



Honorable Mention- "Brother Franklin Award" – 2005-06-11-13

April 2019

Spring Reunion Continues
Friday, April 12, 2019



Pennsylvania Freemasonry's Best Experience

IN MEMORIAM
ILL. JOSEPH A. SBARAGLIA JR., 33° MSA

The Valley of Philadelphia is sad to announce the passing of Ill. Joseph A. Sbaraglia Jr., 33° MSA. Illustrious Brother Sbaraglia died on February 19, 2019. Bro. Sbaraglia was scheduled to receive the 33° as a member of the Class of 2019 but was awarded the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° posthumously as provided by the Constitution of the Supreme Council.

A life-long resident of South Philadelphia, our Brother was born on March 11, 1939. He was a 1959 graduate of Southern High School. Chief Master Sergeant Sbaraglia served honorably in the United States Air Force for 20 years and then followed that with 20 years in the Air Force Reserves. He served three tours during the Vietnam War. He worked for Pennsylvania Bell Telephone as a splice man for 25 years.



Our Brother and late wife Kathleen are the parents of three sons, Anthony, Albert and Robert. He was a member of Annunciation BVM Church of Philadelphia.

Bro. Joe was made a Mason in Rising Star Lodge No. 126 in 1972. He was a warrant member and Past Master of the former Charles H. Nitsch Lodge No. 809. He served Lodge No. 809 as Worshipful Master in 1980. After the closure of that Lodge he affiliated with Equity Lodge No. 591, and resigned from that Lodge in 1996 when he became a member of St. John's No. 115. He was also a dual member of Mantua Lodge No. 95 of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Our Illustrious Brother completed the Degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite as a member of the Spring Class of 1995. He served as Captain of the Guard of Benjamin Franklin Consistory for a number of years and was very active in the Degree Casts. He received the Meritorious Service Award from the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at the Annual Convocation in July of 2006.

He was an active York Rite Mason as well. He was a member and Past Master of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, a Past High Priest of Temple Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 46 R.&S.M.M. and a Past Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 4 Knight Templar and Philadelphia Priory No. 12, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Our Illustrious Brother was a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and a Past Division Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Knights Templar. He was also a Past Illustrious King of the Pennsylvania Council of Anointed Kings Order of the Silver Trowel.

Illustrious Bro. Joe was also very active with the Order of Eastern Star. His other Masonic memberships included; Penn Council No. 13 Knight Masons of the United States, the Joshua Association, Past Commanders

and Line Officers Association of Division One, High Twelve and Delco Grotto.

He authored four books on the history of South Philadelphia; *The Waffleman*, *The Waffleman Part 2*, *Yo, I Remember That*, and *Yo, I Remember that 2*. He also wrote a column in the *South Philadelphia Public Record*, a weekly neighborhood newspaper. Bro. Joe was fond of handing out copies of the weekly edition by shaking your hand and saying the page number of his column.

His family will be invited to our May 17, 2019 Reunion meeting at which time his 33° jewel and certificate will be presented to them by our State Deputy, Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° RWPGM and our Active, Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM.

Our Illustrious Brother who known by everyone as 'Joe Bag-a-Donuts,' will be warmly remembered and sadly missed.

***Farewell Illustrious Bro. Joe,
You've gone to meet your God.***

BRETHREN TAKE NOTICE!

Brethren, please be sure to note the change of April Reunion meeting from the traditional third Friday to the second Friday, April 12, 2019, this month. We've moved the meeting as the third Friday is also Good Friday.

2019 Valley Membership Dues

After three notices for dues and a personal letter from the Valley Secretary, we still have over 100 of our Valley Brethren that have yet to pay their 2019 Scottish Rite Dues.

If these dues aren't paid before our May 17, 2019 Reunion meeting those Brethren will be suspended. Since the mailing of the third notice back in January our Valley's Retention Committee has been reaching our weekly to remind our Brethren to pay their dues.

