

# Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois

Summer 2017

## Please Welcome our Newest Scottish Rite Members

The 227<sup>th</sup> Spring Reunion is now history. . . we would like to take this opportunity to thank all Directors, degree casts, committee chairman and committee workers for making this day a success. Without you we could not have had such a great day.

### Stephen E. Kraus, MSA, 33° Class



Charles K. Adu, New Baden; Roland L. Brown, Carterville; Dustin K. Ebers, Marissa; David E. Flowers, Mulkeytown; Kiel V. harris, Belleville; Richard Layton, Waterloo; Richard D. Marchildon, Jackson, MO; Daniel V. Mullen, O'Fallon, IL; Kyle S. Poole, Fairview Heights; Joshua T. Simpson, Troy; Adam E. Terry, Marissa; and Drummond D. Webb, Columbia.



**St. Clair Lodge of Perfection**

Charles M. Parker  
Thrice Potent Master

Deputy Master .....Jeffery A. Berry, MSA  
Senior Warden..... Stephen F. Oakley  
Junior Warden ..... Travis L. Stewart  
Orator .....Douglas S. Jameson

**Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem**

Vincent Riti  
Sovereign Prince

High Priest..... Edwin L. Cockrell  
Senior Warden Charles E. Hileman, Jr., MSA, 33°  
Junior Warden .....Carl S. Forrest, MSA  
Master of Ceremonies .....Brian K. Coppotelli

**John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix**

Henry A. Haisch, Jr.  
Most Wise Master

Senior Warden..... David L. Rogers  
Junior Warden ..... Grant O. Koentz, 33°  
Orator ..... Gregory W. Giedemann, MSA  
Master of Ceremonies .....Brian D. Brown

**Mississippi Valley Consistory**

Joseph A. Diliberto, 33°  
Commander In Chief

First Lt. Commander . Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA  
Second Lt. Commander.....Jeffery L. Edwards, MSA  
Orator ..... William C. Brown, MSA, 33°  
Chancellor .....Mark P. Maxwell, MSA, 33°

**Elected for all Bodies**

Treasurer ..... Grant O. Koentz, 33°  
Secretary .....Michael H. Grafe

**Board of Directors**

Charles M. Parker.....2017  
Vincent Riti .....2017  
Henry A. Haisch.....2017  
Joseph A. Diliberto, 33° .....2017  
Brian K. Coppotelli.....2017  
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., MSA, 33° .....2018  
Mark P. Maxwell, MSA, 33° .....2019

**Non-Voting Members**

Grant O. Koentz, 33° .....2017  
Michael H. Grafe.....2017  
Randy Patchett.....2017  
Joseph A. Diliberto, 33° ..... Deputy Representative  
Randall R. Milone, 33° ..... Active

**IN MEMORIAM**

*As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep, so one by one,  
in each of you must come the touch of sleep;  
As one by one, the rose bursts into the morning light,  
so one by one your soul wake again beyond the night.*

Joe M. Abbey, Jr.  
Annapolis, MD March 11, 2017  
Thomas C. Alexander  
Harrisburg, IL January 12, 2017  
Donald E. Bertier  
Cape Girardeau, MO March 3, 2017  
Alvin E. Bohnenstiehl  
Marine, IL February 25, 2017  
Robert A. Boyd  
Norris City, IL December 31, 2016  
Dick P. Bresee  
West Palm Beach, FL September 10, 2016  
Joseph D. Callis, Sr.  
Columbia, IL April 6, 2017  
Richard J. Farrell  
Edwardsville, IL February 25, 2017  
Lowell W. Franklin  
Marion, IL January 17, 2017  
Sheldon B. Franklin  
Elizabethtown, IL February 23, 2017  
Carlton R. Hackle  
North Port, FL January 11, 2017

Eugene Hodge  
Centralia, IL March 24, 2017  
Paul W. Kluthe  
Centralia, IL February 5, 2017  
William E. Lampley  
Benton, IL February 5, 2017  
Vernon L. Meister  
Benton, IL February 16, 2017  
F. Walter Peters  
Rochester, IL April 28, 2017  
Harry A. Phelps  
Florissant, MO February 23, 2017  
Fred N. Reed  
Cisne, IL February 10, 2017  
Charles R. Shannon  
Columbia, IL March 17, 2017  
Frankie G. Skobel  
Benton, IL February 17, 2017  
Kenneth L. Vaughn  
Belleville, IL May 3, 2017

**Membership**

Spring Reunion on April 29th: We welcome 10 new 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons. Congratulations!

