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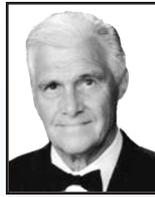
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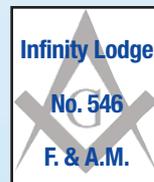
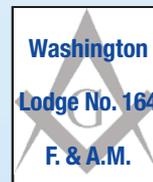
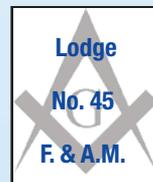
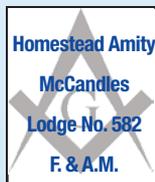
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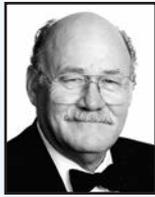
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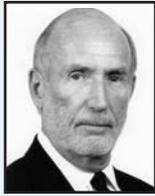
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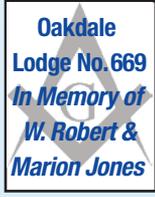
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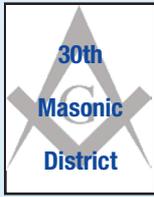
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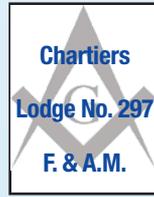
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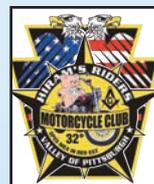
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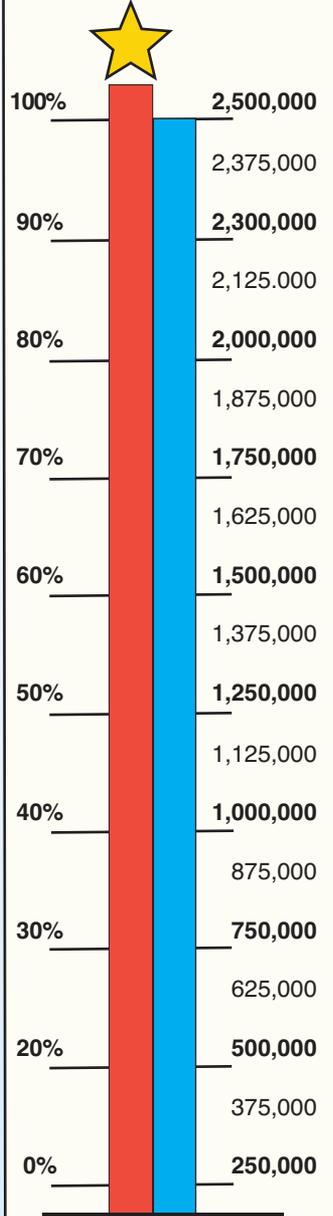


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CALL TO DUTY

By Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°

Deputy for Pennsylvania

Consider this a Valley wide call to duty to all members who appreciate this wonderful Fraternity of Freemasonry and especially to the 32nd degree Scottish Rite masons. We all need to be very concerned about the steady decline in our membership numbers.

Decline in numbers reflect directly with our Fraternity's financial stability. Our greatest appreciation is the relationship we have with our brothers and that indescribable bond of brotherhood that exists from one brother to another.

The future of the Fraternity is the responsibility of each of us and we now have a great opportunity to do our duty, by evaluating those men whom we know who are not members, and inviting them to become members.

On October 29, 2016 the Grand Master has declared a ONE DAY MASONIC JOURNEY where a man can receive all Symbolic Lodge degrees in one day, also join the Scottish Rite and receive his 32nd degree, and join the Shrine. All Master Masons, the men who will join in this great event, and those Master Masons who have previously been Master Masons, can join the Scottish Rite for FREE, no cost! This elimination of the entrance or initiation fee is only for this day!

The duty call is for each of us to find good men and welcome them to become Master Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, and Shriners. When is the last time you have done your duty to help rebuild, or at least maintain our membership numbers? The time is NOW!

Are you proud to be a Mason? Think about it and if the answer is that you are proud, then take this great opportunity to share that Fraternal feeling with other good men by inviting them to become a member. Again, I state, THE TIME IS NOW!

I thank each of you for the extreme privilege to serve as an Active Member and the Deputy for the Scottish Rite in Pennsylvania.

Let's all go to work for this CALL TO DUTY!

About the Cover . . .

Congratulations Ghost Light Theater

What a Show! The acting was first class - rivaling professional Broadway! The direction was superb! Set production was first-class! Lighting! sound and special effects were perfect! Make-up girls did a fantastic job! Costuming was right on! And, was it a success? YOU BET IT WAS!

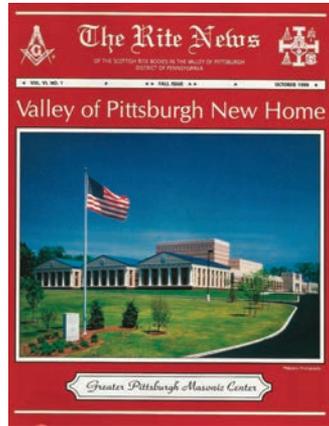
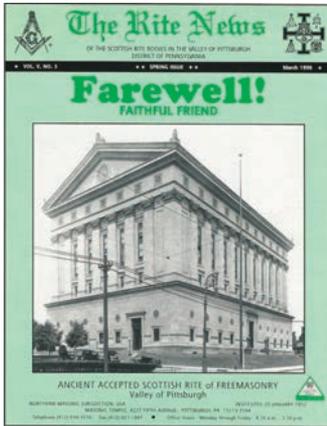
And, Brethren, you missed a top-rate, first class, theatrical treat that you would be hard pressed to find anywhere for less than \$100 a ticket - and it was all FREE. How's that for what the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh offers its members? Did the audience like it? They sure did from the ovation reaction at the curtain call.

Congratulations to – Todd Ballenger, Jonathan Ballinger, Rodney Boyce, Jennifer Calderone, Jim Flanigan, Rob Holderbaum, Bill Holman, Sam Jessee, Bill Johnston, Will Johnston, Duane Kielman, Pete Leary, Jim Mayes, Dave Moore, Leslie Moore, Dave Morgans, P.J. Roup, Holly Slobodnik, Tom Sturgeon, Cab Whitaker, Brian Wilding, Attala Williams and Jeff Wonderling.

Are you interested in being a part of the Ghost Light Theater group? If so, send an email to P.J. Roup, *Director*, at pittmason@yahoo.com

TWENTY SHORT YEARS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Home of the

Valley of Pittsburgh

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A

- **September 21, 1994** - Ground breaking ceremonies by RWGM George H. Hohenschildt, 33°.
- **October 9, 1995** - Capstone laying ceremony by RWGM George H. Hohenschildt, 33°.
- **April 26, 1996** - Lodge 45 holds first Stated Meeting.
- **June 6, 1996** - First Scottish Rite Stated Meeting.
- **November 15, 16, 1996** - First Scottish Rite Class.
- **May 3, 1997** - Lodge Rooms Dedicated by RWGM Edward O. Weisser, 33°.
- **December 27, 1997** - RWGM James L. Ernette, 33°, installed as the 112th Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.
- **December 27, 2003** - RWGM William Slater II, 33°, installed as the 115th Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.
- **Home to 15 other Masonic Bodies:**

Lodge No. 45

Milnor Lodge No. 287

McKinley/Stuckrath Lodge No. 318

Dallas Lodge No. 231

Corinthian Lodge No. 573

Franklin/St. John/Trinity Lodge No. 221

Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 725

Zerubbabel/Duquesne Chapter No. 162

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Pittsburgh Commandry No. 1

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United States Premiere Conclave,

Red Cross of Constantine

Roland C. Fisher Mark Lodge No. 401

Golden Triangle York Rite College No. 32

To those of us who have witnessed the last twenty years, it seems like yesterday! But look at the trees in the cover picture and look at them now. They grew! But, as most organizations are experiencing, we are not growing, just the opposite.

In 1996, The Valley of Pittsburgh had 11,946 members. Today, we have 5,415 members - a net loss of 6,531 or an average of 326+ members per year.

The Grand Master, the Deputy for Pennsylvania, the Valley Membership Chairman, are all asking **YOU** to help. Brethren, it's our Duty to support the *One-Day Masonic Journey*. It's a great opportunity to begin to grow! Let's go hand-in-hand with unanimity! Are you on board?



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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Classic Car Club

The Vintage/Classic Car Club was formed in 2013 to provide a Club for Fellowship of members who share a love for Antique and Classic Cars.

We sponsor two Cruises each summer to help support the School for Dyslexia.

If you would like to join us, contact Bro. Bob Chambers, *President*:

rmchambers71@gmail.com

or Bill Keller, *Vice President*:

billwrk1@verizon.net



Vintage-Classic Car Club

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Let's Talk About The . . .

