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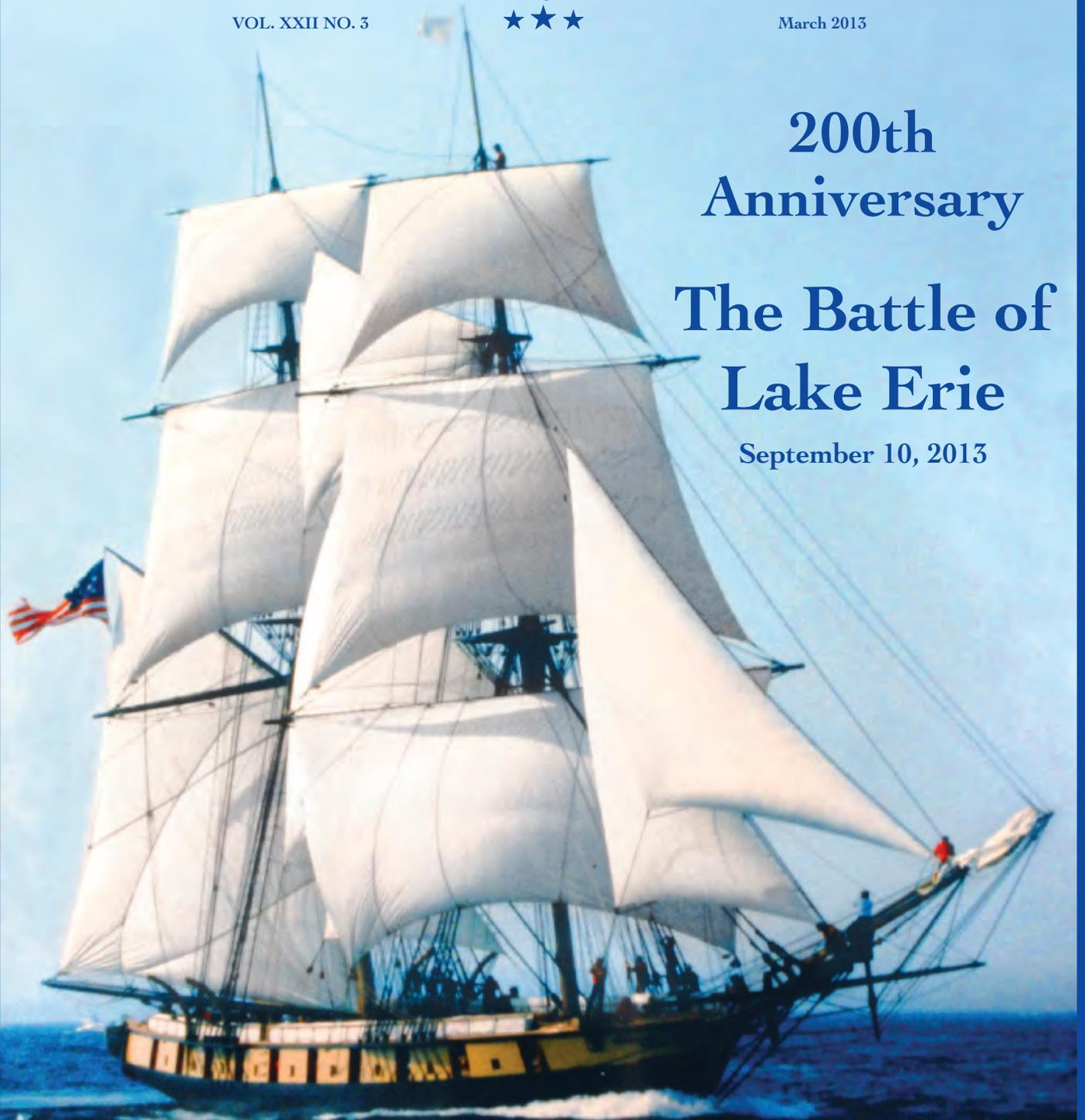


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Flagship Niagara



Valley of Pittsburgh

Teaching children with dyslexia

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

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

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

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

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Motorcycle Club

A student at our Dyslexia Center recently wrote:

Dear Board of Governors & Masons,

Thank you for making it possible to attend the Dyslexia Center. I have learned to read and write much better these last few years. I am doing much better at school now and that makes me happy. I really like Miss Chris. She is so nice and helpful.

Dyslexia is an "invisible" learning disability – you can't see it when you look at a child, or hear it when you talk to them. It is found in both boys and girls, and is often inherited, so it may affect more than one member of a family. Many children with reading difficulties never know why they have learning problems, and never get the help they need.

Recognizing dyslexia is often made even more difficult because specific reading problems vary so much from child to child. Sometimes there are no obvious clues that a child will have reading difficulties. They may have a good speaking vocabulary, play well with friends, and appear to be ready for school. On the other hand, the same child may be poor at rhyming, slow to talk, or have trouble finding the "right" word when they are speaking or writing.

Whatever their strengths or needs, dyslexia makes it difficult for them to learn to read. With appropriate assessment and corrective actions, however, most children with a reading disability can learn to read.

We always stand ready to help at our Children's Dyslexia Center right here in the Valley of Pittsburgh. A certified staff of tutors, led by our Director Janet Becker, provides students with individual reading help. We analyze a child's reading difficulties and create a prescriptive plan geared to achieve reading success. A student may take one, two, or even three years to accomplish their reading goals, but their persistence will be worth it. They can read!!

The reading success of the children at our Dyslexia Center should be a source of pride for every Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh. Masons have a long and proud history of service and help to others. Thank you for your continued and generous support!

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to all of my Scottish Rite Brethren and your families for the many successes that lay before each of you throughout 2013!

Rich Rodibaugh, 33°
Chairman, Board of Governors
Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center

Rich

"Unless we think of others and do something for them, we miss one of the greatest sources of happiness." – Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur

www.childrenslearningcenters.org



Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix

Invites You To Attend

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb



Sunday, March 3, 2013

Masonic Village at Sewickley

2:00 p.m.

Retirement Living Clubhouse



The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is the annual Maundy Memorial Service honoring those Brethren who have been called to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God during the past year. This non-sectarian service is conducted by the Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix, Jeffrey W. Wonderling, 33°, *Most Wise Master*.

It also commemorates two very important events:

The Jewish Feast of the Passover and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Homemade Cookies and Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

We seek to strengthen the ties of brotherly love which bind our hearts in holy remembrance.





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Commander-in-Chief's Message



Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°

Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania Consistory



Here it comes! It's almost here! Springtime! Bulbs buried deep in the earth will soon be showing off their beautiful blooms, trees will soon be in bud, and the grass will thicken and turn a lush green.

Spring reminds us about renewal and a resurgence of energy that has been dormant throughout a cold, snowy Pittsburgh winter. Spring has always been God's vibrant illustration about the ongoing flow of life, a testament to the fact that everything is constantly changing and being remade. Hopefully, each of you will take the time to enjoy the amazing wonders that nature displays for us at the turn of every season.

However, some changes aren't always what we want. The Valley of Pittsburgh has seen over sixty of our beloved Brethren pass on to their heavenly rewards this winter. Their accomplishments are far too numerous to list here, but many were actively involved in nearly every facet of this Valley for many years. They will be deeply missed and not forgotten.

American author Alex Haley is said to have lived his life by these six words: "Find the good and praise it." The Scottish Rite has so many good people and good things going for it. We have much to praise. We do good work. We are charitable, and kind, and caring. We take care of kids dealing with dyslexia. We have a Hospitaler's Fund

to help Brethren in need. We offer scholarships. We provide support for one another.

I repeat again that we have much to praise and much to be thankful for here in the Valley of Pittsburgh. Please show your appreciation to all those Brethren who are constantly giving back to the Craft. Don't wait to share a thank-you or a "job well done" with a Brother, friend, or family member. Don't postpone taking that proverbial moment to smell the roses or appreciate the beauty of a single ray of sunshine. Let us all remember to take a little bit of time in our lives to "Find the good and praise it."

The Officers of the Valley look forward to greeting you soon. Check over the calendar and make plans to be a little more active in your Valley this year. Dinner and entertainment is only \$10.00 on stated meeting nights. Bring your Lady, bring a family member, or bring them all. Consider sharing the evening with someone who is not a member just to show what the Scottish Rite has to offer. Take advantage of your Valley of Pittsburgh membership. We're your Brothers. See you soon! ♦

Fraternally
and with God's Blessings

Rich

Spes Mea In Deo Est

Toward the Undiscovered Country

by D. Todd Ballenger, 32°, Staff Writer

Every story has an ending. Despite its length, depth, or the number of characters in the narrative, every tale will eventually reach its conclusion - as shall we.

