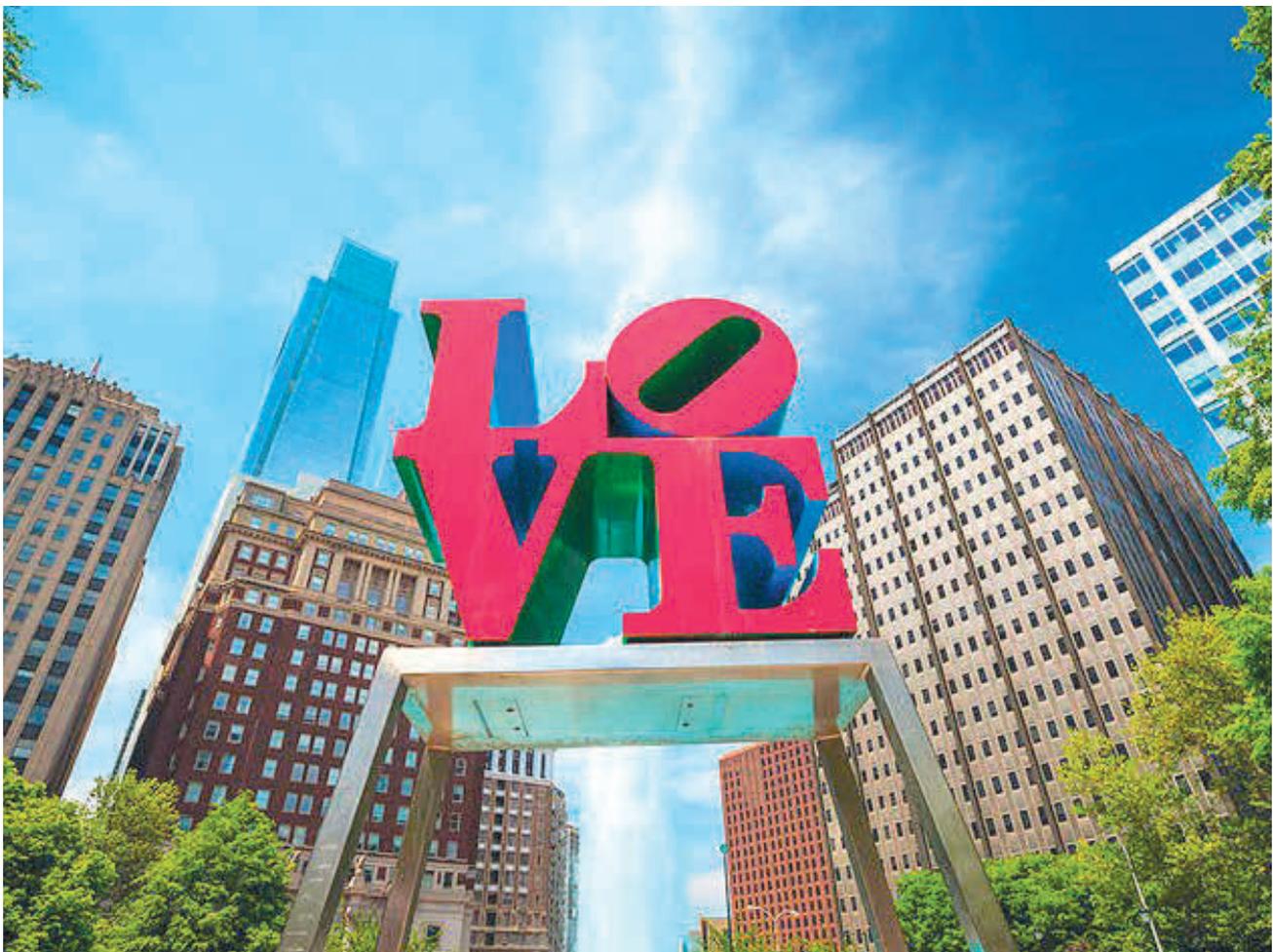




Honorable Mention- "Brother Franklin Award" – 2005-06-11-13

June 2019

*Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Bodies
Election and Installation of Officers
Friday, June 14, 2019*



