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Teaching children with dyslexia

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

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

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

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

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*to read – one child at a time!*



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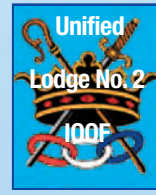
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## Learning Center Report

*"The practice of charity will bind us...will bind all men into one great brotherhood."*

– Conrad Hilton

Nature's wheel will soon turn once again to the colorful and beautiful palettes of autumn. School is back in session and frost will again be dusting the morning grass. The students and tutors of our Children's Dyslexia Center have begun our fifteenth year in providing free one-on-one tutoring to dyslexic children.

None of our school's many successes could have happened without the financial assistance provided by the Brethren of the Valley of Pittsburgh. Through your continued and ongoing support to our Dyslexia Center, students have a place to learn the strategies needed to conquer dyslexia. Your contributions mean that our highly specialized teachers will have the resources to develop individual lessons for each student in the school. It means that parents will have someone who not only cares but also understands the problems that their child faces on a daily basis.

Each new school year brings with it the challenge of fundraising to cover the nearly \$125,000 that will be needed to keep our school in operation for the 2013-2014 school year. Your generosity has made each new school year a success! Every one of us has a way to help a child be successful in the battle against dyslexia. Whether by making a donation, joining the Builder's Council, or by bringing a group to participate in the annual Walk-A-Thon, you are making the effort to help Western Pennsylvania kids have the future that dyslexia was trying to deny.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Janet Becker, our school director, and all of the teachers at the Dyslexia Center for the time and effort that they put into the school and the children who they are entrusted with. We are very grateful for their efforts and proud of the success they bring to each of the students in their charge.

Thank you again so much for caring! Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of the students who are attending our school. ♦

Blessings to you and your families.

Fraternally,

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
Children's Dyslexia Center



# Christmas in the Valley



## Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 14**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Pizza    Cookies    ★ Beverages**

**Photos with Santa    ★    Gift for each Child**

**Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center**

**Entertainment by Magician T.J. Hill**

A **FREE** Children's Party for Scottish Rite Masons & Guests sponsored by the Valley of Pittsburgh

**Hosted by Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem**

Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°, *Sovereign Prince*

## Hiram's Riders Christmas Luncheon



**Grants Grill & Lounge**

Grant Ave. Millvale

**\$25**  
per  
person

**Saturday, December 21**

**Fellowship Hour: 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12:00 noon**

**★ Surf & Turf (8oz Filet Mignon & Shrimp)**

**★ Officer Change of Watch    ★ Awards**

**ALL MASONS & FRIENDS WELCOME!**

### MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

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Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ *Questions? - 412-683-0359*

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Mail to: **Hiram's Riders, GPMC, 3579 Masonic Way, Pgh. PA 15237**

## Christmas Luncheon



**Shannopin Country Club**

Windmere Road, Ben Avon Heights

**Saturday, December 7**

**Social Hour 11:00 a.m.    ★ Door Prizes**

**Choice of Entree:**

**Fowl    Fish    Beef**

**Holiday Entertainment**

**Assigned Seating**

*(tables of 8 available)*

*Please List Guests (first & last name)*

**\$25**  
per  
person

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **For info. call 412-939-3579**

**Entree Choices:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fowl** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fish** \_\_\_\_\_ **Beef**

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# Happy Halloween

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## Message from the Commander-in-Chief

**M**y Dad, Robert Rodibaugh, passed away on August 12 at the age of 91.

He joined McKeesport Lodge No. 641 in 1951. He was a 62 year member.

Dad was the head accountant at a couple prominent Pittsburgh businesses, which meant he wasn't able to attend Lodge much . . . in fact, he probably hadn't attended a Lodge meeting since somewhere in the late 50's, but Dad was really, really proud to be a Mason. He always wore his Masonic pin on his lapel. He contributed at least once a year to the Masonic Charities. He displayed his 50 and 60 year membership certificates on the wall of his office. Finally, he wanted a Masonic Service to send him off from this world to eternity.

Despite what you may be thinking, this article isn't supposed to be a tribute to my father, but in reality, the story becomes closely connected to what we do as Masons. Our Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, and our Sovereign Grand Commander have long held that Freemasonry is not built on secret words, handshakes, or rituals behind closed doors. They and many others espouse that the true cornerstones of Freemasonry are the close ties of friendship and brotherly love that cement us not only to each other, but also to our Lodge and Freemasonry itself. The cards, kind words, and condolences offered to me were beyond expectations. The number of Brethren who attended Dad's Masonic Service was beyond anything I could ever imagine. Imagine! All of these Brethren, taking time to travel to Irwin, to show Dad and I this respect an honor that literally brought me to tears.

All of this finally brings me to my point. The support and fraternal caring offered to me by the Brethren, made me more proud of Freemasonry than I ever have



and support to them in times of need or ill-fortune. These acts of kindness transform themselves into a cement that binds a Brother to Freemasonry. This is the true key of our fraternity. Enjoying time spent in fellowship with our Brethren, demonstrating that we truly care about each other, showing that our Brother's well being is important to every one of us, and by providing assistance

The Valley of Pittsburgh is able to provide support to our needy friends and Brethren in many ways. The Hospitaler's Committee led by Brother Vito Urso, 33° and his committee make visits to Brethren in hospitals, send cards to the sick, and provide medical equipment to those in need. Our Children's Dyslexia Center helps children every day overcome a disability that keeps them from reading well and limits their success in school. We offer scholarships to students to help with college expenses. We support the Masonic youth groups and encourage strong family ties at our family life awards dinner. You could say that the Valley of Pittsburgh is all about helping and supporting those in need. If you know of a Brother who may need some help or assistance, please contact us through the Valley office. We'll be glad to help.

Fraternally with thanks and  
God's Blessings,

*Rich Rodibaugh, 33°*  
Commander-in-Chief

On a much happier note, three of our Brethren were nominated to receive the 33rd degree at Supreme Council in Indianapolis in the year 2015. Please offer your congratulations to Brothers William Weichsel, Charles Bell, and Rev. John Piper. Well done, Brethren, the Valley of Pittsburgh is proud of you! ♦

On the Cover: New Officers Look Forward to Serving!



D. Todd Ballenger, 32°

Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°

Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°

Arthur F. McGuiggan, 32°

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

**Thursday, November 7, 2013**

**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, Nov. 7, 2013 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 the Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem will preside.