We've identified a few Brethren that are in distress and Scottish Rite dues might not be affordable at the present time for them. Valley Brother Frank Lorine, 32°, a member of the Retention Committee, chairs our 'Sponsor a Brother' program. This program asks you, to consider sending a check for \$99 to sponsor a less fortunate Brother this year.

If you're interested in getting involved, you may contact Bro. Frank at franklorine@gmail.com, or you can send a check made payable to 'Scottish Rite Bodies' and include some indication that you're sponsoring a Brother.

Our Retention Committee will be reaching out weekly to those Brethren that still haven't paid their dues. If you know you haven't paid your dues and are able to, please do so soon. We don't want to suspend anyone!

Remember, suspensions will occur for any Valley Brother who's dues aren't paid by our May 17, 2019 Reunion Meeting.

Dear Brethren,



Welcome back to the first message of the Spring brothers.



As the old saying goes: There's never been a better time to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

With our Spring Reunion underway, I hope everyone is feeling fully engaged and enjoying their experience in our Valley. If, however, you find yourself wanting more, please keep in mind that opportunities are always becoming available.

One of the keys to our continued success is membership; remember to share your enjoyment of our Valley's activities with your Blue Lodge Brothers and encourage them to join us. Maybe you can be in a Degree cast together in the following Reunion.

Also remember that life isn't just about labor and that we should take time for refreshment. Our life event at the Philadelphia Wings is coming up at the beginning of April, and our big annual Picnic will be here before you know it.

Our Valley thrives because of our great membership; the more involved YOU are, the stronger our Fraternity becomes.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Scott R. Hilsee, 32°
Thrice Potent Master



Continuing to Serve

At our April 12th meeting the 21°, *Patriarch Noachite* will be presented.

While this Degree is under the structure of the Consistory body, the Cast will put you in mind of the Lodge of Perfection as the Brethren presenting the Degree are all Past Thrice Potent Masters of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°.



It has been the dream of Past Thrice Potent Master, Ill. Clifford W. Hutchens, 33° MSA to put a Past Thrice Potent Master cast together for some time now. Illustrious Bro. Cliff is leading this Cast as Degree Master.

We know that these Brethren will undoubtedly do a fine job with the 21°. As Past Thrice Potent Masters they're all experienced ritualists.

Which brings the question; can a Past Sovereign Prince or a Past Most Wise Master cast be far behind? The challenge whether intended or not is now out there. Let's hope so!

The spring equinox (also known as the vernal equinox) is the time in the earth's annual cycle around the sun in which day and night are equal in length, it's a sign of Harmony in nature coming from cold and darkness of Winter and prior to arriving to the warmth and life of the Summer. The Vernal equinox is a special time of connecting with the divine and the bounties it will bring forth in nature as well as the renewed sense of connecting with those around us as well. When we truly want to see the world, we must envision the reality that lies in the light behind the darkness of the veil. Many secrets of our veiled realities remain hidden within our very own languages, symbols, art and architecture.

This upcoming reunion will be the place to celebrate all these things together. If you haven't been to the Valley in a while, now is the time to come back out and reconnect with your brothers here and renew your friendships and bonds. There are plenty of beautiful symbols as well as fantastic architecture throughout the building to inspire you towards more Masonic edification. There are beautiful Adornments of Greek architecture throughout the Temple and certain motifs you were taught to study from within Blue Lodge – the Doric, Ionic, and the Corinthian.

Did you know the logo for the Grand lodge of Pennsylvania is the sign of Apollo in glory, who is the Greek god of light and knowledge? Apollo represents lux ex tenebris ("light from darkness"), a common theme in Freemasonry and Spring; since Apollo is the god of the sun and the offspring of Leton whose name in Greek means "the great darkness" or "oblivion." You may also find the following quote useful as well since it is from a fellow Scottish Rite Mason having to do with Spring as well as Greek mythology.