Sooner or later, death will find us all. It is unavoidable and immutable. We are subject to this inevitability due to the finite nature of man and the irreversible course of time.

But is not how we meet death at least as important as how we meet life? In Hamlet's famous soliloquy, the young Danish prince confesses his own fear of the unknown,

struggling with himself as "the dread of something after death, the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller ever returns, puzzles the will."

Freemasonry does not shy from the recognition of our mortal existence. The symbols of the level, the hourglass, the scythe, and the coffin are all reminders that our time on this earth is limited. But nowhere are we taught to fear the end of the story.

From the very beginnings of the Lodge experience, we are reminded of our limited

time on this earth. The symbolic explanation of the level echoes Hamlet's recognition that we are all moving toward the unknown land beyond this life with every moment that passes. The symbol of the hourglass reminds us that time is always moving around us, and that although we cannot see the future or change the past, we must be ever mindful of our actions in the present. Our time in this world is finite, and we are charged to use it wisely. The scythe is another emblem of time, and although it is most certainly a symbol of the end of life, it is also a reminder that what we have sown during our time on earth will be harvested and used for the betterment of our fellow man. The coffin is the most obvious symbol of mortality in Craft Masonry, alluding with no subtlety to the inevitable end of all creatures on this earth. Fortunately for us (and Hamlet as well), this is not the end of all things. Even Hamlet acknowledges the continuation of the story, though he does so with fear of what lies beyond the veil.

But why should we fear death? Why do we invite dread and discomfort from a part of life that is inevitable from its very beginning? It is only human nature to fear the unknown and mourn the passing of others who have played such important parts in our own journeys in this life. In fact, the very uncertainty of life invites doubt into the hearts and minds of every man.

Fortunately, in addition to the spiritual guidance offered by the Volume of the Sacred Law, Freemasonry reminds us that we should have faith - faith in the immortality of the human soul, that part of us that lives on after physical death. Symbolized by the sprig of acacia, or evergreen, we carry on toward the undiscovered country even after our mortal demise, and our works and interactions with others remain as the legacy of our time among the living.

True, every story does indeed have an ending. But do we really know when we've reached it? Should we fear the ending of the tale and allow the wonder and excitement of what has passed to intermingle with regret and sadness that there is no more? Or do we consider the inevitable termination of this life a chapter in a larger work, one just beginning to unfold in what is sure to be even more exciting and captivating than the last?

In this story, we are all travelers on that road toward the undiscovered country, full of untold experiences and satisfactions of the heart and soul.

We should refuse to be paralyzed by the fear of the unknown at the end of this part of the tale. Instead, rejoice in the promise of new adventures in the next chapter, and don't be afraid to turn the page. ♦

Farewell My Brothers



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.



David S. Kielman, 33°

*I've come to the end of the level of time
That leads us all to the Grand Lodge sublime
From whose borne none ever return.
More light in Masonry there I shall learn
By an Altar where light shall evermore shine.
I'm ready for my last degree.*



Kenneth J. Faub, 33°

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Wilbur D. Williams
Albert L. Wolford
Thomas B. Yarick
Donald E. Zebley





will also be present as an invited guest of the Grand Lodge of Ohio when the Grand Lodge officers reenact the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Perry Monument at Put-in-Bay on the 4th of July.

This is a story of that battle and some interesting Pittsburgh facts. Although the United States had won her freedom from Britain during the Revolution, three decades of animosity followed.

By the turn

of the 19th century, American anger at the British intensified over issues such as the impressment of U.S. sailors – the British giving guns to American Indians while they were fighting the United States and British trade restrictions.

All of this prompted President James Madison to ask Congress for a declaration of war on Great Britain. On June 18, 1812 the War of 1812 began.

During that time, masonry played a very important roll in American daily life.

Military lodges met by dispensation when and wherever they found it convenient to do so. Men became members to support their belief in freedom from English tyranny.

It was during the winter of 1812-13 that both the Americans and the British scrambled to build ships – each side recognizing the importance of controlling the Great Lakes.

The U.S. Navy's shipbuilding project, directed by Erie shipmaster Daniel Dobbins, was particularly daunting.

Erie at the time had 500 residents. Shipwrights, blockmakers, blacksmiths, caulkers, boat builders and laborers were recruited from around the new nation.

And because Erie was so remote, the small lakefront community had little except trees to offer to the effort. Iron was hauled in from Meadville and other towns; rigging and anchors were made in Pittsburgh; and

canvas for the sails was sent from Philadelphia. Cannons came from Washington, D.C.

Dobbins, who directed the project until more experienced help arrived, was joined by Noah Brown, a New York shipbuilder hired to complete the six vessels to add to the existing fleet of three small ships. Among those new ships were two Brigs, *Lawrence* and *Niagara*.

As the building took place, British forces kept up an active blockade on Lake Erie throughout the spring and summer. But in

August, they unexpectedly lifted the blockade and sailed back to Canada, probably to resupply.

Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who had taken command of the nine-ship fleet in March 1813, saw an opportunity and sailed out of the Erie harbor in August and headed to Put-in-Bay in Ohio. There, he waited for the British to return.

At dawn on the morning of September 10, 1813, a lookout spotted six vessels to the northwest past rattlesnake island.

Immediately, Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry made preparations to sail forth to engage the British.

The battle began at 11:45 a.m. and ended at 3:00 p.m.

Just as the engagement was about

to start, Perry hoisted his battle flag to the flagship's main truck. The large navy blue banner was emblazoned with the crudely inscribed words, *DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP*, the dying words of Brother and Captain James Lawrence, a friend of Perry's, who as Captain of the U.S. Frigate *Chesapeake* had been mortally wounded on June 1, 1813. Perry's flagship was named in his honor, and the dead hero's inspiring words clearly indicated Perry's determination to prevail as he led the small U.S. fleet into battle.

(*Lawrence County in Pennsylvania and Lawrenceville in Pittsburgh, PA are named*
Continued on page 11.

Bro. Samuel McKinney

served as a Private aboard the Brig *Niagara* during the Battle of Lake Erie.

He was a musketeer in Captain George Records' Company of the 147th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia. Both his CSR and MR Records' 17 September 1813, expound that McKinney volunteered to fight under Perry on 25 July 1813.

A native of the Keystone State, McKinney was born in Chester County. When he was drafted at Bellefonte, Centre County, on 12 April 1813, McKinney was a 27-year-old farmer with dark eyes, black hair, and a dark complexion. He married Rachel on either 23 or 24 May 1816, and in 1828 they were still living in Bellefonte. By 1830 they were residing in Walker Township, Centre County. McKinney and his family, which eventually included twelve children, moved to Venango County, Pennsylvania in 1833. McKinney applied for and was granted a survivor's pension of \$8.00 per month commencing 14 February 1871.

On 20 September 1871, at age 85, McKinney died at Salem City, Cranberry Township, Venango County. He was interred in Brandon Cemetery, between Seneca and Cranberry. Rachel McKinney passed away at Seneca, Pennsylvania in February, 1895.

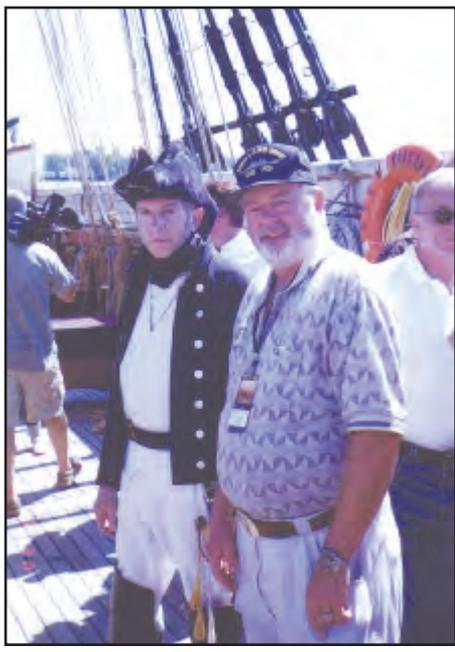
There are many facets to the War of 1812 that provide many interesting events and historical stories.

Many involved members of Freemasonry – the writing of the Star Spangled Banner by Bro. Francis Scott Key at the bombing of Ft. McHenry in Baltimore and the Battle of Lake Erie, both celebrating their 200th Anniversary Celebration this summer.

