading comprehension. What once was nearly impossible now glimmers with hope. Hope breeds success. Success and reading competence break the chains of failure and disappointment. Self-esteem increases with each reading goal that is accomplished. Dreams for a bright future, which may have been abandoned, are once again renewed.

Students are currently completing their final tests, and many are looking forward to graduating on Wednesday, May 28th. I'm sure that this will be a happy and important milestone for both the graduates and their parents.

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 Dyslexia Center continue to reach their goals? There are many ways that you can support our kids!! Here are a few opportunities for you to consider:

Begin or continue to make an annual contribution to the Dyslexia Center.

Attend the Walk-For-Dyslexia on Saturday, October 4th. Gather pledges. Bring a group of friends, neighbors, and maybe even co-workers to share in this fundraising event.

Become a member of the Builder's Council or make a bequest to the school in your will. Call the Valley Secretary for more information.

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

Fraternally,

Rich

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

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We're making a difference in the lives of kids with Dyslexia.

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection

Message from the Thrice Potent Master

D. Todd Ballenger, 32°

Ah, we meet again my Brothers; fellow travelers on the path through the Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were just beginning our journey - me as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, and you on your own pilgrimage and seeking to expand your Masonic knowledge.

Over the past year, we have taken time to examine each of the bodies that comprise the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction: the Lodge of Perfection; the Council of Princes of Jerusalem; and the Chapter of Rose Croix. But one final body remains and it is here that we find ourselves at this moment. Let's consider, then, the Consistory.

A consistory is a type of council or court wherein one typically finds wisdom and guidance. In the Valley of Pittsburgh, you will find the Consistory officers ranging from some of the most experienced Brothers to those who may be relatively new to Scottish Rite.

The top three officers, the Commander-in-Chief, the 1st Lieutenant Commander, and the 2nd Lieutenant Commander, are the highest officials in the Valley. Think of them as the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens.

Also part of the Consistory line are six appointed officers. Now unlike the appointed officers in a symbolic lodge, these positions are not progressive. In the Valley of Pittsburgh, we have an 'officer pool' that is made up of two junior officers for each of the other bodies (lines). The purpose of this officer pool is to afford a Brother the opportunity to serve the Valley in an official capacity before entering one of the three primary bodies (Lodge of Perfection, Princes of Jerusalem, Rose Croix) and committing to the work of that line. The top three Consistory officers are all past presiding officers of one of the other lines and serve two-year terms in the Valley. The appointed officers in the Consistory officer pool typically serve two years in a single position, perform the general duties of a Valley officer, and then begin their journeys through their respective progressive lines beginning in year three. Therefore, the usual time for an officer to progress through the Valley and preside over his line is between eight and nine years (the Lodge of Perfection has an additional officer, hence the extra year). If you aspire to lead the Valley as Commander-in-Chief, plan on an additional six years (two per office), considering of course, that you are elected.

Whew! Sounds complicated, and to tell the truth, it is to an extent. However, things begin small and duties become larger as you grow in your position. The more you progress as an officer, the more responsibility you will have, but you will also gain in your ability to work with those responsibilities and the personal growth and satisfaction from accomplishment is worth the effort. The three Consistory Commanders, the presiding officers of each line, second lines officers, the Valley Secretary, Valley Treasurer, and a representative of the Trustees, also form the Executive Committee, which is responsible for the day to day operations, financial planning, and events that take place in the Valley. This goes on with a tremendous amount of help from the different committees operating within the Scottish Rite, and hopefully to the great enjoyment of both you and your families.

With regard to the ritualistic work (the 19th through the 32nd Degrees), the Consistorial Degrees of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction function primarily as parables for the many aspects of Masonic teachings and the moral virtues we are called upon to pursue. They span hundreds of years of history on both this continent and in Europe and are intended to be glimpses, though not literal historical reenactments of Masonic development over time. This is a significant difference within the Scottish Rite as practiced in the Northern Jurisdiction as opposed to that of the Southern Jurisdiction, which has only been slightly revised from the original forms set forth by Brother Albert Pike in the mid to late 1800s. Of primary importance to the Rite are the 31st and 32nd Degrees, which together tell a story of nobility, perseverance, faith, temptation, doubt, resolve, bravery, and sacrifice, all culminating in a message of hope.

And that, dear friends, is the final part of my outline of the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh, its bodies, officers, and workings. I'm sure you have questions (I'd be disappointed if you didn't) and you shouldn't hesitate to ask them of any Valley officer the next time you attend.

I thank you all for your companionship during the past year and my tenure as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. I hope that we will grow to appreciate the many things I'm sure we've both learned in our time together. But now, as we part, I wish you all safe travels, joy, enlightenment, and most of all, peace. ❖

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From the Secretary's Desk

Donald M. Murphy, 33°, *Secretary*

Believe it or not, the 2013-2014 Scottish Rite year is quickly coming to an end. This year has provided several memorable moments. We have had two great reunion experiences during the year. All of our other activities have also gone very well. Attendance at our Stated meetings has continued to improve. The entertainment committee has done an outstanding job in providing first rate entertainment at our meetings for the enjoyment of the members and the ladies. If you have not been to a Stated meeting lately, June 5th would be a perfect opportunity. Where else can you get dinner and a show for $10. All we ask is a call making dinner reservations if you plan to attend.

We are proud to announce that we were able to award 9 Abbott Scholarships this year along with 10 Valley of Pittsburgh Scholarships. This is more than we have ever awarded. Perhaps it is because we had more applications than we have had in the past 5 years. If you are the parent of a college student or have a son or daughter who will be a senior in the 2014 – 2015 school year, consider applying next year. Applications will be available on January 1, 2015.

We hope you have purchased your Pirate tickets for the game on June 27th. Officially all tickets were sold on April 21, 2014. Our second baseball outing for the summer will be at the Washington Wild Things in Washington, PA on August 22. Tickets are still available for that game but are going fast and we only have 150 to sell. Remember we have a tailgate party before both games. Come out and enjoy the fun.