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

**Arthur F. McGuiggan, 32°**  
*Most Wise Master*

**Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°**  
*Sovereign Prince*

**D. Todd Ballenger, 32°**  
*Thrice Potent Master*

**ATTEST:**

**Donald M. Murphy, 33°**  
*Secretary*

**2nd Stated Meeting  
of the 2013 - 2014  
Scottish Rite Year**

★ **Ladies & Children Invited**

**Entertainment  
following dinner**

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

**\$10.00**

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

**Please make Reservations  
412-939-3579**



**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.

**Howard T. Hardie Jr., 33°**

George Aivaliotis  
Clyde H. Albert  
Floyd E. Albin  
George P. Alexas  
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Henry R. Hillgartner  
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Kenneth R. Horner  
Harold L. Houchens  
Harry H. Jennings  
David F. Jewell  
Charles M. Jones  
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Robert J. Tran  
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Frederick S. Wheeler  
Richard D. Wiesmore  
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Emerson W. Williams  
John P. Wilson  
Joseph J. Wolfe  
Earl R. Woodward Jr.  
James K. Zeaman





# The Modern Vitruvian

by P. J. Roup, 33°

## Deep and Lasting Impressions

*We'll be washed and buried one day, my girl,  
And the time we were given will be left for the world. . .  
So let the memories be good for those who stay.*

Mumford and Sons, "Winter Winds"



In today's electronically connected world where even instant gratification can seem to take forever, it is sometimes difficult to think of one's legacy as more than his Facebook wall or Twitter feed. If I am honest with myself, I want to believe that I am far more than the photo of the shrimp and grits I posted from my trip to Myrtle Beach (they were spectacular), or a clever hashtag (#cleverhashtag).

This month's issue of *The Rite News* features an article on the Gettysburg Address written by Brother Todd Ballenger ("272," p.11). To be clear, the Gettysburg Address was written by Abraham Lincoln, while the article "272" was written by Brother Ballenger. It is excellent (I'm speaking of the article this time). In fact, if you haven't already done so, read it now. I will wait . . . I told you it was excellent.

Brother Ballenger tells us that Lincoln's words reinterpreted the Constitution and made freedom everyone's responsibility. "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." The brave men who fought at Gettysburg were not doing it for glory – both sides were fighting for a cause they deeply believed in – but our liberty is their legacy. One need only drive through the shadows of the stone monuments in the park, or the cemetery where the address was delivered, to be reminded of how much we owe to those who have served our country.

Nelson Henderson said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Dubai's Burj Khalifa, currently the tallest structure in the world, took ten years to complete. Contrast that with the Gothic cathedrals that our operative counterparts built. Notre Dame took nearly 90 years from start to finish! Think about that for a moment. The men who worked on the foundation probably never saw the structure rise more than a few feet off the ground. It was common to have several generations of a family work on the same

project, each seeing it in a drastically different form than the others.

Gutzon Borglum dedicated the last 14 years of his life to the shaping the rough granite of Mount Rushmore into the faces of four of our greatest Presidents. (Look at that, Lincoln, statues and stonemasons all coming together in one story. Oh, Borglum was a Freemason as well! You're welcome.) He lived long enough to see the faces completed, and on his death his son, Lincoln, continued to work on the project. Originally, the presidents were to be carved to the waist, but funding was shut off and the project finalized with just the busts. Borglum, too, left good memories for those who stayed behind.

So, you say your cathedral building skills are a bit rusty and you can't find a large piece of exposed granite you can (legally) carve a likeness into? Fear not, modern Vitruvian - there are plenty of ways for you to leave a deep and lasting impression.

Start by being a good man, one that others would be proud to call friend. Let the working tools help you. Be a man of character (plumb), treat everyone justly (square), and control your own behavior (compasses).

Next, get involved, either with your Blue Lodge or your Scottish Rite Valley. I assure you that there is a place for you here whatever your talent or interest might be. (If you don't believe me, write me at [pittmason@yahoo.com](mailto:pittmason@yahoo.com) and I will help you find it.) We are all keepers of Freemasonry's sacred fire and as such, we have a duty to help her thrive for those yet to come.

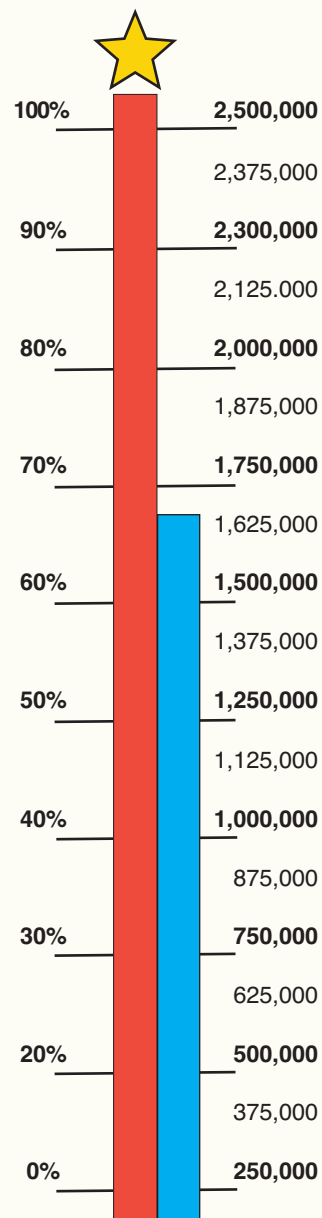
You don't need to be a soldier, sculptor, or stonemason to leave your own deep and lasting impression. Be a man, a Mason, and a mentor and you will have done your part. *The time we were given will be left for the world. . . Let the memories be good for those who stay.* ♦

## Help the Endowment Fund for Dyslexia

### GROW!

Make a Pledge or a Donation!

**GOAL: \$2,500,000**




**GOAL \$2,500,000**

**\*RECEIVED**


*\*from donations, bequests, pledges & fund raisers. See page 2 for details.*

***"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."***

– Bro. Winston Churchill

**Gourgas Lodge of Perfection**  
*Message from the*  
**Thrice Potent Master**  
 D. Todd Ballenger, 32°



Welcome to a time honored segment of *The Rite News* where the presiding officers of the Valley of Pittsburgh take the opportunity to share their thoughts on certain subjects. More traditional messages from a Master or High Priest might include a greeting, an expression of gratitude at sitting in the East for the year, and perhaps an overview of upcoming events, in particular those of his line. This year, for my part, I'd like to deviate from this format in favor of something a bit different.

I would like to use this space to share a little light; to offer an explanation or some guidance; or perhaps, if possible, to impart some wisdom to those who are newer to the Valley, to Scottish Rite, and even to those who never got around to asking the right questions. So, let's move quickly past the greeting (Hi!), acknowledge that I'm grateful to serve the Valley this year (I am), note that the Lodge of Perfection will be hard at work once again (we'd better be), and press onward to items of more substance, especially for our newer members.

A note before we continue, though. My intention is to carry this discussion through the current Scottish Rite year and over the course of *The Rite News* during that time. I'll try and shed some light on each of the four bodies in the Rite, painting with broad strokes and allowing you to fill in the details as your interest leads you. It's not my intent to speak for officers in the other lines, only to give some ideas that may help you understand the bigger picture.

I know many of you have questions. Questions like, "Why Scottish Rite? What just happened? What am I supposed to get out of all this?" Those are great questions. Funny thing is - you already know most of the answers. Ok, maybe not most of them, but once I explain, you'll get the idea.

