

Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois

Spring 2018

Good Bye and Hello

The keys have been handed over . . .

As sad as it is to say good bye to Mike Grafe, it is just as exciting to say hello to our New Executive Secretary, Vincent Riti.

Vince has been a member of the Scottish Rite for six years; he has been a Past Sovereign Prince of Cahokia Council Princes of Jerusalem; active in the Knights of Saint Andrew holding the position as Knight Commander., Past Sovereign Prince; and he can be found working at almost all Fish Frys. He is a member of Past Master of Franklin Lodge #25; a member of Alton York Rite, serving as Secretary/ Recorder; a member of Cahokia Mounds Council #225 and as Secretary in Belleville, IL; and is a member of the KYCH.

Vince has an adorable son Dominic; three beautiful daughters Abigail, Sarah, Carla and two precious grand-daughters and a grandson on the way.

So come by anytime and say welcome to our new Executive Secretary; have a cup of coffee and donut on Thursdays and get to know Vince.



Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Sunday, March 18 - 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.



Valentine Luncheon

A delicious meal was enjoyed by all; a thank you to all who helped make this day so special. A very special THANK YOU to Gary Alves for coming in and running the dishwasher, your expertise is greatly appreciated!

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 Jacob W. Rose

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°
OratorJeffery A. Berry, MSA
Chancellor Brian K. Coppotelli, MSA

Elected for all Bodies

TreasurerGrant O. Koentz, 33°
Secretary Vince Riti

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
Vince Riti 2018
J. Randy Patchett 2018
Ranall R. Milone, 33°Active
Joseph A. Diliberto, 33° Deputy Representative

Permanent Dues Card

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.

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.

ILL John T. Phillips, 33°, Active, Deputy of Illinois January 6, 2018	Thomas Lewis Goreville, IL August 2017
Anitoch, IL Leon M. Welch, MSA December 21, 2017	Francis J. Lingle Johnston City, IL November 18, 2017
Bonnie, IL Arnold E. Alam December 16, 2017	Bennie L. Mansfield Collinsville, IL December 7, 2017
Harrisburg, IL Leroy P. Bauer Freeburg, IL December 12, 2017	Charles Michels Collinsville, IL February 10, 2018
John L. Blumenstock Marion, IL October 18, 2017	Curtis J. Miller Tamms, IL November 29, 2017
Alvin L. Boyer Murphysboro, IL January 7, 2018	Harold O. Morrisson Belleville, IL January 17, 2018
William R. Brown Effingham, IL September 26, 2016	Clarence I. Oldham Shawneetown, IL October 27, 2017
Stanley L. Casey Panama, IL May 7, 2017	Richard M. Pyatt Pinckneyville, IL September 11, 2017
Everette L. Duke Converse, TX September 6, 2017	Darrel R. Rippelmeyer Belleville, IL November 19, 2017
James W. Durham Marion, IL December 7, 2017	Charles A. Salmons Alton, IL December 12, 2017
Clyde W. Ellis Bluford, IL March 8, 2016	Daniel D. Sanders Karnak, IL June 15, 2014
Stanlee Erlinger Belleville, IL December 24, 2017	Paul E. Seibert O'Fallon, IL November 11, 2017
Harrel G. Ewell Harrisburg, IL January 15, 2018	Bernard R. Sturm Grayville, IL October 29, 2017
Samuel P. Guge, Sr. Caseyville, IL November 13, 2017	George R. Taylor Mascoutah, IL January 17, 2018
Billie A. Hammond New Orleans, LA July 25, 2017	Richard W. Trolliet Glen Carbon, IL January 16, 2018
Lewis J. Hilliard Mt. Pleasant, SC January 12, 2018	Ralph N. Weiss Glen Carbon, IL November 20, 2017
Dale E. Keck Millstadt, IL February 11, 2018	Fred E. Widman Godfrey, IL December 24, 2017
George M. Kloos, Jr. Lebanon, IL December 29, 2017	Roy E. Williams Port Orange, FL September 12, 2017