"Taurus is Latin for bull, and in mythology was represented as Zeus who is just the mythological esoteric figure who represents the planet Jupiter. It is said that Taurus was one of the first constellations to be named and that was given the bull as zodiacal sign, which during the vernal equinox in Taurus with the sun in this constellation, indicated the return of spring. The time of year that brings new life to the earth. The sun in Taurus has been an object of worship by many ancient cultures that was often symbolized as a Cherub, a bull with a human face. Henceforth, the Bull was used as the emblem of perpetual life and a symbol of immortality." Illustrious Bro. Albert Mackey

I hope to see a strong turnout from our members and remember—"The ornament of the house is the friends who frequent it." –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Erik W. Krogstad, 32°
Sovereign Prince



Brethren:



Greetings Brethren,



I am grateful for the opportunity to join with our other presiding officers in extending to you sincere greetings.

Our Spring Class commemorating our Right Worshipful Grand Master, as well as your attendance and support is encouraging and inspiring to your officers and workers.

With your continued interest and cooperation new heights of endeavor will be attained by the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Philadelphia. Our aim is to maintain or, if possible, raise the high standard of the work; the realization of this objective depends largely upon your support. 'The true Mason is he who labors strenuously to help his Order affect its great purposes'-Albert Pike.

To become a Scottish Rite Mason means to enlist in the cause of humanity; work for peace and happiness and goodwill for all – the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

Hoping to have the pleasure of greeting you at the April meeting, I am,

Fraternally,

Norman R. Greene III, 32° MSA
Most Wise Master



Please take note that our April Meeting will be on the second Friday, April 12, this month. We moved the date because our usual meeting night falls on Good Friday this year. So, I hope you will still be able to attend our meeting on the twelfth and I look forward to seeing you there.

To our new candidates, I hardly welcome you to our Valley. We are all glad you are here, and we wish you well as you continue your Scottish Rite journey I April and again in May when our Grand Master, Illustrious S. Eugene Herritt, 33°, our class honoree, will be in attendance to greet you all. Perhaps your lady may wish to join you for dinner? After dinner, our ladies have a special program just for them so why not invite your lady to come with you.

On Saturday, March 9, I along with other Valley members and the privilege of attending the 'Help for the Heroes,' baby shower at McGuire Air Force Base, for veterans' families who are currently expecting babies. The program is sponsored in part by PA Masons and is led by our own Valley member, Illustrious Colonel Harris Brooks, 33°. The program supports our military families by providing items needed when you are having a baby, such as strollers, car seats, monitors, gift cards and more. It is rewarding to witness the joy of the expecting mothers, especially when you realize that many military families may not be able to acquire these items on their own. This is a great example of PA Masons helping others.



We're Here for You

'We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.'

Those aren't just words Brethren. We mean it.

If you are, or if you know of any Valley Brother, Valley Lady, or Widow that is hospitalized, shut-in or in some other distress; please contact our Valley Hospitaler, Bro. Norman R. Greene III, 32° MSA, at 610-275-1468 or nr Greene3@comcast.net.

Our Valley Hospitaler is always ready and willing to assist our worthy distressed Brethren and your families.



Pictured left to right, Tammy Freedman, Rona Kornfeld and Maureen Greene

The Valley Ladies played a large part in this event on Saturday, as they distributed homemade baby blankets to expecting mothers. This project was spearheaded by Rona Kornfeld, who single-handedly was responsible for making and acquiring over fifty blankets for this event! That is a lot of knitting! Thank you very much Rona, It couldn't have happened without you. Also thanks to Tammy Freedman, Jennifer Rehrig and Maureen Greene for also making blankets for the expecting mothers.

Until we meet again, stay healthy and safe. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°
Commander-in-Chief
Valley of Philadelphia



My Dear Brethren:



I have found in my years in Freemasonry that Masonic Brethren come in all sorts of varieties. Each one, you would believe is unique unto himself; and while that might be true in the individual sense of the word, there are many differences in preference as there are commonalities that I've come to notice.

