

Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois

Winter 2017

Happy Holidays

*The Officers and Staff of
The Valley of Southern Illinois,
A.A.O.R., N.M.J., U.S.A.
Wish All Members, Ladies, Masons, and Friends
Seasons Greetings For The Holidays*

*A Special Wish that the New Year
May Bring Peace Unto The World
and
May All of Our
Armed Services Personnel
Come Home Safe*

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.*

Walter F. Beil Millstadt, IL	October 29, 2017	Arlie King Marion, IL	June 9, 2017
Robert A. Best Glen Carbon, IL	June 23, 2017	Jerry Rann King Nashville, IL	September 20, 2017
William R. Blankenship, Sr. Belleville, IL	August 9, 2017	Kenneth R. Laird Metropolis, IL	July 24, 2017
Buddy J. Brimm Marion, IL	July 31, 2017	Henry Fredrick Lannert Ft. Myers, FL	September 17, 2017
Roger B. Campbell Belleville, IL	October 20, 2017	Nelson E. McCormick Naples, FL	August 1, 2017
Alan R. Canterbury Lebanon, IL	September 16, 2017	Dale L. Miles Centralia, IL	July 14, 2017
Ronald L. Carter Ft. Myers, FL	August 26, 2017	Walter D. Minton Shiloh, IL	October 13, 2017
Leuty R. Chambliss Bluford, IL	November 27, 2015	Noble H. Moye Ridgway, IL	July 31, 2017
Robert Clark Belleville, IL	October 10, 2017	Vernon E. Nagel Goreville, IL	August 2, 2017
Fred E. Cornwell Cahokia, IL	August 31, 2017	James Elmer O'Dell Elsah, IL	March 16, 2013
Donald M. Crisel Granite City, IL	September 5, 2017	John R. Parrish Carbondale, IL	July 28, 2017
Charles L. Droege Sun City, AZ	August 20, 2017	James Wyeth Patterson O'Fallon, IL	September 20, 2017
James C. Dunbar, Jr. O'Fallon, IL	August 5, 2017	Harold W. Piggott Glen Carbon, IL	September 15, 2017
Gregory L. French Clay City, IL	July 7, 2017	Franklin D. Porterfield Dongola, IL	August 26, 2017
Lowell E. Furlong Harrisburg, IL	June 30, 2017	Robert A. Robinson Springfield, IL	September 11, 2017
Richard A. Gleiber Waterloo, IL	September 16, 2017	Leslie L. Sherl Centralia, IL	August 28, 2017
Clyde D. Gossman Dieterich, IL	January 9, 2016	Roy W. Taylor Cisne, IL	December 25, 2015
Orville E. Hommert Granite City, IL	October 29, 2017	Ernst B. Vombey Troy, MO	October 19, 2017
Charles Ireland, Jr. Greenville, IL	June 17, 2017	Floyd P. Ward Carmi, IL	July 16, 2017
Orville A. Kaffenberger, Jr. Dallas, TX	May 21, 2017	Dewey F. Wilfong Chester, IL	September 22, 2017
John N. Katsorelos Newton, IL	July 7, 2017	Harlan K. Yates Fairfield, IL	April 19, 2017
David L. Keele Wayne City, IL	September 19, 2017		

**The Scottish Rite Office will be closed for the Holidays from
December 22nd through January 1st**

Most Wise Master, John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix

Dave Lee Rogers was born on September 26, 1938 at Kankakee, Illinois. He graduated from Herscher High School, May 1956 and enlisted in the Army. He served 2 years active duty and with years in the Army Reserves. Dave married his high school sweetheart Hazel (Wells), on December 1st, 1957; they were married for 44 years until her passing with cancer. On November 23, 2002 he married Ann (Hamilton) and they currently reside in Carrier Mills.

He was raised Master Mason on June 10, 1960 at Kankakee Lodge. On November 16, 1963 he became a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason at the Valley of Bloomington. Dave has served as Membership Chairman for three years at the Valley of Southern Illinois.

Dave was elected and served as Mayor of Carrier Mills for five years, leaving office in 2002. He is a Past Master of Harrisburg Lodge #325 and Blazing Star Lodge #458. He is presently the Worshipful Master at Harrisburg Lodge #325.



St. Clair Lodge of Perfection

Stephen F. Oakley, 33°
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 Ceremonies Warren A. Jackson

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 Ceremonies Allen L. Holston

Mississippi Valley Consistory

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA, 33°
Commander In Chief

First Lt. Commander..... Jeffery L. Edwards, MSA
Second Lt. Commander William C. Brown, MSA, 33°
Orator Jeffery 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, 33° 2018
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., MSA, 33° 2018
David L. Rogers 2018
Michael J. Fitzpatrick, MSA, 33° 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

M. James Heatherly, Sr., 33° Reunion Class



Fifteen candidates and two 4th Degree members went through the degrees on October 28th.