Not Just Masons, Scottish Rite Masons

Dear Brethren,



Brethren,



As we arrive at the threshold of a new year in our Valley, it occurs to me that there's never been a better time to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

Our Valley accomplished a lot recently; we've put great effort into seizing opportunities and making improvements where possible. It's been an exciting time to be a Member here and I'm sure we'll continue to make progress in the upcoming year; if you're not involved already, I highly encourage you to make this your year.

When I joined Scottish Rite in the Fall of 2009, I was fairly new to Freemasonry and I knew very few people in the Valley. I remember witnessing the Degrees and being impressed by the work I saw; I also remember thinking that I'd likely never have the opportunity to participate in such an elite group, and I'm very glad to have been proven wrong. Opportunities to get involved are always available and each Brother who contributes helps ensure our continued success.

I want to thank everyone who helped me on my journey; I truly appreciate all you've done. I hope I did a good job in the performance of my duties and I hope that my successor does even better. Congratulations to all of our new officers, and thank you for your service.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



The Fall 2019 Reunion

Incoming Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Gerard R. Sealy, 33° has announced that the Fall 2019 Class Honoree will be the current Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°. Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Jeff on this distinct honor.

The Fall Reunion will begin on Friday evening, October 18, 2019. Dinner will be served in the Grand Banquet room and there will a program for the ladies. Degrees to be presented are to be announced.

The Valley will come together again on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the lower level banquet room. Degrees to be conferred are to be determined.

Tentatively, the Fall Reunion will close on Friday evening, December 20, 2019. Dinner will again be served in the Grand Banquet room and a program will be available for the ladies.

Put these dates on your calendar now so as not to miss anything happening in the Valley this Fall.

This will be my final message s the Sovereign Prince and with that I'd like to say THANK YOU. Thank you for the trust and confidence you placed in me to hold this office as well as the tireless workers/officers in the Valley which helped me as well. I truly relish every moment and every step of this journey that you have allowed me to make. I would not trade it for anything and I would say now to every Line Officer. . .and to every Brother who would someday like to be in Line. . .enjoy the journey, savor the moment, make your time count and leave behind your very best effort, because all too soon you will reach your destination, and when you do, I hope you can look back with as much joy and satisfaction as I do.

The Brothers who have served deserve our deepest appreciation, for they have taken time and energy from their offices and homes to apply their efforts toward the goals of Freemasonry. I'd like to recognize the friends and families of these dedicated Freemasons who have witnessed their labors for the Scottish Rite and have encouraged them in their endeavors, which I feel makes them just as important to our Valley as the members themselves.

Our Masonic achievements do not end here, out of this service comes a sense of personal fulfillment, fine fellowship and mutual endeavor that improves and strengthens both leaders and workers. I am really proud of the WORK everybody did and the fun I've had to serve in this role but most importantly as a whole I see a bright future for our Valley with so many dedicated brothers who've participated this year. It should be said that Masonry has many meanings and purposes to our Brothers. For some, the simple experience of becoming a Mason and counted as an accepted member of this honorable organization is the capstone of their desire. Still others take pleasure in teaching the history, meaning and purpose of our Great Organization to those that seek further Light. And for some Brothers, involvement in whatever Degree gives them satisfaction.

As always in Freemasonry, the election and subsequent installation of officers is a time for both acknowledgement and hope in unity and solidarity, let's continue the great work of Masonry and I'd like to share this quote which sums up many of my thoughts on it.

'Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing, but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teachings will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry: the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds and it is in our deeds that Freemasonry is made known to non-Masons. The only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product. The prestige of Freemasonry lies squarely on the shoulders of each of us.'
- Bro. G. Wilbur Best

Erik W. Krogstad, 32°
Sovereign Prince
Manager of the Hauts Grades Academy



Brethren:



Greetings brethren,



THANK YOU

As my year as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix 2018-2019 comes to a close, I want to thank the Officers and Members for their support and encouragement during my term.

