

**VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY**



**MEMBER HANDBOOK**

## *Greetings Brother*

If you are a new member to the Valley of Philadelphia; again, let us congratulate you and thank you for making the choice of our Valley in your search for further light in Freemasonry.

This handbook is provided here on our web site for you, the Valley of Philadelphia member to download.

We hope you will find our handbook to be a useful reference and guide to our Valley's meeting habits and traditions.

The handbook should cover many of the questions you may have. If not, please feel free to contact any one of our Valley's Officers they will be very happy to assist you. Or, you can call our Valley Secretary at 215-563-1814 or by email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com.

### *Our Valley's Mission Statement*

*"We are a Masonic organization that is a living, growing body of 32° Masons committed to attracting men of good character by providing effective leadership, active membership and family involvement, through an exemplary organization, prudent financial planning and charitable opportunities."*

**THE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF THE  
VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA**

**PHILADELPHIA LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°**

**DEJOINVILLE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°**

**KILWINNING CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CONSISTORY, 32°**

## ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts, and whose Officers are:

***SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER***

**ILL.: DAVID A. GLATTLY, 33°**

***GRAND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER***

**ILL.: PETER J. SAMIEC, 33°**

***GRAND MINISTER OF STATE***

**ILL.: RICHARD W. ELLIOTT, 33°**

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**ILL.: WALTER F. WHEELER, 33°**

***DEPUTY FOR PENNSYLVANIA***

**ILL.: ROBERT J. BATEMAN, 33°, RWPGM**

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III.: Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM	Springfield
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III.: Thomas R. Labagh, 33°	Elizabethtown

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III.: C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°	Elizabethtown
III.: Richard G. Hawk, 33°	Elizabethtown
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“OUR ACTIVE”**

## **SUPREME COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

This Supreme Council reaffirms its unswerving loyalty to the fundamental purpose of Freemasonry, which purpose from time immemorial has been to improve and strengthen the character of the individual man, and through the individual, the character of the community, reinforcing those spiritual values which give the community strength and stability. This Supreme Council believes that this purpose is to be attained by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect, and opinion may unite. Believing that good and true men can be trusted to act well and wisely, this Supreme Council considers it the duty of the Fraternity to impress upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, to enlighten them as to those things which make for human welfare, and to inspire them with that feeling of charity, or well-being, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction to action. To that end Freemasonry requires of its members a belief in God and encourages faith in God's divine purposes and worship of God in conformity with the dictates of individual conscience. It encourages the worship of God in conformity with the dictates of individual conscience. It stands for truth and justice, liberty and enlightenment, fraternity and philanthropy. This Supreme Council expects of its members strict obedience to the laws of the land, and respect for their country's flag. Such principles unite men and encourage the pursuit by them individually and collectively of worthy endeavors and the attainment of the purpose inherent in them. In that unity human character achieves its highest unfolding and provides man's best hope for peace on earth and good will toward men. To the furtherance of these principles, all our ritual is directed and all our efforts are aimed. To their furtherance each Master Mason has pledged himself, and at the portal of the Scottish Rite has renewed that pledge. This Supreme Council discountenances and rejects any attempt by any international groups or confederations of Scottish Rite Supreme Councils to legislate for individual Supreme Councils. Recognizing that principles unite men, that programs sometimes divide them, and that the preservation of unity of purpose and devotion to principles is essential to Freemasonry, the Supreme Council affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids within tiled doors of creed, politics, or other topic apt to excite personal animosities. This Supreme Council further affirms its conviction that is not only contrary to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare for Masonic Bodies in their official capacity to take formal action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any particular legislative project or proposal, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of Government officials, whether executive, legislative, or judicial, or to influence them, whether or not members of the fraternity, in the performance of their official duties.

## **ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE**

The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America is the governing body of the Rite. It is founded upon and governed by the Regulations of 1762, the Constitution of 1786 as modified, and the unwritten principles and landmarks of Freemasonry.