Remember the Grand Master's Class that is coming up on June 24th at Ainad Temple; a great way for a 1st Degree Mason to become a Master Mason, Scottish Rite, Shriner, and York Rite in the same day.

In the past few years we have lost many members for non-payment of dues. If you know of a member who would like to come back in we have a Restoration Program in place. Please call the office at 618-235-3350 or email us at [mike@sri1092.com](mailto:mike@sri1092.com) or [robin@sri1092.com](mailto:robin@sri1092.com) for information or a Restoration Form.

**Illinois Council Of Deliberation**

The Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The meeting will take place at the Wyndham Springfield Centre in Springfield, IL.



This meeting is for conducting the business of the Illinois Scottish Rite Valleys and the a banquet to recognize those members receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This year, Brian D. Brown and Brian K. Copotelli will receive the MSA award. The ceremony that concludes the banquet honoring these individuals is a very moving and memorable experience.

Congratulations to Brian and Brian; both are very involved in a variety of Scottish Rite activities. Brian Brown has served the last few years as Chairman of the Board for our Dyslexia Center; he is a line officer in the John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix; participates in Degrees and helps at our fish fries. Brian Coppotelli is a Past Presiding Officer of the St. Clair Lodge of Perfection, he is now a line officer in the Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem and also a Board Member; incoming Chairman of the Board for our Dyslexia Center; chairman of our Family Life program; participates in Degrees; a Fish Fry regular and always ready with ideas and suggestions.



The meeting is open to all elected officers, MSA's, 33°'s, past presidings, and their ladies. Register at [www.ICOD.us](http://www.ICOD.us) - for the Ladies Luncheon, Men's Lunch , Saturday Evening Banquet and Hotel reservations.

# ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Pursuant to and in accordance with Article III, Section I of the Bylaws of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.** Central Daylight Savings Time. Dinner served at 6:00 P.M.

You are further notified that said meeting will be held for the purpose of:

1. Electing a Member of the Board of Directors of said Corporation to serve a term of one and three years.
2. Considering and taking action upon all other business which may properly be considered and acted upon at said meeting.

Charles M. Parker  
Thrice Potent Master

Vincent Riti  
Sovereign Prince

Henry A. Haisch, Jr.  
Most Wise Master

Joseph A. Diliberto, 33°  
Commander in Chief

Attest: Michael H. Grafe, 32°  
Executive Secretary

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## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS WEDNESDAY, July 26, 2017

Conforming to Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of St. Clair Lodge of Perfection, Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem, John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix, and Mississippi Valley Consistory, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in the four above named Bodies will be held at the Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL 62223 on **Wednesday, August 31, 2017 beginning at 7:15 P.M.** Central Daylight Savings Time. All elected offices will be filled and appointments made.

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## Officer's Reception Saturday, September 9, 2017

The public Introduction of our Officers will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2017.** This ceremony is open to the public, more details forthcoming. Support your Officers and their families by being in attendance at this special occasion. Light refreshments will be served following the installation.



May	19
June	16
July	21
August	18
September	15
October	20
November	17

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**BE ACTIVE, SUPPORT YOUR  
LODGE, SCOTTISH RITE, & SHRINE**



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**Joint Stated/Board Meeting is held the  
LAST WEDNESDAY  
of the Month at 7:00 PM,  
with dinner at 6:00 to 6:45 PM.  
(Except when the last Wednesday precedes a holiday.)**



## From the Executive Secretary. . .

Welcome to most likely the most boring part of the Summer Bulletin, but what the heck I'll try and make it as quick and painless as possible. First off let's talk about the events that went on after your last Bulletin.