The annual Golf Outing to benefit the Learning Center will take place on June 7th at Butler's Golf Course near Elizabeth, PA . If you are a golfer, come out and have an enjoyable day. Better yet, form a foursome and help to support our Learning Center. If you are not a golfer, we can also take lunch only reservations. Remember this is a Saturday and we will have a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds go to support the Learning Center.

Everyone is looking forward to a good summer. Why not join your Masonic Brethren and attend one or more of our activities? I hope to see you this summer ❖

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Check out the Calendar of Events on page 26.

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Princes of Jerusalem

Message from the Sovereign Prince

Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°

In the past, I have spoken about the importance of leadership, mentoring and your personal growth as a member of the Valley. This is particularly important to those who aspire to be an officer, take a leadership role, or an active part in Scottish Rite. These were all important issues and I encourage you to pull out your past copies of your Rite News and review what was expressed.

Now that we have a basic understanding and focus of the basic requirements for a leader or officer, let's take this a step further. In America today we seem to be obsessed with the whole concept of leadership. Strangely, we too often are concerned only with the skills and techniques that go into leadership, but these are only the superficial aspects – the tricks – of leadership. Perhaps we should be concerned with another aspect of leadership: the course, or direction of leadership. This is especially important to us whether it be in our families, church or synagogue, work place and particularly in Scottish Rite.

Think about this. The leader is responsible for the destination toward which he leads. Steven Covey, in his book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People,* defines the difference between a leader and a manager. The leader surveys a situation, constructs a plan, and works toward a goal for the future. A manager works a project (hopefully directed toward that goal) and oversees the steps to accomplish it, given perhaps certain constraints like time, available expertise, and other resources. If the leader does not provide the right direction, the result could be disastrous.

Many of the world's greatest leaders have also been the world's greatest scoundrels. They were competent and skilled, but misguided leaders – people such as Hitler whose twisted leadership triggered enormous suffering and destruction throughout the world. So, it might be said, in the long run, the direction in which you lead is more important than the skills by which you lead.

For example, if a Jet leaves New York bound for London and ends up in Paris, it really doesn't matter that there was a smooth landing or what was provided for the benefit of the passengers during the flight. All that matters to the passengers – and rightfully so – is that the pilot guided the Jet into the wrong location and they would all blame him for the foul-up by landing in the wrong destination. We too should hold our leaders responsible if they take us in the wrong direction. Because the truth is that the leader, like the pilot, must accept the ultimate responsibility for the destination of the "journey" he leads. So, before we fall in line with any leader, like the pilot, we should first find out not only how good a person he is, but how good are his goals, and how moral are his methods. This is our responsibility as a follower. A good follower knows where the leader is going and that it is a good and worthy destination.

In the Valley of Pittsburgh, we have accomplished that goal-destination by establishing our long term, or five year plan. The makeup of this plan had to consider declining membership, escalating expenses, adjusting our programs and ritual as well as the activities focused on our future membership. The officers of our Valley function both as leaders and managers to guide and implement actions to support the goals of our future.

As time marches on, we value the input from our members and encourage you to consult with the officers and offer your thoughts and suggestions. More input can only make it better! Don't just be a card carrying member. Let us know how you feel. Your action will help make our officers team better! So, take a few minutes and communicate your thoughts.

Shortly, we will be installing the officers for the 2014-2015 year. I truly have had a great experience as the presiding officer of the Prince's Line. As I pass the gavel of authority to my successor, I offer that challenge to carry on and make this Valley the very best ever! Ever remembering –

Enthusiasm Breeds Success! ❖

Spes Mea In Deo Est

Lest We Forget . . .

by Rev. John H. Piper, 32°

Minnie Pearl, a comedian on the Grand Old Opry, used to wear a hat with a price tag hanging from it. Her hat is not the only thing with a price tag on it . . . the maintenance of our freedom also carries a price tag as well.

Probably most of you don't know what your great grandfather was doing on the late afternoon of July 2, 1863, but I do.

My great grandfather, David E. McCallister, was at Gettysburg where along with 514 other, young men of the 140th Volunteer Pennsylvania Infantry, was attacking a Confederate position at the edge of "The Wheatfield." They attacked, they retreated, many were wounded, many died.

Before it was over 37 of these men lay dead on the field of battle with a further 144 wounded – the largest number of causalities of any Union regiment during that engagement at the "bloody Wheatfield." Our liberty was preserved in part by the courage and sacrifice, of those young men from western Pennsylvania on that hot July afternoon and evening in 1863.

Those of us who attended the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Pittsburgh had the awesome experience of seeing the 26th (Degree) performed movingly by our fellow members of the Valley. The 26th (degree) is the story of the friendship of two brother Masons, Winfield Scott Hancock (USA) and Lewis Armistead (CSA), a friendship that transcended the partisan strife that divided our nation.

This July as we remember the 151st anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, as we walk through our local cemeteries, with the flags flying beside the graves of our veterans of all wars, may we bow our heads and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for our liberties and those who fought and paid the price to preserve our free way of life as Americans. ❖

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Masonic Ambassadors

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

– Brother Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It*

D. Todd Ballenger, 32° Rite News Features

"So, I see we have something in common already," said the man as he exited his car and walked casually up the driveway toward me.

Well, it certainly doesn't seem to be showing up for an appointment on time, I thought to myself. He was twenty minutes late already. "Oh, really?" I asked, this time aloud. "How so?"

"Well, for one, I see that we're both traveling men," he said pointing to the back of my car and smiling. *Ah, that's right. I have both a Past Master's emblem and a Scottish Rite crest on the trunk lid, advertising my Masonic background to those inquiring minds who recognize such things. He's got me there.*

And so he did. Though I had never said a word to this gentleman in annoyance, I certainly had thought it. But once we began talking, all of that disappeared. This man whom I had just met was my Brother, and deserved better.