One such event, the Battle of Lake Erie is of particular interest to us in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Brother Robert H. Stanley, a member of Dormont-Whitehall Lodge No. 684, and the Valley of Pittsburgh, is the great, great, great, grandson of Bro. Samuel McKenny, a member of the crew of the *Niagara* at the Battle of Lake Erie.

Bro. Stanley will be on board the *Flagship Niagara* in the reenactment of the Battle on Labor Day, September 2. He



Bro. Robert Stanley, (r) the great, great, great grandson of Bro. Samuel McKinney pictured with Oliver Hazard Perry Cabot, a great, great, great grandson of the Commodore.

From the Secretary's Desk

Donald M. Murphy, 33^o, Secretary



There are two subjects that need attention at this time:

Are Your Dues Up To Date?

The Scottish Rite 2012-2013 year is half complete. So far we are having a good year. More members are attending our activities and meetings.

We are looking forward to our special Spring Class. Excitement is building. Why then is there a black cloud hanging over the Valley?

Are You A Candidate for Suspension?

With only a few months to go before our June meeting we still have the potential of losing several members due to non-payment of dues. This would be quite a blow to the organization. We lose many members to death each year but to lose several more to suspension would have an adverse affect on the Valley.

Perhaps some members still do not realize how the system works. Several years ago, the Supreme Council started to mail out dues statements to the members. It is up to the member to return payment using the enclosed envelope. Your dues card becomes valid only when the Valley receives payment.

After three notices you become delinquent in your dues. After two years of non-payment a member is subject to suspension.

We understand that sometimes monetary circumstances cause a problem with dues payments. We welcome your phone calls or letters at any time and will do whatever we can to help. We do not want to suspend anyone but please help by letting us know if you have a financial problem.

If you have any questions regarding your dues, please feel free to contact the Valley office at 412-939-3579.

Scholarships

Each year the Valley of Pittsburgh gives several scholarships to worthy students who are attending institutions of higher learning. Applications are now being accepted. The deadline is April 1, 2013.

Our scholarships are of two types:

Abbott Scholarships

Named for Leon M. Abbott, this program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related

youth groups. The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants.

1) A currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

2) A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. (*applicants should apply to the Valley of membership*)

3) A child of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. (*applicants should apply to Valley of fathers membership*)

4) A member of a DeMolay, Rainbow or Jobs Daughters in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Valley of Pittsburgh Scholarships

The four items listed above also make a person eligible for the Valley of Pittsburgh Scholarships plus:

1) A grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

2) A graduate of the Children's Dyslexia Center in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Please call the Valley office with any question you might have or to receive a scholarship application. ♦

Hiram's Riders Officers for 2013

- President Paul J. Kauffman
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- West Div. President Paul J. Kauffman
- Treasurer William D. Johnston, 33^o
- Secretary D. William Roberts, 33^o

Stated Meetings

- Saturday, February 23 GPMC
- Saturday, April 27 GPMC
- Saturday, June 29 GPMC
- Saturday, August 31 TBA
- Saturday, October GPMC
- Saturday, December 21 Grants Bar

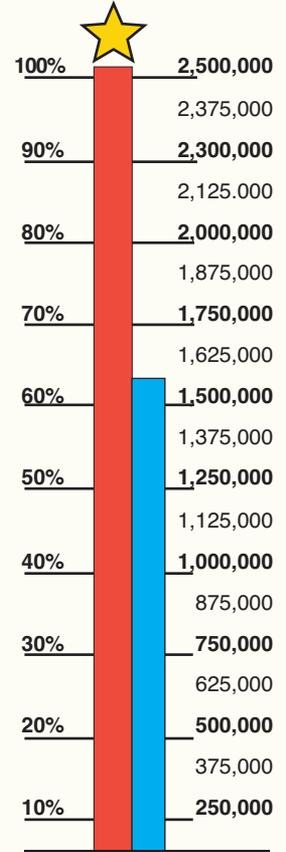
Events

- St. Patrick's Day Dinner . . See Ad on page 18
- Ride for Dyslexia Sunday, June 30
- Picnic with the Grand Master TBA
- Raffle Sales Various Locations

Help the Endowment Fund for Dyslexia GROW!

Make a Pledge!
Make a Donation!

GOAL: \$2,500,000



GOAL \$2,500,000
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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

— Bro. Winston Churchill



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The Modern Vitruvian

by P. J. Roup, 32°

Staying for Dessert

We're meant to lose the people we love. How else would we know how important they are to us?

— Mrs. Maple in *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

The observant reader of *The Modern Vitruvian*, and I would like to think there is no other kind, will note that this is the second consecutive column with a quote from *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. I can assure you that I have already ejected that DVD from the player and will give it a rest for the foreseeable future.

If the truth be told, I would have preferred never to have had the occasion to use the above epigraph, but the month of January has seen the passing of three men for whom Masonry was a way of life, and without whom, Masonry will not be the same. The deaths of Illustrious Brothers Kielman and Faub of this Valley, and Bill Davenport, an active instructor and Past Master in my District have left me unsettled.

I knew each of these men - my Brothers - to an extent, but not very deeply. I had the chance to spend time with each of them within the last few weeks of their lives, and I keep wondering what I would have done differently had I known that our last conversation would be our *final* conversation.

One thing I know about myself is that I am obsessive about time. I am constantly looking at my watch. Even though I am trying to heed my own advice and take more time to appreciate *The Space Between*, I must fight to put the clock and the next task out of mind. So had I been told that this was the last conversation, would I have given in when they insisted that I stay for dessert? Talked a little longer even though I knew that I'd be exhausted the following morning? Would I have asked them something deep? What was their proudest moment? Their biggest regret? Would I have been brave enough to answer those questions if they had asked me?

Dessert? It's already 10:30. If I don't leave now, it'll be after midnight before I get to bed. I have an early day tomorrow. Maybe I'll just go home tonight and do dessert when the meeting is shorter or my schedule is lighter.

As I think about these Brothers and the countless others that I have known and loved and who are no longer with me, their faces appear to me just as real as if they were here in the room, and I long for one last conversation.

To some I would say, "You know, we didn't always agree on how to do things, but I always respected you. The ways you challenged me made me grow as a man and a Mason."

I might thank others for their advice (solicited or otherwise) on how to play a role, deliver a line more effectively or gesture in a way that brings a character to life on the Scottish Rite stage.

To another, I might get comfortable in my chair and ask, "How was your granddaughter's recital," knowing fully that his eyes would begin to sparkle as he recounted her every graceful move in the five-year old's ballet class as only a proud grandfather could.

Perhaps the conversation I would most like to have is with my grandfather. "Pap," I would start, "We never had the chance to sit in Lodge together, but I can never thank you enough for being the kind of man that made me want to join an organization you belonged to. I hope I have made you proud."

Those are conversations I can never have. But surely there must be some lesson to be learned. That is the mission of *The Modern Vitruvian* after all.

The next time you are in Lodge, look around at the faces that are there with you. Is there a Brother with whom you should make amends? Are you carrying around baggage from an old disagreement? Did someone in the room change your life in a profound way? Is he the reason you are a Mason? Did he give you words of encouragement when you were about to quit? I suspect that there is a face that comes to mind for each of those scenarios.

Now ask yourself what you would do if tonight's conversation was the last you would have with that Brother. Would you sit next to him instead of across the Lodge? Would you try to heal the wound?

Would you thank him. Tell him that he is important to you? Would you look him in the eye and tell him that your life is better because he is in it?

Remember that "See you tomorrow" isn't a legally binding contract, so do not leave unsaid those words that could heal, empower, uplift, encourage or comfort. Mrs. Maple doesn't have to be right. We don't need to lose the people we love to know how important they are. Just imagine your Lodge – your life – without them in it and let them know they matter.

And when the meeting is over, put away your watch. . .

And stay for dessert. ♦

Note: *I know that death and regret can be intensely personal. I sat at this computer, eyes full of tears, as I wrote this story. If you feel called, please visit www.themodernvitruvian.blogspot.com and share your stories: memories of those Brothers who made a difference for you, conversations you should have had or the ones you did have and are thankful that you did.*

If you would prefer that they remain anonymous, send them to me with that request and I will post them without your information.

Support Your
Valley of Pittsburgh
Social Events and
Special Activities!



Check out the
Calendar of Events
on page 26.

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection



Message from the
THRICE POTENT MASTER

Jonathan D. Ballinger, 32°



It has been a rough start to the new year for the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection.