Some Brethren are 'Blue Lodge guys' or in other words those Brothers who stick strictly to their symbolic Lodge and never venture out to seek further Light in the Fraternity. While I understand, appreciate and respect their devotion to their Lodge, I often feel that it is unfortunate that someone didn't take the time to introduce that Brother to the Scottish or York Rite. There is always another horizon, just over the horizon.

I know that you, as a Scottish Rite Mason understand. You've gone forward in your journey. You wanted to know more and you sought out ways to continue the construction of your personal temple. And why wouldn't you? You were challenged during the course of your first three Degrees to do so.

When I was young appointed floor officer, I had an older Past Master berate me because he learned that I had petitioned for the Degrees of the Royal Arch. He told me that I hadn't even 'cracked the shell' of the Blue Lodge and here I was going into something, in his opinion, I had no need of. I received all three Degrees. I studied hard for my proficiency. We didn't have the Grand Lodge Master Builder program back then. We really didn't have a dedicated mentoring program. No, back then if you wanted to become something in this wonderful Fraternity you had to earn it by going to the School of Instruction or sitting with one of those old Past Masters and hope he didn't doze off while you were reciting the lecture portion of a Degree! It was mouth to ear. We didn't have a ritual manual as today's Lodge Officer has. But if you wanted it bad enough; and of course, I did, you did it, because that's just how it was.

Back then the only part of the Lodge that I thought I hadn't 'cracked' was the highly regarded, **WORD OF THE CHAIR**. But it was my goal that one day I would indeed hear that word uttered on that long awaited and hard worked for evening when I was installed as Worshipful Master of my Lodge. That year of service taught me more about myself and helped me in acquiring the abilities to create, lead and plan. I have spoken with Brothers over the years that claim that their experiences as a Masonic leader have helped them in their business life; quite a credit for a Fraternity that prides itself on making a good man a better one, if you ask me.

Following the 'Blue Lodge guys' are those that have gone on to be active in the Rites; both Scottish and York; or in the Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars and High Twelve or any of the other bodies. Again, variety, but they're involved and are keeping the Craft, in whatever incarnation it might be, alive and thriving.

Unfortunately we have another variety. You know of whom I speak. That guy that came out got his Degrees and never came back. I'm not blaming him. Sure he pays his dues, but he doesn't participate. Did he join to keep a career Mason father or grandfather off his back? Did he do it just add something to the resume? Does he think that ring on his finger might seal the deal at a sales meeting? Or, and hopefully, this isn't the reason, but we failed him somehow. We may never know, but we have a number of

those types in Freemasonry. Hopefully one day someone will introduce a plan to reinvigorate them to want to experience more of the Craft. They are our Brethren after all.

I've told every non-Mason who's ever asked me about this Fraternity, that it takes a special man to be a part of it; a man who will have the desire to pursue what it takes to be able to call himself a Freemason. He'd better be worthy of it. He'd better want to earn it. I guess I sound selfish in a way, but I have to be. I belong to an ancient and honorable society that has been handed down in trust from generation to generation, by men committed to its growth and continuation to the next generation with the same commitment. It's just that important.

Sincere fraternal regards,

Steven A. Morrison, 33°
Valley Secretary
215-563-1814
valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com



Saluting Our Veteran Brethren November 2019

Our Sovereign Grand Commander has again named the month of November to be 'Scottish Rite Month' throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The theme of the month will be 'Together Toward Tomorrow.'

