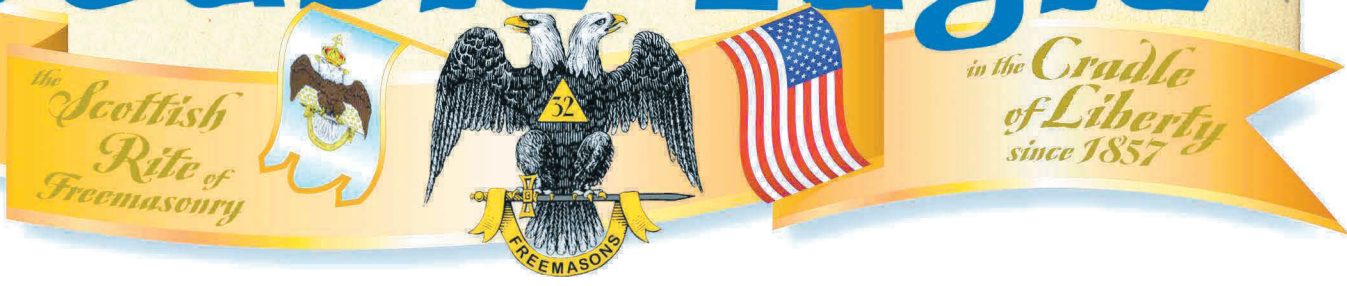


THE VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA

the Double Eagle



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

May 2019

*Welcome Right Worshipful Grand Master!
Official Visit of Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33°
Spring Reunion Concludes, Friday, May 17, 2019*



Not Just Masons, Scottish Rite Masons

***Our Spring Class Honoree
Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33°
Right Worshipful Grand Master***

The Valley of Philadelphia is very proud to name our 2019 Spring Class in honor of Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. S. Eugene Herritt is a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No.



315 of Shippensburg, PA. He served his Lodge as Grand Lodge Representative 1980-2005. Our Grand Master is a Past Lodge Chairman for the Masonic Culture Committee.

In the Grand Lodge, He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 3rd Masonic District 2006-2011. Bro. Herritt has been a member of the Masonic Villages Board of Directors since 2011. He is also a member of the Trustees of the

Masonic Charities Fund and is Director of the Masonic Library and Museum.

Bro. Gene is a graduate of Montoursville High School. He also graduated from Clarion University and from Shippensburg University with a bachelor's and master's degree in education, respectively, while obtaining a Reading Specialist Certificate. He taught reading in Lewistown and Shippensburg Public Schools for 11 years prior to retiring to pursue careers in business. He had taught as an adjunct professor of marketing at Shippensburg University's John L. Grove School of Business. He has served as a successful sales representative for 3M Co., a sales executive with The Beistle Co., and most recently, a sales executive with Fortney Packages.

He has served in leadership capacities on several community boards including the Cumberland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Shippensburg Public Library, the Cumberland Valley School of Music and the Chambersburg Community Theater. Bro. Herritt served as President of the Shippensburg University Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of Adams Electric Cooperative and the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, has served as Chairman of both organizations. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National Rural Electric Association.

Our Grand Master and Lady Sally live in Shippensburg and have a daughter, Andrea and a grandson, Lyric. They attend First Lutheran Church in Chambersburg. They enjoy traveling, reading, gardening and cooking.

He is a member of George Washington Royal Arch Chapter no. 176, George Washington Council No. 66 R. &S.M.M. and Continental Commandery No. 56 Knights Templar. He is a Past Sovereign Prince of Harrisburg Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° of the Valley of Harrisburg; a Past President of the Shippensburg Scottish Rite Club; and is a member of Zembo Shrine. His other Masonic memberships include; York Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; First Capital

No. 156 York Rite College; Franklin County High Twelve Club No. 726; and Valley Forest No. 145 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He served as Sovereign Master of Constans Council No. 239 Allied Masonic Degrees in 2013; and is a member of the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plasterers and Bricklayers of Allentown, and served as Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research in 2011. He is a member of the Rosicrucians; Martha Custis Chapter No. 342 Order of the Eastern Star; Abroath Lodge of St. Andrew.

Bro. Gene is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33° and was awarded with the DeMolay Legion of Honor and is a recipient of the Purple Cross.

Remembering an Illustrious Brother

Last month's issue of *The Double Eagle* notified you of the passing of Illustrious Joseph A. Sbaraglia Jr., 33° MSA.