**First let's figure out just what the Scottish Rite is.**

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is a concordant body, meaning that in order to join, you must already be a Master Mason. You may sometimes hear the Rite referred to as an

appendant body, and that's okay, too. The purpose of the AASR is to offer Masons the ability to study the lessons taught in the Blue Lodge in greater detail. That is to say, its purpose is to explore the deeper meanings and moral responsibilities that go along with manhood - at least that was its original intent. If you joined Scottish Rite for the camaraderie or the social aspects of the group, then that's fine. To use some Craft Masonry symbolism, we're all walking the same road, but we're not all moving at the same pace. In fact, our final destinations along the road may be different. What's important is the journey and what we learn about ourselves along the way.

That's what the organization is about and what it intends to teach. Why you joined and what you plan to get out of your journey is known only to you, and those answers can change over time. For now, I'm just glad we're sharing the road.

**Now, how does it work?**

The Scottish Rite consists of the 4th through the 32nd Degrees and is also responsible for conferring the honorary 33rd Degree on members who have distinguished themselves in service to society or to Freemasonry in general. It is divided into four bodies, each with its own set of officers. Each line presides over a number of the Degrees taught in the ritualistic work. The 4th - 14th Degrees are conferred in the Lodge of Perfection. The 15th and 16th Degrees are governed by the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. A Chapter of Rose Croix is responsible for the 17th and 18th Degrees. And finally, the Consistory confers Degrees 19 through 32. The 33rd Degree is conferred by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, the overall governing body of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

And so we find ourselves back at the beginning. Your Scottish Rite journey begins in the Lodge of Perfection with the 4th through the 14th Degrees. On the practical side, the Lodge of Perfection is the financial arm of the Valley, working with the Secretary and Treasurer to make sure the checks are signed and in some cases delivered. They are currently

responsible for organizing the Valley golf outing to raise money for the Children's Dyslexia Center, and they also act as a liaison to the Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, attending and taking part in their annual reunion and encouraging those Brothers to continue their Scottish Rite journey in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Ritualistically, what you immediately notice is that the work in the Scottish Rite is not similar to what you experienced in your Craft Lodge. The degrees of the Scottish Rite represent a collection of stories that may be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning. In most cases, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction uses the degrees to illustrate certain important core values: reverence for God; justice; toleration; devotion to country; service to humanity; and integrity. You first encounter the Lodge of Perfection in the 4th through the 14th Degrees. We sometimes refer to this series as the Ineffable Degrees. Their primary focus is on the investigation and contemplation of the unspeakable name of the Great Architect. The 4th Degree itself is an introduction to ideals and principles you may learn in the Rite. The remainder of the Ineffable Degrees take place in the time period immediately following the completion of King Solomon's temple and address issues of justice and integrity, among other values, finally culminating in the 14th Degree with a profound lesson emphasizing reverence to God. Now the observant reader will note that I just glossed over eleven degrees in two sentences. Trust me, it was intentional. The last thing I want to do is take away from the enjoyment of actually seeing the degrees performed at a reunion. That's why you should come and experience them for yourselves!

As you participate in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, hopefully you will keep the lessons taught in these degrees accessible in your mind, as they are intended to expand your understanding of Freemasonry by connecting certain basic principles to your actions in everyday life. And as the degrees themselves span eras of recorded history, you will recognize the timelessness of these core values and return for further enlightenment. At least, that's my hope for you. Safe travels until next time, my Brothers. ♦

**Spes Mea In Deo Est**





## From the Secretary's Desk

Donald M. Murphy, 33°, Secretary



A new challenging Scottish Rite year is upon us. The officers are working to serve the needs of the members while maintaining the quality organization we are all accustomed to seeing. As always, collection of dues is one of our main challenges. To date about 75% of our members have paid their 2013-2014 dues. For those who have not yet sent your check, don't forget to help our learning center if possible. If you have already paid your dues and did not contribute to the learning center campaign, we accept contributions at any time.

The new Scottish Rite video is available in the office. Please ask for a copy to use in your effort to recruit your fellow masons to join the Scottish Rite. As always, recruiting new members for the Valley is an important challenge. Have you replaced yourself? Have you signed at least one or two petitions? Our fall class is coming up on November 15, 16.

We would like to have a large class to honor our Grand Master, Bro. Jay W. Smith, 33°.

We also need a large class to help replace the losses we have

suffered over the past year. Every Lodge in the area has many members who are not Scottish Rite Masons. In fact most lodges have only around 35% of the lodge membership who belong to the Valley.

That leaves about 65% of the membership who are potential Valley members. Help your Valley grow by asking a friend to consider petitioning for membership in the Valley. For your convenience, turn to page 20 of this issue of the Rite News for a petition. If you need several petitions or any other membership supplies, please call the office and we will send any membership materials that you might need.

Finally, come to some of the Valley activities. Bring your Masonic and Non Masonic friends. It's a good way to introduce a potential member to the Valley. We look forward to seeing more and more members take advantage of the opportunities for fellowship and enjoyment that we have to offer. Make it a point to join with your friends in the Valley to attend at least one of the activities during the year. ♦

## Four Valley Members to receive the 33° degree in 2015 in Indianapolis, IN



Charles C. Bell



Rev. John H. Piper



William H. Weichsel

At the conclusion of the 200th Anniversary Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Washington, D.C., the nominees for the 33rd degree, to be conferred in Indianapolis, IN, in 2015 were announced.

Nominated from the Valley of Pittsburgh were, Charles, C. Bell, Jason F. Craig, also from the Valley of Uniontown, Rev. John H. Piper, and William H. Weichsel. The Supreme Council has now changed its annual meeting to a biennial meeting. ♦

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## Princes of Jerusalem

### Message from the Sovereign Prince

Gerald A. Sutherland, 32°



**B**rethren. A new year brings with it a new corps of officers, new ideas, and especially renewed enthusiasm. This presents an opportunity to set priorities and emphasis that will hopefully help perpetuate our fraternity forever!

In the Valley of Pittsburgh we can proudly say that our line officers not only preside over meetings, but we are involved in a host of other activities whether it be in our respective lines, other lines, or the Valley as a whole. We as officers of the Valley of Pittsburgh are dedicated to the future of Masonry in general as well as Scottish Rite Masonry in particular.

As we start into the new year, I encourage each of you to get involved. Everyone has his own special areas of interest. But, we as Valley members must act on our commitment to perpetuate this august body. Always keep on your agenda: getting others involved. There is a place for everyone. Plan to become a mentor for at least one other brother this year! Help him get involved with you. *(Nothing will be more rewarding in your Masonic career.)* Remember, in this Masonic body, you'll always have a friend.