A Few Good Men Are Needed

Would you like to become an officer of the Scottish Rite? Have you ever wondered how a person becomes an Officer of the Scottish Rite? The answer is very simple, they were selected. But wait, how were they selected? There are times, when an Officer will ask members if they would like to serve. There is also that occasion when someone steps up and volunteers, wishing to become an Officer in the Scottish Rite. Now, we are getting to my point. We need more members to step up, and become a member of the Board of Directors. Being an Officer of the Scottish Rite is not a hard job, but it does come with responsibilities. Here a just a few:

- Readily availability for performance of assignments;
- Dependability;
- A willingness to assume and discharge the duties of office;
- Full cooperation with fellow Officers;
- A deep desire to make the Scottish Rite an organization where men will want to become part of our fraternity.

Don't think that they wouldn't want you as a Board Member, because you're not part of a select group. You are part of a very select group, the Scottish Rite of Southern Illinois, and that's the highest credential needed. So pick up or download an Office Application or give the office a call, we would be happy get you on the path to serving your fellow members.

Think this over, we need you.

Can you help . . .

Our Retention Committee has tried calling and/or emailing each of these gentlemen with the information that we have on file. Some of these gentleman have moved, changed phone numbers and/or emails without informing us; so if you know any of these individuals please contact them for us or send us the updated information. The Office and Retention Committee would greatly appreciate your help. Remember you are doing it for the good of Your Valley, since the *Valley of Southern Illinois* pays \$34.00 per year of your dues for *Per Capita* to Supreme Council if the dues are paid or not.

Thank you!

Membership 2018 Suspension List

The following sixty Brethren will be suspended in March from membership in the Valley due to non payment of dues.

If your name or a friend of yours name appears here and they are in financial distress, having health problems or other issues; please contact the office at: 618-235-3350; mike@sril092.com; robin@sril092.com or valsouill@sril092.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

Anderson, Carl

Bardos, William

Barnett, Robert

Booth, Samuel

Boswell, Lester

Bowen, Gary

Bowers, Mark

Branson, Ryan

Businaro, David

Cockrum, Kenneth

Cole, Bradley

Cumba, Ricardo

Dossett, Terry

Fullerton, Stephen

Hamilton, Craig

Harvey, Kirby

Holmes, Jared

Jimenez, David

Kaufman, Charles

Keister, Harry

Kerley, Steve

Lollar, Lindell

Martin, James

Mc Cormick, David

McDaniel, Mark

Mitchell, Robert

Morgan, Jon

Morris, David

Oglesby, Jon

Oglesby, William

Otten, Gary

Palovick, Danny

Patterson, Robin

Pearce, Robert

Pearcy, Travis

Phillips, Norman

Pollack, Samuel

Poston, Jaye

Potter, Richard

Ratliff, Vern

Remley, Thomas

Schindewolf, Raymond

Schnake, Bill

Sellers, Trenton

Sizemore, Aaron

Smith, Kenneth

Snodgrass, William

Snyder, Leslie

Sondag, Dale

Stagner, Duane

Stewart, Kenneth

Stunkel, Roger

Towns, Frank

Travelstead, Justin

Trovillion, Jeffery

Tutza, Nikolas

Utley, Wallace

Watson, James

Welchlen, Ben

Werner, Scott

MEMBERSHIP

Our Spring Reunion is April 28th and yes that seems like a long time from now; but it has a way of sneaking up on us very fast. I know a lot of the Blue Lodges are working hard on raising Master Masons . . . so if you are at a Third Degree or just at a Lodge meeting why not mention Scottish Rite and help draw interest in the Rite. Fees for the Spring Reunion are \$125.00; more information on the can be found in this bulletin or call the office at 618-235-3350. Thank you for your assistance!!

Updating our system with your Military Information

Did you serve in the Military? Supreme Council would like to know when, what branch or service and your discharge date. Please email your military information (Branch of service, start date, discharge date and discharge type) to robin@sril092.com or mail information to: 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West; Belleville, IL 62223.

Also, Have you moved? Changed phone number? Added or changed your email? Please pass this information on to office.

Thank you in advance for updating your information.

What Can I Do? How Can I Help?

