

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

November 2019

Meeting Notice

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Ill. Rick S. Freedman, 33°, Thrice Potent Master
Joseph W. Calabrese, 32° MSA, Sovereign Prince
David J. Kolmetzky, 32°, Most Wise Master
Ill. Gerard R. Sealy, 33°, Commander in Chief

Honoring Illustrious Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°
Past Most Wise Master & Past Commander in Chief

Gothic Hall

- 1:00 P.M.** **Open Benjamin Franklin Consistory**
Presentation of Sublime Prince of the
Royal Secret, 32°
- 2:30 P.M.** **Presentation of the Defender of Peace &**
Freedom pins to Veterans
- 3:00 P.M.** **Conclusion of Reunion**

There will be no charge for Breakfast, but Lunch tickets will be \$20. Reservations are required by Thursday, November 8th. Please call the Scottish Rite Office to reserve your meal at 215-563-1814 or email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com

8:00 A.M. **Lower Level Banquet Room**
Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 A.M. **Gothic Hall**
Open Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection
Presentation of Grand Elect Mason, 14°

9:45 A.M. **Education Moment: Review of the 13°**
And 14°

10:00 A.M. **Open DeJoinville Council Princes of**
Jerusalem, Presentation of Knight of the
East, 15°

10:45 A.M. **Close DeJoinville Council – BREAK**

11:00 A.M. **Open Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix**
Presentation of Knight of Rose Croix, 18°

11:50 A.M. **Close Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix**

12:00 P.M. **Lower Level Banquet Room**
Lunch-Tickets required

Lunch Menu
Saturday, November 16, 2019

Venetian Style House Salad
Roasted Sirloin of Beef served in Brown gravy
Italian Sausage with sautéed Peppers & Onions
Stuffed Shells in Red sauce
Green Beans Almondine
Rice Pilaf
Chocolate Cake

\$20 per person

Thank you for making your lunch reservations by the Thursday, November 8th 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- 'Valley of Philadelphia Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Members Only!' If we have your current email address you'll receive a notice via email that will allow you to pay for your lunch using you credit or debit card.



***Attention US Armed Forces and Uniformed Services of the United States Veterans:
November 2019 by declaration of the Sovereign Grand Commander is 'Veteran's Month' throughout the
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction***

***To recognize this, our Commander in Chief will present the Ill. Sammy Lee Davis, 33° Defender of Peace &
Freedom pin to every Honorably Discharged Veteran Valley member in attendance at our
November 16, 2019 meeting. Thank You for Your Service!***

To receive your pin you must be registered as a Veteran with the Supreme Council. To do that please visit the Supreme Council web site's 'Member Center' at scottishritenmj.org, to enter your service branch and dates of service, or you can call our Valley Secretary to at 215-563-1814 to get registered. We will not be mailing pins out. You must be in attendance at the Saturday, November 16th meeting to receive yours. The Ill. Sammy L. Davis, 33° Defender of Peace & Freedom Certificate will be sent to every registered Valley Veteran member from the Supreme Council.

Ill. Sammy L. Davis, 33° is a military hero who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Vietnam War. He performed an act of bravery by saving three of his fellow soldiers from an enemy assault. Despite having a broken back, a perforated kidney, and multiple gunshot wounds, our Brother swam across a river to carry three of his fellow Americans to safety against an enemy force of 1,500.



Brothers,

It is an honor for me to serve as Sovereign Prince this year in the Valley of Philadelphia. With this title also comes responsibility, and the men who have come before me have set the bar high. There are many reasons to come out to our reunions, but on Saturday, November 16th not only will we be welcoming our new class, but our class honoree is Ill. Jeffrey Greene, 33°. It was an honor and privilege for me to with Bro. Jeff during his years as Commander in Chief.



Also, during that reunion, we will be acknowledging our veterans, as a veteran brotherhood I felt serving my country is what I feel has drawn me to this fraternity. All veteran members will receive the Ill. Sammy L. Davis, 33° Defender of Peace and Freedom pin. That is two more good reasons to come out to our reunion in November and enjoy the fellowship the Valley of Philadelphia has to offer.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Joseph W. Calabrese, 32° MSA, Sovereign Prince
DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°

Knight of the East, 15°

Past Sovereign Prince of DeJoinville Council, Bro. Erik W. Krogstad, 32° will make his directorial debut at our November 16th meeting as he leads the Officers of DeJoinville Council in presenting the first of the two Council Degrees.