One-Day Masonic Journey!

Jeffrey M. Wonderling 33°
Valley Membership Chairman



The time of year has come to cut the grass, plant the garden, or maybe open the pool, and yet, we must have in the periphery the falling of leaves, maybe the making of sauerkraut and the **2016 One Day Masonic Journey**. It will be here before we know it.

My Brethren, there is much work to do and I am asking for your help. Now is the time to identify quality men and give them the opportunity to become a Mason.

If you are not comfortable talking with these folks about the Fraternity and Scottish Rite, just shoot me an email at j1derling@comcast.net and I will present the Fraternity to them. I cannot think of a more valuable gift you could give to your friend.

I remind you to approach only those men that you would trust in your home or with your wife or girlfriend. Brethren, we must guard the West Gate and only allow honorable, trustworthy men to enter. In recognition of the sacrifices by our men in the Armed services, all active and retired military will be given the opportunity to become a Mason at a \$100 reduction in initiation fees.

Now I ask you to assist me with a much easier task. Join with me in talking about the Scottish Rite. You might ask – why is this assignment easier? Well, its simple, any Master Mason will be eligible to become a 32nd Degree Mason **absolutely free** of the normal fees. This is indeed an

historic event. All we need to do is ask anyone we attend Lodge with if he is a Scottish Rite Mason and if not simply make them aware of this opportunity. But our labors do not end quite yet. We each need to do our part in making their Masonic experience memorable.

A new member in any of our organizations should be invited to Lodge. We should insist on picking him up and taking him to the meeting. He should not be left alone but should be made to feel valuable and welcomed. That's the Fraternal thing to do. Along the same line of thought, we each should fellowship with all present and make everyone feel at home. That, my Brethren, is how you build an organization. Simple but too often neglected practices that would go a long way in making the events and meetings places where men would want to be. Information about Freemasonry and how to join can be found at the Grand Lodge website, pamasons.org/join/

Petitions for Blue Lodge can be accessed at pamasons.org/petitions/ Information about Scottish Rite can be found at valleyofpittsburgh.org and a petition can be accessed at valleyofpittsburgh.org/about/how-to-join.php

We feel we have put in place a very inviting opportunity and I hope to see you and a friend on October 29th. ❖

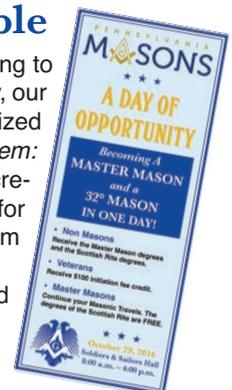
"Foot to Foot"

Personalized Brochure Available

A new brochure is available for your use in explaining to a potential candidate the One-Day of Opportunity, our Fraternity and how to proceed. The brochure is personalized with your name, address and phone. *Here's how to get them:* Call the Scottish Rite office at 412-939-3579 and the secretary will take your information, personalize the brochure for you and send you as many as you need. (we have them for both 32° & 33° masons)

Present your potential candidate with the brochure and follow up later with any further information he may need.

There is a deadline for completing applications forms of Monday, August 22. Questions? 412-939-3579. ❖



I Did It My Way

by Donald W. Boehm, 33°



My Dear Brothers:

As my tenure as Commander-in-Chief will soon expire, this will be my last *Rite News* article addressing the general membership. It has been a wonderful six years as a Consistory Line Officer, and Brother Dave Morgans is ready to step in to lead and maintain the high standard of our

beloved Valley.

When I accepted the position of 2nd Lt. Commander six years ago, the interviewing Executive Committee asked me what my vision would be for our Valley. I told them it would not be "business as usual", and if that was what they expected, then I was the wrong man. So now it is report card time, and I reflect back on what my leadership has meant to this Valley.

Here are 10 of my "not business as usual" accomplishments as a Scottish Rite Officer which I feel have benefited our Valley and Scottish Rite Masonry.

1. Working Man's Special

About eight years ago, this was the first one day class at the GPMC, and making it a Saturday only event, we took in 148 new members, instead of the usual 25 to 30 for a traditional two day class. Thanks to Bill Roberts who came up with the great name.

2. Lodge Rebate Class

The following year, I proposed a Lodge Rebate Class, where we rebated \$100.00 of the \$200.00 initiation fee back to the candidate's Lodge. This gave Blue Lodges the incentive to want their members to join the Scottish Rite, and the 55 candidates generated \$5,500.00 of income to their respective Lodges.

3. Lincoln Degree Visitations

We performed at over 60 Blue Lodges, the Masonic Village at Sewickley, the Carnegie Museum and Library in Carnegie, an Ohio Masonic Lodge, and even an outdoor river park in Monessen where we watched two drunken Grandmothers get into a beer throwing fight, with one carted off in a squad car. (true story, just ask John Kovac) I estimate that our membership gain from those Lodge programs to be about 250. It also generated over \$6,000.00 in donations for our Children's Dyslexia Center, and created close and long lasting friendships with our Blue Lodge Base.

4. Secretary Email Contacts

I spent countless hours emailing the Secretaries of our Lodges inquiring about their Scottish Rite members in dues arrears, and found many to be suspended, deceased or in medical or financial hardship which we could help. The four times I did this resulted in about 150 taken off our rolls, or aided through our Hospitaler.

5. Mass Mailings

A strategy I employed for promoting membership, as well as attendance at some stated meetings, was to persuade Grand Lodge to send us lists of local members for those promotions. The result was increased numbers at Class Reunions as well as stated meetings.

6. Masonic Village at Sewickley Donation

I can proudly say I made the motion to donate \$50,000 to the Masonic Village, and we have also supported their Enchanted Evening and the men's pizza party. Brother Tracy Miller has become a valuable asset to us, as well as a good friend of mine, and staunchly supports all of our Valley programs.

7. Push for Younger Officers

I have long advocated getting younger guys in positions of leadership, because making them the face of Scottish Rite is the best way to draw younger members. Some of the older past presiding officers didn't like this, but Billy Johnston Jr. is a prime example of why it is the right thing to do.

8. Degree Work

I have appeared in 20 of the 29 degrees, and have played the lead or second lead role in 17 of them. I think it is time for me to retire and let others step up to the plate.

9. Stated Meetings

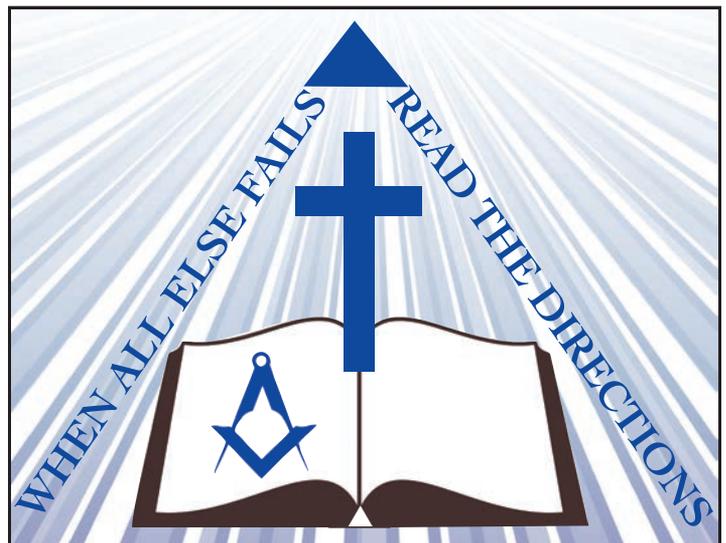
Ladies bingo, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and SHORT meetings with high quality entertainment have been my best achievements as Commander-in-Chief. Throw in casual dress nights, free September meals, and meetings in the auditorium at times, and these two years have been anything but "business as usual".

10. Partnering with the Duquesne Tamburitzans

I have struck up a relationship with the Duquesne Tamburitzans which will continue on to the future. They will perform a benefit concert in 2016 for free, and we hope to raise \$10,000 for the Children's Dyslexia Center, which might become a yearly event. Could you have imagined 30 or 40 years ago, a Catholic based University, and a Masonic organization teaming up for each others benefit? This ain't your Grandfather's Scottish Rite any more!

Brethren, I am proud of my accomplishments as a Scottish Rite officer, but I will let history and the membership be my judge. Like Frank Sinatra, "I Did It My Way", but new leaders have to do it "Their Way", and success can take many paths.

Lets continue to work together for the good of our Valley, and I thank you all for the honor of being your Commander-in-Chief. ❖



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Valley Officer Receives National Honor

Rose Croix officer, Brother Rodney E. Boyce, 33°, Most Wise Master, and an instructor at the Douglas Education Center in Monessen, PA, along with eight of his



moving to Florida with her family in the 1970s, where she met Brian and they started their hockey family.