Reflect on your Masonic participation in setting some goals for the ensuing year. Attend our stated meetings; participate in as many other activities as you can, and especially include your lady and other members of your family. If you are interested in getting involved in the ritualistic work or becoming an officer, make your desire known. There is something for everyone, even if it is just participating in our dinners or entertainment, or meetings!

I ask you to focus on two areas of which I have particular concern: Leadership & Mentoring. Both of these require a commitment from each of us. Take a moment to review your own life. You may look at it as a series of chapters in your "book of life" (*childhood, your formal education, family, church or synagogue, your work or profession, social activities or wherever life has led you*). Think about your Masonic career. How did you get where you are? You obviously have a

strong interest and commitment to Masonry having advanced yourself by joining the Scottish Rite.

Now, can you name some of the individuals by who have guided or encouraged you? *(These have been your mentors.)* I submit to you that you would not be where you are today if it were not for your association with others . . . Masonic or non-Masonic. That is what

our brotherhood is all about. Now it is your turn! I challenge you for a commitment to our Valley, *(not only to solicit petitions for new members, but also to counsel, and mentor, not only new members, but all who surround you in this august body)*.

By your participation and leadership we can grow together by helping one another. As Grand Master Jay W. Smith expressed at the PA Council of Deliberation recently, we must deal on a one-to-one basis of mentoring effort. *"If it is to be, it is up to me"*. Take this attitude and not only will Scottish Rite grow and succeed, but each one of us will reap the harvest of personal growth!

Enthusiasm Breeds Success! ♦

**Spes Mea In Deo Est**

## Masonic Temples Being Reborn as Luxury Condos

**W**hen Larry Schier walks into the Masonic club on Manhattan's Upper West Side, there are no secret handshakes or symbolic rituals taking place. He is just coming home.

Mr. Schier, an agent with the Corcoran Group in New York, lives in a 2,800 square-foot condo in the former Masonic club and hotel called the Level Club on West 73rd Street. Attracted to the 14 foot ceilings and arched windows, he bought his first apartment there in 1984 for \$287,000 and combined it with an apartment he bought next door in 2000 for \$610,000. Since then, Mr. Schier has sold more than 130 apartments in the building, including a three-bedroom, two-bath unit listed for \$2.7 million. He plays up the history of the building and the features associated with the Freemasons: the "exquisite stone-carved symbols" and its "exclusive allure of an ultra prestigious club."

Stained-glass windows and a spiral staircase are the centerpieces of Craig Boardman's home in a former Masonic temple in Columbus, Ohio.

Freemasonry, a global, fraternal organization dating to the 18th century with a goal of "Making Good Men Better" was once a major force in American society. Between the late 1870s and the early 1930s, members built large and elaborate temples and lodges across the country, often with imposing facades and intricate carvings.

Today, with membership down to



*This former Masonic temple in Columbus, Ohio, once called the York Temple, was built in 1914*

about a million from four million in the 1950s, the Masons can't afford the upkeep of all these antiquated buildings, which are typically in downtown areas with limited parking. The absence of working elevators also makes the buildings difficult for aging members to use.

As a result, more Masons have sold their temples and relocated to smaller, more modern structures in the suburbs. Developers and individuals have snapped up the buildings, encouraged by the rebounding real estate market and demand for luxury condos.

Last year, Craig Boardman says he was just accompanying a friend to a showing in a former Masonic temple in Columbus, Ohio. The condo had 40-foot-high ceilings, three enormous stained-

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*"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so*

*dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we can not hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

November 19, 1863

ABRAHAM LINCOLN<sup>1</sup>

**272 words. Ten sentences. Read slowly and carefully, less than three minutes of spoken time**

Words carefully chosen and delivered by a man tasked not only with healing a nation divided by war, but one struggling with moral issues involving freedom and human equality.

Abraham Lincoln's remarks at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1863 were not meant to leave a lasting impression. In the minds of the organizers, the real Gettysburg Address was to be found in a soaring oration of approximately two and a half hours delivered by the very gifted and popular former Secretary of State, Edward Everett.

History, it seems, had something else in mind. In the aftermath of July 1-3, 1863, the small

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central Pennsylvania town of Gettysburg was, as noted in a report from the U.S. Christian Commission (a relief organization of the time), "a scene of horror and desolation which humanity, in all the centuries of its history has seldom witnessed."<sup>2</sup>

The Battle of Gettysburg is infamous as the engagement that caused the largest number of casualties in the American Civil War. Of the 46,000-51,000 casualties of both armies, "close to 21,000 wounded Union and Confederate soldiers remained behind."<sup>3</sup> Rolling fields were transformed into acres of shallow graves and rotting carcasses. Many public buildings and private homes were transformed into makeshift hospital wards. In the aftermath of the battle "the stunned people of Gettysburg shared a sense of terrible isolation; there were no news papers, the railroad and telegraph were cut, barricades still stood in the streets, the army blocked all roads in and out of town . . ."<sup>4</sup> In a visit shortly after the battle, Pennsylvania governor (and Brother) Andrew Curtin was overwhelmed by what he found and tasked a local attorney by the name of David Wills with restoring

the area. Wills proposed turning the devastated landscape into a National Cemetery to honor the fallen. Calling upon the talents of renowned landscape architect William Saunders, the memorial cemetery for the Union soldiers emerged as "a semicircular shape for the graves, arranged by states, and reserv[ing] the two ends for the unknowns, with a separate space for the U.S. Regulars, who belonged to the entire nation. Saunders would have preferred intermingling the bodies, but the states insisted on individual placement. At least no distinction was to be made between soldier and officer. Saunders also reserved a space for a monument to the dead in the center of the semicircle."<sup>5</sup>

Preparations began in earnest for the dedication ceremonies, with the date scheduled for November 19. The featured speaker at the event was former Secretary of State Edward Everett. "Everett was that rare thing, a scholar and Ivy-League diplomat who could hold mass audiences in thrall. His voice, diction, and gestures were successfully dramatic, and he always performed carefully written text, no

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*The Pennsylvania monument at Gettysburg.*



**Chapter of Rose Croix**  
*Message from the*  
**Most Wise Master**  
 Arthur F. McGuigan, 32°



**I**t is yet again another Scottish Rite year and it is my privilege to serve the Valley as Most Wise Master.

When I started this journey it seemed to be a long and difficult road. But to my surprise, it wasn't. Working with dedicated Brothers through the years, their example and encouragements paved my road all the way.

I would be remiss not acknowledging my mentor, Brother Michael Riley, 33°, who from the day I entered Freemasonry, guided me through every chair I ever filled, to every degree I conferred, he was there to encourage and support me. Without his enthusiasm for the Craft, many Masons would not be where they are today.

Congratulations to Brother Jeffrey Wonderling, 33°, for a successful year as Most Wise Master. You are an inspiration to all who follow you through the Rose Croix line.