Last month we mourned the passing of two Past Thrice Potent Masters. The deaths of Illustrious Brothers David S. Kielman, 33° and Kenneth J. Faub, 33° are a tremendous loss to Freemasonry in general, and the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite in particular.

particular.

In this day and age it seems at times that the basic tenets of our Craft have been forgotten by humanity at large, and the world is darker for it. These two Brethren lived their lives true to Masonic principles, shining examples as beacons bright for our fellow man to follow. It can truly be said that the world is better because they have lived.

On a personal note, I would like to thank those Brethren that have offered their condolences and heartfelt sorrow to myself and the rest of Illustrious Brother Kielman's family during these difficult times. Consoling someone is never easy and at times I know that it can feel like a fruitless endeavor, but rest assured that your kind words and Brotherly love are very much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Now the mantle of Masonic leadership falls to our shoulders. To that end, I charge each of us to be worthy of the confidence that has been reposed in us. To be true to the Craft and its principles, as we all have sworn we would be. To labor in the Masonic vineyards as tirelessly as these two distinguished Masons did, right to their very end.

We must recognize and embrace the opportunities of service that are available to us as the result of their work, and roll up our sleeves. Let's get to work Brethren. ♦

Spes Mea In Deo Est

Brother Hubert Humphrey on Freedom

Vice-President of the United States, 1965 - 1969

"Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man. When citizens can meet freely and talk freely, when religious expression and economic endeavor are unfettered, when all can share in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, there can be no turning back.

American Freemasons have fought for these rights for themselves and others, and are proud of their accomplishments."

Make Plans NOW
Western Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic
KENNYWOOD PARK

Friday August 2nd

- ★ Picnic Pavilions ★ Games
- ★ Prizes ★ Entertainment ★ Ride all Day
- ★ Buttermilk ★ Camel's Milk ★ Fireworks

For Group Reservations, call
Bro. Robert Plata, 412-241-8838
Complete details in the June issue of the Rite News

Show You're Proud to be a Mason

Place a 'Masonic License Plate' on your car. (call 412-939-3579 for application)



Purchase a sheet of vinyl 3" fade resistant 'Car Badges' - six to a sheet in various colors.

\$10.00



Purchase a Valley T-Shirt all sizes available - \$14.00



Proud to be a Mason Lapel Pin - \$5.00



Purchase a Valley Golf Shirt all sizes available - \$30.00

When ordering individually, add \$2 for mailing.

Save! Purchase Pin, Badges & T-Shirt for \$25 Incl postage. Send check payable to Valley of Pittsburgh, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Questions? 412-683-0359.

The Battle of Lake Erie

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in honor of Bro. and Captain Lawrence.)

In short order, 80 percent of the *Lawrence's* crew was killed or wounded by the superior British fleet, and the ship was crippled.

After two hours of desperate fighting, the *Lawrence*, Perry's first flagship and the *Niagara's* sistership, had been battered into a defenseless hulk.

With the battle raging, Perry carried his banner to the *Niagara*, which was under the command of Commodore Jesse Elliot. Elliot had held back during the battle, and the *Niagara* remained undamaged.

Perry transferred his battle flag to the *Niagara* and assumed command. Sailing the *Niagara* between the British battle line, Perry utilized his new flagship's firepower to the fullest, ravaging the enemy fleet and by 3:00 p.m. the battle was over, compelling the entire British force to surrender.

In a now famous report to General William Henry Harrison, Perry wrote, "Dear General: We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, O.H. Perry".

For her efforts the *Niagara* lost 2 men killed and 25 wounded. Perry's aggressive action and the *Niagara's* heavy guns together tolled the death knell over British dominance of Lake Erie.

The Battle of Lake Erie proved one of the most resounding triumphs of the War of 1812. The victory secured control of the lake, forcing the British to abandon Fort Malden and retreat up the Thames River. Harrison's army pursued, decisively defeating the small British army and its allied Indian force on October 5, 1813 at the

Battle of the Thames. And later, during the peace talks, the dual victories of Lake Erie and the Thames insured that the states of Ohio and Michigan would remain the sovereign territory of the United States of America.

The British were unable to re-establish and the war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent on Christmas Eve, 1814.

This also ended any real demand for warships on Lake Erie. The need for gun brigs was rendered even more pointless after the Rush-Bagot Agreement was signed with Great Britain in 1818, a treaty which called for disarmament on the Great Lakes.

For the next two years the *Niagara* served as a station ship at Presque Isle, but when the Erie Naval Station was phased out there was nothing that could be done to save the once proud brig.

Built specifically as a shallow draft gun platform, it was impractical to sell the

Niagara for conversion to a merchant vessel. Besides, it was possible the brig might be needed at some future point in the event hostilities again erupted with Canada. Thus the U.S. Brig *Niagara* was sunk for preservation purposes by the U.S. Navy in Misery Bay at Erie.

Ships were often scuttled in cold water as a way of preserving them for future use.

The *Niagara* remained at the bottom of Misery Bay for the next ninety-three years. Then in 1913, as part of the Battle of Lake Erie Centennial, the *Niagara* was raised and restored by a group of Erie citizens. Original plans could not be found at either the Navy Department or the National Archives, so the restoration was based on a design conceived by the noted naval historian Howard I. Chapelle. The reconstructed *Niagara* was then towed to different ports on the Great Lakes for a variety of centennial activities.

In 1931 the *Niagara* became the property of the State of Pennsylvania, which initiated another restoration. The Great Depression and budgetary difficulties so

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Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry
Although he was reportedly a Mason, no proof of membership in any Masonic Lodge has ever been found.



Islam Grotto's Lenten Fish Dinner

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Friday: February 22 – March 15 – March 29

Served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Purchase Tickets at the Door!



Be Grateful For What God Has Given You

Rev. David L. Kinsey, 33rd



Her teeth were as white as ivory, her lips were in the shape of a heart, her blond curly hair looked like she should be in an advertisement for a hair product. Her eyes glistened with delight and her personality electrified everyone. I don't know if I have ever met a more radiant, positive, faithful young lady in my lifetime.

Twenty-one years ago, Michelle was born to some very loving parents. My encounter with her was watching a 13 minute film depicting her life. The praise and admiration of her classmates and teachers, as shown in this film, was heart warming. 600 people watched this story unfold, and I had the distinct pleasure of offering the Benediction at a banquet honoring Michelle – a young lady born without any legs and with only one arm.

As I looked into her eyes, and with tears streaming down my face I said these words. "Michelle, I could offer no prayer that would be as eloquent as what I have witnessed here tonight. You have touched my heart with your faithfulness and your perseverance in overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds. Your

enthusiasm, radiance and zest for life has been an inspiration. I shall remember you always. Amen"

When I spoke to her mother following this visit with Michelle, I said, "Your daughter is very special." She replied, "All my children are special." It was obvious this young lady's radiance and her positive outlook was a gift to her by the example set by her mother and father. She has taken that positive outlook and has given it to others.

Each one of us is special in some way to another person. My prayer for you is to take the special talent that God has placed in you and use it to the best of your ability to touch the lives of those around you.

Given the faith there is nothing, with Gods help, that we cannot overcome. Philippians 4:6. "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers, ask God for what you need. Always asking Him with a thankful heart."

While God may not remove the thorn or the pain or the suffering in your life, He will, if you ask, give you the faith to endure it.

Thank you Michelle, for allowing me to spend a few moments with you. Your image and inspiration are burned into my heart. ♦

Franklin Quotes

Benjamin Franklin once created a list of 13 virtues to live by. This baker's dozen included silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, temperance, moderation, tranquility, cleanliness, chastity, and humility. You will see these virtues emphasized again and again in these quotes, many culled from Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanack." Did Franklin himself listen to Poor Richard's advice? Sometimes. Sometimes not.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Eat to live, and not live to eat.

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

What is serving God? 'Tis doing Good to Man.

He that lieth down with Dogs, shall rise up with Fleas.

God helps them that help themselves.

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.

House guests, like dead fish, begin to smell after three days.

Who has deceiv'd thee so oft as thy self?



Friday, May 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

\$25.00
per person

Celebration of Education Dinner

The annual Celebration of Education Dinner features the distribution of Abbott Scholarships to high school and college applicants from Scottish Rite families. Applications are available from the Valley office (412-939-3579) or on line at: www.scottishritenmj.org (click on *philanthropy* and scroll down to *Abbott Scholarships* and 'click here') Mail two copies to the Valley office at 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Deadline for the submission of applications is April 1.