As time passes we realize the need to honor those that have gone before us at the Scottish Rite. What better way than the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, that is presented each year in memory of our members that have gone to that Lodge in the sky. If you have not seen this production performed by members of the Scottish Rite try and make it next year. The production is beautiful and you will be able to show the proper respect to our fallen brothers. Taking about brothers, we just had the 227th Reunion honoring Steve Kraus, MSA, 33°. What a great day twelve new Masons became members of the Scottish Rite. We started the day with a wonderful breakfast, and then went directly to the work of the day, degree work. The degrees went as perfect as planned. For those of you that have not been to a Reunion in a while, you need to come and see the fine work that is being done by the actors. Of course without the help of the supporting crews, sound and light, floor and stage, makeup, and of course the kitchen committees, there could be no degree work at all. Let's not forget the Robin and Howard that keep the office and building running like a finely tune engine. At the end of the day, all the workers and new members gathered for food, refreshment, and fellowship. To sum up the day, I know the new members left with the feeling that they had been part of something worthwhile and meaningful.

Let's get into the events coming in the next few months. First on May 21, is the annual Kids Fishing Rodeo held at the Quail Club. This is a joint event by Scottish Rite and Ainad Shriners. You can't ask for a better time than watching those kids with the smiles on their faces, as they bring in their catch of the day. Talking about the catch of the day, we will soon be in that large pool of Scottish Rite Masons at ICOD.

ICOD this year is June 23 & 24, at the Wyndham Springfield Center in Springfield, IL. Remember any Scottish Member is invited to this event, just go on line at [www.ICOD.us](http://www.ICOD.us), and make your reservations.

July 26, is the date for everyone to mark in their calendars, the Election of Officers. The men elected at this Stated Meeting will guide your Scottish Rite for the coming year. This is a huge responsibility that these men will be assuming. Come out and vote for that person, you think can make the Scottish Rite even greater.

The Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council will be August 26-29, 2017, in Rochester, NY, for those members that make this a yearly event.

Something new this year will be the reception for the new Officers of the Scottish Rite of Southern IL. The date for this event is September 9th. There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the date.

Just a few items left, so don't nod off yet. We are always looking for ways to make, keep, or bring back members to the Scottish Rite. So if you have any ideals that will help, give our Membership Committee a call: Dave Rodgers, 618-499-0262 or Vince Riti, 618-969-1749. Let's end on a happy note by giving our Brothers at Ainad a shout out about a coming event that they have invited us to. That would be, Night at the Races, at Fairmount Park on July 29th. Let's all get together and have a great evening, as Brothers should. If you are interested in going to this event, give our office a call at, 618-235-3350 or Ainad, 618-874-1870.

Thank you for giving me this time. So go ahead a take that nap now, I know I am.

Mike Grafe 32°  
Executive Secretary

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### Food for Thought -

Masons are not held together with steel bands, but by the silken ties of brotherhood, woven of interest, friendliness, good times, wholesome fraternal intercourse.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 10 Dyslexia Center Achievement Night
- 13 Dyslexia Center Cosmic BINGO
- 18 Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship
- 19 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 20 Rental
- 21 Scottish Rite, Shrine Children's Fishing Derby at Quail Club
- 29 Office Closed - Memorial Day
- 31 Board and Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**

### JUNE

- 2 Ainad Parade
- 3-11 Ainad Circus
- 16 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 17 Rental
- 24 Rental
- 23-24 ICOD, Springfield, IL
- 28 Board and Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 21 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 26 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**

### AUGUST

- 6 Masonic Youth Day - 1:00 PM
- 18 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 27-29 Supreme Council Session in Rochester, NY
- 30 Board and Stated Meeting - 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day, Holiday Office Close
- 7 Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship
- 9 Officer's Reception - 7:00 PM**
- 15 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 16 Rental
- 21 Coffee Donuts and Fellowship
- 23 Rental
- 27 Board and Stated Meeting - 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**
- 29-1 Rainbow Girls Weekend

