

Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois

FALL 2017

Open Installation and Officer's Celebration

September 9, 2017

Come out and enjoy our Public Installation of Officer's Ceremony!

Schedule for evening:

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Reception in Lobby

(Beer & Wine available until 6:50 PM)

Installation of Officers Ceremony in Consistory - 7:00 PM

Celebration of Officers in the Ballroom - 8:00 PM

- Introductions
- Appetizers
- Cocktails
- Music

Public Installation is FREE

Celebration of Officers is \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

Pre-sale reservations will include six (6) raffle tickets.

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Prizes include:

*Blues Tickets, Cardinals Tickets, Dewar's Scotch,
JW Black Label Scotch, Glenlivet Single Malt, and Balvenie Double Wood Single Malt.*

To get your Tickets, please send an Self-Address Stamped Envelope with your check to:
Scottish Rite

1549 Frank Scott Parkway West • Belleville, IL 62223
or come into the office and pick up your tickets.

St. Clair Lodge of Perfection

Stephen F. Oakley
Thrice Potent Master

Deputy MasterJeffery A. Berry, MSA
Senior Warden..... Vincent Riti
Junior Warden Douglas S. Jameson
Orator Steven L. Imel

Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem

Charles E. Hileman, Jr., MSA, 33°
Sovereign Prince

High Priest.....Carl S. Forrest, MSA
Senior Warden.....Henry A. Haisch, Jr.
Junior Warden Brian K. Coppotelli, MSA
Master of CeremoniesEdwin L. Cockrell

John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix

David L. Rogers
Most Wise Master

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

Mississippi Valley Consistory

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA
Commander In Chief

First Lt. Commander..... Jeffery L. Edwards, MSA
Second Lt. Commander William C. Brown, MSA, 33°
OratorJeffery A. Berry, MSA
Chancellor Brian K. Coppotelli, MSA

Elected for all Bodies

TreasurerGrant O. Koentz, 33°
SecretaryMichael H. Grafe

Board of Directors

Stephen F. Oakley 2018
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., MSA, 33° 2018
David L. Rogers..... 2018
Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA 2018
Auston E. Smith..... 2018
Mark Maxwell, MSA, 33° 2019
Brian K. Coppotelli, MSA..... 2020

Non-Voting Members

Grant O. Koentz, 33° 2018
Michael H. Grafe..... 2018
J. Randy Patchett 2018
Ranall R. Milone, 33°Active
Joseph A. Diliberto, 33°Deputy Representative

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



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.*

Harold Abraham Harrisburg, IL	June 8, 2017	Leland H. Juenger Marissa, IL	May 6, 2017
Charles E. Beard Marion, IL	May 19, 2017	Miles P. Mabry Thompsonville, IL	May 19, 2017
Alva A. Ditch Fairbanks, AK	January 17, 2017	Roy T. Milan Collinsville, IL	June 9, 2017
Floyd F. Ferry Jonesboro, IL	June 20, 2017	Leo L. Pfeiffer Palm Coast, FL	June 12, 2017
Helmer J. Frandsen Alhambra, IL	July 28, 2017	J. C. Price Godfrey, IL	May 9, 2017
Clark J. Gabel Belleville, IL	June 7, 2017	Charles E. Schilling, II Vandalia, IL	June 16, 2017
Lawrence D. Goins rand Chain, IL	May 8, 2017	Carl E. Stoker Murphysboro, IL	June 25, 2017
Elmer B. Hassebrock Belleville, IL	July 27, 2017	Robert A. Taylor Grayville, IL	October 30, 2016
Larry G. Hughes Marion, IL	June 24, 2017	James L. Thormahlen Mt. Vernon, IL	April 29, 2017
Roy E. Illert, Sr. Dupo, IL	May 14, 2017	Michael Weiss St. Louis, MO	February 1, 2017
Charles M. Jerden E. Alton, IL	May 23, 2017	Jesse E. White Marion, IL	April 23, 2017

Former Past Presiding Officers

If you were a Past Presiding Officer of the Valley of Southern Illinois and have a Past Presiding Medal(s) that you are no longer wearing or are a family member of a Past Presiding who is no longer with us; please return the medal(s) to the Valley. Please remember that these medals are actually property of the Valley of Southern Illinois. Thank you!