The Family Life Dinner honors those

7th and 8th grade students that participated in the annual essay contest of

"What My Family Means to Me."

The four Valley presiding officers will select four Masons (not necessarily members of the Valley) who will also be recognized as the ideal Family Man – living by the principles taught in the Scottish Rite.

The evening of food, student recognitions and family life, celebrates masonic values, and reinforces individual commitment to the family. ♦

Send check to Lodge of Perfection, AASR, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh., PA 15237 (tickets held at door)

Take a look at the Valley's New and Improved Website at:
www.valleyofpittsburgh.org

The Battle of Lake Erie

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hampered and delayed the project that it was not actually finished until 1963. At that time the vessel was out of the water on concrete blocks at the foot of State Street in Erie.

By the late 1980's the *Niagara* had again fallen into a state of disrepair. Ship designer Melbourne Smith was hired to draw plans and oversee another restoration. The ship was dismantled in 1987 and reassembled during 1988. Launching ceremonies were held on September 10, 1988, the 175th anniversary of the battle. The *Niagara* was then moved to the foot of Holland Street, where by 1990 the renovation was completed.

The U.S. Brig *Niagara* is a fully restored sailing ship owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. She is one of only three United States vessels remaining from the War of 1812 - the others being the U.S. Frigate *Constitution* and the U.S. Frigate *Constellation*.

The *Niagara* of today incorporates timbers salvaged from the original vessel. Her annual budget, which comes from state and private donations, is \$1 million.

Perry's victory was the turning point in the War of 1812. It was the first victory that mobilized and electrified the nation, and other victories followed.

During the War, the U.S. government spent about \$2,500,000 for the ships on Lakes Erie and Ontario. Only a small part of this money went into the building of the Lake Erie fleet. In no way was the cost of building excessive.

Perry destroyed British seapower west of the Niagara escarpment; he quickly assisted General Harrison with fleet units at the Battle of Thames, which brought all western upper Canada (Ontario today) under American control.

The United States thrilled to Perry's victory at age 28; six years later on his 34th birthday (August 23, 1819) he died at sea of yellow fever near Trinidad while on a special diplomatic mission for his country to Venezuela.

The War of 1812 was indeed our second war for independence, and in reality the final decisive finale to the Revolutionary War.

The Battle of Lake Erie determined the present northern boundary of Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, and westward, rather than the British intent of the Ohio River westward to the Mississippi River. The long geopolitical scheme of the British empire for North America was destroyed forever.

Within four years, in 1817, President Monroe was inaugurated and enunciated the Monroe Doctrine, permitting the United States, for more than 100 years to seek its destiny and present greatness.

This then is the account of the *Niagara* and the ships she led, the incredible hardships and handicaps, natural and manmade, under which the fleet was built, and how she helped so indispensably to shape the first defeat of a British fleet at American hands.

As we look back on the War of 1812, now 200 years ago, as Masons we can reflect with pride on how members of the Craft actively took part.

More than once, in the midst of conflict, individual Masons on both sides put aside the intense emotions of the moment and recalled their obligation to support a Brother in distress.

The War of 1812, just like all wars before or since, brought out the worst in some people, but it also brought out the best in others.

On another broader note, we must never forget that Canada and the United States fought against each other in this most destructive war. However, our countries now enjoy the longest undefended border in the world. Perhaps the rest of this troubled world would do well to study the finer points of Canadian and American military and Masonic history; the world

would see that Canada and the United States have learned the lesson that one does not need to resort to warfare to settle disputes.

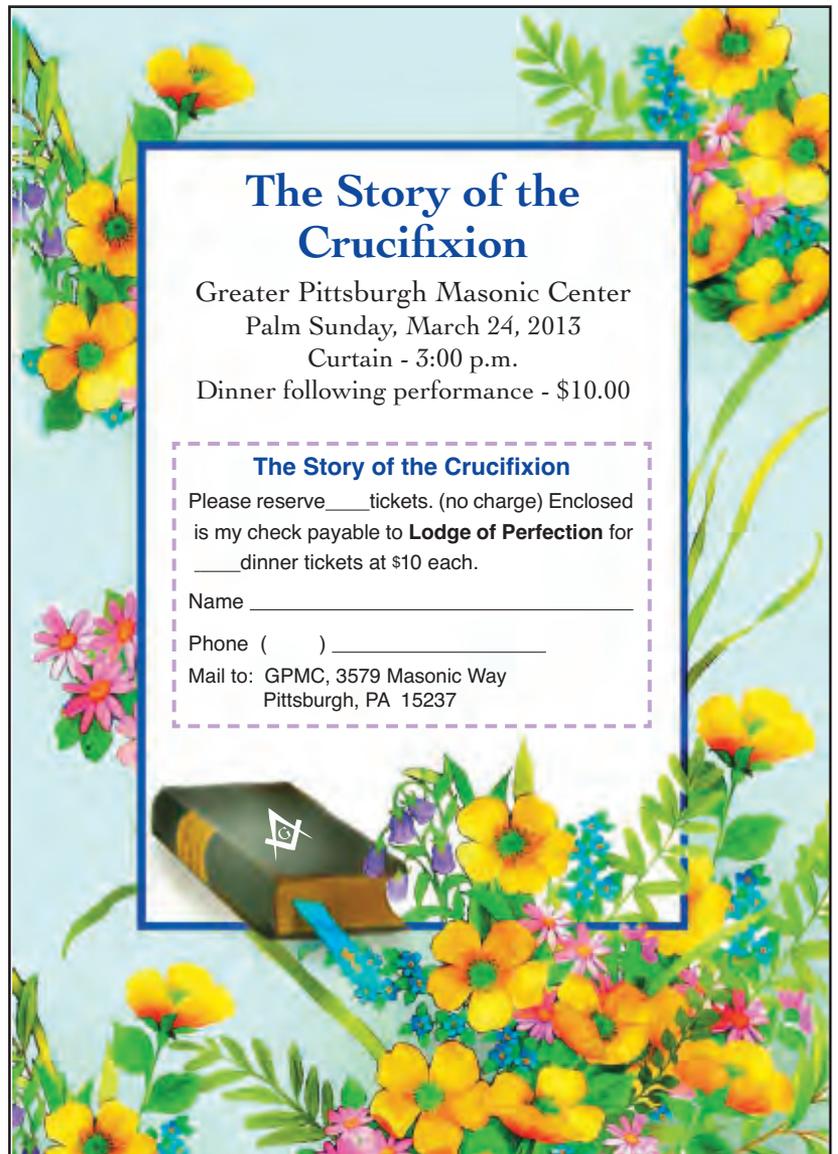
For more information about the U.S. Brig *Niagara* visit the web site at:

www.brign Niagara.org

or call the Museum at (814) 452-2744. ♦

Editor's Note:

Perryopolis, Pennsylvania; Perry County, Pennsylvania; Oliver Township, Pennsylvania; Perrysburg, Ohio; Perry County, Kentucky; Hazard, Kentucky; and Perrysburg, New York are all named in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and the famous Battle of Lake Erie.



The Story of the Crucifixion

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013
Curtain - 3:00 p.m.
Dinner following performance - \$10.00

The Story of the Crucifixion

Please reserve ___ tickets. (no charge) Enclosed is my check payable to **Lodge of Perfection** for ___ dinner tickets at \$10 each.

Name _____

Phone () _____

Mail to: GPMC, 3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody

There was an important job to be done in the Valley of Pittsburgh (*the semi-annual member-get-a-member campaign*) and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could do 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!

It's Our Duty!

Study the "Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody" narrative closely for the little nuances it contains. If it does not frighten you, *it should*. If it does not stir you to take action, *it should*. At the present rate of decline, somewhere around twelve years, or less from now, the Valley will not exist!

In 1996 an Editorial (It's Our Duty) was published in the *Rite News*. Here are some excerpts from that Editorial.

"In the year 2022, at the present rate of decline, the Valley of Pittsburgh will not exist. Does it have to bottom-out before action is taken?"

Do you know that 50% of the Blue Lodge Masons in Western Pennsylvania do not belong to the Scottish Rite?

It's our duty to turn this downward trend around and now is the time to do it.

In 1966 we had 27,646 members (membership peaked in 1972). Today (1996) we have 11,600 members - that's a loss of 16,946 in 30 years or 535 members (average) per year. Have we been asleep?