Bro. Boyce led the eight students involved in

the project through a series of draft submissions before the final Hockey Mom Foundation logo was selected by the Board of Directors.

“The resulting logo perfectly combines the most important elements of hockey with the symbolism that the Hockey Mom Foundation hopes will help enable it to become a major fund raising force to achieve our mission,” said Craven. “The colors in the four elevated sticks symbolize the four deadliest cancers that too often take our Hockey Moms, and the sticks are positioned upward in a way that evokes the image of a heart and angel wings.”

To recognize the Douglas Education Center Instructor Rodney Boyce and the eight students involved in the logo project, the Hockey Mom Foundation presented them with special certificates of appreciation, a small cash award, and a pizza party after the May 4 ceremony that included the official public unveiling of the new primary logo.

“We are proud to be able to make this special Hockey Mom Foundation logo possible by engaging our faculty and students in a school project that demonstrates how art and life intersect in special, powerful ways,” said Boyce.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Douglas Education Center President and CEO Jeff Imbrescia, made a \$1,000 donation to the Hockey Mom Foundation, noting his family’s involvement with the sport and the fact that his Mother died of cancer.

The first official use of the logo is on the 2015 Hockey Mom Foundation Annual Report, which can be found at the www.hockeymomfoundation.org website. Hockey Mom Foundation is also on Facebook. ♦

Editor Note:

Bro. Boyce, a past DDGM of the 30th District, also operates his own design business, Square Peg Design.

Congratulations to you Bro. Rodney and to your eight students.

design students were honored at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 4 by the national Hockey Mom Foundation for the creation of the primary national logo to represent the mission of the national non-profit Foundation.

The Hockey Mom Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of hockey families in Buffalo, NY, Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, IL, and Orlando, FL.

Hockey Mom Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit, is an all-volunteer organization that honors Hockey Moms everywhere by making grants to non-profit causes focused on helping hockey players achieve educational goals, furthering cancer research, and the care of cancer patients.

The Hockey Mom’s first donation was to Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY, to underwrite a trial of a new brain cancer vaccine, SurVaxM. The donation was made in honor of Judy Rechan, one of the Hockey Moms who inspired the creation of the Hockey Mom Foundation, who died of brain cancer.

“In all the Hockey Mom Foundation’s missions, we strive to match the sense of impeccable organization, fierce determination, and sincere compassion all Hockey Moms show as they give us the sport we love, from nurturing to teaching their kids to skate, to getting them to the rink on time, to reminding them that fun should always be part of the game,” said John Duke, President of the Hockey Mom Foundation Board of Directors.

As a national organization supporting Hockey Moms across the nation, the decision was made by the Board to commission the creation of a logo that would resonate with every player, and in every rink. To achieve that, a request was made to Douglas Education Center in Monessen, PA. The school’s Graphic Design and Digital Illustration program includes Instructor Rodney Boyce, a cousin of Pam Craven, a long-time Hockey Mom and wife of Board member Brian Craven who died of a rare form of ovarian cancer. Pam was originally from Pittsburgh before

PENNSYLVANIA MASONSONS A Day of Opportunity

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Soldiers & Sailors Hall

Pittsburgh (Oakland Section) PA 15213

06:00 – 07:45 am Candidate Registration
07:55 – 08:05 am Grand Lodge Opens
08:05 – 09:05 am Entered Apprentice Degree
09:05 – 09:25 am Entered Apprentice Education
09:25 – 09:40 am Break
09:40 – 10:25 am Fellowcraft Degree
10:25 – 10:40 am Fellowcraft Education
10:40 – 11:50 am Master Masons Degree

Benediction – Break for Lunch

11:50 – 12:30 pm Lunch
12:30 – 12:50 pm Master Masons Education
12:50 – 01:10 pm Grand Lodge Closes
01:10 – 01:25 pm York Rite
01:25 – 02:30 pm Scottish Rite
02:30 - 02:45 pm Break
02:45 - 03:55 pm Scottish Rite
03:55 - 04:10 pm Break
04:10 - 04:45 pm Shrine

Who to Call for Pittsburgh Information

Grand Lodge

Thomas M. Gasmire, PDDGM, *Coordinator*
724-747-3960

Scottish Rite

Donald M. Murphy, 33°, *Valley of Pittsburgh*
412-939-3579

Jason F. Craig, 33°, *Valley of Uniontown*
724-833-2659

Shrine

W. David Johnston, *Recorder*
724-274-7000

Dues & Fees to Accompany One Day Petitions

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| (100%) Lodge Initiation + Fee | (100%) G.L. Petition + Fee | (100%) George Washington + MNMA* | (25%) Annual Lodge Dues | (25%) Grand Lodge Dues |
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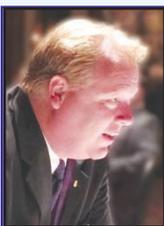
\$175 + 100 + 5 + 18.75 + 6.25
(Per By-Laws) = \$305

*Contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

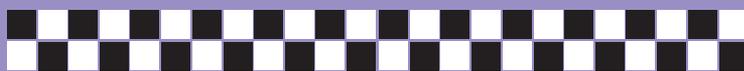
Candidate Proficiency

Lodges are required to have members available to instruct their candidates.

Mentoring is to begin at the One Day Masonic Journey and continue on an ongoing basis.



Upon the Checkered Pavement



D. Todd Ballenger, 33, Feature Writer

Confessions of One Angry Man

I did it.

I never really imagined that things would escalate the way they did, but then, there you are, in the middle of the chaos, and you just act - or react. In the heat of the moment, does anyone ever really know? You act on feeling - go with your gut - and if the other guy flinches, well then, you've got him. But even though you've put him down, have you won? Is it really about winning - or losing? Which is more tragic - losing face in a room full of your peers, or losing sight of something more important than your own ego? Something like another life; or maybe even the truth.

I confess I don't know. I'm afraid all I do know is the knotted feeling in my stomach nagging that there was more - something else going on behind the curtain, wedged between the obvious and the invisible. That fear I do know. And despite the fear, I just had to find it, that elusive something, no matter the cost. I didn't care what they thought or how long it took. I had to try. That's it. That's all there is. I went with my gut.

And I did it.

— Juror Eight

Recently, I had the privilege of performing as part of the cast of the Ghost Light Theater Company's production of 12 Angry Men. This play, originally scripted for television in 1954 by Reginald Rose, puts twelve very different men in a jury room to decide the fate of a 19-year old murder suspect based on a collection of convincing and seemingly unshakable pieces of evidence and testimony.

At first, the jurors combine to form a nearly overwhelming vote in favor of one verdict, while a single rather unassuming voice presses for a more thorough review of the evidence. Slowly, through persistence and open, sometimes cathartic discussion, the group arrives at a unanimous conclusion and a somewhat different understanding of the truth.

As Brother Tom Labagh, of the Valley of Harrisburg, remarked: "I never realized how contemporary this 1950's play is. The subjects of poverty, immigrants, and an

angry population ring as true today as they did when it was first performed." Yes, Brother, and the fact that they are still ringing is evidence that we have much yet to learn.

But just what are we supposed to learn from this production? On one level, yes, a single crusader may have saved an innocent from the injustice of prejudice and overbearing presumption. However, the play never identifies the murderer. The jury's task is to wrestle with the issue of doubt - and perhaps something else even more damaging. Fear.

I found it interesting that at the outset of rehearsals for the production, the prevailing discussion about character development landed on a single simple, if not obvious, question: why are these men angry? Initially, each of the jurors appears to be reasonable enough on the surface, but as the drama unfolds, their flaws become apparent. However, such flaws are still outward manifestations of something deeper, something invisible that drives men's thoughts and actions. Brother Bill Holman (Juror Seven) brought me to this realization.

"Why do you think Juror Eight feels the way he does in that room?" Bill asked.

"I don't know," I told him. "He's intelligent, but quickly finds that he is hopelessly outnumbered. He has an idea of what is right, but still doubts because he may never know the truth. He's sure of some things, but still trying to work out what he thinks of others. And most of all, he feels bullied to make a snap judgement when he's not ready. It's not because the character is indecisive or weak. He just doesn't want to make a mistake."

"Exactly," Bill pressed, "and what is it that makes us doubt, makes us indecisive, drives us to be perfect?"

I thought for a moment. Just then, I was beginning to feel a bit like my character; like the kid in front of the class who suddenly doesn't know the answer to the question. "I suppose he's just afraid of being wrong."

Bill just smiled. "Fear makes lots of people angry, don't you think?"