The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree consists of not exceeding sixty-six members; also, of Emeritus, Past Active and Honorary Members. Each State in the Jurisdiction is entitled to at least one Active Member. The authority of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction extends over the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The Bodies working under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council are styled Lodges of Perfection, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapters of Rose Croix de H.:R.:D.:M.:, and Consistories of S.:P.:R.:S.:

A deputy of the Supreme Council for each State, who must be a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third Degree, represents the Supreme Council in his district, and performs the duties, supervision and inspection assigned him by the Supreme Council or by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

A Council of Deliberation in each state possesses the legislative and judicial powers not reserved to the Supreme Council and consistent with the Constitution and Regulations. It is composed of the active and honorary members of the Supreme Council resident in the State, the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories, the Past presiding officers of each Coordinate Body, the first three officers of Consistories and Chapters of Rose Croix, and the first four officers of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodges of Perfection. The deputy of the district is ex-officio Commander-in-Chief in Pennsylvania. The Council of Deliberation meets annually.

### **PREREQUISITE-SYMBOLIC DEGREES**

1. Entered Apprentice
2. Fellow Craft
3. Master Mason

Only conferred in a Lodge of Master Masons, duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of State in which the Lodge is located.

### **INEFFABLE DEGREES**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4. Builder                      | 10. Master Elect             |
| 5. Perfect Master               | 11. Sublime Master Elected   |
| 6. Master of the Brazen Serpent | 12. Master of Mercy          |
| 7. Provost and Judge            | 13. Master of the Ninth Arch |
| 8. Intendant of the Building    | 14. Grand Elect Mason        |
| 9. Master of the Temple         |                              |

The Degrees of a Lodge of Perfection cannot be conferred upon any person unless he is an affiliated Master Mason, in good standing in a lawfully constituted Lodge of Master Masons.

### **HISTORICAL AND TRADITIONAL DEGREES**

Councils of Princes of Jerusalem have control over and power to confer the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite viz.:

- 15. Knight of the East
- 16. Prince of Jerusalem

### **PHILOSOPHICAL AND DOCTRINAL DEGREES**

Chapters of Rose Croix have control over and power to confer the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz.:

- 17. Knight of the East and West
- 18. Knight of Rose Croix of H.:R.:D.:M.:

### **TRADITIONAL AND CHIVALRIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL DEGREES**

Consistories of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret have full right and power, each in its own jurisdiction, over the following degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, viz.:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 19. Brothers of the Trail | 26. Friend and Brother Eternal         |
| 20. Master Ad Vitam       | 27. Knight of Jerusalem                |
| 21. Patriarch Noachite    | 28. Knight of the Sun                  |
| 22. Prince of Libanus     | 29. Knight of St. Andrew               |
| 23. Knight of Valor       | 30. Grand Inspector                    |
| 24. Brother of the Forest | 31. My Brother's Keeper                |
| 25. Master of Achievement | 32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret |

## **THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE**

### 33. Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret of the Thirty-second Degree, not less than thirty-three years of age, at an Annual Session of the Supreme Council, may be elected Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, by unanimous vote taken by secret ballot. This honor is conferred because of "outstanding service to the Fraternity or for service to others which reflects credit upon the Order." Honorary Members have the right to be present at all sessions of the Supreme Council, except executive sessions, and to a voice therein, but no vote.

Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree may be elected Active Members of the Supreme Council at the Annual Meetings thereof.

### *Core Values of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite*

*Reverence for God  
Justice  
Toleration  
Devotion to Country  
Service to Humanity  
Integrity*

### *Mission & Vision of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite*

*We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our  
Masonic obligation to care for our members.*

*Provide inspiration for our members through  
meaningful programs and degrees.*

*Provide convenient opportunities for our members to  
enhance their lives.*

*Provide enjoyable programs and fellowship activities  
for our members.*

## PHILADELPHIA

### THE LODGE OF PERFECTION 4° - 14°

Freemasonry begins in the first Temple, the Temple of Solomon. In the First Degree the cornerstone is laid; in the Second, the work is continued; in the Third, labor is interrupted. The Master Mason is left in an incomplete structure. But Solomon's Temple was completed. And there are Masonic lessons and legends concerned with the construction. The Lodge of Perfection 14°, completes the first Temple, takes its lessons, extends and applies them to everyday life. The 14° Grand Elect Mason, is the Master Mason made Perfect.