The *Knight of the East* exemplifies the Scottish Rite Core Value of Integrity, while also conferring the ultimate lessons of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem; loyalty to conviction, fidelity to duty and devotion to Truth.

Past Sovereign Prince, Ill. George W. Metz, 33° returns to the cast to reprise his role as Daniel, which he portrayed for many years previous.

Good luck Brother Erik, Illustrious Bro. George, our Sovereign Prince and the other Officers of DeJoinville Council.

'Great is Truth and mighty above all things'



Brethren,



It is an absolute honor to serve as Most Wise Master of the Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix. I know I speak for the entire team when I tell you we couldn't be more excited to be putting on our 'signature' 18th degree at this Fall's reunion. We're even more excited that we recognize our Past Commander in Chief, Illustrious Jeff Greene, 33° as this year's class honoree. Ill. Bro. Jeff has done tremendous things for our Valley and is truly deserving of this tribute.



November is also the month we honor our Nation's Veterans. If you are a Veteran, PLEASE make it a point to come out to the Reunion. All military veterans will be receiving the Ill. Sammy L. Davis, 33° Defender of Peace and Freedom pin. I had the privilege of meeting Ill. Bro. Davis at this year's Council of Deliberation. He is truly an American Hero. I hope you make it a point to attend. I am happy to arrange transportation for any Veteran willing, but unable to get to the Temple. Please come receive your recognition. . .you deserve it!

Before I sign off, I want you to know all the officers of YOUR Valley are working hard to make the Valley an organization you want to be a part of. We have exciting charity events and community activities to take part in as well as entertaining family events. A huge focus has been put on Masonic education and actually making good men better. . .not just saying it. If you haven't been around in while, come on back and take a look. I think you'll like what you see. If you don't, please tell me and I'll do everything in my power to address and correct it.

A Saturday reunion is a rare occasion in the Valley and we're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you come out and support our new members. It's going to be a great day. See you there!

David J. Kolmetzky, 32°
Most Wise Master

New Man at the Helm

Recently Ill. Anthony J. Garvey, 33°, Past Commander in Chief announced his retirement as the lead Degree Master for the 18°. We thank Illustrious Bro. Bud for his many years of service to Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix and the Valley of Philadelphia.

Beginning this Fall, our current Class Honoree, Ill. Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°, Past Commander in Chief takes over as the drill master for the Cast. Ill. G. Kent Hackney, 33°, Past Commander in Chief will remain in his role as an Assistant Degree Master. We are sure to see a seamless transition.

Kilwinning Chapter will also have two new Acolytes in the Cast this Fall. Brothers, Thomas A. Spoltore, 32° and Ezio J. Succi, 32° have joined the team. Bro. Spoltore's been a member of the Valley since the Fall of 1991 and is looking to get involved. Bro. Ezio was a member of our Fall Class of 2018.

We wish Illustrious Jeff much success in his new role and Good Luck to Bros. Spoltore and Succi in their new endeavors.



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I want to welcome back our candidates for the November Reunion, and hope that you will enjoy the degrees that the Officers and members of the Valley of Philadelphia have worked diligently in preparation to present to you. It will also be my honor to welcome back the class honoree and my friend – Illustrious Jeffrey S. Greene, 33°, Past Commander in Chief of the Valley of Philadelphia and recipient of the Daniel Tompkins Award (which is given for distinguished or outstanding service to the country or the Masonic fraternity).



As you have noticed by now, there are some changes to our Reunions as we try to incorporate feedback from you on how they are scheduled and their content. In October, we started our evening reunion a little later to allow Brethren and their Ladies additional time to travel into Philadelphia. This month, we are conducting our reunion on a Saturday to eliminate an additional evening reunion in December. This reunion, we are also including a new element to our

degree presentations – Illustrious John Wagner, 33° and Chairman of our Education Committee will be presenting a talk on the combined learnings from the 13° (which was presented at the October Reunion) and the 14° (presented at this Reunion) degrees. This has never been done before in the Valley, and is a glimpse of changes to Reunions in the future as part of our focus on providing our member as fuller experience during our degree programs. As we gain lessons learned and additional feedback on the Reunions, we will make adjustments as needed.

The past month at the Valley of Philadelphia has been exciting for me, and I hope it has been the same for many of you. We have had amazing opportunities to advance new candidates in the degrees of the Scottish Rite, share moments of fraternal brotherhood, enlighten ourselves with Masonic knowledge, enjoy the company of our Ladies at dinner and help raise funds for our Dyslexia Center. Whew – if you missed all that, you’ll need to catch up this month!