The appointment went well, we had a great conversation, and parted as friends. It was only later as I replayed the incident over in my mind did I come to the realization that I had been wrong all along. I didn't just owe a good and friendly attitude to the man simply because he was a Mason - I owed it to him simply because *I* was a Mason.

The term "traveling man" is most likely a reference for an ancient stonemason, who would travel great distances in search of work. Often times, this would involve journeys to neighboring lands, where the worker was unknown or unfamiliar with local customs. In such instances, could the man in search of work afford to be arrogant or surly? Of course not. He constantly needed to be mindful of his greatest commodity - himself. That, friends, made him an ambassador.

And we are no different. It's almost expected to see Masonic ties, rings, lapel pins, and other adornments at Lodge events in the United States. In fact, we're almost cavalier with the fact that we drape ourselves in the trappings of the greatest Fraternity on earth and forget to live like what we so boldly profess to be. Brethren, to travel is to expand your mind; experience new sensations; meet new people; step outside of your comfort zone; to see the world from a different perspective. As Twain said, it is a means of casting off the mundane trappings of your usual surroundings and drinking in something new. But don't forget that equally as important as being a Masonic ambassador when traveling in different jurisdictions, is being that same Masonic ambassador on your own turf. Those Masonic emblems are still on your car (mine, too) when you cut someone off in traffic and offer them that special salute as you pass. You're still wearing that ring and that tie when you're grumbling about dues or speaking unkindly about someone behind his back. Remember, you don't stop being a Freemason simply by going home. I have been approached on the job because of the emblem on my car; in a restaurant in another state because of the symbol on my shirt; on an airplane because of the ring on my finger. And each time I felt like an ambassador for Freemasonry, and was proud to play that part. Brethren, every time you put on Masonic dress, be it a tie, a jewel, or an apron, you are acting as a Masonic ambassador, whether you are in your home Lodge, or in some faraway jurisdiction. But you are also a Masonic ambassador when you're at work, on vacation, or at home with family and friends. The Lodge in your heart, where you were first made a Mason, is always with you, and you should represent it proudly.

"And these generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. So that we enjoin it upon you: do good unto all, while we recommend it more especially to those who are of the household of the faithful." ❖

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Chapter of Rose Croix

Message from the Most Wise Master

Arthur F. McGuiggan, 32°

Brethren, as this is my last message to you I feel the need to acknowledge my thanks to Brother Charles M. Bombich, *Past Most Wise Master,* for appointing me to the line and offering me the opportunity to serve the Valley as Most Wise Master. These past seven years on the Rose Croix line were made possible by many wonderful Brethren. It is impossible to acknowledge all of their contributions but each of them were a integral part of what makes the Valley successful.

I would like to congratulate Brother Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°, for his service and leadership during his term as Commander-in-Chief and to Brother Robert F. Dunkle on his election to the office of Most Wise Master for the coming Scottish Rite year. We have undergone many positive things together, and as I move on personally, I look forward to following your progress in the Valley.

I wish you all success in the years to come. ❖

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The Modern Vitruvian

Continued from page 7.

Another strong gust caused Henry to shiver. "Probably should have brought my coat. Can I borrow yours?" Dylan nodded and handed his vest over to Henry.

Henry took it from him, but instead of putting it on, he plunged his penknife into the nylon shell and cut a long gash from top to bottom. He shook it violently over his head, and the sky in front of them filled with tufts of goose down, swirling in eddies high into the air. Soon the sky before them was as white. It looked for all the world like they were in the middle of a blizzard.

"What are you doing," Dylan yelled, "that's my coat!"

"It's not that big of a deal," Henry said. "We'll just go get the down and put it back in the vest. It'll be as good as new."

"You're out of your mind. It's gone, and we'll never get it back. Heck, some of it is still fifty feet over our heads," Dylan said, pointing up into the sun.

"Isn't that what you said about your gossip earlier? No big deal? Well, just like these feathers are riding the wind and can never be returned to the vest, every unkind word or belittling act, once uttered or done, can never really be gathered back into your mouth. They are there forever, and they damage, even if only slightly, your Brother's name, reputation, or worse yet, his sense of self worth."

They stood for a long time without a word. Dylan could still see feathers riding the breeze. He thought about all the times he had been unkind to others, even if he was only trying to be funny. He thought about Brother Roger and tried to imagine what it would be like to have that kind of responsibility at such a young age. He couldn't take back what he said, but he knew he would never act that way again.

Henry put his arm around Dylan. "What do I owe you for the coat, kid," he asked, a large grin consuming his whole face.

"Not nearly what I owe you for the lesson, old man. Let's get back to the Lodge. I want to make sure Roger gets my best Degree. He deserves it."

"And that's what he'll get from you. You're his Brother, after all." ❖

So Mote It Be!

Bro. Dennis J. Snedden Nominated for HODEGOS Award

Recognizing the outstanding efforts of volunteers for the Masonic Youth Groups in Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania created the HODEGOS award. (pronounced "ahh-day-goss") The award takes its name from the Greek word hodegos, meaning "a leader, a guide, and an instructor of the inexperienced."

The HODEGOS award is presented to volunteers who have a minimum of seven years of service to a Rainbow Girl Assembly, a Job's Daughter Bethel, or a DeMolay Chapter in Pennsylvania.

Administered by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, the HODEGOS Award recognizes truly outstanding adult leaders of the youth programs, and creates further awareness of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's extensive support of our Masonic Youth.

The Masonic Youth Leader Recognition Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation to develop the criteria and regalia for this award and set the standard for all future nominations.