Dues

2017-2018 Dues notices have been issued. Please pay your dues as soon as you can. If you unable to pay your dues for whatever reason, please contact the office. Dues for this year, as set by the Board of Directors is \$85.00.

***Check your wallet, do you have your permanent plastic Dues Card?
Remember you do not receive a new paper dues card every year.***

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.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

- 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.

Our Core Values

Reverence for God ● Integrity ● Justice
Tolerance ● Devotion to Country ● Service to Humanity

Men working for the betterment of Masonry and our Community

MSA

2017 Meritorious Service Award recipients were: Brian K. Coppotelli, MSA and Brian D. Brown, MSA.



David L Rogers and Steven L. Imel were elected to receive their MSA's in 2018.

Well deserved! Congratulations gentlemen!

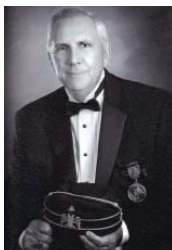
Grand Lodge Appointment

This is a transition year for the senior leadership team of Illinois Masonry. As part of this transition, we appoint a new Junior Grand Deacon (JGD). The Brother chosen for this position assumes an active role (along with the other Senior Grand Lodge Officers) in leading the fraternal and business affairs of our state. For example, the JGD attends and participates in the monthly Board of Directors meetings in which decisions are made to advance the priorities of our Grand Jurisdiction and Masonic Charities.

I, along with the other Senior Grand Lodge Officers, would like to announce that Right Worshipful Brother Auston Gene Smith will be appointed as Junior Grand Deacon for our Grand Lodge effective October 7, 2017.

Brother Smith is a Past Master of St. Clair Lodge No. 24 and the current Worshipful Master of Kaskaskia Lodge No. 86. He is the District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Southern District, and also serves on the Grand Lodge Membership Committee.

We look forward to Brother Smith being a valuable member of our leadership team.



Fraternally,
Anthony R. Cracco, Grand Master

50, 60, 65 and 70 Year Members to Be Honored

The list of members below have reached the distinguished honor of having been members of the Scottish Rite for 50, 60, 65 and 70 years respectfully. They will be honored at the luncheon at our Fall Reunion on October 28th. Come down and congratulate them on their great accomplishment.

50 Year Members

Morris L. Bond
Alvin L. Boyer
Robert L. Chamness
Jacob P. Feazel
Charles R. Fitch
Robert P. Howlett, Jr.
Max E. German
Bill Kelly
Charles A. Kemp
Lyle W. Kirgan
Perry D. Mathis
Noble H. Moye
Arthur H. Neal
Bill D. Parker
Franklin D. Porterfield
Ray Sadler
Robert D. Schneidewind
Noal L. Sinn
Irvin C. Slate, Jr.
Rod W. Snow
Delmar D. Starnes

Charles L. Stevens
Donald L. Sutton
Marvin A. Ude
Lawrence R. Waddell
Billy Weathington
Jeffery R. Weber
Ralph N. Weiss
David L. Wolfe

60 Year Members

Royal W Alvey
Edward M. Amburg
Vaughn H. Beasenburg
Ernest M. Dearborn
Carl D. Downen
Walter W. Elliott
Oran L. Fuller
Robert G. Gibson
Kenneth L. Gimmy
Clarence H. Goldsmith
Charles Helleny
Thomas Lewis

Joseph C. Miller
John T. Parker
Robert N. Richison
Ruben E. Shreve
Harvey E. Stonecipher, Jr.

65 Year Members

Walter F. Beil
Robert A. Boyd
Kenneth A. Brim
Arlie King
James E. Odell
Melvin R. Spiegelman
Roy L. Wilimzig, Jr.

70 Year Members

Walter D. Minton
Charles W. Smith

Commander In Chief, Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA

Michael James FitzPatrick was born in Spring Valley, Illinois on July 12, 1954. He attended the local Catholic grade school and graduated from Hall Township High School in 1972. After graduating high school he worked a number of factory jobs and was a member of the United Auto Workers Union. During the same period he attended Illinois Valley Community College until he received his Associated degree in 1976. It was at IVCC where he met Victoria Barrientos Arriola from Cusco, Peru, South America. They were married on October 18, 1975. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in December 1976 and was stationed at Dyess AFB. At Dyess he was selected for the Airman Education Program and was re-assigned to Texas A&M University in 1980 to earn his bachelor's degree. He graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1983.