At the end of September, we celebrated the Feast of Tishri. We were honored to have as our keynote speaker the new State of Pennsylvania Deputy for the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Illustrious Robert J. Bateman, 33°, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Active Member of the Supreme Council NMJ. We were also privileged to have the Commander in Chief of the Valley of Reading in attendance who invited us all to attend their Feast of Tishri next year when the Sovereign Grand Commander will be their honoree. My thanks to our Valley Secretary for his efforts to organize the event.

At the beginning of October, we had our second annual “Day of Masonic” light. If you were not there, you missed another outstanding event of enlightenment. The speakers were amazing. We were honored to have in attendance not only our Illustrious Deputy, but also the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey – David L. Tucker. You’ll read more about the Day of Light in this issue. I would like to give my thanks to Brother Erik Krogstad, 32° and Past Sovereign Prince for his work to organize this event.

The October Reunion was another “not to miss event.” Aside from officially welcoming our new Illustrious Deputy and Class Honoree in the Consistory of the Valley, the Ladies’ Program was “historic” (literally and figuratively). The Ladies’ Program for the evening celebrated the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (which guarantees all women the right to vote). Ms. Taylor Williams from American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia portrayed Alice Stokes Paul who was an American suffragist, women’s rights activist, and one of the main leaders and strategists of the campaign for the 19th Amendment. I’d like to extend my thanks and gratitude to my wife and Lady, Julie, for her efforts in bringing this program to the Valley.

Looking forward, I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Valley of Philadelphia Holiday Party. The Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 7 (see additional information in this issue). The venue is new – it will be held at the Springfield Country Club in Delaware County, with easy access to the major highways. The evening promises to be exciting with the addition of entertainment during the social hour (6-7PM) with a slight of hand artist/magician! His performance will continue after dinner, along with a DJ for dancing. Tickets will go quick there are only 150 seats, so act fast to get yours!

In closing, I want to ask your continued help and support for the Vision and Focus Areas that I have for our Valley:

- “Make our Valley an organization that people WANT to be a part of”
- “Be THE BEST VALLEY, by learning from others”
- “Commit to be the “BEST MASONS” – to each other and the community
- “Invest in the future of our Valley”

A key enable for this Vision is for each must be zealous advocates at our Lodges by encouraging Master Masons to join Scottish Rite Masonry and the Valley of Philadelphia. So, I am asking each of you to sign-up to be an official “Lodge Ambassador” to your Lodge within our jurisdiction. The charge is simple – attend your Lodge meetings, identify yourself and extend an invitation to upcoming Valley events (with the Worshipful Master’s permission) during the open discussion period. We now have the HGA video, “Invitation to the Valley,” that is available for you to show at your Lodge (or the program can be presented LIVE by yourself and another Scottish Rite Mason using members of the Lodge in the support allegory cast roles). The script of the video and program was written by one of our own members, and all the cast in the video are from the Valley of Philadelphia. The feedback on the live program and the video has been very positive from Lodge presentation, “You can’t ask for an easier or better Program for you Lodge!”

Sign up with our Valley Secretary to be a Lodge Ambassador TODAY!

He will ensure you are provided with a list of upcoming Valley events each month via email for you to mention at your Lodge meeting, and he can get you a copy of the “Invitation to the Valley” script or video. We will help you to be successful in this role.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Gerard R. Sealy
Commander in Chief
Valley of Philadelphia

My Dear Brethren,



Have you paid your Scottish Rite Dues for 2020 yet? I know it can be confusing receiving a bill for the coming year in June or July; but, let me explain. The Valley's fiscal year begins on August 1st of each year. So we're already in 2020 in Scottish Rite. By now you have or soon you will receive your second notice for dues, if you haven't paid yet.



I won't bill third notices until after the first of January and after I do that our Retention Committee will begin their weekly contact either by telephone or email to those Brethren that owe dues. We don't wish to be a bother, that is not our intention, rather we'd like to see as few suspensions as possible for non-payment of dues. If there is a financial issue, and you wish to remain a Scottish Rite Mason, please don't wait until the Retention Committee contacts you. Call me now (215-563-1814) or email me (valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com) and let's see what we can do to help you. Perhaps you can afford to make incremental payments or, you need a sponsorship. Whatever. If you're desirous of remaining a Scottish Rite Mason, and I sincerely hope you are, let's work together now to make that happen.