In nominating Bro. Snedden, the committee said: "We are nominating Mr. Dennis Snedden for the Hodegos Medal Award because:"

- He has been an amazing example of leadership and commitment to every Rainbow girl and DeMolay boy he has ever met.
- He has spent the last 29 years working with and for the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth.
- He has been the frontman behind opening a Chapter, and has helped keep many Assemblies on their feet.
- He works tirelessly for the betterment of our Masonic Youth, and still finds time to help Mrs. Snedden when she needs it.
- He never says no when someone is in need, and jumps at the opportunity to help the Grand Officers with public speaking, ritual, leadership, and life in general.
- He is an essential part of the youth groups' atmosphere, and he deserves recognition for all that he does." ❖

"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company"

– Bro. George Washington

Samuel C. Williamson Plate Presentation

Hiram's Riders of the Valley of Pittsburgh will present Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, 33° with Plate No. 1 in the second in a series of Collector Plates being produced as a tribute to the Grand Masters of Western Pennsylvania. The presentation ceremony will take place following the Stated Meeting of Plum Creek, Monroeville Lodge No. 799 on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

All Masons and their wives are invited to attend to honor Bro. Williamson for his outstanding and continuing service to freemasonry.

Bro. Paul J. Roup, 33°, District Deputy Grand Master of the 54th Masonic District, will also take part in the presentation as a part of his official visitation to the Lodge.

Following a brief meeting of the Lodge, the Lodge will be closed and reopened as an Open Meeting for the Plate Ceremony.

Price of the Collector Plates are $35. and can be purchased that evening at the Lodge. The first plate in the series honored Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° and his plate can also be purchased that evening. ❖

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Wonderling Wonders!

by Jeffrey M. Wonderling, 33°

I wonder – *Why do members of the Valley permit themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues?*

Have you ever wondered what the benefits of your membership in the Scottish Rite really are? What about the benefits of your Blue Lodge membership? What are your rights and privileges? Why do you belong to a Fraternity? Hmmm, so many questions. What are men looking for? In my mind that is the million dollar question.

There are indeed many reasons to belong to a Fraternity and they may not be the same for each person. It may be a tradition that existed in a family for generations. Maybe a friend talked to you about the organization. Could there have been an educational interest? Possibly Freemasonry's influence on the formation of our Country piqued your interest. A relative or friend may have benefited from one of a myriad of charitable endeavors supported by the Fraternity. Did the internet or social media get you started or were you just curious? Does it really matter how you got started? I think not. What matters is what you've done with your membership and what it can do for you.

I confess that I joined the Scottish Rite because many Past Masters for whom I had great respect were members. With few words, they exemplified how we should live. They were the men who made things happen in the community. It was hard not to notice. I quickly learned that your friends determine who you become. I watched and learned. I received an education that has been invaluable in my life. I learned how to improve my life and lives of my family. My Sons became members and have the same set of values. The Irony is that the more you learn, the more you yearn. If you have the "want to" the lessons are there for the taking.

It must also be noted that as your participation increases your network of fraternal acquaintances grows exponentially. Each appendant body offers a different group of men to your network- a network of friends that you can count on. The incredible bond that exists among brothers is already there. They want you to improve and are eager to help you do so. The idea is for you to share your knowledge and experience to improve the next generation of Masons which in turn perpetuates the Fraternity.

What are the material advantages of your membership? I can only answer from my personal viewpoint.

When I hired contractors to build our house I did everything possible to hire a Brother for every job. I was hiring based on my trust in our Fraternal Bond. I travel 14 miles to get a haircut and 25 miles to see an optometrist. I do everything I possibly can to support a Brother, however I have never expected my membership to earn a discount. The only expectation was to receive an honest effort at a fair price, and to be treated with respect. My grandchildren will be able to apply for Abbot Scholarships. The Valley includes the entire family in many of the events. There is a meal and entertainment at every Stated Meeting for the affordable price of $10. There are Christmas parties, Family Walk-a-Thons, Daytona 500 and Super Bowl parties. There are car and motorcycle clubs. There are monthly breakfasts and a Golf Outing. Who can forget the Beans and Blazing Saddles movie event? Where else can you try your hand at acting, robing, makeup or stage-work? I haven't even mentioned the valuable lessons we are taught in our beautiful degrees. I wonder how many good and honorable men, our friends, are eager to become a part of such an organization. I wonder why each of us do not personally market our Fraternity to those friends. I wonder when we will realize that participation in Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Valleys directly improves our culture and the lives of those it touches. I wonder when we will each do our part. I wonder if you and I will take action before it's too late.

Hmmm, I wonder! ❖

Helping Kids With Dyslexia

Monday, March 17, at a St. Patrick's Day observance luncheon at Grant's Bar & Lounge in Millvale, Hiram's Riders president, Bro. Mark E Bliler, 33° (center), launched the annual fundraising project to support the endowment fund of the Pittsburgh Dyslexia Center for Children.

The six pictured with Bro. Bliler that purchased the first $10 tickets on the Tailgate Cooking Grill *(see page 8 for details)* are: (l - r) Bros: Norm Flaherty, 33°, William Zipf, Phil Spano, Mark, Rip Miller, Pete Countouris, and Robert Amend. ❖

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Some Stats to Think About!

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody

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Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.

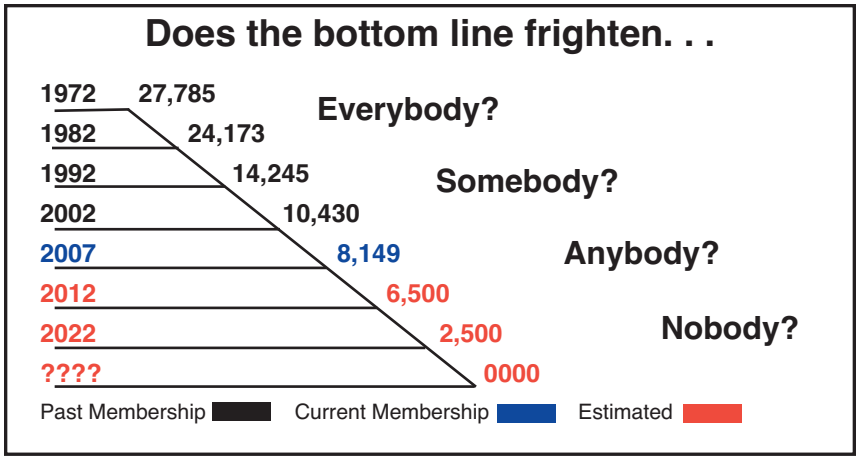
Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job to do it. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody!