Bro. Sbaraglia was a Candidate for the Supreme Council Class of 2019 and was slated to receive the degree at the Biennial Session in Milwaukee this coming August. He received the honor of the degree posthumously.



To honor our Brother's memory, the Deputy for Pennsylvania, Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° RWPGM and our Active, Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM will be on hand at our May meeting to present our late Illustrious Brother's 33° jewel and his 33° member certificate to his family.

We offer our sincere sympathies to our Illustrious Brother's family through this tribute to his many years of service; not just to the Valley of Philadelphia and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, but throughout the Family of Freemasonry.



Dear Brethren,



As the bright colors and warmer weather welcome us into the Spring season, I'm reminded of one thing; there's never been a better time to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

As with the season bringing us fresh growth in our environment, our Valley is bringing in new Sublime Princes with our upcoming conferral of the 32nd Degree. Our Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33^o will be present as our class honoree, and I can think of no better choice; the Brothers who will become fully active in our Valley with this meeting will be among our future leaders. Let's have a good showing of attendance to ensure that they know we're here to support them.

Following our Degrees, we will prepare for our Annual Meeting where we will celebrate our incoming officers for the next term. Let's encourage our new Sublime Princes to mark that event on their calendars so that they can witness that important meeting. Seeing and meeting our new leaders may be the catalyst for involvement in some Brothers, so let's encourage and support them.

Lastly, if you've not yet done so, remember to reserve some tickets for our upcoming family life events. During the summer, we are called off from Labors and we may not see each other for several months. Our Valley and many of our Lodges will be holding events over the summer to maintain our connections to one another and give us an opportunity for much deserved refreshment.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Scott R. Hilsee, 32^o
Thrice Potent Master
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14^o



On behalf of the officers of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our May reunion. At that meeting the Right Worshipful Grandmaster S. Eugene Herritt will be in attendance so it should be a special evening for all.

On a different note, that meeting will also be the deadline for certain Brethren currently facing suspension for non-payment of dues. If you're one of those brethren and you are in financial hardship please DO reach out and ask for help prior to then. I understand that for some people this is a difficult thing to do but don't let pride get in the way of being a brother here in the Valley. The symbolic relationship which freemasonry emphasizes in its mysteries to our daily lives is done through allegories and symbols. It is THE emphasis which distinguishes it from other societies which teach good morals, fraternalism and community all under the father hood of God and the Brotherhood of man. This is something that you are a part of and to relinquish that over a simple phone call or email would be a true shame.

Many feels the need of a home for his soul as well as his body, Masonry recognizes that need and nourishes it with ceremonies and instructions; these are the principles of material building to that spiritual temple not made with hands. In the Valley we work together presenting dramas that should have an impression upon your conscience and moral ideas to reflect upon in your daily life thereafter. This fact should be in the mind of all masons when you are coming to reunions or lodge, if we are to truly understand Masonic symbolism, the symbols which we use may have other interpretations than those which we give or present, just as word may have different meanings and different connections as well. We must therefore remember that our interpretation is based upon their use and teaching the principles of character building. Quiet contemplation and a reflection upon the lessons taught do indeed make us better men to all and most importantly to ourselves.

I look forward to seeing and working with the brethren of the Valley at our last reunion before the June elections.

Fraternally,

Erik Krogstad, 32^o
Sovereign Prince
Manager of the Hauts Grades Academy



Hey! Are you planning to attend our May 17th meeting? Don't forget to make your reservations before the Thursday May 9th deadline
Call 215-563-1814 today!



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'Valley of Philadelphia, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Members Only!'

Brethren,



Greetings Brethren,



I am truly grateful for this opportunity to greet you as Presiding Officer of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°.

I hope you and your family are doing well. I am looking forward to the warm summer months ahead and experiencing the joy of outside activities again. Toward that end we have a Valley Picnic at Mermaid Lake in Blue Bell, PA this Summer, so if you can please try to attend. You won't be disappointed. You can find register by calling the Valley Office at 215-563-1814. A listing of all our upcoming events is listed elsewhere in this Double Eagle.

All your officers join me in urging you to attend our meeting on Friday, May 17th. At the meeting, I along with my fellow Presiding Officers will join the Cast of the 32°, *Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret*.

Heartly congratulations to our candidates on your advancement in our Valley by receiving two degrees at our April Reunion. I hope you enjoyed them and I look forward to seeing you again at our May 17 Reunion.