### OCTOBER

- 6-8 Grand Lodge
- 7 Walk-A-Thon - Dyslexia Center
- 20 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 25 **Board and Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM, Dinner served at 6:00 PM**
- 28 **Fall Reunion**

## Children's Dyslexia Center News

As we wrap up our 15th year of service to the metro area, the Children's Dyslexia Center board members and staff have done some reflection of where we started and how far we have come. It is a marvelous story of giving and serving that the Scottish Rite Bodies know well. At this moment, we are feeling excited and we are full of anticipation for where we are headed. With a heart for the needs of children, a proven program for how to help, and a monumental amount of effort, the Board of Governors have been striving to help as many children as possible who struggle with reading.

Just three and a half short years ago, we were serving eighteen students and our continuation into the future as a sustainable center seemed in question. But through that striving and desire to help, came a renewed effort to make sure this center remains as a strong pillar of the Scottish Rite benevolence and a community resource for answers regarding dyslexia.

Starting in September 2017, we anticipate that we will have 34 students enrolled in our local center. Thirty-four students who will find skills to help them learn to read. Thirty-four students who will gain confidence in themselves in a way we all take for granted. Thirty-four students who will be better able to reach their God-given talent and potential! Thank you to everyone who helps support this center and our thirty-four fall students!!!

You are changing many lives!!!

Best regards, Michele M. Johnson, Center Director

## "CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS"

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 8th Annual Luncheon For Learning held on March 4th. Whether you attended, sent a donation, gave a silent auction item, were a member of the Steering Committee, a Vendor or worked the day of the Luncheon your support was a big part of making the Luncheon a success. With your support the children of our Learning Center will continue to make great strides toward overcoming Dyslexia and reaching their full potential. A special "thank you" to the Honorary Chairwoman, Patty Gregory, Executive Director, Art on the Square.

The Board of Governors, the Learning Center Staff, and the children thank you for your generosity and support for the past 15 years.

Linda Williams,  
Secretary Board of Governors

## Support our Charity, Youth and Masonic Lodges

**Children's Dyslexia Center Cosmic Bingo**  
Saturday, May 13th  
5:30 PM Doors Open  
7:00 PM BINGO Starts  
\$25.00 per person  
\$5.00 per additional 6 BINGO Cards  
**Come out and support our Scottish Rite Charity.**

**St. Clair Lodge #24  
Belleville, IL**

**Blood Drive and Pancake  
Breakfast**

**Saturday, June 10th  
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
\$5.00 per person/ Blood Donors FREE**

**JOB's Bethel #24  
Public Installation**

**Saturday, June 10th  
St. Clair Lodge #24  
5:00 PM**

**AD Manners DeMolay  
BBQ Lunch**

**Saturday, June 17th  
St. Clair Lodge  
\$7.00 per plate  
(Pork Steak, or Chicken plus 2 sides  
and drink)**



Mark your calendars and get your walking shoes out for the **13th Annual Walk-A-Thon on October 7th** here at the Valley.

We would like to beat last year's attendance, so come out and join in the fun.

All proceeds benefit the Dyslexia Center of Southern Illinois.

Get your registration form at the office.

Be a sponsor and/or a walker.

Call the Valley Office 618-235-3350



## Trying to Keep Our Records Up to Date

As always we are trying to keep our records updated . . . if you have moved in the last year; changed or added an email address; or changed and/or added a cell phone number, would you please email us or call us with these changes so that we may update our files.

Email us at [valsouill@sril092.com](mailto:valsouill@sril092.com), [mike@sril092.com](mailto:mike@sril092.com) or [robin@sril092.com](mailto:robin@sril092.com) or call the office at 618-235-3350 or send us a note at 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL 62223.

Your cooperation on this matter is gratefully appreciated!  
Thank you!!