Rite News - December 2007

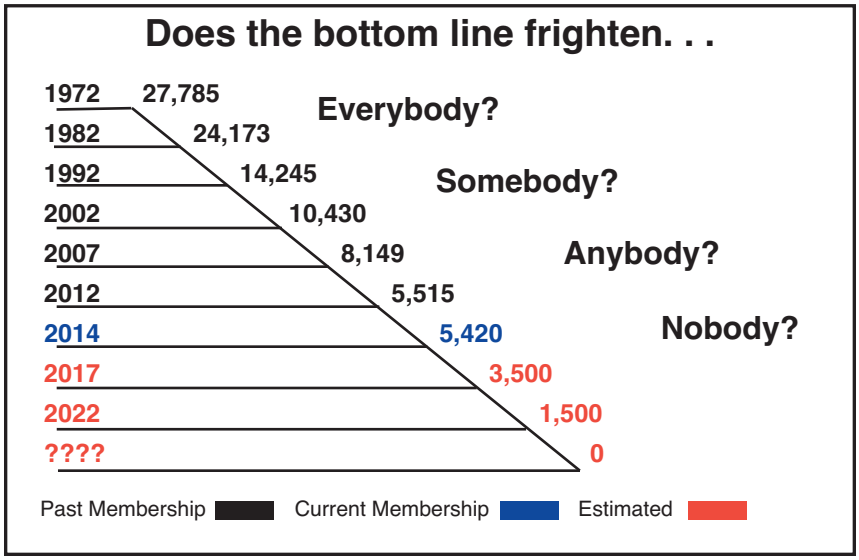
The Membership Stats below were published in the December 2007 issue of the Rite News!

Membership Stats In 2007



7 Years Later

Membership Stats - April 2014



Car Cruise Set for June 1

The Valley of Pittsburgh Vintage / Classic Car Club is preparing for its 2nd annual Valley Summer Cruise. The date is Sunday, June 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center parking lots. There will be over 200 classic cars participating, dash plaques handed out, oldies DJ Clint Stokes playing music, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction baskets, and soda/hot dogs will be available.

A section of the Car Cruise will be devoted to Hiram's Riders Motorcycle Club. Members of Hiram's Riders are welcome to attend and display their motorcycles in the designated area and compete in the 'best of show' trophy as voted on by those in attendance.

The car club has incorporated a "community day" aspect into the car cruise. The Allegheny County Sheriff's Dept. will perform free child ID fingerprint packets, and give out community safety information. Sheriff Deputies will also be volunteering at the cruise to walk the grounds and keep everyone safe. The Ross Twp. Police will again display their SWAT vehicle, a police car, and show kids and adults the inside features of both. Berkeley Hills Fire Department will display their new ladder fire truck, and Ross Twp. Fire Police will be on duty to control traffic in and out of the event.

It is a family event, and the main attraction is the classic cars – ranging from antiques, sports cars, hot rods, classic, and modern muscle cars. Last year was a great example of the wide variety of cars people bring to the cruise. The Club also invites other Pittsburgh Car Clubs to attend as a group. It's a great way to spend an afternoon – walking around, meeting new people, seeing some fun displays, and checking out all the beautiful vehicles. There is also plenty of visitor/spectator parking for the event. The purpose of the Car Cruise is to raise funds for the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center.

Club Officers for 2014 are: Roy Williamson, *President,* Bob Chambers, Jr., *Vice President,* Thomas Fodor, 33°, *Secretary,* Albert Kappeler, 33°, *Treasurer,* and William Keller, Car Cruise Director.

The Club has a Facebook page with news, event info, and lots of photos of members cars along with last years car cruise pictures.

The Club meets once a month at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. You do not need to own a vintage/classic car to join the club. If you have an interest in joining, send an e-mail to valleycarclub@gmail.com and info will be e-mailed to you.

The Club is a great way to meet new people, be active in the Fraternity, and enjoy the hobby!

Hope to see you on Sunday, June 1! ❖

14 Masonic Presidents Kept The Promise of America

Continued from page 4.

WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING

(1865-1923)

29th President (1921-1923)

Brother Harding Masonic Record

Initiated: June 28, 1901

Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio.

Because of some personal antagonism, Brother Harding's advancement was hindered until 1920, by which time he had been nominated for President. Friends persuaded the opposition to withdraw the objection, and on August 27, 1920, nineteen years after his Initiation, he achieved the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in Marion Lodge. At his request, he took the Oath of Office of President of the United States upon the same Bible as was used by Brother George Washington for the same purpose on April 30, 1789 (the Altar Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City). ❖

HARRY S. TRUMAN

(1884-1972)

33rd President (1945-1952)

Brother Truman Masonic Record

Initiated: February 9, 1909,
Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Missouri

In 1911, several Members of Belton Lodge separated to establish Grandview Lodge No. 618, Grandview, Missouri, and Brother Truman served as its first Worshipful Master.

At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, September 24-25, 1940, Brother Truman was elected (by a landslide) the ninety-seventh Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and served until October 1, 1941.

Brother and President Truman was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council on October 19,1945 at the Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction Headquarters in Washington D.C., upon which occasion he served as Exemplar (Representative) for his Class.

He was also elected an Honorary Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

On May 18, 1959, Brother and Former President Truman was presented with a fifty-year award, the only U.S. President to reach that golden anniversary in Freemasonry. ❖

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

(1882-1945)

32nd President (1933-1945)

Brother Roosevelt Masonic Record

Initiated: October 11, 1911

Holland Lodge No. 8, New York City.