After graduation he was re-assigned to Scott AFB in his original military specialty as a warehouse manager. He separated from the Air Force in 1986 to enter Civil Service for the Air Force as a Communications Engineer. He retired from Civil Service as a Lead Engineer at the end of December 2010.

Mike was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in December 2005 at East Lodge No 504 in Fairview Heights, Illinois. He served as Worshipful Master of East Lodge for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year.

He was initiated into the Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Illinois during the Spring Re-Union in April 2006. He served as Sovereign Prince of the Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem from 2010-2011. He received the Meritorious Service Award from the Illinois Council of Deliberations on June 29, 2013. He was elected Commander in Chief of the Valley of Southern Illinois on July 26, 2017. He will receive the honor of Sovereign Grand Inspector 33rd Degree on August 29, 2017. He has served as a member and Treasurer of the Board of Governors for the Children's Dyslexia Center - Southern Illinois since September 2009.



Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to Scottish Rite Masons for their outstanding service to their community, church, masonic organizations, as well as the Scottish Rite.

If you know of someone who should be nominated for such an award, please write a description about that person's accomplishments and submit it to the Scottish Rite Office. Thank You

Greetings from the Dyslexia Center!

We have completed our 15th year of service to our children and families in the surrounding 30+ communities. What a year it has been!!

The center staff have been busy with trainings and graduations of all sorts this past year. But instead of regaling you with a lengthy article, I will let pictures speak for us!

Enjoy the summer and know we are hard at work representing the Scottish Rite in the community as we work with families, schools, professionals and businesses to continue the legacy you are building through your generous giving.

Best regards, Michele Johnson, Center Director



Left: Henry Haisch, Tutor Graduation

Below: Students from Lindenwood learning about Dyslexia.

Bottom Center: Little Medical School Camp graduates, donated by Dr. Andrea Frazier.

Far Right: Kaleb, Graduation.



Counting Education Training for Center Staff and visitors from the Springfield Dyslexia Center.



Upcoming Events for the Dyslexia Center

September 14 - 17

Oktoberfest Food Booth
Downtown Belleville

September 30

Book Fair at Barnes & Nobles
Fairview Heights store

October 6 & 7

Chili Cookoff
Downtown Belleville

October 7

Walkathon for Dyslexia
Scottish Rite Building

October 22

Millstadt Optimist Chili & BBQ Cookoff

December 2

Winter Wonderland Vendor Fair.
Scottish Rite



ANNUAL WALK-A-THON for the Children's Dyslexia Center

Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 AM

The Annual Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 7th at 10 a.m. in Belleville at the Scottish Rite building.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and participants can walk three or five-miles. The walkers will depart from the Children's Dyslexia Center at the Scottish Rite building, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West. The

three-mile loop travels south on Frank Scott Parkway, east on North Belt West, then west on West Main St., and returns to the center. The five-mile route travels through Bellevue Park. Refreshments will be sold outside the Scottish Rite building after the walk.

The entry fee before September 29th is \$25 per adult and \$18 per child under age 12, and includes a commemorative T-shirt. After September 29th, the fee is \$27 per adult and \$20 per child. Those who prefer not to participate may be a "virtual walker" and receive a T-shirt for a minimum \$30 donation, or they may sponsor a child's walk registration. Sponsorships need to be in by September 29th.

All proceeds will support the Children's Dyslexia Center, which helps elementary and high school students overcome the challenges of reading and writing, at no charge to their families.

For more information about the walk or a variety of available sponsorship opportunities, go to www.readwithdyslexia.com, call 618-235-9392/618-235-3350, or send an e-mail to learningcenter@sril092.com. You can also find them on Facebook, just search Children's Dyslexia Center - Southern IL.

The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., supported by the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies, provides free, professional one-on-one instruction in reading and writing to children with dyslexia. The Scottish Rite Masons, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, are national leaders in the effort to help children and their families overcome the obstacles of dyslexia, providing tutoring for students, and training highly skilled and dedicated tutors.