One day while driving about the local area. Running errands. I came upon a person standing on the side of the road with a sign asking for, "donations".

My first reaction like that of a lot of people was: Get a job.

However, after a little reflection, I came to the conclusion, that person had every right to be there, doing what he was doing. In fact, it was not that different from anyone out there selling. He was trying to get my money like so many other people.

It got me thinking about his right to be there. If he could be there, then I could be there, and we could be there; which leads to a very big problem.

If we are all standing on the side of the road with our hands out, then who do we think is going to stop, and why do we think they would. Reflecting on the impact of this on our fraternity and society in general, I realized if you think about this you realize that our organization or in general our society cannot stand if we all stand around waiting for a hand out.

Turning this around, If that man picked up a small piece of trash, which he has a right to do, and I picked up a piece, and we all picked up some small piece of thrash, before long the roadway would be clean enough to eat from.

I was dwelling on this, trying to come up with a brief way of expressing this sentiment. Something I could put on a banner as a hallmark of my term as Commander in Chief of the Valley.

It occurred to me that a man had already done this.

He said, "Ask not...".

Michael Fitzpatrick, MSA, 33
Commander in Chief

From the Executive Secretary

Hi this Mike your Executive Secretary. I'm afraid this will be the last time I will get to say that, "Your Executive Secretary". I hope that you have enjoyed the past three years being with me at your Scottish Rite, as much as I have enjoyed being here with you. The really good news is I am leaving you in some very capable hands. That would be Vince Riti as your new Executive Secretary. I can tell you, he has jumped into this job with both feet. With Vince at the helm, there are great things in store for your Rite. Next time you are at the Rite, stop in the office and say hi to Vince. He will be glad to take some time to talk with you.

Let's get to what has been going on at the Rite. Once again the Mid-American Air Force Band presented a wonderful Christmas Concert, for an audience of over 800 thrilled people. This is a great event that we are lucky to have here at the Rite each year. So thanks Air Force, and we will look forward to seeing you again in December.

Talking about great events, let's move on to our annual Christmas Dinner at the Scottish Rite. Let's just say great food, open bar, music, friends, and a lot of fun. I believe you may be thinking, I should have been there, and you would be correct. So be sure to make this event next December, you will be glad you did.

If we are mentioning events that makes a person feel good, that would be our joint Christmas party for the kids. Breakfast was served with a special visit by Santa, handing out presents to over a hundred kids. There is nothing like the feeling you get when you see the smiles on the kid's faces when they first see Santa. You know one of those warm feelings you get.

As long as we are talking about events at the Scottish Rite, let's move to the Valentine Luncheon. Well here we go again, just another great even. Let's take a moment and think, who organized the Christmas party and the Valentine Luncheon. Well it was your friendly Family Life Chairman, Brian Coppotelli. Thanks to you Brian and your crew, for all the hard work.

We just had a very successful event here at the Rite, the Mayor of Belleville's annual Prayer Breakfast. The Mayor had over 575 guests at his event. This was a great showcase for our beautiful building. Many of the guests could not believe what a wonderful facility was in their own back yard. I'm sure this event will bring many new rentals in the future. Let's move on to what coming up at the Scottish Rite.

March 18th, is a very important day for all the members of the Scottish Rite. That is the date of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. This day allows us to honor our fallen brethren. Check this bulletin for all the information on this solemn performance performed by the Chapter of the Rose Croix.

Of course the event we all look forward to, is our Reunion on April 28th. This is a special day for many reasons, new members, great degree work, meeting new and old friends, and of course recognizing a dedicated member of the Scottish Rite as the Honoree of the Reunion. This year's Honoree is Adrian E. Croissant, Jr., MSA. Come out the Reunion, work, visit, watch, eat, or whatever you wish to do that day, just try and be here. Oh don't forget there is an outing planned for the ladies that day.

Feel like doing some parading? We got just the thing for you. This year the Scottish Rite is entering two big parades in Belleville, the St. Patrick's Parade March 17th. and Ainad's Shriners Circus Parade June 1st. It would be great to see a strong showing on the street by the Scottish Rite. So get your walking shoes on, and stand proud for the Rite.