Brother Roosevelt participated in the Raising of his son Elliott (1910-1990) on February 17, 1933, in Architect's Lodge No. 519, also in New York City.

He was present, but did not participate in the Degrees when two other sons, James (1907-1991) and Franklin D., Jr. (1914-1988) became Members of their brother Elliott's Lodge, on November 7, 1935.

Brother and President Roosevelt was made the first Honorary Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay on April 13, 1934 at the White House.

Governor of New York, 1929-1933. ❖

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

(1913-2006)

38th President (1974-1977)

Brother Ford Masonic Record

Initiated: September 30, 1949,

Malta Lodge No. 465,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Along with his half-brothers Thomas Gardner Ford (1918-1995), Richard Addison Ford (1924-) and James Francis Ford (1927-1995). The Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees were Conferred by Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., on April 20 and May 18, 1951 as a courtesy to Malta Lodge.

Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar for his Class. Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, April 6-9, 1975; he held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master, receiving his Collar and Jewel on October 24, 1978 in Topeka, Kansas, from the Hon. Thomas C. Raum, Jr., Grand Master, Order of DeMolay. ❖

GOLF
For Dyslexia

Join us for a grand day of Charity Golf at the annual Valley of Pittsburgh Golf Outing benefiting the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center.

The Golf outing will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with play beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Player fee is $90 which includes a golfer's gift, bag service, greens fees, cart, snack at the turn, lunch and awards.

For "non-golfers" wanting to attend the fellowship luncheon, the cost is $25.

We are limited to 120 Golfers, but unlimited as to Program Sponsorships or Charitable Donations in any amount.

The Children's Dyslexia Center is the only one of its kind in the Pittsburgh area offering FREE tutoring. To continue this magnificent program we must annually raise at least $125,000 to cover material, and educational expenses.

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Currently there are 36 students enrolled in this 28 week (during the school year) reading/learning program and a long waiting list of children who can benefit from it.

Please share this information with those who might want to golf in this event, or be a Sponsor, or make a Donation to the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center.

Golf and Luncheon reservation deadline is June 2, 2014. Make checks payable and mail to: Charity Golf Tournament, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

For questions about sponsorships, program advertising, or general information, please call or e-mail the Valley office:

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YOUTH NEWS

Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation

Rose Croix Class 2014

On Saturday, March 8, members and friends of PA DeMolay gathered at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center to hold their annual induction class sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix.

The degree teams arrived around 10 a.m. to practice for the day. The Initiatory Degree was conferred in the beautiful Franklin Room, while the cast of the DeMolay Degree had the opportunity to perform on the big stage in the auditorium!

The Initiatory Degree was conferred by Bro. Lorenzo Rodriguez, State Senior Councilor from Northeast Chapter in Philadelphia, with the 4th Section being performed by Bro. Isaac Holtzer, Deputy State Master Councilor, of Westmoreland Chapter in Greensburg.

The DeMolay Degree was anchored with performances from Bro. Cain Gulbrandsen, of Templar Chapter in Pittsburgh as Jacques DeMolay and Bro. Thome' Orenga, of Erie Chapter, as the Master Inquisitor.

Following the ceremonies, each DeMolay was presented with a commemorative DeMolay fleece sweatshirt thanks to the generosity of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix.

Following the Class, the program moved to the Union Dale Cemetery, just North of Pittsburgh, to pay tribute to the man who founded the Order in the Commonwealth, "Dad" Ralph C. Minehart.

While the day was overcast and a chill wind whipped through the air, the DeMolays and Advisors were warmed by the words of several presenters, who paid tribute to "Uncle" Ralph. "Dad" and Sir Knight Ray Gottschall, Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 9 in Reading, PA, paid tribute on behalf of all of the Sir Knights of Pennsylvania. "Dad" Robert F. Dunkle, representing the Valley of Pittsburgh, AASR, provided thoughts on behalf of the Scottish Rite. "Dad" Dave Williamson, Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then provided a rousing oratory reminding those present that just as one man changed the lives of thousands, so, too, can present day DeMolays.

Bro. Matthew Maple, State Master Councilor, of George Washington Chapter in Chambersburg, then provided words on behalf of the DeMolays of today and, with the assistance of the other Elected State Officers, laid a wreath on the hallowed ground. Each person was then asked to lay their own flower on the grave in memory of "Dad" Minehart. The ceremony was closed with the 9 O'Clock Interpolation, performed by Bro. Alex Rodriguez, State Senior Councilor.

PA DeMolay is proud to announce that the grave of "Dad" Minehart has been permanently endowed. Each year, on January 17, a bouquet of flowers will be placed on his grave in memory of the day that PA DeMolay was founded with the chartering of Templar Chapter. ❖

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DeMolay members paid tribute to Bro. Ralph C. Minehart, the founder of Pennsylvania DeMolay, at his grave in North Hills.

Convention to be Held in July

Pennsylvania DeMolay will be holding its annual Convention from July 18 - 20, at the Inn at Reading, in Reading, PA.

Convention 2014 promises three days of fun, food and fraternalism that is unique to Pennsylvania DeMolay and is geared toward DeMolays, Advisors, family and friends.

Friday will include an optional tour of the Reading Museum and Planetarium followed by four hours of fun and the Works at Wyomissing, playing video games.

Saturday will bring the business session and the election of officers followed by the annual Awards Luncheon when competition winners will be announced and certificates and checks presented to the winning chapters and individuals. Visiting dignitaries representing all of the Masonic Family in Pennsylvania will be in attendance to take part in this celebration of achievement. A special surprise guest speaker will then join everyone for a presentation on the founding of DeMolay in honor of this, the end of the 90th anniversary celebration.

Later in the afternoon the DeMolay International Legion of Honor will be conferred upon an impressive group of outstanding Senior DeMolays and Master Masons.

