

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Valley ECHOES



Valley of Harrisburg | Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. | Instituted 15 November 1865 | August 2020

The Valley of Harrisburg is Taking Every Precaution for the Safety of Our Members

As we have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic the Valley staff has taken the threat to our members and guests very seriously. We have been extremely busy painting and updating the Consistory building and cleaning every surface and every room. When we are allowed to return to holding meetings and events, we want to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone. We have added numerous Hand Disinfecting stations throughout the building for your convenience. We have purchased an Electrostatic Disinfectant fogger that will sanitize all of the soft surfaces, such as chairs and linens as well as all hard surfaces. We will continue to follow the CDEC guidelines and create a clean safe place for everyone to enjoy as we once again come together as Brothers and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

13 Pig Roast/
Smoker

October

November

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED AT THE JULY MEETING TO REVISE THE FEES FOR THE CONFERRAL OF THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES.

The total fee and dues until July 2021 are just \$227.00 and for those who are already members of the Valley of Lancaster just \$111.00.

Many Brothers put many hours into bringing the Reunion to life.
Please join us for any and all parts you are able.



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

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ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Harrisburg, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts, and whose Officers are:

III ∴ David A. Glattly, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

III ∴ Robert J. Bateman, 33°
Deputy for Pennsylvania

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR PENNSYLVANIA

- III ∴ Robert J. Bateman, 33° Clifton Heights
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- III ∴ Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° Pittsburgh

NOTICE OF STATED MEETINGS

Dear Brother:

Stated Meetings of the several Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Harrisburg will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 2701 N. Third St., Harrisburg, PA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Mark G. Mattem, 32°, *Thrice Potent Master*
Nathan C. Minnich, 32°, *Sovereign Prince, 32°*,
Richard C. Bledsoe, Jr., 33°, *Most Wise Master*
PHILIP A. RICKERT, 33°, *Commander-in-Chief*

ATTEST

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MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW OUR VALLEY

The COVID-19 ERA will be remembered for its constantly changing guidelines and endless uncertainty. While the Valley is *planning* on holding a Reunion in November, we can't predict whether or not it will happen, or how many people will be permitted to gather for it. Having canceled the Reunion in May, it is *possible* that we could have zero new members in 2020. Knowing this was a real possibility, Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Glattly authorized "virtual" reunions at which petitioners to our Valley could receive the required new 4th Degree, and the minimum of 3 other degrees on-line at a computer in the safety of their own homes, before becoming eligible to receive the 32nd Degree. The 32nd Degree must always be conferred locally and in-person.

There are 3 virtual reunion events planned, and you can get your candidates for membership involved at any time by presenting their petition to Secretary John Cook. He will see that each candidate is assigned a member number in the Supreme Council database, which will authorize them to witness the scheduled on-line degrees. You will notice in the schedule below that the 4th Degree is always conferred first, but that over the course of the three Reunions candidates could receive up to a total of 10 different degrees.

If the Valley holds its full reunion on November 20 & 21, we will be conferring the 4th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 29th, 31st and 32nd Degrees. That would be an opportunity to receive 6 more unique degrees! For a new member, that could be a total of 16 of our 29 degrees if they joined on October 3rd and attended all of the virtual events. It is an excellent opportunity to see the video productions as well as stage productions. For your candidates, it is a win-win proposition!

Bring your petitions in during the month of September and give YOUR friends and brothers the option to experience the full range of Scottish Rite's life-lessons. If you bring your candidates to the pig roast on September 13th, they can receive the live 4th degree performance and then optionally tune into the virtual reunions before coming back in November.