To my Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

**Open Your Eyes**  
**Look Our Way**

This is not meant to be rude or boastful. It's meant to get your attention, to look at what is available to you as a member of the Scottish Rite. We are here to serve and please our membership. There is something here for everyone, be it camaraderie with friends, dinners and

entertainment with your family, baseball game outings, October Fests, Christmas parties and many other entertainment opportunities through the year..

If ritual and meetings are your game. We have that too. We are always looking for cast members to fill parts on stage. Or do you want to become an officer in the Scottish Rite? Just ask! You will see open eyes look your way. ♦

**Spes Mea In Deo Est**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd!

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matter how long, from memory.”<sup>6</sup> The original plan called for the dedication to take place in October. However, Mr. Everett did not deem this sufficient time to complete his preparations and the later November date negotiated instead. President Lincoln reportedly received an invitation to deliver only “a few appropriate remarks” a month after Mr. Everett’s invitation, on or about October 23, which on the surface appears to be disrespectful of the office of the President. However, scholars contend that Federal participation was not expected in what was at the time considered to be a state activity. Still, the organizer’s expectations of Lincoln’s contribution at the memorial can be seen in the printed version of the ceremony’s program, where he is not even mentioned by name:

Music, by Birgfield’s Band.  
Prayer, by Rev. T. H. Stockton, D.D.  
Music, by the Marine Band.  
Oration, by Hon. Edward Everett.  
Music, Hymn composed by B. B. French, Esq.  
Dedicatory Remarks, by the  
President of the United States.  
Dirge, sung by Choir selected for the occasion.  
Benediction, by Rev. H. L. Baugher, D.D.<sup>7</sup>

When the day of the dedication finally arrived, so did the crowds. Gettysburg, a town of approximately 2,500, suddenly found itself host to 15,000-20,000 guests, celebrities, and dignitaries. The opening prayer by Rev. Thomas Stockton set the tone for the day and reportedly brought tears to the eyes of both Everett and Lincoln in a holy oration that was four times the length of the President’s speech.<sup>8</sup> The featured speaker, Hon. Edward Everett followed, and left no doubt as to the worth of his reputation. For more than two hours, he would hold his audience entranced and, as noted by author and historian Gabor Boritt, recount “the ‘terrible and glorious’ history of the battle; explain its meaning; not really touch the horrors . . . and look with hope to the future.” He did not disappoint.

And then, the crowd looked to Lincoln. The prayer at invocation had prompted tears from the audience. The featured

speaker had left the gathered throng breathless. Everett had spoken passionately for hours and from memory. The President stood in glasses and read from a paper in his hands.

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal . . .”

**272 words. Ten sentences. Read slowly and carefully, less than three minutes of spoken time.**

The crowd’s reaction at the conclusion of the speech is part of the mythos of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Historians, for the most part, agree that the audience was “disconcerted” with the brevity of the President’s remarks. The popular version of events has the speech met with silence (“Is that it? Is he finished?”), and then “long, continued applause.” Had those present at the dedication of the cemetery understood the origins of Lincoln’s speech - its modeling after Greek oratory; its references to the words of Daniel Webster (“it is the people’s government, made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people.”); or to the Biblical Book of Proverbs (“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”)? Not likely. But they understood its poetry and its meaning: “The chief goal was to bind the nation together; to create a ritual that tied past to the present and pointed to the future.”<sup>9</sup>

The impact of Abraham Lincoln’s remarks at Gettysburg cannot be underestimated. According to historian Gary Wills: “The tragedy. . . and ignoble aspects of [the Battle of Gettysburg] are transfigured in Lincoln’s rhetoric . . . There are no particulars mentioned by Lincoln - no names of men or sites or units, or even of sides . . . Slavery is not mentioned, any more than Gettysburg is . . . Lincoln is here not only to sweeten the air of Gettysburg, but to clear the infected atmosphere of American history itself, tainted with official sins and inherited guilt. He would cleanse the Constitution . . . by burning an instrument that countenanced slavery. He altered the document from within, by appeal from its letter to the spirit . . . The crowd departed with a new thing in its ideological luggage, that new constitution Lincoln had substituted for the one they brought here with them.”<sup>10</sup>

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This was a new way of interpreting the

role of government. This was a new appeal to attitudes of tolerance, humanity, equality, and real freedom for all men. This was an impassioned plea on behalf of the honored dead, to complete the noble work of uniting brothers and forming a stronger union. These tenets of equality, honor, nobility, and patriotism ring true today as loudly as they did 150 years ago - and you will certainly recognize them within Freemasonry.

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite sought to bring attention to these ideals in the re-working of the 26th Degree and settled on an allegory based in part on Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. In fact, Lincoln’s speech itself appeared in the degree in its entirety. The “Lincoln Allegory,” as it came to be known, was tentatively approved in 1992 and became a part of the ritualistic canon as the new 26th Degree in 1999.<sup>11</sup> But the President and his speech were not destined for a lengthy run within the ritualistic work of the Scottish Rite. Lincoln himself was not a Freemason and the story related in the degree was a fictional work, not a historical account. Therefore, the Committee on Rituals suggested in 2001 that the degree be replaced. Difficulties in the approval of the replacement drama, however, delayed its removal until 2006, when the Supreme Council finally withdrew the “Lincoln Allegory” and approved it for public performance.<sup>12</sup> “The Last Full

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of Events on page 26.

# Summer in the Valley



**It was a Great Day for Golf**

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**The Vintage/Classic Car Club** had their 1st Car Cruise on June 9 - weather was perfect and the show was a great success.



**Hiram's Riders** again sold raffle tickets for **Dyslexia**. This years motorcycle & trailer was won by Bryan Birdsall of Avella, PA.



**New Valley 33rds Coroneted in Wasington, D.C. Tuesday, August 20, 2013**

Paul J. Roup, 33°; David W. Morgans, 33°; Mark E. Bliier, 33°; Richard C. Black, Sr., 33°; Thomas M. Gasmire, 33°; Glenn D. Miller, II, 33°; Leslie Morgans; Patricia Bliier; Rose Black; Heidi Gasmire; Roberta Miller.



**Don Boehm, 33°**, 1st Lt. Commander posed with the Sovereign Grand Commander, William McNaughton, 33°, at the 200th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C.

**Make Holiday**





Jack Kraus & Don Sauer, 33° of Allegheny Financial Group enjoyed the Golf event.



Bro. Michael A. Thomas, Jr., grandson of Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, P.M. (on the right) was initiated into Oakdale Lodge No. 669 with the assistance of Wallace L. Sturgeon, P.M. (on the left) and Thomas K. Sturgeon, P.M. & Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.



**Brentwood 4th of July Parade**  
Bro. Raymond T. Dietz, 33°, Senior Grand Warden, rode the Statue of Liberty Float.



**Two Past Thrice Potent Masters**  
Jonathan Ballinger and William Johnston also enjoyed the day of golf at Butler's Golf Course.