I would be remiss not to mention the Officers and Members of the other Coordinate Bodies in the Valley and Members of the Valley for their hard work and attendance at our Reunions. Without everyone's hard work and attendance our Valley would cease to exist.

It has been both an honor and privilege to serve as Most Wise Master and to serve the Valley of Philadelphia.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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



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 donations to the Almoner Fund, the Equipment Fund and the Learning Center Endowment. This is the complete update to the list as of press time. Further donations will shown in future issues of *The Double Eagle*.

- All Funds*
- Joseph J. Wilson**
- Almoner Fund*
- John A. Mosco III**
- Equipment Fund*
- A. Scott Richman**

Brethren, you don't have to wait until the annual dues billing to make a donation. Donations to the Almoner Fund can made payable to 'Valley of Philadelphia Almoner Fund' and donations to the Learning Center Endowment can be made to the 'Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia. Donations to the Equipment Fund should be made to 'Scottish Rite Bodies.'

On Friday June 14, at 7:30 P.M., we will hold our Annual Meeting where Valley plans for the ensuing year will be introduced and voted upon. It is also our election of officers and installation night. All the bodies in the Valley will change leadership that evening. So, I truly hope that you consider coming out to the support the new officers and to hear about the workings of our Valley.

My term as Commander-in-Chief will conclude that evening as it will for all current presiding officers. I am extremely grateful that you granted me the privilege of serving as Commander-in-Chief and I thank you all. It has been my honor and source of great personal pride to have served.

My most sincere thanks goes out to the elected and appointed officers, committee members, trustees, financial officers, degree masters, cast members, and the entire membership for helping to move our Valley forward during my term.

As I look back over the past two years, I can't help but be thrilled with what we accomplished, working together. Some examples are:

- Hosted a rendezvous with the Valley of Chicago where they conferred the 19° to our new candidates.
- Established a Scottish Rite Education Committee that included the Day of Masonic Light Program and book reviews by our committee members.
- Created an 'Invitation to the Valley,' play to aid in recruitment of non-Scottish Rite Masons. This was so well received that Supreme Council video recorded it to share with the entire Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- Established a new member orientation program to help newly made 32° Masons obtain a more thorough understanding of the working of our Valley and Scottish Rite.
- Designed and installed a new sound system for Gothic Hall to provide a better listening experience of our members.
- Established the Knights of St. Andrews, a unit within our Valley that is dedicated to service to our members.
- Awarded both Abbott and Valley scholarships to children or dependents of our members.
- Received awards from the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation for most new members.
- Six of our members were nominated to receive the 33° and three to receive the Meritorious Service Award.
- Successful Valley social functions- Picnics, Feasts of Tishri, Worker's nights, Ladies Night-Ladies Reunion programs.

I hope that you are proud of our Valley accomplished. I certainly am. Thank you again brethren. I congratulate our newly elected and appointed officers and wish all of you the very best going forward.

Sincerely and fraternaly,

Jeff
Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°
Commander-in-Chief
Benjamin Franklin Consistory
Valley of Philadelphia





**Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Bodies
Friday, June 14, 2019**



**Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°
Scott R. Hilsee, 32°, Thrice Potent Master
DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°
Erik W. Krogstad, 32°, Sovereign Prince
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°
Norman R. Greene III, 32° MSA, Most Wise Master
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
7:30 P.M. – Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32° opens and holds election of Officers and Officers of the Coordinate Bodies
7:40 P.M. – Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14° opens and holds election of Officers
7:45 P.M. – DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° opens and holds election of Officers
7:50 P.M. – Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° opens and holds election of Officers
8:00 P.M. – Coordinate Bodies meet in joint session for the approval of the 2019-20 budget
8:15 P.M. – Close the Coordinate Bodies
8:20 P.M. – Ladies and guests join the Brethren for Installation of Officers, Recognition of 50+ year members, presentation of Past Presiding Officer jewels and Abbott Scottish Rite & Valley Scholarships**

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.