As it is November, I would like to thank all of my fellow Veterans for their service, and on behalf of myself and my family, wish every Valley member and their families a most enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Sincere fraternal regards,
Steven A. Morrison, 33° DSM
Valley Secretary

Feast of Tishri 2019

The Feast of Tishri, is a ritual authorized by the Supreme Council. It is observed during the Hebrew month of Tishri, which is the first month on the civil calendar and the seventh month of the religious calendar. Tishri coincides with the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October. The feast is a celebration of the harvest, but for Masonic purposes it commemorates the celebration held by King Solomon following the completion of the Temple at Jerusalem.

This year the Valley of Philadelphia celebrated its fourth observance of the Feast on Friday, September 27, 2019. Following a time of fellowship and a very nice meal, the ceremonial portion of the evening takes place with the Valley's Officers reading biblical passages from the First Book of Kings, which is followed by a series of toasts, made to our Country, the Grand Master, the Sovereign Grand Commander, to the Deputy for the State, the host Valley, to Masons of all Masonic Bodies and finally to our departed Brethren.

After the ceremonial portion of the evening it has been our tradition to have an honored guest or 'keynote speaker.' This year's speaker was our very own, Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33°, RWPGM and Deputy for Pennsylvania. Bro. Bob spoke at our inaugural feast four years ago as well. He gave a very inspiring address to all present about the importance of growing and maintaining membership in our fraternity.

Since its introduction in the Valley of Philadelphia, the Feast of Tishri has served as a fundraising opportunity for our Valley. This year's Feast was set to benefit the Valley's Almoner Fund. Roughly, \$2,400 was raised for this noble effort.



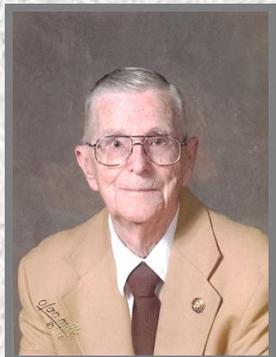
Our Valley Almoner, Ill. Jon S. Solheim, 33° presented a \$5,000 check to Ill. Thomas H. Wible, 33° MSA, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia to support the Center's continuing efforts to help the children of the Delaware Valley affected by dyslexia.

The Brethren attending the Feast were offered the opportunity to support the Center by purchasing tickets to 'Ultimate Philadelphia Sports Fan' raffle and the upcoming annual 'Chef's Gala.'

Thank you to all of the Brethren that attended the Feast. The Valley of Reading has invited our members to attend their Feast next year, and as such the Valley of Philadelphia won't observe the Feast again until 2021. If you haven't attended one yet, please consider joining us then or next year at Reading

IN MEMORIAM

George A. Burns
Spring Class 1985
Meritorious Service Award Recipient
2013



Farewell My Brother, you have gone to meet your God.





The second annual Day of Masonic Light was another great event this year. With over 95 people pre-registered we had a packed house and some fantastic presentations and fellowship. In attendance was Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33° RWPGM, Active Member for Pennsylvania, Ill. Harry Hackman, 33°, Commander in Chief for the Valley of Reading along with his officers and David Tucker, the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New Jersey along with his Secretary.

The day began with sunny early autumn weather and the best catered breakfast I can remember having. Ill. Robert Bateman got the ball rolling with a great welcome to everyone and set the tone for the day's gathering. That was followed by our Commander in Chief Ill. Gerry Sealy with introductions and a heartfelt welcome to everyone who traveled for the day and greetings. The invocation was performed by Ill. G. Kent Hackney, 33°, followed by our flag ceremony.



The first presenter was Seth Anthony, 32° HGA from the Valley of Reading and his talk on 'Clandestine Masonry in PA.' Those who know Seth from the Academy of Masonic Knowledge knew this would be great already and he didn't disappoint. His talk ranged from the formation of the Scottish Rite in the U.S. to the Cerneau Rite which grew quickly across our state and how there became a Northern Masonic Jurisdiction due to events tied to this. Following that presentation our First Lieutenant Commander, Ill. Bro. Yasser Al-Khatib gave a moving presentation in the Hauts Grades Academy before presenting the invitation to the Valley video which is available for Lodge Ambassadors to use for Scottish Rite nights. (Please reach out to him for a copy to share with your Lodge, it makes for a great presentation). Finally, RW Michael S. Neuberger, 32° HGA, Past Grand Historian of New Jersey gave a presentation on the on the 19°, 'Brothers of the Trail.' It started with the history of the degree and proceeded into the degree as we now know it. He passionately spoke about the meaning of the degree along with some personal reference to his own family life. It became a very moving lecture and I will always remember 'we bury our own' as a powerful statement when watching this again. He also made a plea for brothers to attend Masonic funerals as well which I'm sure spoke to everyone there at the conclusion of this presentation.