**[www.sril092.com](http://www.sril092.com)**

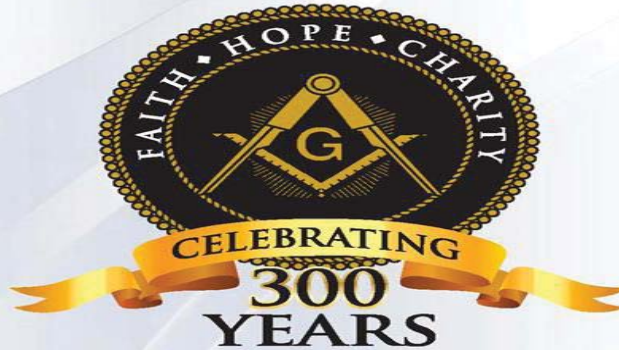
With our new website available, we can include many new features and ways to communicate with you, our members.

If you have suggestions for improvements, or additional items, please send them via email to [mike@sril092.com](mailto:mike@sril092.com).

We will evaluate all responses and try to improve the website for the betterment of the Valley. If you would like to receive updates and information news via email, please let us know by sending an email to the secretary at [mike@sril092.com](mailto:mike@sril092.com).

# ATTENTION ALL MASONIC LODGES

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMASONRY  
OUR ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY IS TIMELESS  
JUNE 24, 1717 - JUNE 24, 2017



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR ILLINOIS MASONIC FAMILY, AS WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS DAY. THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WE WILL BE OPENING OUR MASONIC TEMPLES TO HOST OPEN HOUSE EVENTS AMONGST MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES TO "LET OUR LIGHT SHINE" EVEN BRIGHTER IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

OUR PROUD MASONIC LEGACY LIVES ON IN ILLINOIS, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PROVIDED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF  
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

JOIN US at 8:00 AM on SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017  
for a

## GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

AT AINAD SHRINE TEMPLE

609 St. Louis Avenue  
East St. Louis, IL 62201-2927  
618-874-1870

Pre-register your entered apprentice candidates, Especially your "unfinished work" candidates,  
And participate in this historical event where candidates receive fellowcraft and master mason degrees in one day!

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION 16 JUNE 2017**

Also, if they wish, they can join the  
SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (A.A.S.R.)

and

AINAD SHRINERS

and they can petition

YORK RITE BODIES (Chapter/Council/Knights Templar)

all in one day!

Contact

WM Gene Smith, Kaskaskia Lodge #86, austonsmith@mchsi.com; (618) 405-4260

or

Bro. John Blondell, Ainad Shriners, jblondell@email.com; (618) 874-1870

or

Executive Secretary, Mike Grafe, Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Illinois, [mike@sril092.com](mailto:mike@sril092.com); (618) 234-3350

# HOW MANY CANDIDATES HAVE YOU TOP LINED SIGNED?

## Introduce a Master Mason to the Scottish Rite. . .

### APPLICATION FOR DEGREES

TO: THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ST. CLAIR LODGE OF PERFECTION (4°-14°), CAHOKIA COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM (15°-16°), JOHN M. PEARSON CHAPTER OF THE ROSE CROIX (17°-18°) AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSISTORY (19°-32°), SITTING AS THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC BODIES IN THE VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

I, the undersigned, respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of the four (4) Co-Ordinate Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of Southern Illinois named above and request that I may be received among you, agreeing that I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity of Freemasons and the welfare of the Brethren.

On my honor, I hereby CERTIFY that the following information about me is, and my answers to the following questions are, true and correct:

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK)

- A. Full Legal Name (No Initials): \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE (No Initials) LAST
- B. Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Place of Birth: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Place of Residence Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Telephone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- G. How many months have you continuously resided at the above address in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_
- H. How many months have you continuously resided in the state of Illinois in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Have you, at any previous time, petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees in this or any other Valley? Yes No  
If Yes, to which Valley \_\_\_\_\_, in what year \_\_\_\_\_ and were you elected to receive the Degrees \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Raised a Master Mason (3°) in the year of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ A.F. & A.M. in the  
City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_
- L. Presently a Master Mason (3°) in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ A.F. & A.M. in the  
City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_
- M. Are you presently on Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what is your present legal  
voting address? \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In making and signing this application, I promise on my word of honor that, should I be elected and become a member of your Honorable Bodies, I subscribe to the Oath of Fealty set forth on the REVERSE side hereof.