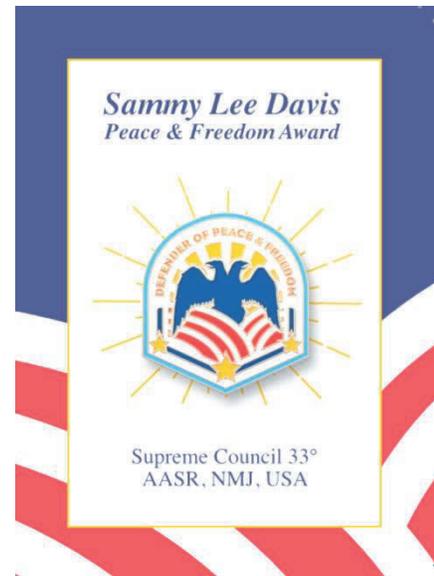
But, there is also another theme during November of 2019 and that is that it also be recognized as 'Veteran's Month.' Deputies and Actives will be visiting their charge Valleys to present the 'Ill. Sammy Lee Davis, 33° Peace and Freedom Award' to those Valley Brethren that are also Veterans of our Armed Forces.

In order for this to happen we need to be aware of who our Veterans are.

You can help. If you are an Honorably Discharged U.S. Veteran, please visit www.scottishritennmj.org, once there click on 'Member Center.' If you already have an account, sign in, if not you're going to need to register. Once signed in go to 'Account Info' on that page look for 'Add' and beneath that you'll see 'Military Service.' Fill that in and then click on 'Save.'

The next step to receiving your award will be you're being here at our November meeting.

Thank you for your service!



Meeting Notice
Friday, April 12, 2019



Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°
Ill. Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

The Evening's Agenda

- 6:00 P.M. – Dinner in the Grand Banquet Room
 - 7:15 P.M. – Candidate Orientation in the Benjamin Franklin Room
 - 7:30 P.M. – Open Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°
 - 7:35 P.M. – Presentation of the 21°, *Patriarch Noachite*
 - 8:20 P.M. – Presentation of the 31°, *My Brother's Keeper*
 - 9:30 P.M. – Close Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°
- All times are approximate*

Parking

Remember Brethren: The parking validations sold at our Reunion meetings are for the Convention Center Parking Facility, 1324 Arch Street only. The validations are active from 3:00 P.M. until midnight.

Special Degree Casts This Month

As you may have already read in this issue the 21°, *Patriarch Noachite* will be presented by our Past Thrice Potent Masters.

The 31°, *My Brother's Keeper* will be presented by a cast made up of our Valley Brethren who are also members of Thomson Lodge No. 340. This is an encore performance for our Thomson/Valley Brethren. When this newer ritual for the 31° was first introduced, our Brothers performed its debut in the Valley of Philadelphia.

Dinner Menu-Friday, April 12, 2019
Served Buffet Style

- Caesar Salad
- Chicken Sorrento
- Glazed Baked Salmon
- Pierogies with butter and onions
- Rice Pilaf
- Glazed Carrots
- Lemon Cake

\$20 per person

Special dietary needs? No problem! Let us know by the deadline.

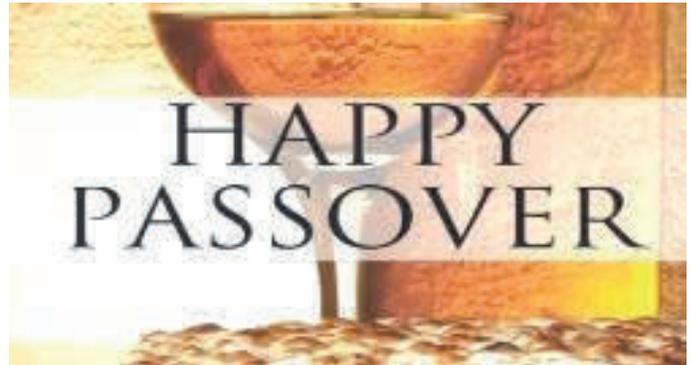
Thank you for making your registration by the Thursday, April 4, 2019 deadline. Reservations can be made by mail, by calling 215-563-1814, by email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com, through the Valley's Facebook group, 'Valley of Philadelphia, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Members Only!' Also if we have your current and correct email address you'll receive a notice via Constant Contact that will allow you to pay for your dinner ticket using your credit or debit card. Recommenders are reminded to check with your Candidate to be sure he call in to register his attendance. No reservations will be accepted past the deadline. No Exceptions!