Bingo. There it was. I had my answer (thank you, Brother Bill!). Every character in that jury room was angry, and underneath that anger was fear. Each juror wore their fear differently, like coats on a blustery day. Some were tattered and worn; some colorful and multi-faceted. Some were open with the lining visible to everyone; and some were buttoned up tightly against the bitterness of reality.

These thoughts stayed with me through the show, and when Brother Labagh commented about the timelessness of the production, I began to look around me. As a District Deputy, I have had the occasion to visit many lodges, and it dawned on me: Lodge often feels like the jury room. We just don't realize it. A room full of rather cordial people, some even jovial, making small talk, but gingerly stepping around issues that might be uncomfortable to speak of or even acknowledge, for that matter. This can continue indefinitely, and as long as no one makes waves in the room, things might appear to be going along fine - swimmingly, even.

But as smooth as the proceedings may seem, it is often the hidden angst and agendas of individual egos that are churning just out of sight. And once someone brings a certain topic to light, the hidden commotion beneath the surface doesn't tend to stay hidden any longer. What that topic may be - who knows? Perhaps one of the two great "forbidden" discussions for Masonic lodges: religion or politics. Recently, I have seen animosity arise over issues of finances, personal lifestyles, and questions of motivation and authority.

Here is where the lodge turns into the jury room. Suddenly, the men whom you thought were congenial and sincere morph into mistrustful interlopers in what was once an oasis of peace and harmony. We tend to forget that in this day of political correctness and open discourse of passionate feelings and beliefs that the Masonic lodge was one of the original "safe zones." That label in and of itself may raise the hackles of many of you reading and it is not meant as an openly political statement, but as a reminder that Freemasonry was one of the original bastions of liberal thinking and philosophical discussion.

But such thinking and discussions were for a designed purpose: to reveal the truth. Sometimes this was the truth in a particular subject. I choose to believe that more often than not, what was revealed was not so much the truth in a subject or situation, but those honest confessions which lay in the hearts of men; the truths within ourselves.

The trouble is that these personal truths don't always match up from man to man. And that trouble tends to lead to, well, other troubles.

As I learned in 12 Angry Men, the outward emotion of anger is often fueled by some sort of fear. But what fear? Fear of the unknown or unfamiliar; fear of change; fear of conflict; fear of being unpopular or not fitting in with the group? Any of these anxieties can be a catalyst in an emotional outburst of anger. At times, emotions can run high. Factions may form in the lodge supporting one side or another. Those with stronger opinions may begin to disparage those who disagree and what once began as an issue with opposing points of view quickly disintegrates into personal attacks on Brothers' characters. Discussions turn quickly into disputes, and disputes into disharmony. Perhaps even our ancient Brethren realized that even the most self-disciplined of men have trouble addressing certain issues with objectivity.

The beauty of Reginald Rose's play, however, is that all twelve men are locked in a room and cannot leave without either a unanimous verdict or the declaration that they are a hung jury. The easier of these options is equivalent to an outright surrender to the fact that they are incapable of rendering a decision together. The other forces them to face the fact that in order to come to some sort of finalized agreement, all the men in the room are going to have to work together toward a common goal through a great deal of discussion and mutual understanding. It's not an easy task for the characters in Rose's play and it certainly isn't easy when you experience it in real life.

Fortunately, as Freemasons, we have remedies - Great Lights in a dark room, if you will - that are intended to remind us how to act in the face of fear, and how to maintain control over anger and other reckless emotions. Within the five Ancient Charges (Opening, Initiation, Passing, Raising, Closing), which many dismiss as tedious, long-drawn, or downright dull, are keys to how Masons should treat one another, as well as how we are to conduct ourselves in public, particularly among those with whom we disagree. Present in every Lodge are the Great Lights themselves, reminders to treat each other fairly, to keep unwieldy emotions in check, and to love one another as examples of how the Great Architect loves each of us.

John Lennon once said: "There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life.

When we are in love, we open to all that life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life."

If my choices are fear and love, then I believe I know which path I need to take. I confess that the way is neither easy nor clear all the time. But I don't want to be angry about it. I don't want to be afraid of moving forward. I know which way is right and when the fear comes, I know what to do.

And I'll do it. ♦

D. Todd Ballenger, 33°, is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection and a proud member of the Ghost Light Theater Company.

He loves this wonderful group of players and isn't afraid to say so. You can read more from Bro. Ballenger at his blog, The Luminosity of Souls (luminosityofsouls.blogspot.com).

STEELER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2016



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| SEP 12 | 7:10 PM EDT | AT REDSKINS |
| SEP 18 | 1:00 PM EDT | BENGALS |
| SEP 25 | 4:25 PM EDT | AT EAGLES |
| OCT 2 | 8:30 PM EDT | CHIEFS |
| OCT 9 | 1:00 PM EDT | JETS |
| OCT 16 | 1:00 PM EDT | AT DOLPHINS |
| OCT 23 | 4:25 PM EDT | PATRIOTS |
| BYE | | |
| NOV 6 | 1:00 PM EST | AT RAVENS |
| NOV 13 | 4:25 PM EST | COWBOYS |
| NOV 20 | 1:00 PM EST | AT BROWNS |
| NOV 24 | 8:30 PM EST | AT COLTS |
| DEC 4 | 4:25 PM EST | GIANTS |
| DEC 11 | 1:00 PM EST | AT BILLS |
| DEC 18 | 8:30 PM EST | AT BENGALS |
| DEC 25 | 4:30 PM EST | RAVENS |
| JAN 1 | 1:00 PM EST | BROWNS |

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

Thursday, June 2

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, 2016 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 32° will preside

Donald W. Boehm, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

Rodney E. Boyce, 33°
Most Wise Master

Larry D. Horath, 32°
Sovereign Prince

Robert B. Ruff, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

ATTEST:

Donald M. Murphy, 33°
Secretary

5th Stated Meeting

of the 2015 - 2016
Scottish Rite Year

- ★ Ladies & Children Invited
- ★ Installation of Officers
- ★ Enjoy a Fellowship Dinner before the meeting!

\$10.00

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

Please make Reservations

412-939-3579



Summer Happenings Around The Valley

4th OF JULY PARADE

invites you to participate with us

BRENTWOOD PARADE

Monday, July 4, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Want to be in a parade?

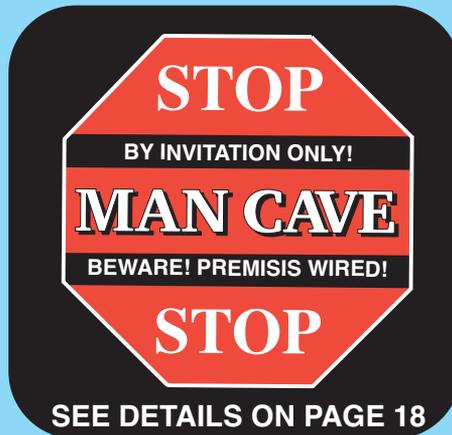
Call 412-576-5856

March with the Grand Lodge

Statue of Liberty Float

Antique Cars, Motorcycles, Clowns

Welcome



Grand Lodge of PA

invites you to attend

GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY

Saturday, June 25, 2016

at the

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

10:00 a.m.

pagrandlodge.org

Syria Shrine

invites you to the annual

SPORTS/GUN BASH

Saturday, June 4, 2016

\$25.00

\$30.00 at gate

Shrine Pavilion

Food & Refreshments Included

Questions? Syria Shrine office
724.274.7000

www.syriashriners.org

37th Masonic District

invites you to their

FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Festivities Noon to 5:00 p.m.

*The Original Shelter at
Brady's Run Park*

Contact: William A. Moisey, DDGM

DDGM37@pagrandlodge.org

James Cochran Lodge No. 562

invites you to the 16th

MEETING IN THE HILLS

Saturday, June 18, 2016

\$25.00

A delicious New York Strip Steak Dinner is served with all the fixin's at 6:00 p.m. A great evening of fellowship attended by over 500 masons. Call Robert B. Zelmoré at 724.640.0469 for tickets and directions or email him at:

rzelmor@zoominternet.net

Syria Shrine Poker Run

Sunday, July 12, 2016

The ride starts at Syria Shrine Center. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the motorcycles go out at 11:00 am. The first 350 to register will receive a ride pin. The 100 mile poker run will feature classic motorcycle displays, food and more. Best Poker hand, \$500. Second best poker hand, \$200.