The Supreme Council is asking us to do something about it. No, they are demanding that we do something about it. It's now the duty of the Officers and Membership Committee and its Lodge representatives to do something about it. Frankly, brethren, they shouldn't have to demand or even ask for that matter. It's our duty! And, it's our privilege!

We have a new beautiful facility with everything addressed that members did not like in the building in Oakland: plenty of free parking, no steps, and plenty of fellowship activities!

Did you also know that a Blue Lodge Mason can join the Valley for only \$70.00 and it will only take one evening? That's all it cost to become a member of the Lodge of Perfection, 14°. He can then return at his leisure and take the next three steps: \$40.00 to move to the 16°; \$40.00 more to the 18° and \$50.00 to receive the 32°.

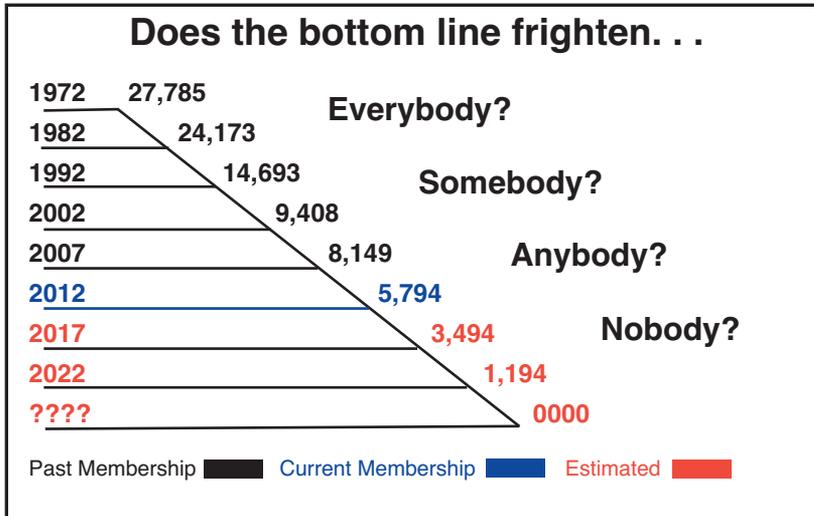
Brethren, accordingly we need 200 candidates in each class for the next five years just to stop (not reverse) our downward trend. The slogan might be Member-get-a-Member.

Remember Brethren, it's our Duty to perpetuate our fraternity for the benefit of mankind!" ♦

Ed. Note: *That was in 1996 - 16 years ago. Was Everybody listening? Was Somebody listening? Was Anybody listening?*

Definitely, Nobody was listening!

Membership Stats Over the Years





Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem

Message from the Sovereign Prince

Eric K. Cohen, 32°



Brethren, Happy New Year to all of you. I look forward to the coming of spring and all that the new season brings, the Spring Reunion, the Story of the Crucifixion, the Learning Center graduation and the scholarship dinner.

As much as I am excited for the upcoming schedule, I am equally saddened by the recent losses to the Valley.

Although we sadly lose brothers throughout the year, recently the Scottish Rite lost two brothers who not only made a great impact on the Valley but had personally touched me and helped to shape my Masonic experience. I had the opportunity to be at both Masonic services and I was amazed at the outpouring of sympathy and respect, although given the gravity of both of these mens' lives, I shouldn't have been surprised. Seeing the overwhelming response to these losses, once again reaffirmed my faith in my brothers and the fraternity in general. I would like to express my condolences to any of you that have lost loved ones and to those of you who I was able to visit with, again, my deepest personal sympathies are with you. Let us look forward to the spring and a time of rebirth. ♦

Spes Mea In Deo Est

Hiram's Riders Fundraiser for Dyslexia



A 2013 Harley Davidson
Electra Glide Classic
with Trailer to match
or \$17,000.00 cash!



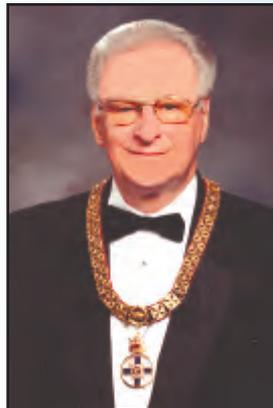
Purchase of a \$10 ticket helps provide **FREE** tutoring of Children with Dyslexia. Go to our new web site for details:

www.valleyofpittsburgh.org

or call 412-683-0359 or dwr47@verizon.net for questions and/or information.

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

Edward H. Fowler, Jr., 33° to be Honored by Grand Master



On Tuesday, April 2, the Grand Master, Bro. Jay W. Smith, 33°, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, together with the Officers and members of Avalon Lodge No. 657, will pay tribute to Past Grand Master, Edward H. Fowler, Jr., 33° for 60 years of outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry.

Anticipating a large turn-out, the banquet and open ceremonies will take place at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

The dinner buffet, provided by Brother Joe Elbicki of the Rusty Nail Restaurant, begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the award ceremonies in the York Rite Room. Dessert will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

This will be a public ceremony to which, in addition to Brother Fowler's family and friends, Bro. Richard M. Dodds, Worshipful Master invites you, your ladies and guests to join with the members of Avalon Lodge No. 657 in honoring Bro. Fowler.

Bro. Fowler is a Past-Commander-In-Chief of the Valley of Pittsburgh and currently serves as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25.00 each. Tables of eight may be reserved. Use coupon below for ordering tickets.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

Enclosed is my check payable to **Avalon Lodge No. 657** in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations.

Name _____ Ph. () _____

E-Mail _____

**Mail to: Charles M. Bombich, Secretary, P.O. Box 99271,
Pittsburgh, PA 15233-4271.**

Questions? 724-333-5379 or shark152@hotmail.com

Flower Sale

The Children's Dyslexia Center will have its second annual Flower Sale this spring. This year, participants will be able to pick up their flowers either on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Thursday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As was the case last year, you will be able to order flats, small plants, and/or hanging baskets. All flowers must be ordered in advance, and the deadline for those orders will be Tuesday, April 9. If you are a gardener and would like to help the Center, please consider ordering your flowers from this sale. If you are not a gardener, please consider ordering some hanging baskets for yourself or for gifts. Order forms will be available in early March. If you would like a copy when they are printed, please contact the Center via phone **412-931-3181** or via e-mail pghdyslexiacenter@comcast.net ♦

Hiram's Riders Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 15, 2012



Dick & Carol Stemmler

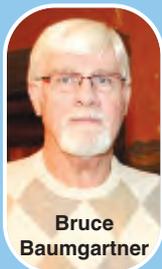
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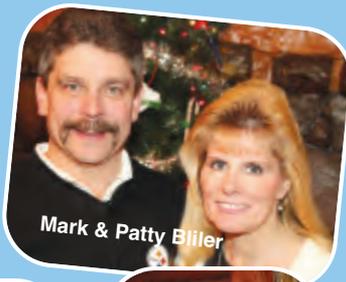
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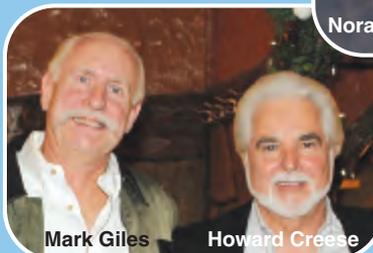
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Noram Flaherty



Bob Golden



Mark Giles

Howard Creese



Carla & Doug Mahaven



**It's A Baseball Night
at the Ball Yard!**

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Pirates vs Dodgers

The annual Valley of Pittsburgh
Baseball outing at PNC Park.

Friday, June 14, 2013

\$32.00 includes

- ★ Box Seat for the game.
- ★ Tailgate party begins at 5:30 p.m.
at PNC Park parking lot.
- ★ T-Shirt Night - all fans receive a tee
shirt courtesy of Allegheny Sports
Medicine.



Questions? - 412-939-3579

Baseball Ticket Order

Enclosed is my check payable to **Gourgias Lodge
of Perfection** for \$_____ for _____ tickets to
the baseball game at PNC Park on Saturday,
June 14, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.

Name _____

Phone () _____

Mail to: GPMC, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh. PA 15237
Please include a *stamped, self-addressed #10
envelope* for return of game tickets and directions
to the tail gate party.

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!

Wow, it is cold outside – single digits I am told. What a great day to sit by the fire and reflect upon the great Fraternity we so cherish.

The Scottish Rite year is half over. Much has been accomplished and yet their remains much to do. I hope you will join us in the several events we have planned for you.

March promises to be a busy month. The Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix will offer a rare presentation of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb at the Masonic Village at Sewickley on March 3, at 2:00 p.m.