We all extend our thanks to the recommenders of the Spring Class, and at the same time urge more of you to take that little extra interest, so that we have an even larger class in the Fall.

We are privileged to have with us in May, our class Honoree, Illustrious S. Eugene Herritt, The Right Worshipful Grand Master, who will greet our class and speak to the members. Also with us will be the Deputy for Pennsylvania, Illustrious Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, and Illustrious Robert J. Bateman, 33°, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master and Active Member for Supreme Council.

It is both an honor and a privilege for me to serve as Most Wise Master of the Valley of Philadelphia and I look forward to seeing you and greeting you on the last evening of the Spring Reunion when we welcome our Class Honoree, Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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



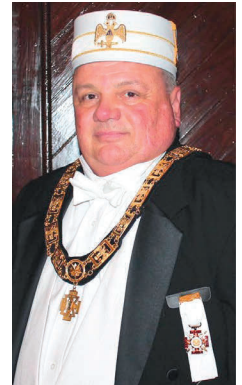
It will certainly be a night to remember so you don't want to miss it.

Hope to see you there. Stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely and fraternaly,

Jeff

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



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 nrgreene3@comcast.net.

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



My Dear Brethren:



At the time I write this we still have 86 Brethren in our Valley that haven't paid their 2019 Scottish Rite dues. Now, please bear in mind that I wrote this in early April and since that time our Retention Committee has been making weekly contact with those Brethren and hopefully by now that list is either empty or at the very least, much less than 86 members. If in fact there are still Brothers that haven't paid their dues they will be immediately suspended following the close of our May 17 2019 meeting. This could be their last issue of *The Double Eagle*.

If a Brother becomes suspended, the Supreme Council's Constitution says that he must pay the equivalent of two years dues (\$198) to be reinstated. Sometimes the Supreme Council will offer a dues amnesty program to suspended Brothers to come back. Sometimes, this offer is made, but not always. I wouldn't want to count on that; especially when \$99 is less of an expense than \$198.

We had a few Brethren contact me to let me know that they enjoy being a Scottish Rite Mason, but couldn't afford their dues this year due to various confirmed hardships. Thanks to the generosity of an equal number of Brethren, we were able to find sponsors to keep these Brethren in the Valley. Again, I want to offer my own individual thank you to Bro. Frank Lorine, 32° for his work chairing and coordinating the Sponsor a Brother program. Your Executive Committee agrees in the validity of this program and as such has authorized me to include on our 2020 Scottish Rite Dues billing a new fund. This new fund will be shown on your bill as the Dues Sponsorship Fund. Just like our other funds (Almoner, Equipment and Learning Center Endowment), you might want to consider donating to it when paying your annual Scottish Rite dues. That fund alone probably won't be enough to cover the entire of list of distressed Brethren in its first year. But, over time as it grows it will be a help. That means we're still going to need Sponsors. If you're able, please consider either a portion donation or a becoming a full paying Sponsor.

I want confirm to you the gratitude that has been shared with me, when I tell a distressed Brother that his dues have been covered and that he has no fear of being suspended. You have to be 'man enough' to ask for help. It's not easy, so when someone does help, these Brothers are truly grateful. Some have even gotten emotional with me about it. If you were to hear that, it can do nothing more than strengthen your belief that you are member of something cherished, meaningful and important. On behalf of those Brethren again, to our Sponsors; *Thank You*.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ill. S. Eugene Herritt, 33°, our State Deputy, Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° RWPGM and our Active; our very own, Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM will be our guests this month. Let's see if we can fill Gothic Hall to give these distinguished Illustrious Brethren a friendly Valley of Philadelphia welcome. The deadline for reservations for dinner for that meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2019. Give me a call at 215-563-1814 to make your reservations.

Sincere fraternal regards,

Steven A. Morrison, 33°
Valley Secretary



IN MEMORIAM
Farewell My Brother
You've gone to meet your God

Jerome S. Deutscher
Spring Class 1970

William M. Morancik
Fall Class 1958

Charles W. Smack Jr.
Fall Class 1961

Richard Van Zandt
Fall Class 1958

Walter E. Weber Jr.
Fall Class 1961



Valley of Philadelphia Chapter
Knights of St. Andrew

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service based group working within the Valley of Philadelphia. We report to the Valley Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief. To join us you must be a 32° Mason, who has witnessed the 29°. Brethren who haven't seen the Degree are admitted as 'Squires.' MSA's and 33° members are only eligible to join with Emeritus membership status. You must be a member in good standing in the Valley; with a desire to serve without expectation of reward.