You can now purchase your parking validation in advance through the mail or through the Constant Contact email offer. The voucher is \$5. Be sure to include that in your check and your parking coupon will arrive with your dinner ticket.

***Dinner Menu
Friday, June 14, 2019***

***Caesar Salad
Rice Pilaf, Glazed carrots
Lemon Chicken, Hawaiian style Ham
Linguine & Clams in white sauce
Fresh strawberries with vanilla ice cream
\$20 per person***

Thank you for making your reservation by the Thursday, 6th deadline. Reservations can be made by mail, by calling 215-563-1814, by email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com, or through the Valley's Facebook group. 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 (and now your parking ticket too!) using your credit or debit card.

On behalf of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia I would like to congratulate everyone who recently received their 32°. I would like to urge everyone to consider this the beginning of a wonderful journey. Please make an effort to participate in the Valley's activities and Reunions. I am sure this will be a rewarding experience.

The Summer is quickly approaching, the flowers and trees are starting to bloom and we're getting ready to be called off Masonic labor. Hopefully we will be enjoying the weather, going on vacation, spending time with family and friends while experiencing a great Summer filled with good health and happiness.

The Children's Dyslexia Center will be working with a few of our current students and introducing our new tutors to the beginning of their training this Summer. It is our hope and prayer that by the end of our fiscal year which is August 2019, we will continue serving our students.

I am confident that with your help we will be able to obtain the additional monetary requirements to continue serving our children next fiscal year. Consider helping us succeed another year by giving a Summer Donation. You can send a donation of any size to: 'Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia,' 3958 Rowena Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19114.

I've listed below other ways you can help us raise the money we need to succeed:

1. Purchase tickets to the Ultimate Philadelphia Sports Fan.
2. Make a commitment to donate \$100 yearly for five years and receive a beautiful plaque.
3. Make a commitment to Sponsor a Child for a one-time payment of \$5,000.
4. Become a Centennial Donor by giving a donation of \$10,000 or a monthly payment of \$87 per month.
5. Attend one of our monthly Dine Arouns

Please email Tomwible48@gmail.com or call Tom Wible at 215-519-9839 if you would like to purchase tickets, a plaque or make a large donation.

Don't forget the Dine Arouns. Support the restaurants that help our Center. Consider treating yourself to a night out at the June Dine Around:

June 29, 2019 Split Rail, 15 N. Walnut Street, West Chester, 19380

If you have any questions or would like information about the Center contact Tomwible48@gmail.com or call 215-219-9839.

Thomas H. Wible, 32° MSA
Chairman, Board of Governors
Children's Dyslexia Center of
Philadelphia
'A Scottish Rite Charity'



**Notice of Election of Officers for the 2019-2021
Scottish Rite Year**

At the Annual Meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019 an election will be held to elect the Officers to serve Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°, DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32° and the Coordinate Bodies.

The Candidates shown below have been approved by the Valley's Officer Selection and Executive Committees.

For Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°

For Thrice Potent Master **Ill. Rick S. Freedman, 33°**
 For Deputy Master **Ill. John L. Wagner, 33°**
 For Senior Warden **Kenneth B. Shinn Jr., 32°**
 For Junior Warden **Francis J. Lorine III, 32°**

For DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°

For Sovereign Prince **Joseph W. Calabrese, 32° MSA**
 For High Priest **Ill. Robert J. Burns, 33°**
 For Senior Warden **R. Lawrence Hicks, 32°**
 For Junior Warden **Joel C. Wolfert, 32°**

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°

For Most Wise Master **David J. Kolmetzky, 32°**
 For Senior Warden **Timothy J. Curran Jr., 32°**
 For Junior Warden **Dean P. Jones, 32°**

For Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°

For Commander-in-Chief **Ill. Gerard R. Sealy, 33°**
 For First Lieutenant Commander **Yasser A. Al-Khatib, 32° MSA**
 For Second Lieutenant Commander **Jon S. Solheim, 32°**

For the Coordinate Bodies

For Executive Committee At-Large **Leonard B. Altieri III, 32°**
 For Trustee (2 yrs) **Scott R. Hilsee, 32°**
 For Trustee (5 yrs) **Douglass R. Hocker, 32°**
 For Trustee (1 yr) **Ill. Michael D. McKee, 33°**
 For Valley Secretary **Ill. Steven A. Morrison, 33°**
 For Valley Treasurer **Ill. Frank Weckenman, 33° MSA**

Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers

Following the close of the business meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019, and after the ladies and other guests have joined us in Gothic Hall, we will have the open installation of our Valley Officers who will serve for the coming Scottish Rite year.

The installation will include the appointed Officers of each of the four lines as well as the Guards, Satraps and Acolytes of the Lodge of Perfection, Prince of Jerusalem Council and Chapter of Rose Croix. Newly elected Executive Committee At-Large members and Trustees will also stand for installation.

The dress code for installation for all elected, appointed officers, Executive Committee members and Trustees is tuxedo. The Consistory officers should be in tails with the white vest and tie.

Happy Anniversary Brethren!

At the Valley's Annual Meeting on Friday, June 14th, we will recognize our Brethren celebrating their 70th, 65th, 60th and 50th Anniversaries as Scottish Rite Masons.

Congratulations to these Brethren on achieving these Masonic milestones. They are listed below:

70 Years

David E. Elliott, 32° *Fall Class 1949*
Ellwood M. Paul, 32° *Fall Class 1949*
Edward B. Russell, 32° *Spring Class 1949*
Karl E. Soltan, 32° *Fall Class 1949*
Russell J. Tees Jr., 32° *Fall Class 1949*

65 Years

James W. Cassidy, 32° *Spring Class 1954*
Charles T. Logan, 32° *Spring Class 1954*
Bernon W. Riethmiller, 32° *Spring Class 1954*
John J. Ziegler, 32° *Spring Class 1954*

60 Years

William Bradley Jr., 32° *Fall Class 1959*
John H. Carey Sr., 32° *Fall Class 1959*
Kenneth H. Hanson, 32° *Fall Class 1959*
Joseph R. Hill, 32° *Fall Class 1959*
Richard R. Pottier, 32° *Fall Class 1959*

50 Years

Edward Heller Jr., 32° *Spring Class 1969*
Robert C. McConnell Sr., 32° *Fall Class 1969*
M. Frank Minnick, 32° *Fall Class 1969*
Elwood E. O'Brien, 32° *Fall Class 1969*
Robert L. Parncutt III, 32° *Spring Class 1969*
Wilson K. Scheidler, 32° *Spring Class 1969*
Robert W. Shinn, 32° *Fall Class 1969*
Charles T. Williams, 32° *Spring Class 1969*

Bros. Russell was a member of the *Ill. Thomas Williams Greatehead, 33° Class* in the Spring of 1949. Bros. Elliott, Paul, Soltan and Tees were all members of the *Ill. Francis L. Borie, 33°, Valley Secretary Class* in the Fall of 1949.

Bros. Cassidy, Logan, Riethmiller and Ziegler all received their Scottish Rite Degrees in a special one day class named for *Ill. John B.W. Manogue, 33° Past Most Wise Master*.

Bros. Bradley, Carey, Hanson, Hill and Pottier were members of the *Ill. Frank R. Leech, 33° Class* in the Fall of 1959. Searching his record I've found that Ill. Leech was a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania (1941-42).

Bros. Heller, Parncutt, Scheidler and Williams were members of the *Ill. A. Ray Geist, 33° Memorial Class* in the Spring of 1969. Bros. McConnell, Minnick, O'Brien and Shinn were members of the *Ill. George A. Williams, 33° Memorial Class*, in the Fall of 1969.