This observance is a solemn and uplifting event that commemorates the Holy Days of Communion and Passover in a memorial service honoring our departed Brethren. The ceremony is just over an hour in duration and will be followed by fellowship, cookies and beverages.

The DeMolay will hold their annual class on the afternoon of Saturday, March 16. Their work is both well done and educational. Come out and support them and I am certain they will not disappoint you.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, *The Story of the Crucifixion* will be presented in full costume followed by dinner for the bargain basement price of \$10. Reserve your seats early.

Things do not slow down in April. A Stated Meeting of the Valley is on Thursday, April 4. As has been the custom recently, the meeting will be preceded by dinner and includes entertainment. All for the exorbitant price of \$10.

The Spring Class will be condensed into one day and held on Saturday, April 20. Who do you know that would enjoy Scottish Rite? I believe we have a fraternal obligation to make our Brethren aware of this opportunity and to explain the benefits of membership. If you are uncomfortable doing so, give us their names and we will do the rest. They deserve to make their own decision, do not make it for them.

On May 24, we will have our annual Education and Recognition Dinner honoring our families and students.

Monday, June 10 will find us Golfing to raise the necessary funding for the Children's Dyslexia Center. Please consider playing or being a sponsor. Your support is always appreciated.

Probably the most popular event held in the Valley of Pittsburgh is our



Message from the Most Wise Master Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix

Jeffrey M. Wonderling, 33°

annual visit to PNC Park complete with game ticket and pre-game tailgate party. This event sells out every year and I am sure you will agree that your Valley provides a variety of programs for you to enjoy. There is indeed something for everybody. It is hard to believe that the relationships and fellowship we enjoy are free.

I would like to switch gears and relate the following story. Last Friday night was a great example of Freemasonry at its best. A contingent of nearly forty Masons traveled to Aurora Lodge No. 43 in Newburg, WV. Aurora Lodge is located in a rural area and is home to seventy Masons. Imagine their astonishment when we pulled up in a 53 passenger bus. Did I mention the temperature was 14 degrees and the roads were a bit greasy? Why would these men leave work early, travel 1 1/2 hours to Lodge and get back to their homes at 1:00 a.m.? The occasion was the presentation of a 50 year service emblem to Bro. R.J. Aronhalt, Past District Deputy Grand Master and tireless traveler for the Fraternity. The standing room only crowd was there to honor a Mason who by the most conservative estimates has

attended nearly 8000 meetings during his 50 year tenure. That equates to 160 meetings per year, 13.33 per month or 3.33 per week. He is retired and logged 100,000 miles on his vehicle in

4 years. He is known in the southern tier of Pennsylvania as well as all of West Virginia. At the meeting he was the man who had called the members that were ill or distressed and reported on their circumstances. He truly serves his Brother Master Masons. I can only imagine the joy he felt when his Brothers turned out in such numbers in a show of Fraternal love and support. It must have been an incredible feeling. You see, I know the feeling of satisfaction we experienced by going out of our way to support our beloved Brother Aronhalt.

I contend that if we would constantly look for opportunities to serve our Brethren, and not ourselves, our Lodge rooms would be full. We would once again become a "Fraternity" and men would break down the doors to get in. What can you do to brighten a Brother's day?

As my friend Ill Drew W. Washabau 33° so often signs off . . . 'Foot to Foot'. ♦



Spes Mea In Deo Est

Pennsylvania DeMolay Invites You to Attend The Annual Rose Croix Induction Class

Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Exciting Opportunity

If you know a young man, age 12-21 who would like to join DeMolay at the Rose Croix Induction Class please contact the PA DeMolay Office at 1-800-266-8424 Ext. 4 for all the details on how to do this!

1:30 PM - Guest Registration
2:00 PM - Induction Begins
4:15 PM - Remarks & Closing
4:30 PM - Light Refreshments

Yes! I plan to attend the Rose Croix Induction Class on March 16th!

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So, What's Holding You Up?

"In all professions, each affects a look and an exterior to appear what he wishes the world to believe that he is. Thus, we may say that the world is made up of appearances."

- Francois de La Rochefoucauld

What comes to mind when you first think of the Scottish Rite? Is it the double-headed eagle? Or perhaps it's the different colored hats the officers wear? Could it be the mysterious number "33" neatly ensconced within its golden triangle? Or possibly it's the officers and actors you see reprising their roles in the costumed pageantry of the Fall and Spring Reunions?



D. Todd Ballenger

Greek Orders are sometimes emphasized over the more utilitarian Roman Orders. Renowned author and Scottish Rite innovator Albert Pike furthered the use of these same three pillars in the degree of Secret Master (4th Degree, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction), by illustrating that ". . . a man is not fit to commence the ascent toward the heights on

which Truth sits enthroned without first appreciating and embracing the value of Truth itself and of Virtue." The degree teaches that our most basic duty as Scottish Rite Masons is to serve each other, our communities, and our country, without expecting personal reward or recognition. (surprise! - that's the 'secret' part). The pathway to Truth lies along the three primary supports. Through these foundations we find the Masonic virtues of Independence, Truthfulness, Endurance, Equity, Justice, Mercy, Silence, Devotion, and Attainment. But these virtues are only attainable through the combined uses of Strength, Wisdom, and Beauty. They function much like the primary colors in an artist's palette. As we blend and mix from the basic elements - our foundation - magnificent works are possible and great accomplishments inevitable, all by working together and combining what we know and learn.



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The pursuit of Truth and Virtue metaphorically presented in the architecture of ancient Greece is a fantastic illustration of the deep history and symbolism within our Fraternity. But we can take this idea even further. William Preston reminds us of the importance of all the different architectural orders, "so that the whole when taken together is understood to form one beautiful, perfect, and complete whole." In the midst of the lessons of how we should learn and the virtues we should practice, I am reminded of the varied backgrounds and personalities of the men that make up our great Fraternity. My Brothers, you see these pillars and virtues every day. They are us.

The great Masonic scholars teach us that we are all so much more than the outward trappings of our Fraternity. We are much more than special hats, or ornate collars, or a myriad of sparkling pocket jewels. No, we don't all look the same and some are better designed for strength than beauty. But this is our underlying base, our support, our foundation. Every one of us has something to contribute, some of it original, and some of it a combination of skills that serve to benefit in their own way.

Remember to look around next time you're at a Scottish Rite event, or any Lodge function for that matter. Take stock in what you see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Use your senses to realize that much more lies above, beneath, and behind what is readily apparent to the eye. Remember that the foundations of our Fraternity take on many different shapes and sizes - some ornate, and some not. These supports serve many different purposes, at different times, and function in different ways. But all are vital to the integrity of the whole. Consider this the next time you think that your contribution doesn't matter; that 'those other guys pretty much have things under control'; or that no one will miss you if you're not there.

As Brothers, we revel in each others' company. We gain strength from each others' support. We gain wisdom and learn from each others' experiences. We take pride in each others' beauty. Everyone has a place. Everyone is a pillar. And every pillar has a purpose.

So, what's holding you up? ♦

Ed. Note: Bro. D. Todd Ballenger, 32°, is a Past Master of Dallas Lodge No. 231. He is also Deputy Master of the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Pittsburgh and an actor in the degree work.

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David W. Morgans
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Scottish Rite Masonry is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year and it is a great time to be a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh!

This spring we have some exciting things happening which will give us each an opportunity to share our love for the Scottish Rite with others and invite them to join our ranks.

The first exciting news is that the Scottish Rite is offering an incentive to those brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. The suspension must have been within the last five years. Qualified suspended members will pay a one-time payment

of \$85.00 which will reinstate them in our Valley. This will be great news to many, but we, the active members, must get this information out to our suspended Brothers as this deal is only for a limited time – now until April 30, 2013. So lets get the news out and get our fellow Scottish Rite members reconnected to the Valley.

The second exciting news is that on Saturday April 20, 2013 our Valley will hold a One Day Class for new members to the Scottish Rite. Master Masons in the morning will be 32° Scottish Rite Masons that very same evening! This will certainly appeal to many perspective members. And as an additional incentive the initiation fee will be only \$100.00. Now is the time to invite your Masonic brethren to join the Scottish Rite.