In the Lodge of Perfection, the Mason consecrates himself to Masonic endeavor - character building. He is taught to venerate the virtues of the dead and emulate those of the living; to respect the rights of others, to strive to render service to his fellow man, to refrain from assuming prerogatives and powers that are not his, to be not over-zealous in a good cause, to reverence the Deity, avoiding disrespect, and to control his tongue by maintaining in his mind purity of thought. He is taught Perfection is but one of the fundamentals of character. The other two are Self-respect and Integrity. These lessons learned and applied to life are absolutely essential to a complete character structure.



## DEJOINVILLE

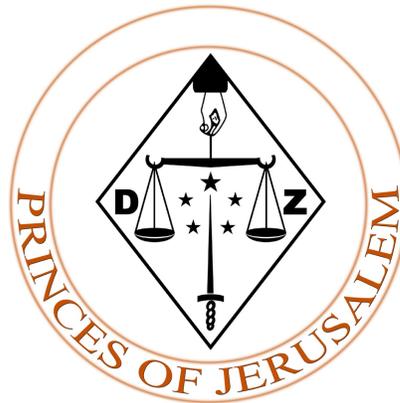


### THE COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 15° - 16°

The ruthless hand of ignorance destroyed the first Temple. So a second Temple was built. The Temple of Zerubbabel, The Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°, tells the mighty story of that Temple.

The 15° and 16° Degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry are sometimes referred to as the historical degrees and constitute an allegorical narrative presenting the story of a captive people who "wept beside the rivers of Babylon." When liberated they were consecrated to the task of building the second temple or rather rebuilding the original temple of Solomon. The entire pageantry and symbolism of Freemasonry revolves around the construction of the 4 temples of Jahweh, by a brotherhood dedicated to the erection of a perfect edifice at Jerusalem and later to building a temple in the hearts of men.

Contrasted with the hauteur of imperious monarchs is humility of the little group of those born to bondage pleading for the redress of an ancient wrong. The lessons in the 15° and 16° are from these elements of the historical drama which transpired during the reigns of the Great Kings, Cyrus and Darius.

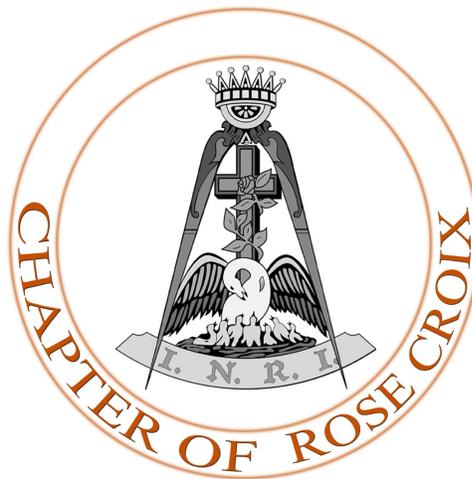


## KILWINNING

**THE CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 17° - 18°**

Again the Temple was destroyed. Masons learned from these two bitter experiences that men must not put their trust in Temples built with hands. They must have a new Temple, a spiritual Temple in the heart of man where God is worshiped in spirit and truth. In the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° this third Temple is introduced.

The 17° and 18°, known as the Philosophical and Doctrinal Degrees of the Scottish Rite, are conferred in a Chapter of Rose Croix. They open a new development of Masonic teaching and are a distinct departure and advance from the symbolism and teaching of the Symbolic Lodge and of the preceding Scottish Rite Degrees. These deal with the first Temple and its supporting columns, and the attempt to restore and maintain the old worship in a second temple reared upon the ruins of the first. Neither endured. The Rose Croix degrees are the spiritual center and among the most important in the whole body of Freemasonry.



## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

### **THE CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 19° - 32°**

The Consistory degrees portray memorable lessons that range in settings from the days of chivalry through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



The 32° is one of the greatest allegories in all Masonry, and one which clearly defines the import and meaning of being a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

An allegory is a narrative in which there is a literal and a figurative sense, a patent and a concealed meaning, the literal sense being intended by analogy to indicate the concealed one, the paramount idea. The allegory of the 32°, depicts the actual ceremony of the elevation of a chosen aspirant to knighthood practiced during the Middle Ages. The utmost care was taken in the selection of a candidate for the Order. He was carefully enjoined by the canons; received into a Chapter, assembled in a chapel, where he was to be admitted. After a rigid catechism he advanced humbly to the Preceptor, made his plea for admission into the Order, and was warned of its rigors.