The members of the Valley of Philadelphia Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew have indicated a sincere wish to be of service to our Brothers, their families and humanity; while at the same time gaining a deeper admiration and respect for the Scottish Rite and its Degrees.

Members of both are 2018 Fall and our 2019 Spring Class, or any Valley Brother who are interested in joining the Chapter are welcome and encouraged to do so. Please contact Bro. Kenneth Shinn, 32° Venerable Master or call the Valley office at 215-563-1814 for more information.

Meeting Notice
Friday, May 17, 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
 - 7:00 P.M. - Presentation of the 33° Jewel and Certificate to the Sbaraglia Family, in honor of our late Illustrious Brother.
 - 7:15 P.M. – Candidate Orientation in the Benjamin Franklin Room
 - 7:30 P.M. – Open Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°
 - 7:31 P.M. – Reception of the Distinguished Visitors including the Right Worshipful Grand Master
 - 8:00 P.M. – Presentation of the 32°, *Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret*
 - 9:00 P.M. – Remarks
 - 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.

Beginning this month, Brethren who purchase their dinner tickets through the mail or through the Constant Contact email offer, can also purchase their parking voucher in advance. 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, May 17, 2019

- Caesar Salad**
- Chicken Piccata**
- Grilled Pork Chops with Apple Chutney**
- Italian Sausage w/ sautéed peppers and onions**
- Rice Pilaf**
- Peas and Carrots**
- Chocolate Mousse**

\$20 per person



Thank you for making your reservation by the Thursday, May 9th 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. Recommenders are reminded to check with your Candidate to be sure that he called in to register his attendance. No reservations will be accepted past the deadline. No Exceptions!

Ladies of the Valley

In May, we will have our favorite one-woman show actress, **Linda Kenyon**, back to portray **Babe Didrickson**, an amazing woman who was an awesome athlete at a time when women were not expected to anything like what she mastered.

Babe Didrickson Zaharias first came into national prominence as a basketball player. Though but a teen-ager, she was nominated for three All-American teams and once scored 106 points in a game. Of the track and field events in which she was entered, she won all but 12. She also excelled at golf, winning the U.S. Amateur title in 1946, the British Amateur in 1947, and the Women's professional titles in 1948, 1950 and 1954. In baseball, she toured the country with a team composed mostly of men and could throw a ball 300 feet on a straight line. (She also threw a third strike past Joe DiMaggio.) In bowling, she rolled a 237 game and averaged 170. (Source: The Great American Sports Book by George Gipe, Doubleday & Company, Inc. New York)

Jim Murray, LA Times sportswriter, described her thus: "She was brave as a lion, as lovable as a lamb. She bragged, she swore, drank, but be presented at court, comfort a nun, buy a fur for her mother or sew a dress for herself as well as the product of any finishing school. She was a roughneck with a basketball or a deck of cards in her hands. But she grew roses, raised poodles, and danced at the White House and hung curtains like dutiful Scandinavian housewife she was."

I want to hear more about her – I know that I quickly forgot that it was Linda not Mrs. Roosevelt or Julia Child talking to us in her past appearances and I can only imagine how she will bring a really fascinating figure in women's history to life.

Please join us on the 17th to see actress Linda Kenyon become Babe Didrickson!

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 be shown in future issues of *The Double Eagle*.

All Funds

Joseph C. Alves, 32°

Almoner Fund

Joshua Christine, 32°

Kenneth T. Shriver, 32°

Equipment Fund

Frederick P. Kopetz, 32°



Spring has arrived, the weather is changing and the flowers are blooming, and the Children's Dyslexia Center is ending its semester soon. We are happy that we have completed another year of helping Children live with Dyslexia.

Over the years together we have helped hundreds of children change their lives. We have helped children, brighten their future and to succeed in life rather than living a life of a failure. The children's success was made possible through donations received from Brethren. As we approach the end of our fiscal year we are on schedule to exceed our financial requirements for operating the Center. However, due to the additional assessment we are suddenly faced with a deficit.

I would like to appeal to all our Scottish Rite Brethren to help us make our budget. This year in addition to the cost of living we have been assessed an additional \$22,000.00 by the Corporate Office. The assessment is necessary in order to help offset some of the costs the corporate office absorbs for the centers. In the past all legal fees, insurance, payroll costs, advertising, etc. were absorbed by the corporate office but they can no longer continue to support all of the extra costs.