Feel like a watching and helping some kids catch some fish? Be at the Quail Club on May 20th. See more details about this event in this Bulletin.

The Scottish Rite we will be hosting the Grand Master's Festival on June 30th. This event will allow men to get their First, Second, and Third Degrees, all in one day. You will also be able to join the Scottish Rite and the Shrine at the end of the day. So if you know someone who has been talking about joining, this would be a great time for them to join, whatever they chose. Of course that would be the Scottish Rite, sorry Ainad, but us first.

Well I think that's it. I would just like to say it's been an honor to be your Executive Secretary, but don't worry I'll be here for the free coffee and donuts every Thursday morning at 8:30. Hope to see you there.

Mike

The Building Reports . . .

Hi! It's that time again to let you know what is happening to my fabulous self.

Doc Clubb wanted me to tell you that I have a new water heater. Several of my furnaces have been repaired so I can keep you warm again. Mike Grafe got the buffer repaired, so Howard Kurtz can once make my dining room floor shine. Speaking of Mike Grafe, I want to say a fond fair well to him as he leaves for now. He showed me 'the love' that I had missed, getting things repaired and replaced. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Mike's replacement is Vince Riti, who is no stranger to me and I foresee him taking good care of me.

I still have a complaint about people dragging chairs and tables on my floor. I have many great events coming up, not the least being the Lenten Fish Frys, the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Spring Reunion and the Grand Master's Festival. Please come out and support your Rite and see that I am looking good for my age.

My gardener (Robin) has more plans for landscaping and brightening my exterior. Doc Clubb and Mike Grafe arranged for and had taken down the dead tree in front. Doc, Mike, Dave Haas and Gary Alves replaced the old flood lights on the stage with new LCD bulbs that cut my energy bill. On that note, Howard is replacing old style light bulbs as they burn out further reducing my electric demands.

That's my report for now, hope to see you all soon.

St. Pat's Day Parade

Would you like to participate in the St. Pat's Day parade in downtown Belleville with the Scottish Rite on Saturday, March 17th? If you would; please contact Mike Fitzpatrick at 618-960-6555 or call the office and they will forward your name. We would like 10-15 people to ride on a wagon and if we have more; some may march along side.

Let's get out there and show people that we are a part of the community!!

**Do you know a Mason who is not a member? Ask them to become a Scottish Rite Mason!
Remember . . . our Spring Reunion is April 28th.**

Scholarships: General Information

www.sril092.com

All scholarships require that an applicant be an Illinois resident (Abbott Scholarships excepted) with a minimum high school or college GPA of 3.0 or "B" on a 4 point scale. A current high school or college transcript must accompany an application. **The deadline for all applications (unless otherwise noted) is April 1.** Applications for all scholarships may be obtained from the Valley Office (618-235-3350), or the website www.sril092.com

Illinois Scottish Rite Fund Scholarship

The Illinois Scottish Rite Fund Scholarship is restricted to the allied health field which includes (but is not limited to) nursing, occupational and physical therapy, anesthesiology, toxicology, etc. Masonic relationship is not required.

Robert B. Perkins Scholarship

Masonic relationship is required. The applicant must have a father, grandfather, brother, or uncle who is (or was, if deceased) a member in good standing of an Illinois Scottish Rite Valley. There is no restriction regarding the recipient's course of study.

Louis L Williams Scholarship

Qualifications for the candidates are the same as the Robert B. Perkins Scholarship, with one exception; the applicant must attend the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington.

Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship

The applicant must be a member of or directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Also eligible are a members of youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The recipient must be either an undergraduate or graduate student attending an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year. While all other scholarships require a B average, The Abbott has a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Sherwood & Evelyn Kresin Memorial Scholarship

A candidate may be an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in any academic field. Masonic relationship is not required Grand Lodge of Illinois Scholarship

Masonic relationship is required. The applicant must have a father or grandfather who is (or was at the time of his death) a member in good standing as an Illinois Master Mason. The applicant does not have to be a resident of Illinois.