The morning concluded with our Commander in Chief making closing remarks and thanking everyone who got to share in this great experience. I must say the amount of smiling faces and energy towards Masonic Education post event said everything to me about the day.

Erik W. Krogstad, 32° P.S.P.
Scottish Rite Education Committee

The leaves are changing and so is the Children's Dyslexia Center's exposure. Thanks to the recent Scottish Rite's activities, a lot more people realized the Children's Dyslexia Center is a legitimate 501 3 C tax deductible Scottish Rite charity ad donations are tax deductible.



At the Feast of Tishri and Day of Light, everyone was told about the Children's Dyslexia Center's mission and the need for financial help. Tickets for a fund raiser and posters showing

some of the Center's future fund raising activities were available. Fortunately, a number of people talked to board members about the center in general, purchased tickets and inquired about other ways to help support the Center. Some people expressed an interest in having a classroom named in their honor or sponsoring a child, as well as various ways they can help change a child's life.

People were told:

1. Send checks or money orders to Children's Dyslexia Center, 3958 Rowena Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19114
2. Credit Card donations go to childrensdyslexiacenters.org/DONATE/ **YOU MUST TYPE, 'PHILADELPHIA, PA'** where it says 'Make my gift towards a center'
3. Contact Tom Wible 215-219-9839 or email Tomwible48@gmail.com for information on how to give recurring donations or any kind of donation you would like to give.

I am confident that as more Masons find out about the Learning Center, the children's problems and their need for help, many more will donate.

Enjoy the changing of the seasons and please consider donating to the Children's Dyslexia Center.

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

Richard R. Pottier
Fall Class 1959

Roy L. Smith
Spring Class 1967





**WE WANT YOU!
WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN**

Brethren, the Council of Deliberation recently reported that only 30% of Pennsylvania Freemasons are Scottish Rite Masons. That is very alarming considering the Scottish Rite is the most popular 'brand' in the Fraternity, after the Symbolic Lodge.

The Valley of Philadelphia has 60 Lodges within our local region to recruit membership from. But, we need a few good men on the front lines representing us and promoting our special brand of the Masonic Family. We call these Brethren, 'Scottish Rite 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 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.

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 our Valley we'd like to speak to you about becoming a Scottish Rite Lodge Ambassador. We need you to help carry forth the message of Scottish Rite. You are a very important part of the Path Forward. As previously mentioned we have 60 Lodges in our local region. As of right now we have Ambassadors in the following Lodges: 67, 126, 190, 211, 246, 273, 292, 295, 322, 368, 427, 506, 600, 620, 744, and 806. Didn't see your Lodge listed? Or perhaps you did see your Lodge listed and are still interested in serving? A Lodge can have more than one Ambassador. There are two Lodges with two representatives now.

Please call our Valley Secretary at 215-563-1814 or email to valleyofphiladelphia@outlook.com for more information on volunteering for this vital role within our Valley. We Want You!



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The Magic of the Holidays

**Our Annual Holiday Party
Saturday, December 7, 2019, 6-10 PM
Fairway Ballroom, Springfield Country Club
400. W Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064
\$45 per person, Cash bar all evening**

**Featuring the magic
of Bro. Calvin Tan. . .**



**. . .and the music
of DJ Bill Scheivert**



Plan now to be with us for this evening Holiday Season fellowship. Magician and Masonic Brother Calvin Tan will perform his astonishing sleight of hand magic during the social hour (6-7 P.M.) You will be amazed!

Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner beginning at 7PM. Bro. Calvin will perform more of his magical talent after dinner and then the dance floor is open for more fun.

Add to the Magic of the Holidays by joining us for this evening of fellowship and fun. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Make your check payable to 'Scottish Rite Bodies.' Hope to see you there!



III. Bro. Morrison: Please send me ___ tickets to 'The Magic of the Holidays,' the Valley's annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Springfield Country Club.

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