**Valley School for Dyslexia honored seven students**  
Seated with Bro. Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33°, *Board Chairman*, are: Sarah Ricci, Virginia Lesnett, Jessie Glatz, Molly Westbrook, and Janet Becker, *School Administrator*. Standing are: Tristian Price, Christian Bigley, and Nicholas Puhala.

**Reservations Now!**



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Measure,” as the former 26th Degree is now known, is currently performed regularly by the Valley of Pittsburgh as well as many other Scottish Rite Valleys both in Masonic Lodges and publicly, as a means of introducing the Rite to non-members and also to serve as an example of the values taught in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

And what about the man who penned the speech? There are no sources indicating that Abraham Lincoln was indeed a Mason. More specifically, Abraham Lincoln is reported to have actually submitted a petition to Tyrian Lodge in Springfield, Illinois following his 1860 nomination to the Presidency. However, not wishing anyone to misinterpret his motivations for membership as political, he withdrew the application with a promise to resubmit it after completing his term of office. Sadly, Lincoln was assassinated and never had the opportunity to revisit his interest in the fraternity. However, on April 17, 1865, after the death of the President, Tyrian Lodge adopted a resolution to say, “that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honours of Freemasonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is the highest degree honorable to his memory.”

But does Abraham Lincoln’s lack of a Masonic pedigree lessen the impact of his remarks at Gettysburg in our minds as either Masons or Americans? In his own words, “the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here . . .” In this regard, Lincoln could not have been more mistaken. The stories surrounding the Gettysburg Address are more legend than history. Did he write the speech on a piece of wrapping paper while on the train to Pennsylvania or did he thoughtfully prepare his words in the days preceding the dedication? Was the crowd stunned to silence at the conclusion of his remarks, thus leading Lincoln to believe that the address was a failure? Or was it out of reverence that the audience was hushed, as suggested in Mary Shipman Andrews’ short story, *The Perfect Tribute* (upon which the Scottish Rite’s “Lincoln Allegory” was loosely based)?

In the end, the wheres and hows do not matter. What is important was that in his Gettysburg address, Abraham Lincoln

reinterpreted the Constitution of the United States, and made every American morally responsible for protecting the basic human right of equality - freedom - as a nation. He issued the moral and patriotic challenge for every person to treat one another with the dignity and respect so endowed by the Creator, if we were indeed to be considered a nation conceived in liberty.

**272 words. Ten sentences. Read slowly and carefully, less than three minutes of spoken time.**

The great American essayist and poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, spoke at Abraham Lincoln’s funeral, noting that the “brief speech at Gettysburg will not easily be surpassed by words on any recorded occasion.”<sup>14</sup> Many others shared the same opinion including Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, who remarked: “Perhaps [in] no language, ancient or modern, are any number of words found more touching and eloquent than his speech on November 19, 1863.”<sup>15</sup>

Regardless of the length of Lincoln’s speech, the time or manner in which he wrote it, or the reaction of the masses in Gettysburg that November day in 1863, what is undeniable is that the simple words of a simple, yet brilliant man, left a deep and lasting impression on many minds. In the words of author Gabor Boritt: “As the end of one century came and a new one started, the myths would grow and grow. By the end of the twentieth century, many would believe that Abraham Lincoln’s 272 words ‘remade America.’” ♦

### 272 NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Wills, Gary. *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 1992. p. 286-287. This is the BLISS TEXT, written after the actual speech for a friend and the only version to which Lincoln actually affixed his signature.

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<sup>3</sup> Boritt, p. 22.

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<sup>5</sup> Boritt, p. 55.

<sup>6</sup> Wills, p. 17-18.

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<sup>8</sup> Boritt, p. 119.

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<sup>13</sup> “U.S. Masonic Presidents.” *Lenexa Masonic Lodge*. n.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2013.

<sup>14</sup> Boritt, p. 185.

<sup>15</sup> Boritt, p. 186.

## For More Information on Abraham Lincoln & the Gettysburg Address

This article only touches on the impact of Lincoln’s Gettysburg address, but if you’d like to know more, here’s where you can start looking.

**On the Gettysburg Address: Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America**

by Garry Wills

This is a Pulitzer Prize-winning examination of Lincoln’s speech that identifies it not as a quickly prepared eulogy for the dedication of a cemetery, but a cunningly crafted work designed to deliver a subliminal message of nationalism in the midst of our country’s greatest crisis.

**The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech that Nobody Knows**

by Gabor Boritt

This is an examination of the famous speech, its origins and developments, the events leading to its presentation, and its impact on various parties, both personal and political by a leading authority on Abraham Lincoln.

**Abraham Lincoln and the Structure of Reason**

by David A. Hirsch & Dan Van Haften

This is a new book by two Civil War historians that advances the premise that Abraham Lincoln’s speeches follow a consistent method of Euclidian geometry in their formation. You can also find an interview with the authors on the Civil War blog, *Bull Runnings*, with friend and author, Harry Smeltzer, here: [bullrunnings.wordpress.com/](http://bullrunnings.wordpress.com/)

**On Abraham Lincoln: Lincoln**

by David Herbert Donald

This is a biography of an American icon by a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

**Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln**

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

A revealing look at Abraham Lincoln and his relationships, both personal and political, by another Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Steven Spielberg’s film, *Lincoln*, was based on portions of this biographical analysis. ♦





## A Masonic 4th of July

By Robert Stanley, 32°

On July 4, 2013, a once in a lifetime Masonic event took place at Put-in-Bay, Ohio. It was the the Centennial Cornerstone Laying Re-enactment by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. One hundred years earlier, on July 4, 1913, over 5,000 Masons from nine states and Canada, witnessed the laying of the cornerstone at the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, by then, Ohio's Grand Master, Edward S. Griffins, and the Grand Lodge officers.

The Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial rises 352 feet above Lake Erie in the Village of Put-in-Bay, OH, which is located on South Bass Island. It commemorates the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813 and the peace between Canada and the United States that has lasted for nearly 200 years.

The reenactment had been in the planning for six years by the National Park Service and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Before the actual ceremony began, there was a parade through Put-in-Bay's business district. It was led by the 122nd Army Parade Band and Masonic Grand Lodge dignitaries from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Ontario, Canada. There were Shriners from Ohio's several Shrine centers and Widow's Son motorcycle units from the Scottish Rite Valleys in Ohio. Pennsylvania was honored to have the Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Eugene Herritt represent the Masonic family from the Keystone State.

The solemn ceremony started with the posting of colors, a welcome address, and ceremonial entrance under a Knight's Templar arch of steel. This was followed by the national anthems of Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

Grand Master James F. Easterling, Jr. then proceeded with the Reenactment

Cornerstone Ceremony.

The ceremonial cornerstone was donated and engraved by Bro. Dan Kaighgon of Barberton Lodge No.750 in Barberton, OH. On the front is the square and compass.