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Advance Registration Form (prior to September 29th)

Enclosed is my entry fee of \$25.00 per adult, \$18.00 per child under 12 that will be participating in the Walk.

Late Registration Form (after September 29th)

Enclosed is my entry fee of \$27.00 per adult, \$20.00 per child under 12 that will be participating in the Walk.

Registrations received by September 29th will receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

NAME _____	Shirt Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
NAME _____	Shirt Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
NAME _____	Shirt Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
NAME _____	Shirt Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL

Sponsorships:

- \$250 - Name on T-Shirt
- \$ 30 - Name on Route Sign

I am unable to attend, however enclosed is my donation of

\$ _____ .

SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Brethren,

The following is a summary of the Scottish Rite Scholarship activity for 2017 in the Valley of Southern Illinois.

For 2017 fifteen recipients graduated and one was dropped.

Twelve new Health Care Scholarships were awarded and thirty-four were renewed. One Perkins Scholarship and one Kresin Scholarship were renewed.

We were allotted six Grand Lodge Scholarships; five renewals and one initial award. Six Abbott Scholarships were awarded; three were renewals and three were initial award.

We were unable to award a Williams Scholarship this year.

This year the number of scholarships available was extremely limited and the competition very keen. There were twenty-six applicants who were not awarded scholarships.

The Committee members and I consider it a privilege to be of service to our great fraternity and appreciate the opportunity to do so. The grand total of the scholarships from the Valley of Southern Illinois for 2017 was \$91,860

Fraternally,

Henry A. Haisch Jr., 32^o, Scholarship Chairman

Below is a listing of the Scottish Rite Scholarship activity for 2017 in the Valley of Southern Illinois:

Abbott Scholarship

Jessica Croissant, O'Fallon
Sophia Evans, Edwardsville
Cole Hutchens, Ewing
Wade Hutchens, Ewing
Eliza Pauk, Edwardsville
Michaela Sinks, O'Fallon

Health Care Scholarship

Morgan Barton, Norris City
Zoe Bauer, Collinsville
Emily Bergkoetter, St. Libory
Emily Berry, O'Fallon
Joshua Blain, Hillsboro
Abigail Bryant, Carmi
Carson Conn, Elizabethtown
Emily Duncan, Highland
Katelyn Esker, Teutopolis
Adrian Ewald, Mt. Carmel
Aliyah Gillespie, Swansea
Meghan Halley, Fairfield
Nicole Hays, Salem
Gabrielle Hickey, Belleville
Mikaela Hickey, Belleville
Alyssa Huckins, Collinsville
Allyson Iberg, Highland
Parker Johnson, O'Fallon
Katie Kampwerth, Pocahontas
Mason Kelly, Maryville
Genevieve Kupsky, Edwardsville
Madyson Locke, Albers
Madison Martin, Grayville
Sarah Maust, Fairview Heights
Hannah Melton, Marion
Olivia Miller, Effingham

Lexie Money, Norris City
Bryce Pearce, Flora
Alyssa Pellmann, Millstadt
Alexis Radden, Swansea
Randy Reeder, Vienna
Rebecca Reeder, Vienna
Markelle Reising, Staunton
Madeline Remelius, Swansea
Jordan Schaal, Farina
Jessica Schumacher, Effingham
Alyson Siglock, Brighton
Alana Snider, Dundas
Peyton Spitzner, Clay City
Kaelyn Watson, Harrisburg
Brody Watts, New Haven
Kali Weisenberger, West Salem
Madison Wellen, Highland
Bailey Wills, Highland
Kara Wirth, Millstadt
Lauren Wright, St. Peters, MO

Kresin Scholarship

Sydney Butterfield, Collinsville

Grand Lodge Scholarship

Trenton Black, Carmi
Alex Dietrich, Marissa
Phillip Frangello, Carterville
Jillian Rosenkranz, Millstadt
Robert Stilwell, Bethalto
Marissa Wheeler, Highland

Perkins Scholarship

Gabrielle Apperson, Maryville

Officers Training Mandatory

This is a requirement for being an officer in the Scottish Rite.