*Invitation to the Valley Premiers
At William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271*

On March 2, 2019, the member of the Valley of Philadelphia spent the entire day video recording the “Invitation to the Valley” prologue and scene at the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia.

The site of this recording alternated between Oriental Hall and the newly renovated and beautiful Grand Ballroom.

The directors of the work were our Supreme Council visitors, Illustrious Brother James Dill, 33°, Director of Supporting Services and a founding member of the Haut Grades Academy and Brother Marcus Abbott, the Director of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, (NMJ) 33°.

The cast consisted of our Valley brothers R. Lawrence Hicks, Scott R. Hilsee, Erik W. Krogstad, Nicholas A. Vettese, Leonard B. Altieri III, and Mark J. O’Fee, 32°. In attendance were Illustrious Jeffrey S. Greene, Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Gerard R. Sealy, 1st Lieutenant Commander and Illustrious Steven A. Morrison, 33°, Valley Secretary.

The Commander’s attention to details and our 1st Lieutenant Commander’s presence and support from the first to the last minute were the necessary recipe for the success of the day’s work. It was a very enjoyable day that was well spent in fellowship and for the purpose of sharing a wonderful piece of work that will not only help educate Master Masons about the values of the Scottish Rite but also place our Valley in the spot light.

Those members, who attended the 2018 Day of Masonic Light, will appreciate that what started to be an event designed to entertain our members may now touch every Valley and many Master Masons in the 15 NMJ states. This will be a source of pride for every Philadelphia Valley member and had it not been for your passion and support of our Valley events we would not have been able to create and promote this offering as a Supreme Council product.

The recording event was tedious with many repetitions in order to capture the best scenes. We were faced with some challenges and need to change the set plans multiple times. These challenges would have negatively affected the overall experience had it not been for the tremendous help and personal intervention of Illustrious Michael D. McKee, 33° to whom we are eternally thankful.

In addition, the event was very enlightening and displayed the real wealth of our Valley. The enormous love and magnificent talent our members possess were well displayed. Finally this event has brought me closer to my Valley and increased my love for the Rite. We cannot wait to share the production with all of you!

Fraternally,

Yasser A. Al-Khatib, 32° MSA, HGA
Past Sovereign Prince



On Thursday, April 4th, Bro. Scott Hilsee, 32° and I had the privilege of presenting the ‘Invitation to the Valley’ program during a Scottish Rite Night at William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271.

This was the first presentation of the program since its debut at the Valley of Philadelphia’s Day of Masonic Light event in October 2018. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we were presented a donation to the The Children’s Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia.

The program is an allegory that takes less than 15 minutes to perform and is written for two Scottish Rite brethren to present with the help of four men from our host Lodge. This small allegory demonstrates two of our six core values. Through its performance, we can demonstrate what Master Masons can expect when they join Scottish Rite Masonry and the Valley of Philadelphia.

This program is perfect for a Scottish Rite Night at your Lodge. If you would like to have a team present this in your Lodge, please have your Worshipful Master contact our Valley Secretary, Illustrious Brother Steven Morrison, 33°. The request will be forwarded to the Valley’s Education Committee, and they will work with your Worshipful Master to arrange the presentation.

Lawrence Hicks, 32°
Lawrence.Hicks@me.com



IN MEMORIAM
Farewell My Brother
You have gone to meet your God

William W. Marshall Jr.
Spring Class 1957





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

Valley of Philadelphia



Lifetime Achievement Award

When Illustrious Anthony J. Garvey, 33° served as Commander-in-Chief (1999-2001), he established the Valley of Philadelphia's Scottish Rite Lifetime Achievement Award.

This Award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to a Valley Brother for his outstanding committed and continued service to our Valley.

The Valley's Commander-in-Chief selects the recipient and there is no limit as to how many he may choose to present during his term of office.