One side represents the July 4, 1913 Ceremony with Grand Master Edward S. Griffins and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The opposite side reflects the Reenactment Ceremony of July 4, 2013, conducted by Grand Master James F. Easterling, Jr. and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The final side of the stone has the emblem of the National Parks Service. The cornerstone is permanently on display in front of the Visitor's Center at the International Peace Memorial.

At the conclusion of the reenactment, there was a salute to all American Veterans. A special Cornerstone Celebration coin was minted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio and was passed out to all veterans in attendance. There was a fly over by the Yankee Air Force, which is based out of Michigan. The 122nd Army Parade Band then performed the Peter Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture, which was a fitting ending for an historic Masonic afternoon. ♦



## Masonic Temples Reborn as Condos

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glass windows, a spiral staircase and the original fireplace. "It was pretty awesome," says Mr. Boardman, a professor of public policy who bought a two-bedroom, two-bathroom for \$300,000. (When he had the unit painted he found a lunchbox-size hiding spot behind the wall molding. Alas, it was empty.)

Called the York Temple, the red brick building was built in 1914 when the group, having grown to more than 1,000 members in 20 years, needed a bigger space. "It was busy most nights of the week," says Bill Hochstetler, who is on the board of trustees. At its peak in 1928, the lodge had more than 2,200 members. But by 2003, the number had fallen to less than 800 members—while the build-

ing's maintenance costs were averaging \$30,000 a year. The group sold the building for \$250,000 to Joe Armeni, owner of Re/Max City Center, who put about \$4.5 million into a top-to-bottom renovation. Today it has 25 units, ranging from 700 square feet to 1,800 square feet, that have sold from \$149,000 to \$399,900.

In downtown Champaign, IL, developer Robert Grossman bought a 33,000 square foot, 1914 Masonic temple with terrazzo floors and intricate carvings in the staircases for \$800,000 in 2008. "It was in terrible shape. But I looked at it and fell in love with it," he says. He spent \$2.5 million converting it into 19 apartments, which rent for \$900 to \$2,000 a month each. He then re-christened it as the Lodge on the Hill. The two and three bedroom apartments were all leased before the two-year construction project was finished. Even though he owns a 5,500-square-foot home nearby, Mr. Grossman kept the temple's best apartment for himself: a two level, 3,600 square foot unit with a roof patio.

In January, Thomas Thramann won zoning approval to convert a 13,000-square-foot, four-story Masonic lodge in Newport, R.I., into eight luxury condos—a process he estimates will take about two years—that would list for about \$500 a square foot. Mr. Thramann bought the building 15 years ago for \$156,000 and used it as a vacation home for several summers, sleeping on a bed in the middle of its roughly 5,000-square-foot meeting hall. "It was like camping," he says.

Still, selling the building to Mr. Thramann was difficult for the members. "It broke my heart," says Dan Titus, who was the lodge's worshipful master, the senior officer, at the time. The group couldn't afford to do the work required to meet safety codes and there was no parking. Mr. Titus sent out a ballot to all 500 members of the lodge and only two voted against selling. (One, a close family friend, never spoke to him again, he says.) "My father and grandfather were in that lodge. But when you have so many aging members, what can you do? If I won the lottery tomorrow, I'd buy the building back."

Converting a Masonic temple to residences isn't always easy for the developers either. The buildings tend to be outdated and in disrepair. The spaces, which always include a large theater or meeting room, are a challenge to reconfigure. To qualify for federal historic tax credits, a project must "preserve the

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David W. Morgans, 33°  
Chairman

**C**ongratulations and thank you Brethren for propelling the Valley of Pittsburgh to the top Valley in the state of Pennsylvania for new members for the 2012-2013 Scottish Rite year! The recognition was announced at the Council of Deliberation meeting held in Seven Springs in July. Our Commander-in-Chief was called to the podium for the recognition and to offer his comments. It would be great if our Valley could repeat that same feat for the following Scottish Rite year. In order to do so, we will all need to play a part in the process.

### What can you do?

If you know any of your Masonic Brethren who do not currently belong to the Scottish Rite, you could simply invite them to join and give them an application for our Fall Reunion

Class on November 15th & 16th. Applications are available in your notice, on the website, or in the *Rite News*. Also, you could invite them to some Valley events so they can meet some of the members of the Valley and either get to know some new Brethren or reconnect with some they may already know. Some fast approaching events are, the Oktoberfest dinner and entertainment on Thursday October 3rd, the Walk for Dyslexia on Saturday October 5th (both are open to friends and family), and the stag movie night for Masons on Friday October 18th when we have dinner, drinks, and will view "Young Frankenstein". More details on these events can be found in this issue of the *Rite News*.

The Valley has two Clubs they could belong to if they are Car enthusiasts or ride a Motorcycle. Both of these organizations, Hiram's Riders Motorcycle Club and the Vintage/Classic Car Club, help raise funds for our Children's Dyslexia Center. They are always looking for new members.

### It's a great time to be a Scottish Rite Mason!

I encourage all of you to make the most of your Scottish Rite experience by joining in the myriad of activities that the Valley offers to not only its members but also their ladies, their families, and the community at large. Get involved! Enjoy your Membership in our Valley.

### Together We Can Make A Difference

Brethren, our Fraternity and our Valley flourishes when our members take the time to promote our Craft in both word and deed. I hope that the Fraternity has so touched your hearts that you use the lessons taught in



Freemasonry to enhance your lifestyles. We all like to share the good things in our lives with others and our Fraternity should be no different.

Remember, many people may form their opinions about Freemasonry from their interactions with you. *Be, therefore, a good ambassador as you walk through this world.* ♦

## Fall Reunion Class

### Conferral Schedule

#### FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 15

- 5:00 p.m. Registration & Dinner
- 6:10 p.m. Welcome by Thrice Potent Master, *Declaration of Principles, Communication of 6th thru 8th & 11th thru 13th degrees*
- 6:20 p.m. 4th Degree Ceremonial
- 6:30 p.m. 4th Degree Allegory
- 7:00 p.m. 13th Degree
- 8:30 p.m. 14th Degree

#### SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 16

- 7:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
- 8:30 a.m. 15th Degree
- 10:00 a.m. Class Picture
- 10:30 a.m. 18th Degree
- 12:00 noon Lunch

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON NOV. 16

- 1:00 p.m. *Communication of 19th thru 29th degrees*
- 1:10 p.m. 30th Degree  
*Speaker - Secretary*
- 3:30 p.m. 32nd Degree
- 4:00 p.m. 31st Degree
- 5:00 p.m. Official Reception  
*Speaker - Hospitaler*
- 5:10 p.m. Dinner

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(You're invited to attend)

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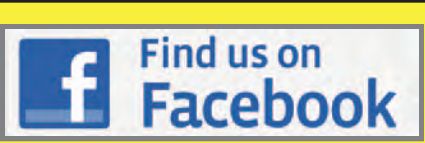
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  - Oct 3. . . Martha Chapter, Rainbow Girls, Washington, PA
  - Oct 9 . . . . .Perry Ionic Lodge No. 796
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- Oct 10 . . . . .North Hills Lodge No. 716

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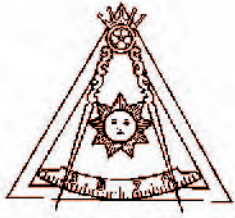


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Valley of Pittsburgh Fall Reunion Class - November 14 and 15, 2013

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building's historic character," says Brian Goeken, a National Park Service employee who manages tax incentives for historic-preservation projects. In the case of Masonic temples, that means the large open meeting hall can't be chopped up into smaller units.