Ladies of the Valley

Ladies President, Mrs. Maureen Greene looks forward to welcoming all of the Ladies on Friday, April 12, 2019.

If your lady hasn't attended with you in the past, please invite her to come along. The Valley Ladies always have an enjoyable evening.

It's a great way to make some new friends too!



Thank You!

This year as in past years; we've asked you to consider making a donation to the Valley's funds when paying your dues. The following Brethren are thanked for their support of the Valley's Equipment Fund. This is the complete update to the list as of press time. Further donations will be shown in future issues of *The Double Eagle*.

Stephen J. Bradley, 32° MSA
Thomas W. Kirby, 32°
Robert M. Long, 32°



Brethren, we have a file cabinet in the Valley office that contains old meeting notices for our Valley going back to the 1930's. I thought it might be of interest now and then to reprint some of the articles that ran in our Valley's publications.

***What Is Freemasonry's Attitude
Toward Present World Conditions?
From the February 1946 Bulletin***

Let us give heed to what was said in part by Ill. George F. Lounsbury, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin in 1940. What he said then is equally important today.

'For more than two centuries Freemasonry as we know it, has pursued its peaceful way, alone. It has sought no public acclaim; it has asked no help from outside its circle; it has permitted the world to think what it may about its objects and its works. Its best advertisement had been the fact that it does not advertise itself or its works. It has had and today has only one job to perform, only one reason for existence. That job is take the material that comes to it and MAKE GOOD MEN AND BETTER MEN out of that material. Everything else, our charities, all our works are incidental to the one purpose. If Masonry does that job – if it works at it honestly, even if with only a measure of efficiency, it has lived up to its purpose and fulfilled its highest ideal. We have no higher duty than to instruct the Craft. I do not mean as to its ritual, for we have lecturers and other officials competently attending to that work. I do not mean merely as regards the official visitation of Lodges, for all Grand Masters attend to that duty as far as it is possible to do so. For Masonry my Brethren is a vision. A vision of truth and love and hope. A vision of the all wise Father and of our sonship with Him. A vision of the duties and the joys which that relationship entails. If we are working even bunglingly and ineffectually to bring that vision to all Brethren, if we are striving by personal effort and not by cheering others from the side lines, we are doing square, true Masonic work. If we being when an Entered Apprentice Candidate knocks at the door, to teach not only the ritual but the beauties of Masonry; if we continue with that Candidate as he progresses through the degrees, giving him Masonic truth when he is in the most receptive mood; if we see to it that his Masonic education continues that he learns to know the truth concealed in our allegories and our symbols; if we see to it that he comprehends the simple doctrine and the lofty purpose of our institution we are following out a Masonic program that, in peace time or war time, will do all that Masonry can ever do or should ever attempt toward the betterment of the world. FOR TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WE MUST MAKE MEN BETTER. To save our democracy, to keep our nation safe and sound and peaceful we need men who understand that a good man must be a good citizen; that a good citizen is a patriotic citizen, ready to perform any duty his citizenship may require. THAT IS MASONRY'S JOB. That is your job and my job as Masons, as men entrusted with the responsibilities of our great institution. And as citizens, it is our job to show the world by our behavior in all affairs with the outside world what Masonry can for men.'

The officers of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia believe in, and are attempting in their humble way, to live up to and carry out these high ideals of our glorious Order. YOU MUST DO YOUR PART.

***Double-Headed Eagle In Use Before
Christ Era
From the October 1954 Bulletin***

Thousands of Masons wearing the symbolic double-headed eagle in rings and pins perhaps do not give a thought as to the origin of the emblem.

In Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry we find that the eagle with extended wings has for thousands of years been deemed of imperial power. Marius, the Consul, first consecrated the eagle to be the sole Roman standard at the head of every Legion, about 8 B.C. Later on the double-headed eagle naturally become a representative of a double empire.