Welcome to all our new Scottish Rite Masons are: Derek B. Bleisch, Okawville; Jame E. Butler, II, Harrisburg; Aaron T. Crump, Mt. Vernon; Daniel J. Crump, Mt. Vernon; Dakota R. Heck, Mt. Vernon; Dallas R. Heck, Mt. Vernon; Ricky D. Heck, Mt. Vernon; James H. Hutcherson, Lake St. Louis; Steven P. Lindsey, Alma; Martin S. McManus, Belleville; Jamie J. McNutt, Carbondale; Charles W. Meads, Mt. Vernon; Russell J. Swift, Alma; Nicholas T. Taylor, Marion; Daniel L. Wilson, II, Mascoutah; and 4th Degree Members returning: William E. Chapman, II, O'Fallon; and Kary Eckrich, Waterloo.

The Goal . . .

Membership, membership, membership! We hear that so much we get tired of it. It seems that we hold Reunions to bring in new members so they can help us with the next Reunion.

We need to focus on being more active. Each of us needs to make it our personal responsibility to get more involved. Not only by participating on committees and degree work; but by attending stated meetings, Valley events, and Children's Dyslexia Center events.

Committee Chairmen are always looking for help, and directors of degrees are always looking for actors. As chairmen and directors we should never tell anyone we don't need their help.

Degree work is a key aspect of what we do and who we are. All of us should focus on what we are doing individually to help perfect the craft.

All of us can make a point to attend Valley functions AND bring a buddy.

If each of us spends a little time focusing on and participating in Scottish Rite events: MEMBERSHIP WILL BE THE RESULT.

Michael Fitzpatrick, MSA, 33
Commander in Chief

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. *Some members are enjoying the socialization so much that on Second and Fourth Thursday Mornings; members are taking turns buying donuts; so come out and join in!*

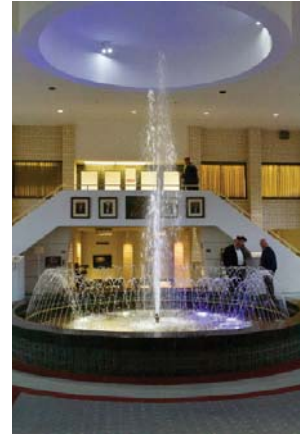
It is not a work situation; it is just to socialize, rekindle friendship, make new friends and enjoy our facility.

Chat with the Building

Hello, it's me the building again. Have I got some news! My fountain lights work again!! Not to brag but I have been told it makes me look very special and pretty. I would like to thank Dave Haas for figuring out how to run the new lights and for doing the work under the able supervision of Building and Grounds chairman "Doc" Clubb.

Still have a few issues with people dragging tables and chairs on my floor in the dining room. But I have hope that people will start doing the right thing. On to a happier subject, the Holidays are coming, and I will be getting all sorts of pretty things hung up to make me look very festive for the season. Howard and Brian Coppotelli have been slowly but surely changing out the old-style light bulbs for new more cost-efficient LED bulbs. On the note of lighting, I want to thank Gary Alves for rewiring the tube lighting in the Lounge.

I am still having an embarrassing issue with my hot water heater upstairs, but hopefully that can be remedied before long. The greenery along my front entrance is filling out nicely, and should come back nice and thick in the Spring and make my front look very attractive. I would like to thank Chuck Hileman for painting my curbs, fire hydrants and sewer lids. They all look nice and clean and tidy. That's all for now. Talk to you again in the Spring.



**Be Active, Support your
Lodge, Scottish Rite, & Shrine**

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



Happenings at the Rite



Our First Ladies Day!!
Hopefully next Reunion more Ladies
can join in .



Ritual



Reunion - Awards, Recognitions, & Afterglow



Making it a Family Affair



MSA Fall Dinner



FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES



Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

An outstanding meal will be provided, plus special entertainment.

You may purchase your tickets for \$15.00 each by sending **a self addressed stamped envelope** to the office, or stop by and pick them up. We look forward to having you attend

Please Send _____ Dinner Tickets for December 14th, 2017
Enclosed is _____ (\$15.00 per person).
Reservations required by December 7th; this is a catered meal.

Name: _____

Send to:
Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Pkwy W, Belleville, IL 62223



Valentine Luncheon
Bring your Sweetheart

The Annual Valentine Luncheon will be held on
Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.