1st Virtual Reunion Event – October 3, 2020

- 4th Degree – Builder (14 min)
- 6th Degree – Master of the Brazen Serpent (34 min)
- 15th Degree – Knight of the East (27 min)
- 23rd Degree – Knight of Valor (35 min)

2nd Virtual Reunion Event – October 24, 2020

- 4th Degree – Builder (14 min)
- 17th Degree – Knight of the East and West (31 min)
- 19th Degree – Brothers of the Trail (30 min)
- 26th Degree – Friend and Brother Eternal (35 min)

3rd Virtual Reunion Event – November 14, 2020

- 4th Degree – Builder (14 min)
- 12th Degree – Master of Mercy (23 min)
- 29th Degree – Knight of St. Andrew (28 min)
- 31st Degree – My Brother's Keeper (24 min)



NECROLOGY

We mourn the passing of the following Brethren reported since the last notice:

2019

MAX LEROY BOOHER	SHADE GAP	MAY 19
ROY CLIFFORD CLAYPOOL	HUNTINGDON	JULY 13
FRED GUISE CASHMAN	NEW OXFORD	JULY 17
LESTER DELANEY EDGIN	MOUNT UNION	JULY 19
JOHN HAROLD ERNEST ARNOLD	PALMYRA	AUGUST 01
HARRY DAVID STROUP	MILLERSTOWN	AUGUST 07
CARL NORMAN McMULLEN	FANNETTSBURG	AUGUST 25
JOHN THOMAS SLATER	ELIZABETHTOWN	SEPTEMBER 14
JOHN ROYCE RAPP	ELIZABETHTOWN	OCTOBER 24
JAMES REYNOLD WHIPKEY	WESTMINSTER	OCTOBER 24
RONALD EUGENE COPENHAVER	CARLISLE	OCTOBER 30
VENICE CARL GACONO	ANNVILLE	NOVEMBER 01
WILLIAM RICHARD NAREHOOD	BEAVER SPRINGS	NOVEMBER 04
ROBERT REAMER ZEIGLER	HARRISBURG	NOVEMBER 13
JAMES NELSON HART	MIFFLINTOWN	NOVEMBER 25
ARTHUR JOEL PECK III	BREESPORT	NOVEMBER 25
FREDRICK WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN	SPRING GROVE	NOVEMBER 30
ELDRED WILLIAM ATKINSON	YORK	DECEMBER 01
Floyd RICHARD SHIVELY	LA PLATA	DECEMBER 22
GERRIT JOHANNES BETZ	MECHANICSBURG	DECEMBER 23

2020

DALE AUSTIN BLEVINS	EAST BERLIN	JANUARY 04
WILLIAM THOMAS REED	MILLERSBURG	JANUARY 08
ROBERT LINWOOD ZIMMERMAN	EVERETT	JANUARY 08
SELDON B McINTOSH	JONESTOWN	JANUARY 09
JOHN BADEN MALCOLM JR	MELBOURNE	JANUARY 12
IRVIN WITMER JR	ELIZABETHTOWN	JANUARY 24
GEORGE ALLEN HESS	EVERETT	FEBRUARY 01
ROBERT AUGUSTUS EVERHART JR	YORK	FEBRUARY 07
WILLIAM THOMAS KILGORE	AIRVILLE	FEBRUARY 20
JOHN GEORGE CLEMENTS II	CAMP HILL	FEBRUARY 25
GEORGE MERRILL NAYLOR	SHIREMANSTOWN	MARCH 01
WILLIAM JOHN KELL I	LITTLESTOWN	MARCH 14
GARY IVAN SHUEY	CARLISLE	MARCH 14
RALPH EARL BYERS	CARLISLE	MARCH 16
JAMES OWEN RIMEL	DILLSBURG	MARCH 20
DALE HENRY FANTOM	COLUMBIA	MARCH 26
EDWARD FRANCIS HIRSHMAN	CAMP HILL	APRIL 07
CARL LEFEVER RAUDABAUGH	CARLISLE	APRIL 07
HARRY WARREN SHEAFFER JR	HARRISBURG	APRIL 07
ROBERT EHRHART GROFF	MILLERSVILLE	APRIL 11
WILMER EUGENE DICK	MILLERSVILLE	APRIL 18
JOSEPH SHERWIN MEIZEN	HERSHEY	APRIL 21
RICHARD KEITH HOSKINSON	FAYETTEVILLE	MAY 04
NORMAN BROOKS THATCHER	EAST WATERFORD	MAY 11
GENE A HORTON	LENOIR	MAY 14
DAVID PAUL WITMER JR	CAMP HILL	MAY 14
DONALD LYNN GULLIVER	LANCASTER	MAY 15
HARRY THOMAS AICHELE	LANCASTER	MAY 16
JAMES DELMAR SOUDERS	MC CONNELLSBURG	MAY 16
ROBERT EUGENE CAMERON	MILLERSTOWN	MAY 19
JAMES ROLAND DOUGHTEN	MIFFLINTOWN	MAY 23
PAUL WAYNE FRY	WAYNESBORO	MAY 24
RICHARD ALLEN RISSMILLER	ELIZABETHVILLE	MAY 27
WILLIAM RAYMOND BLACK III	HANOVER	JUNE 06
CHARLES WILLIAM BROTHERS	MIFFLINTOWN	JUNE 07
EUGENE THOMAS BAKER	GREENCASTLE	JUNE 08
LYNN OWEN BLECKER	COLUMBIA	JUNE 10
HARRY MUSSER KIMMEL	GAINESVILLE	JUNE 13
JAMES WILLIAM WOLFE	MECHANICSBURG	JUNE 13
ROBERT RINE HOWELLS	LANCASTER	JUNE 16
RILE EDGAR THACKER	CHAMBERSBURG	JUNE 26
JOHN PAUL PEOPLES	OAKLAND MILLS	JUNE 27
WILLIAM WESLEY CARTER JR	LEWISTOWN	JUNE 30
VERNE RAY BAKER	CHAMBERSBURG	JULY 05