On the other hand, since masonry is a central component of the origin of the Freemasons, the structures are also incredibly well built. Temples are meant to be "representations of Solomon's Temple," and are symbols of masculinity, says William Moore, an associate professor in Boston University's department of history of art and architecture and author of "Masonic Temples: Freemasonry, Ritual Architecture and Masculine Archetypes." Often there are extra flourishes and symbols incorporated into the architecture—a blazing star, an all-seeing eye and the Masons' best-known symbol, a square and compass and the letter "G," believed

to stand for geometry and God.

That kind of pedigree is partly what makes Masonic temples a tempting investment. Developer Chip Klugo bought a Masonic temple in Bath, N.Y., in 2011. A \$1.1 million state grant defrayed the cost of a \$2.1 million project to convert the building into four apartments. Mr. Klugo says the apartments rented out right away when they went on the market, despite what he says is a high rate for the area of \$1,000 to \$1,100 a month.

It was the large open spaces and all the woodwork that appealed to Michele Alvarez, 45, who is renting a one bedroom with her husband, Frederick, in Mr. Klugo's building in Bath. But even more important was the building's history. Ms. Alvarez says her father was a Mason—she recognized the symbol of the compass and square etched into the facade right away. "When I first walked in, it was familiar and comforting for me," says Ms. Alvarez. "You can almost put yourself back in the days when it was active." ♦

*Re-printed from an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal, 9/27/2013 by Nancy Yeates*

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## Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference



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## A DeMolay Summer of Fun & Learning

It was a busy summer of fun and learning for the members of the 25 DeMolay Chapters that meet in Pennsylvania! From July 19-21 delegates, DeMolays, Advisors, families and friends of Pennsylvania DeMolay gathered in Erie for the Annual PA DeMolay Convention. Although some time was spent taking care of business that included the election of new state officers, the selection of a new state sweetheart and the presentation of competition awards and checks, scholarships and other special awards recognizing outstanding service to DeMolay, the participants had lots of opportunities for fun and fraternalism. They enjoyed a special open house hosted by Erie Chapter in their newly renovated Club Room at the Erie Masonic Temple; had fun in the sun on Presque Isle; played a round or two of miniature golf; visited the Erie Maritime Museum; and had over four hours of wet and wild adventures at Splash Lagoon, an indoor water park. Matthew Maple, a Past Master Councilor of George Washington Chapter, which meets in Chambersburg, was elected and installed as State Master Councilor and Miss Brooke Spence,

Chapter Sweetheart of Elizabethtown Chapter, was crowned State Sweetheart.

Two weeks after the close of Convention, the Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference welcomed over 80 DeMolays from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Utah, and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and Ontario for a week of setting personal leadership and individual goals, learning by doing and taking part in a conference that is widely recognized as one of the best in the world of DeMolay International. Some of the impressive numbers from the conference are indicative of the success of the 2013 program: 13 attendees earned their Obligations Card, 247 Leadership Correspondence Course lessons were completed, with 45 Lamps of Knowledge earned for the completion of all five lessons, and eleven Representative DeMolay Awards were earned. There were also 26 term plans completed, 51 new ritual parts learned and 25 young men returned to their home chapters with a personalized presentation to use in recruiting their friends into DeMolay.

Many DeMolay Legion of Honor holders who are members of the Valley of

Pittsburgh support the Annual DeMolay Scholarship Appeal by making donations to Pennsylvania DeMolay, and these scholarship funds help young men attend this outstanding leadership conference. Pennsylvania DeMolay thanks those who donate so generously on an annual basis.



The new PA State Master Councilor Matthew Maple is pictured with the new State Sweetheart Brooke Spence.

## DeMolay to Hold Western LOH Conferral

On Saturday, November 2, 2013 Pennsylvania DeMolay will hold its annual Western Legion of Honor Conferral at the Greensburg Masonic Center at which time four deserving men will be recognized with the highest adult honor that DeMolay can confer.

Two very familiar faces to the Valley of Pittsburgh will be receiving the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor: Commander-in-Chief, Richard A. Rodibaugh, 33° and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District, Richard J. Stemmler, 33°.

These men, recognized for their outstanding service to Masonry and their community, were nominated by Westmoreland Chapter, Order of DeMolay,

which meets in Greensburg.

Also receiving the Active Legion of Honor are two Senior DeMolays from the Butler area who have provided outstanding service to DeMolay and their community, F. Arthur Rauschenberger, III, and David H. Tack. These men were nominated by Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay which meets in Butler.

The conferral of the DeMolay Legion of Honor is a public event and all are invited to attend and to help these deserving recipients celebrate. The public conferral, which starts at 4:30 p.m., is preceded by the Secret Vow Ceremony at 4:00 p.m., and all Legionnaires are invited to take part in this renewal of their vow of service to the Order of De-



Molay. If you have any questions or would like to make reservations for the day please contact Executive Secretary David Berry, 33°, at the Pennsylvania DeMolay Office by phoning 1-800-266-8424 X4 or e-mailing him at dewberry@pademolay.net. ♦



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**2013 Calendar of Masonic Events**

**October 2013**

- 03 - Oktoberfest, GPMC
- 05 - Walk-for-Dyslexia, GPMC
- 18 - Stag Party - Young Frankenstein, GPMC
- 26 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

**November 2013**

- 07 - SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING, GPMC**
- 15, 16 - Fall Reunion Class, GPMC
- 30 - Fellowship Breakfast, GPMC

**December 2013**

- 04 - Grand Lodge Quarterly, Philadelphia
- 07 - Valley Christmas Party, Shanoppin Country Club
- 14 - Valley Children's Christmas Party, GPMC
- 21 - Hiram's Riders Christmas Party, Grants Bar, Millvale
- 27 - Grand Lodge Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

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## Annual Grand Communication

**Friday,  
December 27, 2013**

**Philadelphia  
Marriott Downtown  
Philadelphia, PA**



**10:00 a.m. Anticipated OPEN Installation of**

### **Robert J. Bateman**

**as Right Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania**  
a **FREE LUNCHEON** will follow the **OPEN** installation  
(Reservations Requested)

**5:30 p.m. Cash Bar Reception**

**6:30 p.m. Banquet Dinner with Entertainment by The Diamonds**  
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