To help raise the additional funds needed to meet this year's budget I would like to appeal to you for help. I am confident that with your help we can achieve our goals and help our kids achieve their full potential.

I have listed below ways you can help us raise the money we need:

1. Purchase tickets to the Ultimate Philadelphia Sports Fan.
2. Attend the Chef's Gala on May 23, 2019 at the Valley Forge Casino/Convention Center.
3. Make a commitment to donate \$100 yearly for five years and receive a beautiful plaque.
4. Make a commitment to Sponsor a Child for a one-time payment of \$5000.00.
5. Become a Centennial Donor by giving a donation of \$10,000 or a monthly payment of \$87 per month.

If you would like to contribute please send donations to: Joe Calabrese, 3958 Rowena Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19114. Please email Tomwible48@gmail.com or call Tom Wible at 215-219-9839 if you would like to purchase tickets, a plaque or make a large donation.

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

May 23, 2019, Goats Beard, 103 North Wayne Avenue, Wayne, PA
 June 29, 2019, Split Rail, 15 North Walnut Street, West Chester, PA

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



‘ . . .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

III. 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.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Complete and mail promptly to:

***Scottish Rite Office, Masonic Temple
 One North Broad Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520***



The Fantastic Tale of George A. Gardiner

***By John J. Coelho Archivist,
Masonic Museum & Library***

The virtue of charity is a central tenet of Freemasonry. The fraternity and its members have a long and storied history of charitable giving that has aided those in need. The organization has also attracted the attention of those who wish to impose upon Masonic generosity. In this letter from the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, George A. Gardiner, most likely a confidence man, requests the assistance of Columbian Lodge, located in Boston, Massachusetts.

To the Officers and Members of Columbian Lodge.

Having lost our property by the great Earthquake of the 26th of March in 1812 in Caracas, in South America, and the greatest part of the time since that been detained by the Spaniards as prisoners, and for the last four years suffered everything but death and frequently threatened with that, and ultimately, -- during the contentions in that country, the Royalists having found themselves likely to be overcome by the -- patriots. Robbed us of everything we possessed even to our clothes, and said 'if the patriots should gain the place they would put me, my wife, and my two infant children to immediate and instant Death!'

Anticipating the success of the patriots we resolved to make an effort towards our escape, which we effected the same night, and arrived in Puerto Rico, where we found a friend who gave us passage to this place, where we are in the greatest possible distress, having a sick child and not wherewith to provide for it. The above facts compel me thou' not without that diffidence and reluctance which every man of spirit must feel on such an occasion to ask from the fraternity a donation for the present and immediate relief of a distressed family who have never before know want.

G.A. Gardiner

In 1820, only two years after writing the above letter to Columbian Lodge, Gardiner published his only known literary attempt, *A Brief and Correct Account of an Earthquake Which Happened in South America*, an account of the 1812 Venezuela earthquake. In addition to incorrectly dating the event – Gardiner stated the earthquake took place on March 26, 1818 – he greatly exaggerated the numbers of casualties. His tall tale included a fantastic description of a 'subterranean channel' that 'was formed by the tops of two very high mountains falling together' nearly four hundred miles from Caracas.

Gardiner's surreal description of Venezuela drew the attention of respected Venezuelan geologist Franco Urbani Patat in 1985. Urbani Patat debunked Gardiner's work, calling it a fictitious invention possibly used to impress others. Gardiner's account amounted to literary fraud. Urbani Patat concluded.

It is unclear why Gardiner, who does not appear to have been a Mason, requested aid from Columbian Lodge or if he made the same request to other lodges. Furthermore, we may never know for certain whether Columbian Lodge ever responded to Gardiner's plea for assistance. The Museum's collection of records for Columbian Lodge is incomplete and

contains several gaps that prevent this question from being answered. That said, research into Gardiner's life provides a better, if not always clearer, picture of the man and his life.

George A. Gardiner was born in New York State around 1786 and married Mary Anne Headley of New Jersey sometime before 1818. The couple had at least three children together – a George A., born in 1818, a son John Charles, who often used the name Carlos or John Carlos, born in Havana, Cuba, in 1824, and a daughter whose name and birth record have not yet been located. While no record of George A. Gardiner's death was found in Ancestry.com, courtroom testimony from the trial of his two sons for perjury and fraud, the infamous Gardiner trial, reveals that senior Gardiner dies in Havana, Cuba, possibly around 1840.