It being a religious and chivalric Order, the suppliant vowed that he would defend the Christian cause and fight for the Holy Land whenever the occasion arose. Proof of his zeal, fidelity and valor was required by solemn ceremonies of the Church. The white habit, symbolic of baptism, represented the purity he must maintain. The alpha or stroke of knighting, denoted confirmation. The sponsors, designated the godfathers, gave to the new knight something of special favor.

Austere facts, penance, and a clean life were required; a vigil passed in a church, with no arms, save those given him by his sponsors, and the most meager food, was instituted, that the newly-created knight might be tried against solitude and temptations of a worldly nature; also to prove that he was able to under go fatigue required of a true knight. These vigils sometimes lasted for several days and nights.

Constans, the Knight Aspirant represents every Freemason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, eager to serve Humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS**

In 1922, a college scholarship program was inaugurated with an initial appropriation from Supreme Council funds. In 1932, Leon M. Abbott bequeathed additional funds to establish an Education and Charity Fund. The first Abbott scholarship was not awarded until 1951, when the fund reached the financial goal set by Abbott. For many years, the scholarships were presented to journalism students at selected universities throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. In 1984, it was voted to expand the scholarship program by awarding grants to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members and to young people active in the youth groups affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. Scholarships are awarded annually through each of the 15 states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction based on a formula which takes into account the contributions by each state and its membership in the yearly "Blue Envelope Appeal." Applications may be obtained by *writing* to the Scottish Rite Office.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

There is no fee for the transfer of your membership into the Valley of Philadelphia and it seems reasonable that all Scottish Rite Masons should belong to the nearest and most accessible Valley. Any Brother who holds a demit from this or any other Valley, and who resides in our Jurisdiction, may wish to affiliate with the Valley of Philadelphia. Call or write to the Scottish Rite Office for the proper form or information.

### **ANNUAL BLUE ENVELOPE APPEAL**

Each year, Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction receive a charity appeal letter from the Supreme Council. Donations to this appeal benefit the Scottish Rite Charities; The Leon Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships, The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library and the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Fellowship Program. Valleys with the highest percentage of giving per membership claim the Ill.: Richard A. Kern, 33° Benevolence Award. The Valley of Philadelphia has an enviable record for winning this award.

### **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Traditionally held in the Spring, this service, which is open to all faiths memorializes our Brethren lost during the year. The Brethren are encouraged to attend and bring their families. The service is planned by the Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°.

### **ANNUITY MEMBERSHIPS**

Any Member interested in purchasing an Annuity Membership should call or write the Scottish Rite Office for complete information.

### **BE FRATERNAL**

When you attend a Scottish Rite Reunion, do not sit down in a corner and expect every member to come and shake hands with you, and in case they fail to do so, complain that the members are unfraternal and lack sociability. It is no more their duty to do so than it is yours. Be cordial to fellow members, candidates and visitors. Greet them with an outstretched hand and a word of welcome or congratulations. *Every member should aim to promote fraternal spirit by saying a friendly word of greeting.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CERTIFICATES (DIPLOMAS)**

All Diplomas emanate from the Supreme Council with the seal affixed. We will secure from the Supreme Council and present to each Candidate who attains the 32°, a Diploma. A Member who is already a 32°, and desires a new or additional Diploma may obtain one by sending his request to the Scottish Rite Office.

**CHILDREN’S DYSLEXIA CENTER**

This charity was established in 1994 to provide dyslexic children with specialized one-on-one tutoring to enable them to cope with their deficit in reading and writing. While dyslexia cannot be cured, it can be treated. The Children’s Dyslexia Centers are situated throughout the 15-state jurisdiction. Many are located within a building owned or maintained by a Scottish Rite Valley. Students are accepted into the center’s program at no charge to their parents or to any schools from which they are referred. Applicants are not judged on the basis of economic status, race, religion, or Masonic affiliation. The Philadelphia Children’s Dyslexia Center is located within the Philadelphia Academy Charter High School, 1700 Tomlinson Road in Northeast Philadelphia. The Center Director is Ms. Pat Lazzaro. The Center’s telephone number is: 215-673-1972.