It's not too early to start thinking about your Sweetheart and bring her to the Luncheon.

Reservations REQUIRED by February 1st!

An outstanding meal will be provided, plus special entertainment.

You may purchase your tickets for \$12.00 each by sending **a self addressed stamped envelope** to the office, or stop by and pick them up. We look forward to having you attend.

Please Send _____ Dinner Tickets for February 8, 2018

Enclosed is _____ (\$12.00 per person).

Name: _____

Send to: Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Pkwy W, Belleville, IL 62223

Calendar of Events

November

- 17 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 18 & 19 Nutcracker - Rental
- 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Holiday
Office Closed
- 29 **State/Board Meeting**
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM

December

- 2 Dyslexia Center Vendor Fair
- 9 **Children's Christmas Party**
- 10 Air Force Band Concert
- 14 Christmas Dinner,
Tickets \$15.00 in advance
- 15 **NO FISH FRY**
- 20 **Stated/Board Meeting**
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 22-2 Christmas Holiday
Office Closed

January

- 6 Rental
- 19 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 20 Cosmic Bingo
- 25 **Stated/Board Meeting**
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM

February

- 7 Mayor's Breakfast
- 8 Valentine Luncheon
Tickets \$12.00 in advance
- 16 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 19 President's Day
Office Closed
- 23 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 28 **Stated/Board Meeting**
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM

March

- 2 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 9 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 16 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 18 Feast of the Paschal Lamb
- 23 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 28 **Stated/Board Meeting**
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 30 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM

MarketVolt

Watch your email for your Weekly MarketVolt . . . we are trying to keep you informed of what is happening in your Scottish Rite. Also, if our Dyslexia Center, Masonic Youth Groups, your Lodge, Shrine have events let us know we will post them at the end of our announcements.

Mike's Minute

Well hello again! Hope you all are doing well. Just in case you were wondering, I'm doing swell. Now that we are done with niceties let's get started with what went on and what will be going on at your Scottish Rite.

The election of Officers went as it should, with a few members running for different position, and the members deciding which member they wished to lead the Rite for the next year. As is the case, after the election there was a Public Installation of the Officers. Talk about great food, Vickie Fitzpatrick, Commander's Wife, and friends cooked up some of the best food I've eaten in years. In fact it was more than I needed to eat. If you missed this year's installation try and make next year, it is a great event. Talking about a great event let's move to the Fall Reunion.

The Scottish Rite had the honor of making 17 men 32° Masons. The day went as smooth as silk. The degree work was outstanding. The stage, floor, lights and sound, makeup, and wardrobe committees all preformed their duties to a T. We need to give a big thanks to the Knights of St. Andrews for being wherever they were needed, from the start of the day to the end of the day. Let's not forget Mike and his crew in the kitchen, these men provided two great meals, and then made sure that the pizza was there for the afterglow. When the day was over the new Scottish Rite Members knew they had been involved in something special, and had made some new friends for life.

On November 3, the MSA men and their ladies had their dinner honoring their members. Bob Buck, Mike and Robin Chandler, made it a night for all to enjoy. The food was great, the room was decorated beautifully, and the friendship filled the room. Everyone can't wait till their next dinner here at the Rite.

Well that takes care of the past, so let's move on to the future. On December 9 is the Christmas Party for the kids. This is a great event hosted by the Scottish Rite as a joint venture with Ainad Shriners. Both Mason groups come together to make sure that the kids have a wonderful day. There will be pancakes, sausage, milk, and juice to start the morning, followed by crafts, and shopping to make sure mom and dad have something under the tree. Of course the finally of the day is Santa greeting the kids. More information is in this bulletin.

Well since we are on Christmas events let's talk about the Christmas Dinner on December 14. Something different this year is that the dinner will be on Thursday night. Our chairman of the event, Brian Coppotelli, is planning a great evening for all to enjoy. More information on the dinner is in this bulletin.

Just a little heads up, the Air Force Band is playing here on December 10, but you will need to go on line to get your tickets. You'll find all the information is in this bulletin.

Look in this bulletin for information on the Valentine Luncheon coming February 8.

Well that is it for now, but wait! For no charge you too can come down on Thursday mornings for coffee donuts, and solving the world's problems at no extra charge. This has been a public service announcement. Just kidding, but really come on down for some fun.

Hope to see you soon.

**The Regular Monthly Stated/Board Meeting is the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month.
Except our November Meeting will be the FIFTH WEDNESDAY
and December Meeting will be the THIRD WEDNESDAY**



Welcome to the Dyslexia Center

Our mission here is a simple one...help children learn to read and teach community members how to help them learn to do it!