At our Annual Meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019, Ill. Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°, Commander-in-Chief will present the Award to a most deserving Brother. Who will it be? You're going to have to attend the Annual Meeting to find out!

*Past Recipients of the Valley's
 Scottish Rite Lifetime Achievement Award*

- Ill. Carl D. Homan, 33° - 2000 *
- Ill. John F. Kull, 33° - 2000*
- Ill. G. Frederick Schlegel, 33° - 2000*
- Bro. Heinz C. Wendt, 32° MSA – 2009*
- Ill. Spencer S. Butterwick Jr., 33° - 2013
- Ill. John H. Platt Jr., 33° - 2014
- Ill. Anthony J. Garvey, 33° - 2015
- Ill. G. Kent Hackney, 33° - 2016
- Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM – 2017

**-Deceased*



*Annual Convocation of the
 Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation
 1:00 P.M., Saturday, July 13, 2019
 At the Valley Forge Casino Resort
 1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia, PA
 All Scottish Rite Masons welcome to attend*



THE SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA
A DAY OF MASONIC LIGHT

October 5, 2019

8 AM to 12 PM

SPRING VALLEY BANQUET & EVENT CENTER

400 WEST WOODLAND AVE, SPRINGFIELD, PA 19064

Presenters

Bro. Seth C. Anthony 32°, HGA

"Clandestine Freemasonry in PA"

Bro. Michael S. Neuberger 32°, HGA

"Brother of the Trail"

**Open to Valley of Philadelphia Scottish Rite Members
& their Master Mason guests**

Breakfast

\$10 Donation Requested, but Not Required

RSVP Required by September 20, 2019

RSVP to 215-563-1814, or

dayofmasoniclight@gmail.com

III. William L. Kingsbury, 33°
Selected as Masonic Villages' CEO-Elect

By Debra L. Davis, Public Relations Manager
Public Relations Department- Masonic Villages

III. William L. Kingsbury, 33°, Esq., was selected as CEO-Elect for the Masonic Villages by the Masonic Villages' board of directors.

Bro. Kingsbury will become CEO of the Masonic Villages on December 1, 2019, upon the retirement of Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, who has served as the senior executive for the organization since 1983.

Bro. Kingsbury will be responsible for the day-to-day management of all the charitable activities and functions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which includes, in addition to the Masonic Villages, the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation (PMYF), the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program and the Masonic Charities Fund. He will oversee the delivery of program services; budgeting and financial reporting; facilities management; information technology and systems management; development, advancement, fundraising; human resources; and legal compliance. In addition, he will manage the development and implementation of strategic planning processes and initiatives to ensure alignment with goals and the core mission values for the organization.

Bro. Kingsbury earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and finance from Villanova University in 1992. He played baseball for the Wildcats during his undergraduate years and was drafted by the Oakland A's. When his professional athletic career was cut short due to an injury, Kingsbury returned to Villanova and earned his juris doctorate from the university's School of Law in 1995.

Upon graduation, Brother Kingsbury joined the law firm of Peck, Young & VanSant, Philadelphia, and was promoted to partner in 1997. In 2001, Peck, Young, & VanSant merged into Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, Philadelphia. Bro. Kingsbury served in a variety of leadership positions, including chair of the business department and as a member of the executive committee. He has extensive experience in advising both for-profit and tax-exempt organizations in a variety of industries with respect to their operations, structure, governance, complex business and financial transactions, capital projects and commercial contracts. He is also experienced in advising private and public institutional investors in connection with all aspects of their investment programs.

He is a Past Master of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, and Past District Deputy, Masonic District C. He is Chair of the Grand Lodge Consolidated Fund and Pension Plan, a Trustee of the Title to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge, a member of the Board of Directors for PMFY and the Committee on Preservation of Masonic Monuments and a past member of the Masonic Library and Museum and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. He received the Grand Lodge Benjamin Franklin Medal and the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and earned his 33° in Freemasonry in August 2012.