Officers Training has been set for Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 PM. Officers Training is not only for those men who will be presiding officers; it is for all line officers and anyone interested in becoming an officer or would just like to know more about the procedures.

Please call the Valley Office at 618-235-3350 if you are planning to attend; so that we may know how many to prepare for. Thank you!

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Commander in Chief

From your Building

First off, I want to thank Doc Clubb and Dave Haas for their help with my fountain lights. Also, thanks to Dave for helping with changing my lights in the Consistory. My back parking lot has been oiled and chipped. Thank you to Charlie Hileman for painting my curbs.

The tile floor in the dining room is coming along. The one big problem is that people keep dragging tables and chairs across it. This causes scratches in my finish that are hard to buff out. Please if you must move a table on the tile floor carry it rather than drag it. I am your building and I am doing my best to look good; but on this issue I need your help.

With the election, Doc Clubb has accepted to be the new chairman of the house committee. Doc has been working on organizing his committee. If you have a special skill or just a strong back and want to help, contact Doc with your information. That being said we would like to thank Jeff Berry for his hard work during his chairmanship.

Thank you, from Your Building

To Keep you Informed

We are using a program called MarketVolt to keep members informed weekly of what is happening in the Valley.

If you have not given us your email address please do so or if you have changed your email address please let us know. That way we can make sure you are receiving the MarketVolt information.

As always, if you have moved, changed/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, mike@sril092.com or 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!!

**The Regular Monthly Board Meeting and the Monthly Stated Meeting are now a combined.
The Combined Monthly Meeting is now 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.)**

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.

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.

A deposit of at least \$50.00 must accompany this Application. Fees for the Fall 2017 Class are \$125.00.

PLEASE PRINT

Signature _____ Membership Number _____

Signature _____ Membership Number _____

FALL 2017 REUNION

The Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois will confer Degrees on Saturday, October 28, 2017
Fees and Dues for the Class is \$125.00

Degree Rehearsals

4°.....DVD	
16°.....	Wednesday, September 6..... @ 6:30 PM Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30 PM
18°.....	Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:30 PM Tuesday, October 10..... @ 6:30 PM
27°.....	Wednesday, September 6 @ 8:00 PM Tuesday, September 26 @ 8:00 PM
32°Allegory...	Tuesday, September 19..... @ 6:30 PM Wednesday, October 11..... @ 8:00 PM
32°.....	Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30 PM Tuesday, October 24..... @ 8:00 PM

REUNION SCHEDULE

Breakfast & Registration.....	8:00 .AM
Opening.....	9:00 AM
4th Degree.....	9:20 AM
16th Degree.....	9:45 AM
Break.....	10:15 AM
18th Degree.....	10:30 AM
Introductions.....	11:45 AM
Lunch.....	12:00 Noon
Class Picture.....	12:50 PM
27th Degree.....	1:00 .PM
Break.....	1:35 .PM
32nd Degree/32nd Allegory.....	1:55 PM
Closing	3:15 PM
**Afterglow.....	3:15 PM
**Remember to invite your ladies and family to the aferglow.	

Membership

Our Fall Reunion will be here before you know it and we need your help; we need candidates and we would like you to get at least one candidate for the October 28th Reunion.

Can we count on you to help us have a large class of candidates for our Fall Reunion? Hope to see you at the Reunion!

For further information on Membership contact the office at 618-235-3350/mike@sri092.com or contact our new Membership Chairperson Orval Cox at 618-282-5778/ocox@htc.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

6	Masonic Youth Day 1:00 PM
13	33rd Annual Summer Meeting
17	Officers Training - 7:00 PM Mandatory Attendance
18	Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
27-29	Supreme Council Session
30	Stated/Board Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

4	Labor Day Holiday Office Closed
7	Coffee and Donuts
9	Installation - 7:00 PM Reception following @ \$10.00 per person (reservations required) Public Invited
15	Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
17	DeMolay Honors Day - 2:00 PM

21	Coffee and Donuts
22-24	Rainbow Pilgrimage
27	Stated/Board Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM

OCTOBER

7	Walk -A-Thon
7-8	Grand Lodge
12	Coffee and Donuts
20	Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
25	Stated/Board Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM
26	Coffee and Donuts
28	Reunion