The third exciting news is that we will have another movie night on Friday, April 5, 2013. This spring we will be viewing arguably the best fraternity movie ever filmed, "Animal House". Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:30 p.m. And, not only will you be able to view a classic movie, you will also be able to participate in a chili cook off. All those who fancy themselves chili aficionados are encouraged to brew up a batch of their best chili and bring it with them. Prizes will be awarded to the top three chili chefs. There will be no charge for this event so come on out and enjoy an evening with your brothers. This is a great opportunity to invite non-Scottish Rite Masons to join you. The Spring Class will take place two weeks after the movie night, which is plenty of time for your Masonic friends to fill out an application to join our great Valley.

Don't forget, that if you love being a Scottish Rite Mason, you should share that love with others. Each of us has a responsibility to tell others about our Valley and how they can join. These three pieces of news that were just shared with you will give you tools to talk about joining the Scottish Rite with men who are not currently members. Lets get the word out and see if together we can make 2013 a very special year for increasing our membership rolls. ♦

SPRING CLASS

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Conferral Schedule

SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by the
Thrice Potent Master
Reading of the *Declaration of Principles*.
Communication of 5th thru 12th and 14th Degrees.
- 9:10 a.m. 4th Degree Ceremonial
- 9:20 a.m. 4th Degree
- 10:00 a.m. 13th Degree
- 11:30 a.m. 16th Degree
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:20 p.m. Class Picture
- 1:30 p.m. Speaker - *Membership Chairman*
- 1:40 p.m. Communication of
19th thru 30th Degrees
- 1:50 p.m. 18th Degree
Speaker – Valley Secretary
- 3:20 p.m. 32nd Degree
- 3:50 p.m. 31st Degree
- 5:05 p.m. Official Reception
Speaker – Hospitaler
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner

Lincoln Degree Programs

To date, the following Blue Lodges have scheduled the popular Lincoln degree for their lodge stated meeting.

Lincoln Degree

February 21	.....Dallas Lodge No. 231
March 11	.....Dormont Whitehall No. 684
March 27	.....Lodge No. 45
April 5	.....Parian No. 662
April 10	.....Infinity No. 546
May 13	.....Philanthropy No. 225
May 20	.....Sunset No. 623
June 28	.....Meeting in the Hills
Sept 3	.....Verona No. 548
Sept 18	.....Crafton Guyasuta No. 513
October 1	.....Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617
October 9	.....Perry Ionic Lodge No. 796
October 18	.....Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 725

The Not So Secret Degrees of Scottish Rite

October 10North Hills Lodge No. 716
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If you would like a program for your Blue Lodge, contact Donald W. Boehm, 33°, Valley of Pittsburgh, at 412-885-5621 or

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We don't solicit or expect any money for our show, but will accept donations for our Children's Dyslexia Center should your lodge choose to donate. Our only fee is: **A Good Night of Fraternal Brotherhood!** ♦

200th Anniversary Special for those who have been suspended for NPD

There currently is in effect, a 200th Anniversary non-payment of dues reinstatement program that is offering members **suspended within the last five years** an opportunity to return to Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The offering will allow eligible participants (current Blue Lodge members) the opportunity to return to the ranks of the Scottish Rite for the onetime fee of \$85.00.

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PA DeMolay Rose Croix Class

On Saturday, March 16, Pennsylvania DeMolay will be teaming up with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Rose Croix to bring the conferral of the DeMolay Degrees to the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center – and you’re invited to join us! (*Please use registration form on page 17 and return prior to March 8.*)

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on March 16, and the Induction Ceremonies begin at 2:00 p.m.

The Initiatory Degree and the Fourth Section of the DeMolay Degree will be held in Milnor Lodge Room. The DeMolay Degree will be held in the Auditorium. Everything will be wrapped up by 4:30 p.m.

The formality of the day will be followed by fun, and fellowship for all DeMolays and Advisors who stay for a casino night that will include food stations and fun for all!

Also, if you’re interested in becoming a DeMolay Advisor and helping with one of the DeMolay Chapters in the Pittsburgh area: Joppa in Washington; Lincoln in Verona; Lorraine in Butler; Steel City in Bellevue; Templar in the McNeilly Road area of Pittsburgh; or Westmoreland in Greensburg, a DeMolay Advisor Training Seminar will be held prior to the Rose Croix Class. This is the first step in becoming an Advisor for DeMolay and provides a comprehensive overview of the organization and working with DeMolay members. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Library of the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center and conclude around 1:30 p.m.

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Pictured: Bro. Pete Countouris, *Food Service Director*, Andrew Trapp, *Past Master Councilor*, Bro. Dennis Snedden, *Steel City Council Chairman*, Tray James, *Past Master Councilor* and Bro. Joseph Schrock, *Advisor*. The Tent will be used for various outside Summer events.

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

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

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

Other sponsorships that are available include:

- Flag Sponsor \$150
- Tee Sign \$75
- Full Page Ad/Tee Sign Combo . . . \$250
- Full Page Ad \$200
- Half Page Ad \$125
- Quarter Page Ad \$75

Deadline for Sponsorships, Golf and Dinner reservation is:

June 1, 2013

Questions? 412-939-3579

Benefits the Pittsburgh Children's Dyslexia Center

Valley of Pittsburgh Charity Golf Tournament - June 10

Butler's Golf Course



800 Rock Run Road
Elizabeth, PA 15037

Registration:	10:30 a.m.
Play Begins:	11:00 a.m.
Cash Bar:	4:00 p.m.
Dinner:	5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$90.00 per golfer. Includes a golfer's gift, bag service, greens fees, cart, snack at turn, dinner, and door prizes.

Dinner Only: \$25.00.



- Charity Golf for Dyslexia Reservation Form -

Enclosed is my check, payable to **Charity Golf Tournament** in the amount of \$_____ for: Golf, \$90 per golfer Dinner Only, \$25 per person

Sponsorship \$_____ Donation \$_____

Please print Golfers Names

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Ph. () _____

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Bro. David W. Morgans, 32°, Confers 3rd Degree on his Son Max

Current and past DDGM's took part in the conferral on Friday, November 30, 2012 in Dormont-Whitehall Lodge No. 684. (from left) P.J. Roup, DDGM 54th District; Rodney Boyce, PDDGM 30th District, David Morgans, PDDGM 57th District; Max Morgans, Son; Don Dukstein, Grandfather; Jeff Biddle, PDDGM 49th District; David Firda, DDGM 49th District; Bob Dunkle, DDGM at Large. 2nd row: Bob Addleman, PDDGM 57th District; Larry French, Worshipful Master; Norman Flaherty, Past DDGM, 38th District.

The Valley of Pittsburgh An Evening of Fun Baseball

WASHINGTON



Friday, July 19, 7:05 p.m.

Consol Energy Park, Washington, PA

Schaumburg Boomers vs
Washington Wild Things

Your ticket includes a pre-game tail-gate picnic from 5:30 p.m. 'til gametime, a reserved seat and a post-game fireworks display.

Send check, payable to Lodge of Perfection, to GPMC, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh. PA 15237. Please enclose a stamped, #10 self-addressed envelope for return of tickets & directions.

Name _____ Phone () _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ tickets @ \$10. each.

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Syria Shrine Gun Bash

Saturday, June 15
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Shrine Pavilion

\$25.00

Guests Welcome

Food and Refreshments
included.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will be available at
the Valley Stated Meeting
on Thursday, June 6, 2013
at the GPMC



VALLEY OF PITTSBURGH OFFICERS

August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013



**2013
Calendar of
Masonic Events**



March 2013

- 03 - Feast of the Paschal Lamb - Masonic Village at Sewickley
- 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16 - Annual PA DeMolay Rose Croix Class, GPMC
- 24 - "The Story of the Crucifixion" GPMC
- 30 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
- 31 - Easter Sunday

April 2013

- 04 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC**
- 20 - Spring Class, GPMC
- 27 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

May 2013

- 25 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

June 2013

- 06 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC**
- 10 - Valley of Pittsburgh Golf Tournament
- 14 - Pirate Baseball Game, PNC Park
- 29 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
- 30 - Hiram's Riders Ride for Dyslexia

July 2013

- 04 - Independence Day Parade - Canonsburg, PA
- 12, 13 - Council of Deliberation - Seven Springs
- 27 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC
- 28 - Washington Lodge 164/Blue Knights Ride for Charity

August 2013

- 18 - 20 - NMJ Supreme Council Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- TBA - Picnic with the Grand Master - Masonic Village
- 31 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

September 2013

- 05 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC**
- 28 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

October 2013

- 05 - Walk for Dyslexia, GPMC
- 26 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

November 2013

- 07 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC**
- 30 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

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Schedule updated monthly: www.valleyofpittsburgh.org

**"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit down for a month."
Bro. Theodore Roosevelt**

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