For more information call Bro. Tony Battilana at (412) 367-1201, or go to:

syriamotorcorps.org

Washington Lodge No. 164 Blue Knights Chapter XVI

invites you to the Charity Fundraiser

BLUE RIDE

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - N. Strabane Twp.
Volunteer Fire Dept. on Rt. 19

\$25 single / \$35 couple

Lunch Following Ride Included

Questions? David Richards, 742.263.6218

dave.richards114@comcast.net

Hiram's Riders

invites you to the

WASHINGTON CO. FAIR

August 13 thru 20, 2016

- ★ Rides & Amusements
- ★ Shows nightly
- ★ Food & Beverages
- ★ Livestock Exhibits
- ★ Demolition Derby
- ★ Fun for the whole family

Questions? Tim Warco, 742.263.1555

washingtonfair.org

The Taste of Oktober

invites you to attend their

BEER TASTING

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

\$15.00

Call 412-939-3579

Sponsored by All Saints Brewery
Benefits Children's Learning Center

Masonic Village at Sewickley

invites you to attend the

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 17, 2016

- ★ FOOD
- ★ CRAFTS
- ★ ENTERTAINMENT

Information - 412-741-1400

Valley of Pittsburgh

invites you to attend the annual

WALK-A-THON FOR DYSLEXIA

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

10:00 a.m.

Questions? 412.939.3579

valleyofpittsburgh.org

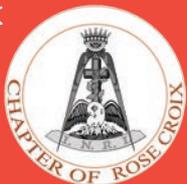


Chapter of Rose Croix

Message from the

Most Wise Master

Rodney E. Boyce, 33°



My Favorite Time Of The Year.

This is always my favorite time of the year. Our lives are filled with renewal. We look outside and we see all the tones of brown replaced with green grass, empty branches filling with green leaves, and beds of mulch filled with brightly colored tulips. The air is warmer. The sun is shining. The days are longer. We feel reinvigorated by the change of season. It is a good feeling.

Your Scottish Rite Valley shares much with nature. This time of year brings change. A positive change, a reinvigoration of fresh ideas and leadership as new officers are elected and installed. It's the time when we are excited to see what comes next. It's that spirit of adventure we all feel when we experience new things. It's a renewal.

As I reflect upon the success of the Valley, I thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as an officer for eight years. It has been a great learning experience for me, as well as, a renewal of my love for the Fraternity and my fellow brethren. I reflect upon the creation of the Ghost Light Theater

Company, the presentations of the Modern 31st and 12 Angry Men. The improvements to the stage and its equipment. And Wi-Fi—yes we now have wifi in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center! To the great shows by the Tamburitzans and the Seton Hill University Pipe Band and many others. To the great experiences of sharing dinner and dessert with all of you while awaiting a chance to win great prizes. To meeting your families and to sharing fellowship and fun at the many Valley events. To seeing the great work the Children's Dyslexia Center is doing each day. And to walking around and around the outside of the GPMC to raise funds to continue and to expand the services of the Center. We are a very successful and active Valley—because of you. I congratulate Brothers Boehm, Ruff and Horath on their service to our Valley and for their leadership and friendship over the years.

Congratulations my friends and I wish each of you the best in all your future endeavors.

To Brothers Morgans, Jessee, Wiker and Malwitz, I wish you much success as you serve as the presiding officers for the 2016-2017 Scottish Rite year. I am proud to know the leadership in our Valley is working very hard. Please give them your support as they continue to introduce new ideas and expand on the successes of the past—it's a renewal—a renewal of ideas, leadership, brotherhood and service.

Thank you brethren and may you each have a very safe, healthy and happy season of renewal! ♦

James Cochran Lodge No. 562

invites you to the 19th

MEETING IN THE HILLS

Saturday **\$25.00**
June 18 per person

A great evening of fellowship and food attended by over 500 masons.

A delicious New York Strip Steak Dinner is served with all the fixin's at 5:00 p.m. Call Bro. Robert S. Zelmore, 724.640.0469 for tickets, questions, and directions or email him at:

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RECEIVE VALLEY NEWS BY E-MAIL

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address with
The Valley of Pittsburgh

Simply send a message to:
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Benefits the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center

Valley of Pittsburgh CHARITY GOLF Saturday, June 11

Butler's Golf Course

800 Rock Run Road Elizabeth, PA 15037

Open to men, women and non-members.



Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Play Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Snack: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$90.00 per golfer.

Includes a golfer's gift,
bag service, greens fee,
cart, snack at turn,
lunch, and door prizes.

Lunch Only: \$25.00.

- 2016 Registration Form -

Enclosed is my check, payable to **Charity Golf** in the amount of \$_____ for:

Golf, \$90 per golfer

Lunch Only, \$25 per person

Please print Golfers Names

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Mail by **June 1**, with check, to **Charity Golf**,
3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.
Questions? Dave Morgans, 412-728-6533.

Henry Masonic Tribute Rifle' Raffle for Charity



Henry Rifle Company is delighted to recognize this ancient and honorable fraternal order with the new Henry Golden Boy Freemasons Tribute Edition in .22 LR rimfire, proudly featuring imagery instantly recognizable by Masons everywhere on its brightly polished silver receiver.

To further set off this striking masonic tribute edition, the select American walnut stock depicts George Washington, our first President, in full Masonic regalia, with apron, trowel, and Warden's column, standing on a "temple" floor in front of a Masonic staircase, in a painted tableau bordered by scrollwork in the same style as the receiver.

What better way to acknowledge the order's long history, and reward the work and dedication that you, or someone important to you, has invested in Freemasonry!

Non-Masons Information

With roots dating back to the great European stonemason guilds of the 14th Century, the Freemasons later evolved into a fraternal order of brotherhood and service that spans the globe today.

Each member is initiated into the order and progresses through the original medieval levels of advancement that include Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. Dedication to each other, and a belief in a supreme being (regardless of denomination), are essential elements that bind Freemasons together.

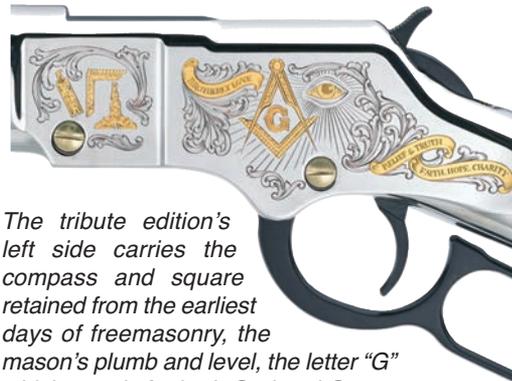
The Masonic lodge serves as a meeting house, educational center for matters Masonic, and a setting for the rituals associated with the various functions of advancement, along with local internal Masonic business and social activities. Lodges and rituals typically display standard Masonic symbols familiar even to non-members, and those include both stone mason symbology as well as references to the Temple of King Solomon.

Freemasonry notes its beginnings here in America in the very early 1700s, with one of its most notable members being our first American president, George Washington. Open to all levels of society from cab driver to Congress, the Freemasons have included such names as country western singers Roy Acuff and Eddy Arnold, astronaut Buzz Aldrin, South Pole discoverer Roald Amundsen, hotelman John Jacob Astor, western star Gene Autry, comedian Richard Pryor, actor John Wayne, magician Harry Houdini, jazz legend Count Basie, America's literary icon Mark Twain, boxing great Sugar Ray Robinson, and President Harry S. Truman to name just a few.



On the right side, black and white mosaic squares represent the floor of King Solomon's Temple to illustrate "human life, checkered with good and evil". Ascending stairs remind a member of the path to higher levels of Freemasonry, with another "G" at the top as the ultimate goal.

Tickets: \$5.00 each. Drawing: July 30 PA Lottery 3 digit evening number.



The tribute edition's left side carries the compass and square retained from the earliest days of freemasonry, the mason's plumb and level, the letter "G" which stands for both God and Geometry, the All-Seeing Eye of God as the symbol of divine watchfulness, and the words **Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth** that the order considers its foundation, along with **Faith, Hope, & Charity**, emphasized in a Mason's First Point Ceremony, all in raised 24K gold relief against a background of classic floral engraving.



Hiram's Riders Club of the Valley that rides to financially support Learning Centers for Children. All Blue Lodge Masons of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia are eligible members. Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Masons must be six months in which time a member of a Scottish Rite may continue their membership. Masons from other Valleys may apply for membership.

There is a one-time initiation fee and an annual membership dues of \$68. A total of \$136 for a Club Jacket (*2XL Jackets are \$68). A total of \$272 for a 2XL or 3XL jacket. Application for Membership.