**DEMITTS (RESIGNATIONS)**

If you are tempted to seek a Demit from the Scottish Rite, please think twice. Masonry is not just attending meetings. Being a Mason is living a good life based on Masonic principles and guided by the same vows taken during the Degrees. It is believing in and practicing those beliefs. If a Member requires a Demit he will be furnished with one, provided his dues are current. Requests for Demits must be made in writing to the Scottish Rite Office. A Demit will not be provided if the requesting Member is not in good standing.

**DUES**

The annual membership dues in the Valley of Philadelphia are \$72.00, plus the Supreme Council annual dues assessment (\$27). Dues bills are sent out in mid to late June/early July of each year, from the Supreme Council. Please remember to send your dues bill with your payment. Member Dues can be paid with a credit card by visiting the Supreme Council web site at: [www.scottishritenmj.org](http://www.scottishritenmj.org)

**FEES**

Lodge of Perfection, 14° . . . . .	\$50.00
Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16° . . . . .	\$25.00
Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° . . . . .	\$25.00
Consistory, 32° . . . . .	\$50.00
	\$150.00

\$50.00 or more must accompany the petition. Recommenders are cautioned to never accept a petition without fees.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### HAUTS GRADES ACADEMY

HGA is a program designed to promote the education, knowledge, and engagement of members in the Scottish Rite, NMJ. The Scottish Rite was known as the Hauts Grades in its early beginnings. The program is made up of three exciting levels:

**Level One** – The candidate will delve into the ritual of all twenty-nine Scottish Rite, NMJ degrees

**Level Two** – The essay portion of the curriculum will allow for self-reflection and review of Scottish Rite degrees selected personally by the candidate.

**Level Three** – A written research paper on a topic of the candidate's choice, which will be pre-approved and reviewed by the HGA committee. Research topics can vary between history, ritual, and the philosophy of the Scottish Rite. At full completion, the graduate will earn the honor of becoming a Scottish Rite Hauts Grades Academic, and will be entitled to include the letters HGA after his name. A certificate and HGA jewel will also be awarded upon completion, but an enriching educational experience is the overall goal. To sign up, please visit the Supreme Council's website: [www.scottishrite.nmj.org](http://www.scottishrite.nmj.org)

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Valley of Philadelphia is committed to the Supreme Council's mission statement; *'We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.'* Our Valley Hospitaler, Bro. Joseph W. Calabrese, 32° MSA, is always ready and willing to respond to the needs of our Valley's distressed Brethren. If you are or know of a Brother or his Lady or widow in the hospital, shut-in or sick, please contact the Valley Secretary at 215-563-1814.

### ILL.:, DSM, HGA, MSA?

Freemasonry has many titles bestowed on certain Brethren, and Scottish Rite is no different. 'ILL.: ' is the abbreviation of the title Illustrious, which is how each Brother who has received the 33° is addressed. 'DSM', 'HGA' or 'MSA' will be seen following the names of some Brethren. 'DSM' indicates that this Brother has been awarded with the Distinguished Service Medal by the Sovereign Grand Commander. A Brother with 'HGA' after his name is a graduate of the Hauts Grades Academy. The designation 'MSA' is shown after the name of a Brother who has been awarded with the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award. It is proper Masonic/Scottish Rite courtesy and protocol to address a Brother by his given title.

### ILL.: JOHN K. YOUNG, 33° FUND

Named for the late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council and Member of the Valley of Philadelphia, this educational grant is available to the financially deserving children or grandchildren of Members of the Valley, who are entered into an acceptable law school of a college or university in the United States. Students may apply for this grant each year. Applications for the grant must be obtained by *writing* to the Scottish Rite Office. *There is no deadline to apply for this grant.*

### KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service based group working within the Valley of Philadelphia. They report to the Valley Secretary and Commander-in-Chief. To join 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. Call the Valley Office at 215-563-1814 for information on joining the Valley's Chapter.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The requisite qualifications for the Scottish Rite Degrees are that the petitioner shall be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. His Lodge membership does not have to be in Pennsylvania, although it must be in a Jurisdiction in Fraternal communication with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (MSA)

The Supreme Council Constitutions provide that the “*Award for Meritorious Service*” may be conferred upon members of the Rite who by reason of meritorious services of a Masonic character are worthy of such recognition. All selections are made upon the recommendation of the presiding officers of the coordinate bodies to the Council of Deliberation. The Award is not limited to one member a year from a Valley. This Award was first made in the year 1941. It is not a degree, nor is it related to any degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. It is not considered a stepping stone to the 33°, and neither does it bar a member from later being nominated for that honor.

### NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Opened in 1975 as a bicentennial gift to the nation from the 32° Scottish Rite Masons, the National Heritage Museum provides changing exhibits of Americana, interspersing the role of the fraternity in American life. The facility is located in Lexington, Massachusetts adjacent to the Supreme Council headquarters, and is open to the public seven days a week with no admission charge. In addition to the exhibition galleries, the building also contains an extensive Masonic library and a large collection of fraternal paraphernalia. Traveling exhibits expand the museum’s scope to reach those living at a distance.

### NORTHERN LIGHT

*The Northern Light* is the official publication of the Supreme Council. It is published quarterly and sent to every Scottish Rite Mason in the Jurisdiction.

### OFFICER’S TRAINING CONFERENCE

Held in the Spring of each year by the Valley’s Officer Education Committee, the Officer’s Training Conference is offered to those who hold office in one of the four Bodies, are seeking office, or serve on any of the Valley’s various Committees. Officers, Officer Candidates and Committee members are expected to attend. Any Valley Member seeking to become more involved in the Valley are encouraged and welcome to attend. We have been told that our Officer’s Training Conference is the best Valley-offered training in the Jurisdiction.

### PAST OFFICER JEWELS

The Valley presents a jewel to a Past Officer in recognition of his service. The jewel should be worn with pride when attending a Reunion or when visiting another Valley. No more than two jewels should be worn at a time in the coat pocket. Some Valleys require the jewel to be returned following the Member’s death or resignation. *This is not the case in the Valley of Philadelphia.* However, should the family or Member wish to return the jewel, it will be accepted.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### RECOMMENDER INCENTIVES

Any member of the Valley of Philadelphia who is the first line signer on three initiated candidate petitions *in the same year*, will be excused from dues in the following year. A member with twenty-five first line signatures, will receive life membership in the Valley.

### RESTORATIONS

If a member has been suspended, and desires to reinstate his membership, he can do so by contacting the Scottish Rite Office. According to the Constitution of the Supreme Council to be restored a Brother must pay two years dues; the year suspended and the current year.

### REUNIONS

Reunions (Stated Meetings) of the Valley of Philadelphia, are held on the third Friday of the months of March, April, May, October, November and December. However, there will be some Saturday 'day' meetings during the course of the year some times. Each of the four Scottish Rite Bodies has a different term for their meeting; The Lodge of Perfection, 14° meets in a "Communication," the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16° meets in a "Convocation," the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° meets in an "Assembly," and the Consistory, 32° has its "Rendezvous."

### REUNION DINNERS

One of the features of our Valley's Reunions is the dinner served prior to the meeting. The Brethren and Ladies can enjoy a nice meal and good conversation with the other Members and their Ladies. As you can see we always have a large crowd on hand for the dinner and we're happy to have that. But, such a large crowd needs to be planned for. Everyone attending must have a prior reservation. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the Scottish Rite Office for the number of meals required (at \$20 per person), or by calling the Office at 215-563-1814, or by email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com, through Constant Contact (be sure our Valley Secretary has your correct email address!) or through the event posting in our Valley's **Facebook** group. The deadline for reservations is **ALWAYS** 7 days before the Friday night dinner. No dinner reservations are accepted past the deadline!

### SCOTTISH RITE/BLUE LODGE AMBASSADORS

Scottish Rite has a fantastic message to share with our Brethren in Freemasonry. Our core values of Reverence for God, Justice, Toleration, Devotion to Country, Service to Humanity and Integrity help to make good men better men. Our vision statement of: *We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members*, is something for all of Freemasonry but our Brethren who haven't ventured beyond the Symbolic Lodge aren't hearing this message of Brotherly Love found exclusively in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The Valley of Philadelphia has 60 Lodges within our local region to recruit membership from. If you are a member of a Lodge in District A,B,C,D,5, 6, 8 or 36 and you're active in both your Lodge and the our Valley, we'd like to speak to you about becoming an Ambassador. Please call our Valley Secretary at 215-563-1814 or email him at valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com for more information on volunteering for this vital role within our Valley.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SCOTTISH RITE CAPS