Perhaps the biggest event of all will be the 90th Anniversary Ball to be held on Saturday evening. This is going to be a dance for the record books, as the Diablo Sandwich Band, a full 8 piece ensemble, will be playing live music. The ballroom will be decked out for the event, which is sure to be one long remembered.

Sunday morning will bring the traditional buffet breakfast, worship service and Installation of the newly elected state officers. ❖

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David W. Morgans, 33°, *Chairman*

Greetings Brethren.

On Saturday April 12, 2014 the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite welcomed in 30 new members at our Spring Class.

Welcome Brethren and may this truly be the enriching journey of your lifetime! Those words, "the enriching journey of your lifetime", come from the end of the 4th Degree or the Master Traveler Degree. So what's the deal? To what does "the journey of your lifetime" refer? Well, in the 4th Degree those words refer to several things. As you watch the degree unfold those words refer to seeing all 29 Scottish Rite degrees at some point in your life. Those 29 degrees exemplify the lessons taught in the Scottish Rite. They build upon the foundations of the lessons taught in the three Blue Lodge degrees. Now, of course, it does not take a lifetime to see all 29 Scottish Rite degrees but it does take time and planning on your part to make room in your schedule to see all the degrees at various Reunions throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

"The enriching journey of your lifetime" also refers to the company you keep in the Scottish Rite. Our lives are enriched when we find good travelling partners for our life journeys. I am sure that each one of you reading this article have good travelling partners outside of this fraternity but inside your home lodges and certainly inside the Valley of Pittsburgh you will find many good men to share a stretch of the road with you. You will find that the destination you seek in life will be that much richer when you travel with brethren who are genuinely concerned for your well-being and success in life.

"The enriching journey of your lifetime" refers to the opportunities you have to attend social events in the Valley of Pittsburgh. There will be chances to have dinner and entertainment for you and your lady at stated meetings, the Passion Play, Oktoberfest meal, and Christmas party. There will be baseball games, movie nights and other fellowship opportunities like Hiram Riders motorcycle group or the newly formed Antique and Classic Car Club. In addition to fellowship there are opportunities to support the Children's Dyslexia Center through your donations or participation in the annual golf outing and Walk for Dyslexia. There are opportunities to serve the Valley as a leader or through acting in our degrees, singing in the choir, helping out with the stage crew, wardrobe, make-up & wigging, or lights and sound. Whatever your interest there is probably a place for you to enrich your journey and the journey's of others by plugging yourself into one of the many areas of Valley life.

"The enriching journey of your lifetime" doesn't happen by chance, it takes an investment on your part in order to be truly enriching. I can honestly say that my life has been enriched through my life in the Valley of Pittsburgh. Some of my best friends and most trusted Brothers are members of the Valley. The investment that I have made has paid me back in ways that I never expected and I look forward to seeing what lies ahead in my Masonic travels. I hope that each of you is looking forward to your journey in Scottish Rite Masonry and that you take every opportunity that appeals to you to experience life in the Valley. I think you will find that it truly is "the enriching journey of your lifetime." ❖

He will be missed but not forgotten.

Brother David P. Rihl, P.M. was a 53 year Colorado Mason.

He was a Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 620 in Sewickley, a 32° Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite Mason, Syria Shriner, and York Rite Mason.

Brother Rihl was one of the first residents to move into the Independent Retirement Living Community at the Masonic Village at Sewickley when it first opened.

He was one of the founding members of the Wm. Slater II Master Mason's Club and dedicated himself to helping others improve their quality of life, especially the residents of the Personal Care and the Nursing Home.

He was a true Mason who will be missed - but not forgotten. ❖

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The 7th Enchanted Evening at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

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The Enchanted Evening is unique to the Masonic Village at Sewickley and is an elegant event planned for the enjoyment by the female residents located in the Star Points and Thomas K. Sturgeon Health Care units.

This, the 7th year was no exception. It was an evening of fine dining and entertainment organized by Bros. Tracy Miller and David Rihl, who co-chair the spectacular.

(On a sad note, Bro. Rihl passed away on April 12, 2014)

Financially, it is supported by the Masonic Lodges, OES Chapters in Western Pennsylvania, the Retirement Living Residents, staff, friends, and family members. The event is coordinated by the Enchanted Committee: Ann Beck, Pete Countouris, Karen Hammond, Jenny McCorkle and Cindy Stefl.

Each female health-care resident, deemed by the staff to be able to attend, receives a hand addressed invitation. On the day of the big event a group of ladies from Retirement Living, calling themselves *The Primpers,* help the party ladies (134 of them) with their make-up, jewelry, hair style, etc.

Before entering the dining room, each *Queen* is presented with an wrist corsage, has her photograph taken as a remembrance of the evening, and is escorted to the dining room to enjoy a dinner fit for a Queen.

Dinner began with a Champagne Cocktail, Assorted Cheeses, Fresh Fruit and Petite Canapes.

Surf & Turf, Lobster Casablanca garnished with Ossetra Caviar and Sauteed Balsamic Glazed Filet Mignon Bites. Entree served with Pan-Roasted Marble Potatoes and Heirloom Winter Vegetables.

Banana Cream Trifle was served for dessert – all prepared by the excellent Culinary Staff of the Masonic Village under the direction of Bro. Pete Countouris.

Mark M. Venneri, a professional pianist, provided background music.

The Enchanted Evening is all about the Ladies. Each and every one of them is considered a Guest of Honor and made to feel like a Queen.

To experience it is to appreciate the hard work that goes into it. ❖

Sylvia Joseph

The Crew!

Those who do the work.

1st row: Tracy Miller, Roberta Marushock, David Rihl, Art Williams. *2nd row:* Tracy Leja, Ann Beck, Karen Hammond, Nancy Davis, Eric Gross, Cindy Stefl, Tim Reichard. *(not pictured:* Jenny McCorkle, Pete Countouris).