NOVEMBER

2	Coffee and Donuts
4	Ainad Ceremonial
10	Veterans Day - Office Closed
16	Coffee and Donuts
17	Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM

18-19	Nutcracker Rental
23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
29	Stated/Board Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM

DECEMBER

2	Dyslexia Center Vendor Fair
7	Coffee and Donuts
9	Children's Christmas Party
10	Scott Air Force Band Concert 3:00 PM
14	Family Life - Christmas Dinner
20	Stated/Board Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM
21	Coffee and Donuts
23-31	Christmas Office Closed

Watch your weekly MarketVolt or check out our website for changes in dates or activities at your Scottish Rite.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

Annual Children's Christmas Party

December 9th
9:30 AM till Noon

*Fun - Games and
Special Store for
Children's Holiday Shopping*



September 7th we start our bi-monthly Thursday Mornings at the Rite . . .

Coffee • Donuts • Fellowship • Discussion

Come and visit with fellow Masons on the First and Third Thursday Mornings of each month anytime after 8:30 AM in the lounge.

It is not a work situation; it is just to socialize, rekindle friendship, make new friends and enjoy our facility.



Do you know a member who is not receiving a Bulletin?

If you know of any Scottish Rite member who does not have the internet or access to the electronic Bulletin; please have them contact the Scottish Rite Office (618-235-3350) so that we can send them a Quarterly Bulletin through the postal service. Bulletin schedule will be the first or second week of February (Spring), May (Summer), August (Fall) and November (Winter).

We do want to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our Valley.

Thank You!!

Thoughts from Our Executive Secretary - Mike

Hi everyone it's me again with a few things from the past and the future.

Let's start with the Past, just seems to make sense, don't you think. The kids were catching fish like crazy at the Second Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo. As always this was a joint event by the Scottish Rite, Ainad Shriners, and the Quail Club. Over 80 kids got to fish, drink soft drinks, eat hot dogs, and win a few prizes. All and all a great day for everyone involved. A tip of the hat to you Brian Coppotelli for a well-run event, but we have come to expect that out of you.

Talking about kids let's move to the young people of the different youth organizations in Free Masonry. That would be the event here at the Scottish Rite with the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and the Rainbow Girls. I know by the time you read this Bulletin the date of the event has passed. I just want you all to know what a great group of young people we have representing Masonry. The three organizations did a presentation of different events pertaining to their group. As always the day was a huge success. Look for detail next year for this wonderful event. As always the case we had the election of Officers who will lead the Scottish Rite in the coming years. We are very fortunate to have these men that come forward and spend their valuable time in helping the Scottish Rite remain a respected force in Free Masonry. You may think that these new Officers know everything there is to know about the Scottish Rite, but that is not the case. These men learn as they go thru the lines, and receive training on the do's and don'ts of being an Officer. So if one of you out there in Scottish Rite land was thinking, I really don't know enough to serve as an Officer, think again, because you will learn. Come to a meeting and let us know you want to be a person to help guide this great organization. September 9th will be the Public Installation of new Officers of your Scottish Rite. Full details for this event are shown in this Bulletin. Come out and thank these men that have taken on this huge responsibility.

The Fall Reunion is October 28th, 2017. If you have not made a Reunion for a few years come out and support all the work that is accomplished that day, just to make sure the new members know what the Rite is all about. Heck, just don't come out, but take part in the day's happenings. We can always use men for parts in the degrees (speaking or non-speaking), setup the stage or floor, run the sound and lighting, help cook, or do some makeup. As you can see you are wanted and needed, so come on down and lend a hand. You will be glad you did.

We have a few more events coming up, and that would be the Supreme Council meeting August 27th – 29th, in Rochester, NY. and the Annual Christmas Dinner here at the Scottish Rite on December 14th more exciting details to follow.

Doc Clubb has started a committee to help with the maintenance here at the Rite. Don't worry; you don't need to be an expert at anything, just willing to help. Give Doc a call at 618-304-2642, and tell him you would like to help.

Oh don't forget if you are around the Rite on Thursday mornings, stop in and have a donut and coffee. Just as an extra bonus you can learn all about the world from the brilliant men joining you for coffee.

Sorry if I kept you awake, so take a nap now, you deserve it.