As the Lambskin apron is the badge of a Freemason, so is the regulation cap, the badge of the Scottish Rite Mason. A Black cap with the double-headed eagle indicates the wearer has attained the 32°. This is the appropriate members cap. A Red cap indicates the wearer has received the Meritorious Service Award. A Gold cap indicates the wearer is a line officer in the Valley. A White cap indicates the wearer has received the 33°. A Purple cap indicates the wearer is an Active or Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. Black Scottish Rite Caps are not required for Valley Members attending our Reunions, but if you wish to wear one you are welcome to do so. Caps can be purchased from most fine Masonic regalia dealers.

### SCOTTISH RITE OFFICE

The Valley of Philadelphia's office is located on the third floor of the Masonic Temple behind Gothic Hall. The Valley Secretary is **Ill. Steven A. Morrison, 33°**. The Office is open from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. *If the Masonic Temple is closed, the Scottish Rite Office is closed.* You can contact the Office 24 hours a day either by telephone: **215-563-1814**, toll free: **866-834-3432**, by email: [valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com](mailto:valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com) or visit us on the World Wide Web at: [www.philascottishrite.org](http://www.philascottishrite.org).

### SCOTTISH RITE PASSPORTS

The Candidates will receive their Passport on the evening of their initiation. It will be stamped on the appropriate page for each Degree you witness. Be sure to bring it with you to all Reunions, as we will update your Passport each time you witness a new Degree. Those with completed Passports will receive a certificate from the Supreme Council. The Valley of Philadelphia is very proud to present our own exclusive "Scottish Rite Traveler" Award to all of our Members who complete their Passport.

### SCOTTISH RITE REGALIA

The Valley has a limited supply of 32° regalia such as, lapel pins, etc. These items are offered for sale at our Reunions. Valley members that are interested in purchasing and wearing the black, 32° member's cap at our Reunions are encouraged to do so. The caps are available through certain Masonic regalia dealers. Call the Scottish Rite office at 215-563-1814 for more information.

### SIGN OF FIDELITY

The Sign of Fidelity is given by placing the right hand over the heart. Everyone will stand on the Sign of Fidelity with heads bowed during the opening and closing declarations and during Prayers. The only exception is in the Chapter of Rose Croix, where the Sign of the Good Shepherd is used. When giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, everyone should stand on the Sign of Fidelity, face the flag and recite the pledge and remain this way until the completion of the National Anthem, when used. Valley Officers and members wearing the appropriate Scottish Rite cap should remove their cap during Prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem. The cap should be held in the right hand over the heart as in the Sign of Fidelity.

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

The Valley of Philadelphia is always looking to incorporate new technologies. We are present on *Facebook*, and Valley members who have *Facebook* accounts are encouraged to join our group, “**Valley of Philadelphia, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Members Only!**” As the group is closed to Valley members and their ladies only, you have to request to join. For the non-*Facebook* subscribing Brethren, our Valley Secretary has a blog that keeps you up to date on everything that is happening in the Valley. You can follow the blog by visiting it at our Valley’s web site, [www.philascottishrite.org/valley-secretarys-blog](http://www.philascottishrite.org/valley-secretarys-blog). The Supreme Council also has a social media presence a page on *Facebook* and a channel on *YouTube*.

### *“SPEAS MEA IN DEO EST”*

One of the best known of all Latin phrases is the motto of the 32° of the Scottish Rite, “*Speas Mea In Deo Est*,” which in English is translated as “*My Hope is in God*.” The Supreme Architect is also the keystone of the motto of the 33°, “*Deus Meumque Jus*” or “*God and My Right*.”

### SPONSOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite Degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on whom rests a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommend him. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of your candidate’s degrees. Be a brother and a friend. Be there. A recommender should also encourage his candidate to be a regular attendee after receiving the 32°.

### SUPREME COUNCIL GRAND ALMONER’S FUND

As you know we all took an obligation to take care of our Brothers and in many cases we haven’t done a very good job. In these difficult economic times many of our Brothers really need our assistance. Our Supreme Council recognized that as Masons we need to live up to our obligations and make funding available to those truly in need. Through the Blue Envelope Appeal, the Supreme Council Almoners Fund has given more than \$100,000 to Brother Masons in need, particularly those affected by the recent floods and hurricanes. Scottish Rite Masons are committed to making a difference in the lives of our Brothers.