Our Illustrious Brother was a member of the Valley of Philadelphia's Spring Class of 1999.

*With locations in Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster, the **Masonic Villages** provide a full continuum of retirement, personal care and nursing services for approximately 3,000 residents as well as children's services and community outreach services throughout Pennsylvania. www.masonicvillages.org*

*Housed inside the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, a national historic landmark constructed in 1873, the **Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania** is considered to have one of the finest collections for the study of Freemasonry, with 75,000 volumes and 30,000 archives, as well as more than 30,000 treasured artifacts.*

<https://pamasonictemple.org/library/>

*The **Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation** is dedicated to developing leadership and character among the youth of Pennsylvania through resources, training and conferences, as well as supporting initiatives to keep children safe from violence, abuse and exploitation. <https://pmyf.org/>*

*The **Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program of Pennsylvania** helps coordinate and promote blood drives throughout the Commonwealth and heighten awareness about organ donation.*

<https://pagrandlodge.org/bloodprogram/>

*The **Masonic Charities Fund** was established in 1993, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to benefit various charitable organizations, both Masonic and non-Masonic, including the operations of the Masonic Charities, local scholarships to students and support to those affected by national and international disasters. <https://masoniccharitiesfund.org/>*

Let's Do Lunch!

Congratulations go out to Valley Brother Americo J. 'Rick' Santella, 32° who was elected and installed as President of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs at the recent annual meeting.

High Twelve Clubs throughout the state meet generally in restaurants, or Masonic Temples. The meetings feature lunch and a program. The whole meeting generally lasts an hour thereby giving the working Brother time to get back to his place of employment. Any Master Mason is welcome to attend a Club meeting and to become a member of a Club. High Twelve offers a scholarship for students in government studies through its Wolcott Foundation.

Bro. Santella takes office following the term of Past State President and fellow Valley of Philadelphia member, Bro. Francis J. Lorine III, 32°.

Bro. Santella will serve alongside a few other Valley of Philadelphia Brethren on the State level including: Bro. J. Denny Henderson, 32°, 2nd Vice President, Ill. Winton E. Hewitt, 33°, State Secretary, Bro. Thomas J. Brotherton III, 32° MSA, State Chaplain, Ill. John Lanckowski, 33°, State Sergeant-at-Arms, Ill. Steven A. Morrison, 33°, State Communications Director and Bro. Kenneth B. Shinn Jr., 32°, State Youth Representative.

Bro. Rick has made increasing awareness of High 12, new membership and creating new Clubs his focus of his term of office.



***The Feast of Tishri
A Scottish Rite Festive Board Celebrating the
Dedication of Solomon's Temple
Benefiting the Valley's Almoner Fund***

*All Masons Welcome!
Friday, September 27, 2019, 6-11 PM
Twining Hall at the Trevoze Fire Company
4900 Street Road, Trevoze, PA*

All Masons are welcome to attend this event hosted by the Valley of Philadelphia. Black tie preferred but business suits are acceptable (for those Brethren that do not own a tuxedo).

The evening begins with the Social Hour (cash bar) featuring butlered hors d'oeuvres. A delicious buffet dinner will be served at 7PM. Following dinner ceremonial toasts will be observed. Keynote speaker to be announced. This is a Brethren only event; sorry no Ladies.

The cost per person is \$65. Tables of eight may be reserved. Please make your check payable to 'Scottish Rite Bodies' and send it to the Scottish Rite Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520.

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***Valley of Philadelphia
Annual Officer's Training Conference
Saturday, September 14, 2019
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All Elected and Appointed Officers are expected to attend. Valley Committee members should plan to attend. ANY Valley Brother who is interested in getting more active and involved in the Valley is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our Conference has been lauded as one of the best Valley offered training programs in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It's fun and interactive. You will be engaged and never bored!

The doors open and breakfast will be served at 7:30 A.M. The Conference begins at 8:00 A.M. and will conclude at noon. The dress code is business casual.

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