Upon the division of the Roman dominions into an eastern and western empire, later becoming the Holy Roman Empire, the double-headed eagle was assumed as an emblem; one head supposing to look toward the west and Rome, and the other to the east and Byzantium. Upon the dissolution of the empire, the emperors of Germany assumed the double-eagle as their symbol, and placed it on their arms. Russia later adopted the eagle.

Now, Mackey says, we find the double-headed eagle first being introduced as a symbol of Masonry in 1758 when the Council of Emperors of the East and West was established in Paris. That Council had a ritual of 25 degrees, all of which are now contained in Scottish Rite Masonry. Subsequently a similar body was organized in Berlin, and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes.

Frederic II, King of Prussia, who was the head of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is said to have merged this organization into his own Rite, adding to its 25 degrees 8 more, thus making the 33 degrees of which the Rite is now composed. The double-headed eagle was then adopted as the symbol of the Thirty-third and ultimate degree.

***Power of Masonry
From the March 1962 Bulletin***

No power under heaven is strong enough to overthrow the principles of Freemasonry. They are founded upon the rock of truth, brotherly love, service and tolerance to all.

The Bible has stood the test of time. It is a living book of truth, wisdom and love.

The Masonic Lodge is founded upon the Bible, and it is as permanent as the base upon which it stands.

No storm from without or within can shake her timbers. Her foundation is the Masonry of life, truth and love.

I hope you've enjoyed these glimpses into our Valley's past. I will continue to run, or 're-run' articles as page space permits.



Fill it out. Clip it out. Save it with your important papers.

Request for Masonic Funeral

To My Survivors – Upon my death, please notify the following Masonic Organizations of which I am a member.

Lodge Name & Number _____

Lodge Secretary _____

Telephone _____ or call the Grand Lodge of PA 215-988-1901

Other Organizations I am a Member of:

Scottish Rite-Valley of Philadelphia, 215-563-1814 or 866-834-3432

Royal Arch Chapter _____

Council _____

Commandery _____

Shrine _____

Grotto _____

Tall Cedars _____

Others _____

I hereby request a Masonic Funeral Service ____ YES ____ NO

My Masonic Apron, Jewels and other regalia can be found at/in _____

If a 33° Mason: I would like to wear my ring into the grave _____

Or returned to the Supreme Council _____ Contact the Valley of Philadelphia for assistance.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



*Altemont Lodge No. 26 in Peterborough, New Hampshire
By Ymelda Rivera Laxton, Assistant Curator
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library*

In 2001, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library purchased this impressive assemblage of tintypes and ambrotypes of members of an unidentified Mason lodge from a Massachusetts antiques dealer. Each of the photographs is displayed in its own individual frame within the larger frame that measures 21 ¾ by 38 ¼ inches. The names and ages of the men pictured are written on the reverse of almost every photograph in the frame. Many of the men’s cheeks were tinted pink – as was commonly found in photographs of this era. At the center of the collection of images is a photograph of a Bible topped with the Masonic square and

Lodge Room,’ in March of 1861. At the next meeting, members agreed to pay for a ‘Miniature Frame’ out of lodge funds and approved a motion that ‘every Master Mason in regular standing in town’- be they a member of Altemont Lodge or not – ‘be invited to deposit their Ambrotypes with those of the Brothers of the Lodge.’ The frame cost the lodge \$7. Members paid for their own photographs displayed within the frame. To have their portraits taken, lodge members may have worked with George H. Scripture, a Peterborough photographer, raised in Souhegan Lodge in Masonville, New Hampshire, Scripture’s own portrait appears in the frame. He joined Altemont Lodge in 1865.

Though we do not know what prompted the Brethren of Altemont Lodge to assemble their portraits, they doubtless displayed their collected portraits with pride when they moved into a new meeting room in the new Peterborough Town Hall in 1864. Their preserved photographs help tell the story of their lodge and are an unusual example of a Masonic portrait.



compasses. According to the seller, the framed portraits dated from the 1860s and likely originated from a New Hampshire lodge. In the past year, research volunteer Robert Brown uncovered the story behind this photograph.