- Membership

I am applying for membership in Hiram's Riders of the Valley of West Virginia. I am a member in good standing in the following Lodge No. ___ and the following Name _____

Lodge No. ___ and the following Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

E-Mail: _____

Ph. () _____

Jacket Size: S M L XL (\$60.00 add'l) Man's name _____

Lady's name (one): _____

Signature: _____

Recommended by: _____

Mail to: Hiram's Riders of the Valley of West Virginia

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Lodge

3579 Masonic Way

Pittsburgh, PA 15237-1000

Questions? 412-683-1000





Henry Wild Life .30-30 Rifle Raffle for Charity



Henry's new Wildlife Edition rifle comes with an engraved gold deer head on the right side of the brass receiver and octagonal barrel. Whether you need a hard-hitting rifle capable of fast repeat shots in the bear country of Alaska or a light rifle for deer hunting in the mountains of Pennsylvania, Henry's new Wildlife Edition rifle will provide the accuracy and reliability you can count on.

The drawing for a lucky winner will be on Monday, September 5, Labor Day. Just in time for hunting season. Enter as often as you like! Complete the coupon below and mail.

Questions? 412-576-5856 or dwr47@verizon.net

This is Why We Do It!

Millions of school children with dyslexia endure frustration and demoralization on a daily basis as they struggle to acquire skills that many of us take for granted. If your child is struggling with reading and writing, how do you know if dyslexia is the cause? Where can you go for help?

For over two decades, the Scottish Rite Masons, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, have been national leaders in the effort to help children and their families overcome the painful obstacles of dyslexia. With 49 active Dyslexia Centers in 13 states, the Children's Dyslexia Centers tackle the challenge of dyslexia head-on, both by providing free tutoring for children with dyslexia and by training a growing cadre of highly skilled and dedicated tutors.

Dyslexia is an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way people learn to read and speak as well as how they process things mathematically. Some famous dyslexics include Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Walt Disney, Tom Cruise, Leonardo DaVinci, and Whoopi Goldberg.

Dyslexia affects one out of every five people, and affects boys and girls in equal numbers. Children left with untreated dyslexia often suffer devastating personal consequences. It is the number one reason teenagers drop out of school, and is a primary factor in juvenile delinquency.

Research reveals that children with untreated dyslexia become underachieving adults unable to contribute to society at their fullest capacity.

Dyslexia is, however, a treatable condition. Children with dyslexia need professional help, and the earlier they receive it, the greater their chances of achieving normal, fully functional lives.



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The Modern Vitruvian

by P. J. Roup, 33°



Mind the Gap, Brethren!

The phrase Mind the Gap or some derivation of it is in use on light rail and subway systems throughout the world. It serves as a quick and concise reminder to travelers that they should heed the space between the train platform and the railcar they are entering or leaving. Hence, if one fails to pay attention to where he is going, or forgets to mind the gap, bad things could happen.



well-known member of your community. You knew very little about what to expect from the ceremonies, and you knew even less about what any of our symbols meant. All of the men (or at least the majority of them) were men you respected. You joined because you wanted to be like (or at least keep company with) the men you respected.

Mind the Gap, Brethren!

For too long, Freemasonry has forgotten to mind a gap of its own – the generation gap. We like to think of Freemasonry as this timeless, changeless, transcendent institution. While that may be so of her core values and fundamental lessons, it certainly cannot be said of her meetings and social functions. Just as the Freemasonry of the 1700s bears little resemblance to our present practice, so too will the Freemasonry of tomorrow wear a face much different from the one we see today.

Today's young man knows more about Freemasonry before he joins than some of our current members. He has gained knowledge of the ritual, symbolism and history of the Craft, as well as those of other esoteric bodies via the internet. He has seen television shows and movies that (usually) portray us as shapers of history. While he may know a few Masons, they probably were not his reason for joining.

So what, precisely, is required to mind the gap? How do we connect with – and then keep – today's young men? First we must examine how and why they came to have an interest in Freemasonry. Next, we need to ask what it is they hope to get from membership? Then we have one more step. No, that step is not to look at them and sternly inform them that this is the way we have always done it and this is the way we will always continue to do it. The last step is to adapt our sometimes pathologically inflexible Lodges to the wants and needs of the men we wish to attract. Let me say that again. We must adapt our sometimes pathologically inflexible Lodges to the wants and needs of the men we wish to attract. Heresy, right? But what about strawberry night? We've done that for 50 years and it used to be crowded. Sure, it used to be. Is it now? If not, it should at least be considered for the chopping block.

He comes to us not from other Masons, not from his father's insistence that he join, and not out of admiration of people that he knows and admires. He is attracted to the mystique of this institution that has worked behind the scenes in the birth of nations and battles for freedom, and captivated the minds of the great thinkers of the past. Freemasonry holds for him the key to unlocking his own inner philosopher or freedom fighter.

Whence come the young? If you're over 50, there's a good chance that you were attracted to Freemasonry because you knew and admired a man who was a Mason. Maybe it was your father, your boss, someone from your church, or a

So, what come they here to do? Again, if you are part of the over 50 crowd, you might have joined because many of your work colleagues belonged. Perhaps you thought of it as an excellent networking opportunity. You may have been motivated by the idea that they were visible in the community at a time when community meant a whole lot more than the three street, all cul-de-sac subdivision that you lived in. Your Masonry involved marching in parades, attending church services as a Lodge, working with large and thriving youth groups, organizing community festivals and the like. But those things don't really exist anymore – certainly not in the way they did years ago. They are relics of a time when most families had one car, bought their meat from the butcher, their bread from the bakery and tacitly accepted the sad fact that they

couldn't buy fresh asparagus at Christmas time.

Mind the gap, Brethren!

While the young man who is seeking admission today might not mind marching in a parade, that isn't why he sought us out. His primary focus will never be flipping pancakes or peddling raffle tickets. Don't misunderstand me. Those things aren't bad. Working behind the scenes at the community breakfast gives him a chance to know his Brothers better, and selling tickets makes him feel he has a vested interest in the Lodge's future. If that's all you give him, though, he will soon be one of the few who "get his Degrees and never return," and you will be left scratching your head.

Today's young man joined to gain insight into the meaning of his life, to perfect the better side of his nature, and to give back to his fellow travelers. Do we give that to them? Do we listen to what they want, or do we tell them that they should want what we offer? Are we even willing to change to keep them?

I refuse to believe that Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire or Mozart rushed home from a busy day of diplomacy, philosophizing or composing, changed into a fresh ruffled shirt and knickers so they could get to Lodge to hear the reading of the minutes, pay the bills and learn about income tax preparation, retirement planning or fly fishing.

In an age where most young men know each other only by avatars and screen names, and the closest thing they get to human interaction is a poke or a retweet, we have a tremendous opportunity. We can take them by the hand (literally), raise them up and say, "See. There is something bigger and more important than yourself and the tiny virtual universe contained in your iPhone," or we can stubbornly cling to the Freemasonry of the past and wring our hands as they walk out the door, disillusioned and unfulfilled.

So what do we do? Start by asking what would Lodge need to be like to convince your child or grandchild to join? What would we need to give them in the Lodge to make them miss their child's soccer practice or a night at home? I suspect it would be something Masonic – something they couldn't get anywhere else. It could be something as simple as having an open discussion about the ancient charges. Spend fifteen minutes dissecting exactly what it is we are charged to do in the opening, closing, or the degrees. You could download one of

the Grand Master's PowerPoints, show a quality YouTube video on Masonry, or engage a speaker.

Next, we need to educate them. I'm talking now of Masonic education. In order to make young men into Masons, we need to teach them Masonry. Encourage them to use the education portal. You can even use it with them. We have the Master Builder program for new Masons, and now we have the Master Pillar program for the more seasoned among us.

Lastly, we need to value them. By that, I do not mean that we approach them following their Master Mason's Degree and ask them if they want to be Junior Warden next year. We simply need to get the new members involved – to make them feel valued and necessary. And we need to do it in a way that works for them. If they are excited about floor work, make a spot. If they want to try a fundraiser that you've never done, let them chair it. Play on their strengths, their interests, and their abilities. If you do that, they'll come back because they have purpose.

We don't exist in a vacuum. As timeless as our teachings may be, we need to adapt them to the actual time we are in. The Lodges that do that the best will succeed. The ones that do not will struggle. The future isn't bleak, Modern Vitruvians, it is just different.

Mind the Gap! ♦

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Looking to the Future



By Larry D. Horath, 32°, Sovereign Prince
Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Brethren, as my term of service comes to a close, I find myself reflecting back on the past eight years and looking to the future. It has been an honor for me to serve the Valley of Pittsburgh on the Princes of Jerusalem line as Sovereign Prince. As Sovereign Prince, I reflected upon the long standing leaders and exceptional Masons who preceded me in this office. Their example and mentorship proved invaluable throughout my tenure and helped make this a great year. Thank you Past Sovereign Princes.