As a direct approach to that mission, we held a recent community outreach event titled, Experience Dyslexia: A Learning Disabilities Simulation, that was a sold-out event! In our audience were parents, grandparents, board members, and teachers from many different school districts. Attendees came from all over the Metro East, places such as: Glen Carbon, Pinckneyville, Summerfield, Keysport, Shumway, Sorento, Evansville, Waterloo and even St. Louis, Mo.

And they came because they are frequently working with students at home, or in the classroom, who simply cannot read. The students are frustrated, parents are frustrated, and teachers are frustrated that they cannot seem to find a way to help these students learn to read.

Fortunately, the Children's Dyslexia Center knows how to help these kids and that was part of the purpose for this event. We want to make teachers and families aware of the fact that their students have a real reading problem and there is a real reading solution. This event was a first step to get that message out there and here are some of the comments received after the event was over.

- "My daughter is truly struggling and not just trying to make me crazy." - Teacher and parent, J.S.
- "I didn't realize how hard it must be to have dyslexia. I will need to have more empathy for my students who are struggling." Teacher, K.N.
- "I gained insight into how my students must feel." -Teacher, S.K.
- "Being dyslexic is really hard. I also know I need to change some of my teaching strategies." -Teacher, J.B.
- "How frustrating and exhausting a typical school day can be for a child with dyslexia!" - Teacher, K.S.
- "Frustration level is very high for children...fear of being left behind, failure and embarrassment..." - parent, C.L.

That last comment sums up what our students face on a daily basis in school. But, at the Center, we are giving them tools to make it easier and now they are going to have teachers, and parents, who are much more sensitive to their plight. This is what we do! This is what your center does!

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and interest in the lives of these students. Thank you on behalf of the tutors and parents in your center!

Best regards, Michele M. Johnson, Center Director

Dyslexia Center Fund Raisers

Winter Wonderland

Vendor and Craft Show

Saturday, December 2nd at 9 AM to 2 PM

Cosmic Bingo

January 20th

Crazy Bowl

February 23, 2018

St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights,

Bowling at 7:00 PM;

sponsored by Collinsville Shrine Club.

Dine in for Dyslexia

Panera Bread Company

5917 N. Illinois St., Fairview Heights

4:00 to 8:00 PM

9th Annual Ladies Luncheon

"Breakfast at Tiffany's"

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Main Street Brewery Co.

4204 Banquet Facility

6435 W. Main St., Belleville, IL

**\$35.00 per person,
tables of 8 or 10**

The theme is 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'. Patrons are encourage to wear their 'little black dress and pearl necklaces.'





USAF Band of Mid America Concert

The Valley will be hosting the Band of Mid America for a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM
The tickets are available now.

To get your tickets go to
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/usaf-band-of-mid-america-holidays-around-the-world-tickets->

Tickets will go fast, so get your request in early.



No DECEMBER Fish Fry

2018

January	19
February	16
February	23
March	2
March	9
March	16
March	23
March	30
April	20
May	18
June	15
July	20
August	17
September	21
October	19
November	16



The Valley of Southern Illinois and the Ainad Shriners will co-sponsor the Annual Breakfast With Santa.

Festivities will begin at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 9th at the Valley.

A special pre-season visit from Santa will highlight the event.

There will be lots of fun, games, and a special "store" for the kids to do their holiday shopping.

We ask that you call the office - 235-3350 with your reservations.

So get into the spirit and bring the kids, grandkids, etc. to **Breakfast With Santa. Saturday, December 9th, 9:30 - 12:00**

Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that your 2017-2018 dues are due! Our dues period runs from August 1st to July 31st of the next year; so your 2018 Scottish Rite dues are due now.

At this time we have 98 members owing (\$170.00) dues for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 years. We would hate to lose you as a member for nonpayment of dues . . . so if you have financial need or you would like to talk to someone about your dues situation please call 618-235-3350.

Thank you!

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Sunday, April 19th - 3:00 PM



The John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix, invites the members and families of the Masonic Fraternity to attend our annual observance of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb and the Relighting of Lights at our Scottish Rite. In keeping with the ancient custom and in accordance with the constitutions of the Supreme Council, the Chapter of Rose Croix observes this beautiful symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a memorial service, honoring our brethren who have passed on to their eternal reward during the preceding year. In spirit, we seem to sense their presence at the Mystic Banquet as we seek to strengthen the ties of brotherly love which binds our hearts in holy remembrance.

Please notify the office at 618-235-3350 if you are planning to attend.
Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.