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Thanks Donors! You *again* made the Enchanted Evening a great success!

Hazel Swihart

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Calendar of Masonic Events

May 2014

20 - Samuel C. Williamson, 33° Plate Presentation, Plum Creek, Monroeville Lodge No. 799
23 - Celebration of Education, GPMC
24 - A Night at the Races, GPMC, Grotto
26 - Memorial Day Parade, Coraopolis, PA - 1:30 p.m.
27 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
31 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

June 2014

05 - VALLEY STATED MEETING
07 - Charity Golf, Butler's Golf Course
12 - Bike & Car Show, Lodge 716, Picnic @ 6:00 p.m.
14 - Shrine Gun Bash, Shrine Pavillion
24 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
27 - Pirate Baseball with New York Mets, PNC Park
28 - Meeting in the Hills, Dawson, PA
28 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
29 - Hiram's Riders Ride for Dyslexia,

July 2014

04 - Brentwood 4th of July Parade, 10:00 a.m.
04 - Canonsburg 4th of July Parade, 10:00 a.m.
22 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
26 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

August 2014

01 - Shrine/Scottish Rite Picnic, Kennywood Park
02 - Picnic with the Grand Master, Masonic Village at Sewickley
22 - Wild Things Baseball, Consol Park, Washington, PA
26 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
30 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

September 2014

04 - VALLEY STATED MEETING
22 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
27 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

October 2014

04 - Walk for Dyslexia, GPMC
11 - Tom Sturgeon Roast, GPMC
25 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
28 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley

November 2014

06 - VALLEY STATED MEETING
19, 20 - Fall Reunion Class, GPMC
25 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
29 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

December 2014

06 - Valley Christmas Luncheon, Shanoppin Country Club
13 - Valley Children's Christmas Party, GPMC
20 - Hiram's Riders Christmas Luncheon, Grants Bar
23 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley

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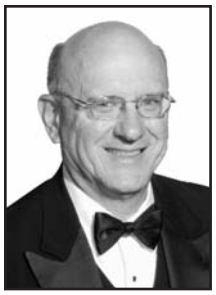

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Most Wise Master

My name is Donald W. Boehm, 33° and I am thrilled and honored to assume the office of *Commander-in-Chief* of Pennsylvania Consistory together with Bro. Paul J. Roup, 33°, *Thrice Potent Master* of the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Robert F. Dunkle, 32°, *Most Wise Master* of Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix and Bro. Austin R. Shifrin, 32°, *Sovereign Prince* of the Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem. We will assume our positions on Friday, August 1, 2014.

Many of you know me as Lincoln, in our numerous "Lincoln Degree" performances, having visited over 50 lodges in the last four years. Our 'players' have garnered good-will and lasting fraternal relationships between Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge, and we hope to cultivate those friendships into mutual success for both of us in the future. A sincere *thank you* to the officers and members of those lodges who invited us into their house for special nights of fraternal brotherhood.

My initial message as Commander-in-Chief could be on those persistent demons that haunt us year in and out such as, declining membership, member retention, rising operational costs and decreased funding from Lexington for our Children's Dyslexia Center. All Masonic organizations face these same problems, and there are no easy answers, but we will cope and perceiver as always. So instead of 'gloom and doom', let's focus on the positive.

Our financial base is strong and growing, thanks to wise investment strategies, and common sense budgeting by the Executive Committee and Trustees. We are good stewards of your dues and take that responsibility very seriously.

We also have a dedicated corps of officers, and committee chiefs, who give so much personal time and effort to insure our success. With that combination in mind, I have created a central theme going forward which is: **DISCOVER/REDISCOVER the Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh.**

We want Master Masons to DISCOVER what an outstanding fraternal organization we have in the ritual, social and charitable aspects of Masonry. There is no better value for your dues dollar anywhere, so if you are not Scottish Rite, check us out and we will give you a reason to **DISCOVER the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh.**

We also want our inactive members to REDISCOVER the Valley they joined, so I have changed the playbook a bit to achieve that end. We will have a Tom Sturgeon Roast on October 11 which is sure to be a classic. There will be a Night at the Races in May of next year which we have never done. There will be a FREE, one card Bingo Night for the Ladies at the June and September stated meetings with $500 given away. How about Door Prizes at each stated meeting including Penguin Hockey Tickets? How about a Johnny Angel and the Halos at the April meeting?

There will be Master Mason Open House nights, so bring your Lodge brothers and wives to these FREE concerts, and they just might **DISCOVER,** and you might **REDISCOVER the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh!**

We are going forward with the hammer down and full speed ahead. These outside the box programs are a good way to jump start the Valley and invigorate the membership, so get on board and **DISCOVER / REDISCOVER the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh.** ❖

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Don

Donald W. Boehm, 33°

Spes Mea In Deo Est

WALK

It's not too early to think about this year's Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia.

The eleventh annual event will be held on Saturday, October 4 at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. As in the past, on-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the actual Walk starting at 10.

This is the main fundraiser to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center, and there are many ways that you can participate in this worthwhile cause:

- We need walkers (both individuals and teams)
- Donations for the Basket Raffle
- Food and beverages for the refreshment table
- Volunteers to help the day of the Walk.

Please consider how you can help us this year.

You or your team can participate either actually or virtually—walking the 5K at the Center on October 4, or imagining you are walking the 5K.

Ask your lodge, organization or family if they would like to enter a team in this year's walk. Please contact the Center, 412-931-3181 or pghdyslexiacenter@comcast.net to request a team packet.

Whatever level of participation you can help us with will not only be appreciated but the contributions you will raise will help the Center continue its mission of providing free tutoring to those children who face the challenge of dyslexia every day.

The Center is grateful to all those teams, individuals, and contributors who have helped us in the past and hope that you will choose to join us again.

If you have not participated before, we hope that 2014 will be the year that you decide to do so. Remember it is the children at the Center who will benefit from your participation. ❖

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