A. Colville Wilson Scholarship

A candidate must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and must be pursuing a graduate degree in pediatric nursing (or related field) at an accredited college or university in the State of Illinois. Masonic relationship is not required.

Deadline for application is May 1.

Ranken Scholarship Available

Applications for the James C. Groom Scottish Rite Scholarship are now available. A student/applicant must be enrolled in Ranken Technical College and must have a father, grandfather, brother or uncle who is a Scottish Rite Mason.

Grand Master's Festival Save the Date!! June 30th at the Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Illinois

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois Gregory L. Clark, 33° has announced a Grand Master's Festival will be held at the Scottish Rite on June 30th, 2018.

Gentlemen get your prospective potential candidate ready to be able to join the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Ainad Shrine all on the same day. Let's make this a fun, fraternal day for many!

A Word From Children's Dyslexia Center

The center has had a productive school year with students, tutors and scholars in training. Our current scholars are doing a fabulous job learning the Orton-Gillingham methodology and our tutors are busy implementing new reading, fluency and comprehension strategies that they were trained in this past July.

We have had success with the local Barnes and Noble who hosted a book fair on our behalf and as a result we were able to get a set of new books, used for comprehension training, for five of our seven tutoring rooms.

As we head into the new year, we are planning another training opportunity for anyone with a bachelor's degree, who loves to teach, and wants to work one on one with students. Our recruiting process will begin in late February to early March, with the training kicking off in June. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Michele at 618-235-9392.

As we look to the future, I would like to leave you with a testimony of what we have been able to accomplish in the past.

We are the parents of a very sweet, loving and caring 9-year-old girl named Abby. When Abby was very young we recognized that she was going to have the same struggles her older sister experienced. The school psychologist talked to us about the Children's Dyslexia Center. She told us about the program and how successful kids have been who have gone through it. Abby realizes she does not read as well as others in her class. The struggle to read also leads to a struggle with other subjects. She has a lack of self-esteem as well as confidence in herself. This also effects multiple aspects of her life outside of school. Her friends and classmates are also aware of her difficulties. She has heard them make comments about her challenge to read which is very hurtful. When she is paired with someone at school on a project she has seen them roll their eyes. This is very difficult for someone so young to manage.

Abby has really thrived since she began the program at the Dyslexia Center. She has received her first A+ on her reading test and her first A on a Social Studies test. She carries a book now wherever she goes because she loves reading. She even raised her hand to volunteer to read in class. These are all new accomplishments for her. Mostly she loves her teacher at the Dyslexia Center and can't wait to see her.

Know that you are changing the lives of these children in a way you might not even realize. Abby is currently reading the book, Helen Keller. She wanted to read about how Helen had to overcome not being able to see or hear and how she dealt with that. -parents of Abby W.

Best regards, Michele M. Johnson, Center Director

Dyslexia Center Events

Book Sale

February 16th - March 30th during Fish Frys
in the lobby of the Scottish Rite
Proceeds to benefit the Dyslexia Center

Collinsville Shrine Club Crazy Bowl

Friday, February 23rd at St. Clair Bowl in FVH
Registration at 6:15 PM - Bowling at 7:00 PM
Proceeds to benefit the Dyslexia Center

9th Annual Luncheon for Learning

O'Darling, Let's celebrate 16 years of success

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



"Remember Audrey always wore her little black dress and pearls"

229th Spring Reunion April 28, 2018

Honoring Adrian E. Croissant, Jr., MSA

Come out and experience the Fellowship, Degree Work, Breakfast and Lunch, stay for the Afterglow and enjoy more fellowship, food & drink; make a few new friends, reconnect with others, just enjoy your day!

Bring in a candidate - Fees for this class will be \$125.00. Let's do our part in offering the value of this Fraternity to more men.