From Our Past . . .

Why Benjamin Franklin Consistory?

From the February 1947 Bulletin

Philadelphia Consistory was chartered on July 11, 1857 and functioned continuously until May 29, 1941, when its charter was sequestered by the Deputy for Pennsylvania for reasons which are now history.

A dispensation was granted to Benjamin Franklin Consistory on September 3, 1941. This Consistory continued to function under dispensation until September 26, 1946, when a charter was granted by the Supreme Council 33°, and on December 4, 1946, Supreme Council officially presented the charter to Benjamin Franklin Consistory and installed the newly designated officers.

Why was Benjamin Franklin selected as our patron and inspiration? Many have asked this question. The fame of Benjamin Franklin as a patriot, educator, scientist and diplomat is well known to all of us, but his equally brilliant career as a Mason may not be so well known:

February 1, 1730, initiated in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia

June 1732, Drafted a set of By-Laws for St. John's Lodge

June 24, 1732, Elected Junior Grand Warden

June 24, 1734, Elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania

1735-8, Served as Secretary of St. John's Lodge

June 10, 1749, Appointed Provincial Grand Master by Thomas Oxnard of Boston.

August 29, 1749, Tun Tavern Lodge petitioned Provincial Grand Master Franklin for a Deputation under his sanction.

March 13, 1750, deposed as Provincial Grand Master and immediately appointed Deputy Grand Master by William Allen, Provincial Grand Master.

March 12, 1752, Appointed on committee for building the Freemason's Lodge in Philadelphia.

June 24, 1755, took a prominent part in the Grand Anniversary and Dedication of the Freemason's Lodge in Philadelphia, the first Masonic building in America.

1760, Provincial Grand Master in Philadelphia.

1777, Elected member of Loge des IX Soeurs in France

February 7, 1778, assisted at the initiation of Voltaire

November 28, 1778, Officiated at the Lodge of Sorrow for Voltaire

1782, Elected Venerable of Loge des IX Souers, Grand Orient de Paris

July 7, 1782, Elected member of R.L. DeSaint Jean De Jerusalem.

April 24, 1785, Elected Venerable d'Honneur of R.L. DeSaint Jean de Jerusalem.

PETITION FOR DEGREES
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA

To the Officers and Members of:
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°
DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°
Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 32°



Greetings: I the undersigned hereof, humbly show that I am desirous of being admitted a member of your honorable body, and humbly request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren. In making this application I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable body, I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and last Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, under whose authority the said body is now holden, and will support and abide by the Constitutions, Statutes, Orders and Decrees; that I will hold allegiance and be loyal to the said SUPREME COUNCIL as the Supreme Power of the Rite within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States; that I will hold as illegal and spurious every other Body of whatever degree claiming to be of said Rite that may be established within its Jurisdiction, to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same, nor allow them to visit any body of the said Rite which I may be a member; and should I violate any part of this promise I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry and to forfeit all my rights therein and in any body of the Rite, and to be denounced to everybody thereof in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

Print your full name _____

I was born ___ / ___ / ___ at _____

I am a member of _____ Lodge No. _____

Located at _____ Date raised ___ / ___ / ___

My mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Home Telephone _____ Office Telephone _____

Email Address _____

My occupation is/was _____ Retired? y/n _____

Have you petitioned for the Degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and

been refused? _____ Fee herewith _____

Signed _____

Recommended by _____

Member No. _____

Recommended by _____

Member No. _____

The following Oath of Fealty must be signed by every applicant for the Degrees in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°, before this Petition can be presented to the Lodge;

OATH OF FEALTY

I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, of which the Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33° is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees. That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow them to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member, and I will dispense justice to my Brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

“And should I violate this. My solemn view and pledge; I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. And may God aid me to keep and perform the same, Amen.”

Signed _____

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Membership in good standing in a regular Symbolic Lodge is the only Masonic status required for the purpose of petitioning the Scottish Rite. The jurisdiction of all Scottish Rite Bodies in the State of Pennsylvania is concurrent throughout the State, except a member of any Scottish Rite Body in the State desiring to apply for Degrees in an advanced Body shall make application to a Body in the same Valley as that of which he already a member, except as otherwise permitted by the Supreme Council Constitutions.

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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.

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It's back for 2019

The Feast of Tishri
A Scottish Rite Festive Board Celebrating the
Dedication of Solomon's Temple

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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