To initially identify where the photographed men were from, Bob checked the names on the back of the photographs against U.S. Federal Census data from 1860-1880. The search revealed that fifty-two of the fifty-six men photographed lived near Peterborough, New Hampshire, around the time the portraits were taken. The ages on the photographs, when compared to the ages of the men as recorded in the census helped to date the images to between 1860 and 1863.

One Masonic lodge met in Peterborough in the 1860s – Altemont Lodge No. 26. Eleven of the names on the back of photographs matched up with the names of the members of Altemont Lodge noted in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, suggesting that the collection of photographs portrayed members of that lodge. Chartered in Dublin, New Hampshire, in 1815, the lodge moved to Peterborough in 1827. The lodge did not meeting from 1833 to 1840, but revived in 1848. By the early 1860s the lodge appeared to be doing well. In minutes preserved at the Peterborough Library, the lodge secretary recorded ‘remarks from several Brothers in regard to having our miniatures taken and placed in the

To view the photograph in detail visit our flickr page at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/digitalsrmmml/albums/72157655910817021>

Many thanks to research volunteer Robert Brown, David Simpson and Bob Coppo of Altemont Lodge, Peterborough Public Library and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for their help with this project.

IN MEMORIAM
Farewell my Brother, you have gone to meet your God.

Raymond G. Baranowski
Fall Class 1990

Peter W. Houck
Spring Class 1977





Valley of Philadelphia Family Picnic
 12 to 7 PM, Saturday, July 20, 2019
 At Mermaid Lake
 1002 Jolly Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Bring your family and join with us for this great family day! Swimming, 9 hole golf, miniature golf, basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, and games for the kids. Something for everyone!

Menu includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Ribs, plus more in own private pavilion.

Cost per person: Adults - \$15, Children 12 and under-\$10. Make your check payable to 'Scottish Rite Bodies' and mail it to the Scottish Rite Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520.



Ill. Bro. Morrison: Please send me ___tickets to the Valley's Family Picnic at Mermaid Lake on Saturday, July 20, 2019. My check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to 'Scottish Rite Bodies' is enclosed.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Complete and mail promptly along with your check to:
 Scottish Rite Office, Masonic Temple
 One North Broad Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520



‘ . . .and hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou will be in the midst of them.’

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°

Welcomes all Valley members and their families to attend the,

Annual Memorial Service

3PM, Sunday, June 2, 2019

At the Church of Our Savior

821 Homestead Road, Jenkintown, PA

This Service is held in memory of our Valley Brethren lost during the past year. The Service is open to all Valley Brethren and their families. The Reverend and Illustrious William D. Hartman, 33°, our Valley Prior, will deliver the message assisted by the Most Wise Master and the Officers of Kilwinning Chapter.

A complimentary dinner will be served in the Banquet Hall of the Jenkintown Masonic Temple, following the Service. Reservations are required for the dinner. If you do not have a reservation, we cannot and will not guarantee you and your guests a meal! Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

RSVP to the Scottish Rite Office by Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Ill. Bro. Morrison: Please reserve ___beef ___chicken___vegetarian ___chicken fingers (ages 12 and under) meals for me and my guests for the Valley's Annual Memorial Service, on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the Church of Our Savior/Jenkintown Masonic Temple.

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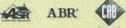
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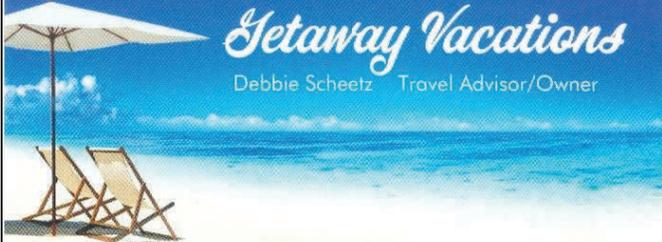
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