In addition, I want to thank all of my fellow officers and congratulate them on a job well done. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brother David Kearns for introducing me into the Valley, encouraging me to become an officer, putting me on the Princes line, and supporting me through the officers line. He exemplifies the friendship and brotherhood for which Scottish Rite Masonry in particular, and Freemasonry in general, exists.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many talented and capable brothers. Any words I use would be inadequate to express my sincerest



appreciation and admiration to all who have assisted me in reaching this office and throughout the years.

It has been inspiring to work with so many gifted brothers whose hard work has helped make our events so successful. I hope that I have met your trust

and expectations in my ability and know with certainty that I will continue to serve the Valley into the future.

It is with joy that I look forward to seeing my many good friends and brothers at the many upcoming events, meetings, and functions of the Valley. Looking to the future, I have the utmost confidence in the incoming officers and their ability to lead the Valley and will lend my help and support to their efforts. In summary, it has been my pleasure to serve the Valley and I want to thank you all for the advice, assistance, encouragement and support. Take care my brothers and have a great summer.

A parting prayer:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
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From the Desk of the Secretary

by Donald M. Murphy, 33°

Believe it or not, the 2015-2016 Scottish Rite year is quickly coming to an end. This year has provided many noteworthy moments. We had a great reunion experience during the fall of 2015. All of our other activities have also gone very well. Attendance at our Stated meetings has been great. Recently we saw a first rate performance of the play Twelve Angry Men. All parts were played by members of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

The entertainment committee has done its usual 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 2nd would be a perfect opportunity. Where else can you get dinner and a great fellowship experience for \$10. All we ask is a call to 412-939-3579 to make a dinner reservation.

We are proud to announce that we were able to award 8 Abbott Scholarships this year along with 10 Valley of Pittsburgh Scholarships. Perhaps it is because we had more applications than we have had in the past several years. If you are the parent of a college student or have a grandchild who will be a senior in the 2016 – 2117 school year or who is already in college, consider applying for a scholarship next year. Applications will be available on January 1, 2017.



We hope you have already purchased your Pirate tickets for the game on June 10th. Officially all tickets are sold. If you are interested, please call the Valley office. We sometimes have people who drop out and we might have a few tickets to sell. Our second

baseball outing for the summer will be at the Washington Wild Things in Washington, PA on July 8. 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.

Our annual Golf Outing to benefit the Learning Center will take place on June 11 at Butler's Golf Course near Elizabeth, PA. This will be a great time. If you are a golfer, come out and have an enjoyable day. Better yet, form a foursome and help to support our Learning Center. You do not need to be a member to participate. 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 AM. All proceeds from the day will go to support our Learning Center.

Everyone is looking forward to a good summer. Why not join your Masonic Brethren and attend one or more of our activities? ♦

William Slater II conferred 1st Degree



Bro. William Slater II, 33°, Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Pittsburgh, conferred the 1st degree on his son, Wes Slater, in Lodge 45 on May 11.



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Your Health

Dr. Glenn D. Miller, II, 33^o, *Chairman*
Valley of Pittsburgh Medical Committee



Diabetes Mellitus – Part 3

When it comes to the prevention of the disease itself, there are no known preventative measures to avoid the development of Type I diabetes. Preventative measures to avoid the development of Type II diabetes include maintaining a normal body weight, exercising regularly (30 minutes of aerobic exercise daily), following a healthy diet, and tobacco avoidance or cessation since smoking has been associated with an increased risk of developing diabetes. Dietary guidelines that have been shown to decrease the risk of developing diabetes include limiting the amount of saturated fats such as red meat, limiting the amount of beverages high in sugar content such as soda pop, following a diet high in whole grains and fiber, and consuming foods with higher amounts of polyunsaturated fats such as fish, nuts, and vegetable oils.

Researchers at the Imperial College of London published a study in the journal, *Diabetologia*, that the risk of developing Type II diabetes could be increased by as much as 22% by drinking just 1 can of non-diet soda pop per day.

The main goal of diabetes management is to maintain the patient's blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible without causing the blood sugar level to drop too low (hypoglycemia). Blood sugar levels are typically checked by the patient utilizing a home monitoring kit that requires the person to prick his or her finger with a lancet to obtain a small drop of blood which is then applied to a glucose meter which displays the value. Typical goals of diabetes treatment are to maintain fasting blood glucose levels in the 70-120 mg/dl range and a 140 mg/dl or less at 2 hours after a meal. Another parameter that is frequently monitored is the previously mentioned Hemoglobin A1C, which is a measurement of the patient's average blood glucose levels over the previous 2-3 month period. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) currently recommends maintaining a Hemoglobin A1C level of 6.5-7.0% in most individuals and a level of less than 6.0% in select individuals. The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists recommend a Hemoglobin A1C level of less than 6.5%. The reason that this blood sugar control is so important is that studies have shown that the absolute risk for microvascular complications of diabetes is lower with Hemoglobin A1C levels main-

tained at near normal values (4.0-5.9%), with a 35% decrease in relative risk for every 1.0% reduction in Hemoglobin A1C levels.

Blood pressure and cholesterol levels should also be monitored on a regular basis given the fact that cardiovascular disease is more prevalent in diabetics. Typical recommendations are to maintain a blood pressure of 130/85 mmHg or less and a fasting total cholesterol level under 200 mg/dl. Additionally, patients should be monitored for healthy diets, avoidance of weight gain, and maintenance of adequate physical activity since these all contribute to good cardiovascular health. Foot care is also monitored frequently due to the increased risk of the development of foot ulcers. Specialized footwear is often recommended. Eye examinations are also recommended at least once a year.

The mainstay of treatment for Type I diabetes is exogenous insulin administration. Before insulin was discovered in 1921, Type I diabetes was a fatal disease with most patients dying within a few years of diagnosis. Pancreatic transplant is occasionally utilized in patients with severe complications of diabetes such as end stage kidney disease requiring kidney transplantation. Most types of insulin are in an injectable form where the patient gives himself/herself multiple injections throughout the course of a day. There is also Afrezza, a rapid-acting insulin that is inhaled, which is FDA approved for use before meals in both Type I and Type II diabetes. The injectable forms of insulin are usually classified by how fast they start to work and how long their effects last. An in depth discussion involving the details of these classifications is beyond the scope of this article. However, the types of insulin are usually classified into the following groups: Rapid-Acting (Humalog, Novolog, Apidra), Short-Acting (Humulin, Novolin, Velosulin – used in insulin pumps), Intermediate-Acting (NPH), and Long-Acting (Lantus, Toujeo, Levemir). There is also Pre-Mixed insulin (Humulin 70/30, Novolin 70/30, Novolog 70/30, Humulin 50/50, and Humalog mix 75/25) which combine specific amounts of Short-Acting and Intermediate-Acting insulins in one bottle or insulin pen. Rapid-Acting insulins are usually administered either approximately 15 minutes before meals or right after meals. They start to work about 15 minutes after injection and peak at about 1 hour after injection (continues to work for 2-4

hours). Short-Acting insulins are usually given 30-60 minutes before meals. They start to work about 30 minutes after injection and peak at 2-3 hours after injection (continues to work for 3-6 hours). Intermediate-Acting insulins are usually given twice a day. They start to work approximately 2-4 hours after injection and peak at 4-12 hours after injection (continues to work for 12-18 hours). Long-Acting insulins are usually only given once daily. They start to work 1-2 hours after injection and deliver a steady level of insulin for up to 24 hours. Pre-Mixed insulins are usually administered between 10 minutes and 30-45 minutes before meals depending upon the composition of the mixture. Insulin pumps are small computerized devices that enable some patients to maintain stricter blood glucose levels by closely mimicking the body's normal release of insulin. They typically deliver Short-Acting insulin under the patient's skin via a needle and catheter system, both as bolus doses around mealtimes as well as continuous low doses throughout the remainder of the day.

Type II diabetics most often can be treated with oral medications. These oral medications are typically classified into one of five categories based upon the mechanism of action utilized to lower blood glucose levels. Biguanides (metformin) decrease gastrointestinal absorption of glucose, decrease liver production of glucose, and increase insulin sensitivity. Sulfonylureas (glyburide, glimepiride, glipizide, tolbutamide, tolazamide) decrease liver production of glucose, increase insulin sensitivity, and increase pancreatic insulin secretion. Thiazolidinediones (rosiglitazone, pioglitazone) increase insulin sensitivity and aid in glucose/cholesterol metabolism. Meglitinides (repaglinide, nateglinide, and mitiglinide) increase pancreatic secretion of a "proinsulin" which is a precursor to insulin. Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors (acarbose, miglitol, and voglibose) reduce intestinal absorption of glucose by inhibiting the digestion of carbohydrates.