Date of this Application \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Each of the undersigned, a member in good standing of the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of Southern Illinois, Certifies that he has read the above and foregoing Application, believes the statements made therein by the Applicant to be true and correct, personally knows the Applicant, personally knows the Applicant to be a Freemason in good standing and believes the Applicant to possess sufficient mental, moral and spiritual capacity and attributes to practice and hold high the ideals of the Scottish Rite and does hereby RECOMMEND the Applicant for membership.

PLEASE PRINT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_





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## Thank you . . .

To the boys from A. D. Manners DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls who help at our Fish Frys. The things that you do may seem trivial; but we want you to know that they are noticed and we appreciate your help.

Also, to the DeMolay boys and Rob Morris Eastern Star Ladies that came and helped at our 227th Spring Reunion; Thank You!

Thank you again!!

## Property Restoration Fund

Work has been done on Your Scottish Rite property. We have a new roof, front steps, and a sealed front parking lot. Keeping your Scottish Rite home in good repair comes with a cost. With all the repairs complete we have spent over \$300,000. The money is in our investments, but we do not wish to deplete our savings. This is where I hope you come in, by donating to the Property Restoration Fund.

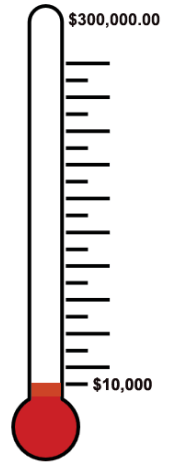
We have three levels of donations; Silver Level - \$100 to \$499, Gold Level - \$500 to \$999; and the Diamond Level \$1,000 and above. Donations may be done in multiple payments.

We have \$10,000 in donations; won't you please help?

If you care to help please make a check out to:

Scottish Rite Property Fund  
Mail to: Scottish Rite  
1549 Frank Scott Parkway West  
Belleville, IL 62223

Thanks for your help, feels good doesn't it.



## Our fiscal year runs from August 1st to July 31st

2017-2018 dues notices will be in your mail boxes in mid to late July. Dues are due upon receipt. Dues are considered delinquent after 90 days. Those members who have not yet paid their 2016-2017 will be on the suspension list on October 1, 2017.

For those that have paid their dues: A few years ago Supreme Council sent all members a permanent plastic membership card. This is a plastic card similar in size to a credit card and contains the members name, Valley name, degree, membership number and bar code. There will be no expiration date. If you do not have one of these cards, or your card is missing information please call the office at 618-235-3350 and we will order you a new card.

## Fishing Rodeo

sponsored by  
**Scottish Rite  
Masonic  
Bodies  
Ainad  
Shriners**



### Quail Club

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

at the Quail Club

8303 Concordia Church Road • Belleville, IL

- 8th Grade and Under,  
an adult must be present with all contestants.
- One pole per contestant
- Bring your own pole - Bait worms will be provided

Registration at 11:00 AM  
Contest 12:00 (Noon) to 2:00 PM  
Trophies & prizes will be awarded.

Hotdogs and soft drinks will be provided by the Quail Club.

For more information contact  
Brian at 618-971-9411 or [bkcoppo@earthlink.net](mailto:bkcoppo@earthlink.net)

Your are cordially invited to the  
2nd Annual Masonic Youth Showcase  
of Southern Illinois



Job's Daughters  
International



DeMolay  
International



The International  
Order of the Rainbow  
for Girls

Come See Who We Are  
Listen to explanations about our organizations  
and observe our ceremonies.

Sunday, August 6, 2017  
1:00 PM

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Open to the Public  
Light Refreshments to follow.