Schedule for the Day

Breakfast & Registration.....	8:00 AM
Opening.....	9:00 AM
4th Degree.....	9:20 AM
14th Degree.....	9:50 AM
Break.....	10:40 AM
15th Degree.....	11:00 AM
Introductions.....	11:35 AM
Lunch.....	12:00 Noon
Class Picture.....	12:45 PM
18th Degree.....	1:00 PM
Break.....	2:15 PM
25th Degree.....	2:25 PM
Break.....	3:00 PM
32nd Degree/ 32nd Allegory.....	3:10 PM
Closing.....	4:30 PM
Afterglow.....	4:30 PM

Ladies Program

The Ladies of the Scottish Rite are planning a day event during the April 28th Reunion at the Scottish Rite.

- 8:00 AM - Breakfast is planned with the men.
- 9:30 AM - We will be carpooling to Godfrey for shopping.
- 12:30 PM - Lunch at Josephine's.
- 2:15 PM - Leaving Godfrey to join the men for the Afterglow at the Scottish Rite.

As our "Ladies Day" participants grow, we hope to have more activities to offer. We are trying to grow our list of emails to better reach out to everyone; so please forward this information to anyone you know who's husband belongs to the Scottish Rite. And, pass along their email or contact information so we may personally include them in future events.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Donna Sparks - dsparks64@gmail.com
- Marla Brown - marla.j.brown10@gmail.com
- Jessica Darling - jrchicago23@hotmail.com

Degree Rehearsal Dates

14th	Monday, April 2nd - 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 24th - 8:00 PM
15th	Thursday, March 29th - 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 17th - 8:00 PM
18th	Tuesday, March 20th - 6:30 PM Wednesday, April 18th - 6:30 PM
25th	Thursday, March 29th - 8:00 PM Tuesday, April 17th - 6:30 PM
32nd	Wednesday, April 11th - 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 24th - 6:30 PM
Allegory	Wednesday, April 11th - 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 24th - 6:30 PM

Scottish Rite, NMJ

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.

Supreme Council . . . Vacancies Filled

With the loss of Illustrious Brother John T. Phillips, 33^o, various offices need to be filled. We will miss Illustrious Brother Phillips tremendously, and we are sure he would want all of us to move ahead in a very positive way.

In lieu of these vacancies, Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander of the NMJ, hereby made the following appointments:

- Grand Lieutenant Commander: Illustrious Peter J. Samiec, 33^o, who will also continue as the Grand Almoner;
- Deputy for Illinois: Illustrious Gregory L. Clark, 33^o;
- Grand Chancellor: Illustrious Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33^o, who will also continue as Grand Secretary General and Deputy for Pennsylvania; and,
- Illustrious Brother Richard Burgess, 33^o, Past Grand Chancellor, has graciously agreed to assist Illustrious Brother Sturgeon and Illustrious Brother Glattly with foreign relations. Our sincere thanks go to each of these Illustrious Brothers for their willingness to serve and for their dedication to the Scottish Rite!

Elected Potentate of Ainad Shrine

Our Congratulations to the newly elected Potentate of Ainad Shrine

Ed Allen

We look forward to working with him, his Divan and his new Outer Guard,
Wayne Miles



February	16
February	23
March	2
March	9

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

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC BODIES VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

1549 FRANK SCOTT PARKWAY WEST - BELLEVILLE, IL. 62223



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 desire to become a member of the four (4) Co-Ordinate Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of Southern Illinois named above.

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. Occupation _____

H. 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

I. Raised a Master Mason (3°) in the year of _____, in _____ Lodge # _____ A.F. & A.M. in the

City of _____ in the State of _____

J. Presently a Master Mason (3°) in good standing of _____ Lodge # _____ A.F. & A.M. in the

City of _____ in the State of _____

K. 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 _____

L. Did you serve in the Military? Branch of Service _____ Start Date _____

Discharge Date _____ Discharge type _____

In making and signing this application, I promise as a Master Mason, 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

(please see reverse side of this application)

Are you a current or former member of the Order of DeMolay? _____ Yes _____ No
List of Elective Masonic Offices held _____