* Reported

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“WALK-A-THON AND Family Fun Event”

The Children’s Dyslexia Center Board of Directors have made the decision to cancel the 2020 annual golf tournament due to the logistics created by the COVID 19 issue. The logistics of the masks, the social distancing and the number of people allowed to be in a confined space makes this very risky for our participants. Taking all available information into account we have decided to focus on the walk-a-thon and combine the two events. What does this mean to you?

Well, to start, we will be asking our members, sponsors, and supporters to redirect their financial support to the newly created “**WALK-A-THON AND Family Fun Event**” and come and participate in the event. The sponsorship levels are:

Platinum - \$1000.00 Gold - \$500.00 Silver - \$300.00 Bronze - \$100.00

We will be making this event more than just a walk-a-thon this year. We will be adding more activities which will include, family fun games of skill and competition where the attendees can compete for prizes as teams or individuals. The following is a list of the activities proposed:
Putting contests, chipping contests, ring toss contests, cornhole contests, dunk tank contests, etc.

This year’s theme will be the “Learning Tree” which is the Dyslexia Center focus for funding. The tee shirts that will be given to all registered participants will have the “Learning Tree” printed on the shirt. You can purchase leaves for the tree, and they will actually be put onto the shirt as well. For each \$10.00 donation you will receive a leaf for your shirt. All custom shirt leaves will need to be preregistered for completion prior to the event. For the participants that want to compete as a team we can have the teams name and their first name on the shirts and individuals can get their first names on their shirts too. **Note you must be registered by or before September 11th to have the shirts in time.**

For those who want to register as a team there will be a \$50.00 registration fee.
For those who want to register as an individual there will be a \$20.00 registration fee.
For those who do not want to participate but do want to simply donate, we will accept that as well! All checks and money orders should be made out to CDC of Harrisburg Pa. You can bring them to the event or simply mail them to: Children’s Dyslexia Center of Harrisburg 2701 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, Pa. 17110. For any questions or more details please call or E-mail 717-238-8867, cdccpdir@gmail.com.

Those who just want to register for the walk-a-thon can do so for a \$25.00 fee if registered before September 25th and \$35.00 after September 25th. We are trying to get people registered in time to allow us to get the shirts made. (children under 5 are free).

The walk for the walk-a-thon will be held at Italian Lake again this year. Italian Lake is right across the street from the Harrisburg Consistory where the other events will be held.

This is going to be a huge event with something for all so please mark the calendar and join us for the very worthwhile cause and support the Harrisburg Dyslexia Center for the Children on October 11th from 1 pm until 4 pm at the Valley of Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral 2701 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, Pa. 17110. Most of all bring lots of cash/checks so you can participate in the fun and the very worthy cause. The Dyslexia Center needs our help especially now!