### SYMBOLIC LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Please notify the Scottish Rite Office when you change or add to your membership in Blue Lodge. This will assist in keeping our records up to date. Remember, if you are suspended from your Blue Lodge, you are also suspended from the Scottish Rite! Please report the suspension of Blue Lodge membership of any Valley Member to the Scottish Rite Office.

### THE DOUBLE EAGLE

The “award-winning” official publication of the Valley of Philadelphia is published monthly from March through June and in October and November, plus a Summer issue. Articles to be included in the “*EAGLE*” are always welcome, and should be typed or written legibly, signed and dated by the author with proper credits.

### **VALLEY ALMONER, EQUIPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

These funds were created by the Executive Committee to invest monies donated to assist Valley Members and their families in distress, for the purchase of needed costuming, other regalia, and for assisting the children and grandchildren of Valley members and those young of our Masonic Youth groups who applied but did not receive an Abbott Scottish Rite scholarship. Valley Brethren, that wish to make a donation to the Almoner Fund are asked to make their check payable to the "*Valley of Philadelphia Almoner Fund.*" Donations to the Equipment and Scholarship Funds are made payable to "*Scottish Rite Bodies.*" The Valley's Almoner Fund is banked at the Police and Fire Federal Credit Union, and as such, you as a member of the Valley of Philadelphia, are eligible for Credit Union membership. You will need to show your valid Valley Dues Card to apply. Check their web site at [pffcu.org](http://pffcu.org) for more information regarding branches, hours, etc.

### **VALLEY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia is not only Philadelphia County, but every other county in the State where there are no Scottish Rite Bodies of the same grade. It is a decided advantage to the applicant to petition the Bodies nearest or most accessibly convenient to his home as he can then attend the meetings and enjoy the fellowship and privileges that rightfully belong to him as a Member.

### **VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Valley's Lifetime Achievement Award was established by Past Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Anthony J. Garvey, 33°, during his term of Office. The Award is presented 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.

### **VISITING OTHER VALLEYS**

This is one of the ways of increasing your understanding and enjoyment of Scottish Rite Masonry. You have probably visited other Blue Lodges since becoming a Master Mason and have seen how they do things in contrast to the way things are done in your Lodge. This is especially true if you visit outside the State. In Scottish Rite, the Degrees are uniform in the 15 State Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Southern Jurisdiction which comprises the rest of the country, has control over 30 Degrees and in some cases may be different. You as a 32° Mason are entitled and encouraged to visit other Valleys. Because of time restraints and Degree cast limitations, it may be difficult for you to witness all 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite, if you attend only your own Valley. It is therefore to your advantage to travel and don't forget to take along your Scottish Rite Passport! How do you visit another Valley? Entry into another Valley is not difficult. There is no examination, no grip or password. The only thing you need is your current Scottish Rite dues card and your current Blue Lodge dues card. There are 6 other Valleys within our local region; Allentown, Lancaster, Reading, Central New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, and Wilmington. We are also in fraternal communication with the Prince Hall Scottish Rite and they have a Valley here in Philadelphia. You can call the Scottish Rite Office for details on meeting dates and times. For more information on Valleys in Pennsylvania visit [www.pacod.us](http://www.pacod.us).

**[www.philascottishrite.org](http://www.philascottishrite.org)**

The official web site of the Valley of Philadelphia, contains pages with information regarding the Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia. Petitions for Degrees and Membership in the Valley of Philadelphia are available for download 24/7 on the site. The Reunion Info page features the calendar for the complete upcoming Reunion. The Valley Calendar features upcoming activities in the Valley such as; Family Life events and other activities. The Valley web site is always “under construction,” so ideas, input and suggestions are more than welcome. Bookmark our site and check back often to keep up to date on Valley happenings.

**WORKER’S NIGHT**

The Valley of Philadelphia’s annual Worker’s Night is a way of thanking those Brethren who have participated in the works of the Valley over the past year. In the past Worker’s Night functions have included concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra and a visit to Longwood Gardens. The Thrice Potent Master of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14° is responsible for planning the event each year.