OATH OF FEALTY TO WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS SUBSCRIBED BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, of which the Illustrious John W. McNaughton, 33° is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees. That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor. And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from the Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.The Initiation Fee is determined by the Executive Board. A deposit of at least \$50.00 must be paid before this Application is acted upon and must accompany this Application. The balance must be paid in full on or before the first day of the Reunion before the Applicant receives any Degrees.
- 2.The Applicant must present himself for initiation at a Reunion within two (2) years of his election or he must request and be granted an extension. If he fails, \$25.00 of his deposit shall be retained by the VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS and the balance shall be refunded to him.
- 3.The Annual Dues, including the Supreme Council and IL. Council of Deliberation Assessments, are due and payable on August 1st of each year (dues period runs from August 1st to July 31st).
- 4.DEADLINES FOR FILING APPLICATION FOR DEGREES WITH SECRETARY OF SCOTTISH RITE BODIES;
 - A. The general deadline for filing with the Scottish Rite Secretary is fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the Reunion
 - B. However, if the Applicant belongs to an Illinois Masonic Lodge and if the following certificate is dated, signed and sealed by the Secretary of such Lodge, the deadline for filing is three (3) days prior to the first day of the Reunion.

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 _____

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF MASONIC LODGE

Brother _____ is a member in good standing of this Lodge.

Date _____ Secretary Signature _____

Name of Lodge _____ Number of Lodge _____ City where Lodge is located _____, Illinois.

Lodge Seal

FOR USE OF THE SCOTTISH RITE SECRETARY

Date Received _____ Amount of Deposit _____
Date Elected _____ Additional Payment _____
Date Balance of Fee Paid _____ Date Rejected _____

Food Handlers Certification

We have the opportunity to have an instructor come to the Scottish Rite to hold the class in Food Safety Certification. If you would like to attend this class and receive your certification please call the Scottish Rite to get your name on the list. The gentleman that will hold the class will do it in March or early April if we get enough people to participate. There is a small fee for the class.

To continue holding the Fish Frys we need people working the Fish Fry with certification.

Please call (618-235-3350) or just stop by and put your name on the list if you are interested.

Bartender Certification

All Bartenders need to be certified the cost is \$13.99 per person: the link for on-line certification is: www.bassetcertification.org.

By law, everyone who serves, bar backs, supervises and manages has to complete this and it is required to be renewed every three years. If you have any questions please email Vince Riti (vinceriti@gmail.com) since he has already completed the online training.

Thank you to those who have and are considering taking this training!

**The Regular Monthly Board/Stated Meeting is the
LAST WEDNESDAY of the Month at 7:00 PM.
(Except when the last Wednesday precedes a holiday.)**



Thursday Mornings at the Rite . . . Coffee • Donuts • Fellowship • Discussion

Come and visit with fellow Masons on Thursday Mornings on the First and Third Thursday the Scottish Rite picks up the tab. Some of the gentlemen are enjoying this so much that on the Second, Forth or that occasional Fifth Thursday participants are taking turns picking

up donuts. So come out anytime after 8:30 AM on Thursday for coffee and donuts in the lounge.

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

If you can not make Thursdays, stop by anytime for coffee and a visit.

Grab your kids and your fishing poles and let's go fishing. This is an absolute free event for you and the kids to show up that day. Make special arrangements to make that day it is about family and getting in the great outdoors.

Fishing Rodeo

**Sponsored by: Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies,
Ainad Shriners & the Quail Club**

Sunday, May 20th

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.



Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided by the Quail Club.
For more information contact Brian at 618-971-9411 or bkcoppo@earthlink.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 15 Coffee & Donuts - 8:30 AM
- 16 Fish Fry - 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 23 Fish Fry - 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 28 Board and Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

MARCH

- 1 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 2 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 3 Dyslexia Center Luncheon for Learning
- 9 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 15 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 16 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 18 Feast of the Paschal Lamb - 3:00 PM
Public Invited
- 23 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 28 Board and Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 30 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM

APRIL

- 1 Easter
- 5 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 20 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 19 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 25 Board and Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 28 Reunion

MAY

- 3 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 5 Ainad Ceremonial
- 12 Rental - Lodge
- 17 Coffee/Donuts & Fellowship - 8:30 AM
- 18 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- 20 Children's Fishing Rodeo
- 26 Rental - Council
- 28 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 30 Board and Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

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YOUR LODGE,
SCOTTISH RITE, &
SHRINE**