Learning Center Tie Program

We will be introducing the new Tie program. The tie program is a progressive donation to the Learning Center. The donation can be spread out over a year's time per level. When you reach level 1. \$500.00 you will receive the Rust Orange tie, when you reach level 2. \$1000.00 you will receive the Silver tie when you reach level 3. \$2000.00 you will receive the Green tie. This program is progressive the total investment for all three ties is \$2000.00. Level one is the first \$500.00 Level 2 is the next \$500.00 and to reach level three is another \$1000.00 See the attachment!

SHOW TIME AT THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

The Harrisburg Consistory A.A.S.R is in the process of becoming the only Uptown Harrisburg entertainment complex. With the declining membership, the leadership of the Consistory have determined that new income sources must be explored to ensure a financial future. It has been decided to aggressively pursue entertainment opportunities for the public and schools. We are augmenting our entertainment calendar of concerts to include concerts by name artists and groups along with presenting Broadway tours and filmed live National Theatre of Great Britain performances to accomplish this.

We are entering into partnership with Stoneshine Entertainment, a company formed by Jason Stone associated with Live Nation, who has over 40 years of experience booking name artists and groups. Coda Productions, owned and operated by Pete Mastropaolo, will continue to provide us with Doo Wop, Oldies and Rhythm and Blues concerts performed by artists of the 50's, 60's and 70's. We are partnering with four Broadway Booking agencies to bring Broadway tours to our venue. We will continue to host local events such as wedding receptions, banquets, dance school recitals, ballet performances and dance competitions.

To accomplish this, we are offering investment opportunities. We are striving to raise capital to continue to renovate the building as well as buying talent to perform for the public's entertainment. Sponsorships of the season's entertainment calendar are also available as well as advertising opportunities in playbills produced for each show.



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Resolution On Proposed Dues Increase For 2021

RESOLUTION – PENDING DUES INCREASE

Action will be had on the following amendments at the September 11, 2020 stated meeting of the Valley of Harrisburg. If approved by the members, the dues for the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 fiscal years beginning August 1, 2021 will be increased by \$5.00 and then by \$1.00 each year for a total increase of \$10.00 over the six year period.

“Whereas, at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 27, 2020, a review of the budget and budget projections was discussed; and

“Whereas, the annual financial review reported a decline in revenue due to a decreased membership total and expenses continuing to increase; and

“Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Valley of Harrisburg recommends an increase in dues commensurate with the reduced income;

“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DUES

Section 37. The annual dues, payable on or before the first day of August of each year, shall be as follows:

- (a) For those members who belong to Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection, dues in the amount of One Hundred and Five dollars (\$105.00) beginning in 2021-22 and increasing in \$1.00 increments each year until 2027 where it will be One Hundred and Ten dollars (\$110.00)
- (b) For those who belong to a Lodge of Perfection in a Valley other than Harrisburg but have membership in Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix and the Harrisburg Consistory dues in the amount of Forty-six (\$46.00) dollars beginning in 2021-22 and increasing in \$1.00 increments each year until 2027 where it will be Fifty One (\$51) dollars.

HARRISBURG CONSISTORY FLAGPOLE FUNDRAISER



I am very happy to inform you that we were able to raise enough money to buy the Flagpole. A very generous donation was made by an anonymous Brother that put us over the mark. Another Brother who owns a Monument company has donated the monument. I want to thank all of the Brethren who made a donation and helped to bring this project to fruition. We will be dedicating the Flagpole at our Fall Reunion November 21, 2020.

Please send your donation to the Valley secretary at; PO Box 2423 • Harrisburg, PA17106-2423





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ALWAYS CARRY A PETITION



To accommodate those Master Masons who find it difficult to take 2 days off work, our Fall Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday!

November 20 & 21, 2020

**DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS
IS THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

**WE HAVE ALSO LOWERED THE FEES FOR THE DEGREES
TO ALLOW MORE BRETHREN TO PARTICIPATE**

TOTAL FEES THIS REUNION \$227.00
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection Member \$111.00
This includes all dues and fees through July 2021!