Current research is aimed at developing systems that more closely mimic the body's normal release of insulin, as well as a potential cure for diabetes. An "artificial pancreas" is scheduled to start a long-term clinical trial later this year. This "artificial pancreas" is not a replica organ but an automated insulin delivery system consisting of an implantable insulin pump, an implantable glucose monitor, and a smart phone algorithm that controls insulin administration based upon variables such as meals consumed, physical activity, stress, sleep, and metabolism. Studies are also being conducted on pancreatic islet cell (cells that produce insulin) transplantation and pancreatic stem cell transplantation which, if successful, could bring a definitive cure for most diabetics. ♦



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To all the wife's, girlfriends and significant others, young adults and children – THANK YOU! Without your support none of these memories would be possible. Thanks for attending events and letting your loved one participate in this great fraternity and its charities. Thanks for everyone's support in making this one of the premiere Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. To the appendant bodies of Freemasonry and the IOOF thanks for your support as we are all brothers and sisters on the same journey and should emulate love, kindness, and charity towards others, especially to those in the circles we travel in and people we associate. To all those who are mentors, those that mentored and have gone on their journey ahead of us and everyone else, Thank you seems so insignificant for the honor you all gave me of serving the Valley. Sam RWPGM, George PTM, Doug PTMP, Austin PSP and the LOP line – the experience that you afforded me will be remembered and treasured the rest of my life. Joe, Ted, Chuck, Uncle Fester, Jim, Don, John, Bob, Bill, Mike, Dennis, Craig and many, many, others, thanks for all the advice - good, bad, or indifferent that helped me or influenced my decisions, good, bad or indifferent, but always for the good of the Valley. And last but certainly not least, to the person whom I respect and LOVE more dearly than anyone previously mentioned, a person that has always supported me whether agreeing with me or not – for being the example to everyone not just me on how to live by the oaths and obligations taken, in all you do in life no matter how much you attend lodge or meetings. To treat people justly and how you would want to be treated, with a little kindness and compassion throwing in a little empathy and understanding. To stand for what you believe in and trust in GOD to guide you through our journey here on earth. Don't take advantage of people and be charitable because, you don't have to look far to see someone much worse off or less fortunate than you are. Treat everyone equally and fairly and if your right in your decisions 51% of the time you are still a winner in life. Be HAPPY, life is too short to be sad or miserable, there are no guarantees in life, just do the best you can and, it doesn't cost anything to be nice to someone.

Dad, THANKS for being the BEST mentor, example, brother, and father anyone could ever have!

Hope to see you all at our June Stated Meeting, the car cruise or one of our other upcoming events. ♦

Spes Mea in Deo Est

Red Cross of Constantine Honors Edward H. Fowler, Jr.

On Wednesday, April 20, United States Premier Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine held its annual dinner meeting at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

Knight Companions Raymond T. Dietz, *Grand Master of Pennsylvania*, and Robert S. Finley, KGC, *Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders*, and Knight Companion John A. Habel, Jr., *Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania*, featured guests at the annual Red Cross dinner, at which Knight Companion Edward H. Fowler, Jr., *Past Grand Master and Trustee* of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, stationed at Pittsburgh, received a recognition plaque for 50 years of service to the order.

Companion Finley, who was the featured speaker, together with Grand Master Dietz, made the presentation to Bro. Fowler.

Companion Bros. Dietz and Habel were also recognized by the local chapter of the Red Cross of Constantine for attaining their respective high offices in Freemasonry.

Both Bros. Raymond T. Dietz and John A. Habel are 33° Masons and members of the Valley of Pittsburgh. ♦



Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys Assisted at the Enchanted Evening



1st row: Natalie Rickert, Caitlin Gresham, Hannah Primm. 2nd row: Tracy Miller, Co-Cairman of the Enchanted Evening, Laszell Dickey, Cody Rosenbauer, Lakotta Beck, and Dennis Snedden, 33°.



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Children's Learning 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

To My Scottish Rite Brethren and Dyslexia Center Friends:

We should always be proud of the reading success and accomplishments that are generated within our Dyslexia Center. Here, as a result of the expert instruction provided by our tutors, students are able to unlock the keys to reading and reading comprehension. Self-esteem increases and lofty dreams of a bright future are rekindled.

As of this writing, students are completing their final tests and many are looking forward to graduating on May 25th. We are expecting that more than twelve students will graduate from our Dyslexia Center this year. I'm sure that this will be a happy and important milestone for the graduates, their parents, and their tutors. Congratulations!!

On a personal note, this coming July completes my tenth and last year as Chairman of the Valley's Dyslexia Center. Thank you for allowing me to represent the Valley in service to children who come to our Center for help. What a privilege it has been to have parents describe to me

personally how the Dyslexia Center has made such a positive impact in the life of their child. As one Dad said at last year's graduation, "Thank you...This school has made all the difference to our daughter and family...We will always appreciate what you have done for us!"

That Dad said it all. We support this Center because that's what Masons do. We care for the needy, we help those in our Fraternity and Community who are in need of assistance. Every Brother in the Valley of Pittsburgh should be proud of our Dyslexia Center.

Thanks to our amazing and dedicated tutors and staff, our Board of Governors, the members of the Builder's Council, Hiram's Riders, and everyone in the Valley who has given their support to the Dyslexia Center. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be part of this effort to make a difference in a child's future.

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

Fraternally and God Bless. ♦

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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BY TRACY H. MILLER, P.M.
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On Wednesday, February 24, the Wm. Slater II Master Mason's Club sponsored the 9th Annual Enchanted Evening for One Hundred and Twenty ladies residing in the Star Points Personal Care and the Sturgeon Health Care Center communities.

Ladies from both areas received a beautiful invitation for the special night out. One week before the event, the ladies were given the opportunity to shop for their formal evening ware from four portable clothing racks of evening gowns, party dresses, and pants suits. After a visit to the beauty shop, they were assisted with makeup and jewelry by Retirement Living "primpers."

After receiving their beautiful wrist corsage and their photo taken,

they were escorted to dinner by Brothers of the Trowel Members from Crawford County, DeMolay and Rainbow Youth Members, and Master Mason Club Members.

Ken Pompei and Pat Crossley provided music while the ladies enjoyed an elegant meal of Lobster Tail & Filet Mignon prepared by our own MVS Food Service Staff.

Corsages and Floral Decorations were provided By Taunia.

Timothy P. Templeton, PDDGM and Masonic Homes Committee Member, was the featured speaker. Other special guests were District Deputies R. Joseph Haberen, Jr., Robert W. Amend, and David B. Firda, and their Ladies.

While the ladies dined on Surf

"n" Turf, men from Personal Care and Health Care Communities enjoyed "Beer & Pizza, Blackjack, Poker, and a Horse Racing Game on the Big Screen TV in the P.C. dining area.

This wonderful evening for all our residents would not have been possible without the generous financial support from Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Valley of Pittsburgh and Valley of New Castle Scottish Rite, Wm. Slater Master Mason's Club, MVS Retirement Residents, Relatives, Staff and Friends of the Masonic Village.

A special recognition goes out to the dedicated staff members who contribute their un-tiring effort in making this annual event a huge success for our residents. ♦



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- 04 - Shrine Gun Bash - Shrine Pavilion - 11:00 a.m.
- 05 - Valley Car Club Cruise - GPMC - 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 10 - Pirate/Cardinal baseball game - PNC Park
- 11 - Valley Golf - Butler's Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 - Meeting in the Hills (see details on page 12)
- 25 - Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication - GPMC
- 25 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC
- 28 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley

July 2016

- 03 - District 37 Picnic - (see details on page 12)
- 08 - Wild Things Baseball - Consol Energy Park
- 12 - Shrine Poker Run - (see details on page 12)
- 22 - Summer Stag 2 - (see details on page 18)
- 26 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley honoring Grand Master Raymond T. Dietz, 33°
- 30 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC
- 31 - Blue Ride - 10 a.m. - (see ad on page 12)

August 2016

- 27 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC

September 2016

- 01 - VALLEY STATED MEETING - GPMC**
- 11 - Valley Car Club Cruise - GPMC - 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 17 - Open House, Masonic Village at Sewickley
- 24 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC
- 27 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley

October 2016

- 25 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
- 29 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC
- 29 - Special Scottish Rite One-Day Class

November 2016

- 03 - VALLEY STATED MEETING - GPMC**
- 12 - Scottish Rite Day (details later)
- 22 - High 12 Luncheon - Masonic Village at Sewickley
- 26 - Fellowship Breakfast - GPMC

December 2016

- 03 - Valley Christmas Party
- 10 - Children's Christmas Party - GPMC
- 17 - Hiram's Riders Christmas Party
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