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**NOTICE OF  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, May 16, 2025**  
**Spring Reunion**  
**5:00PM**

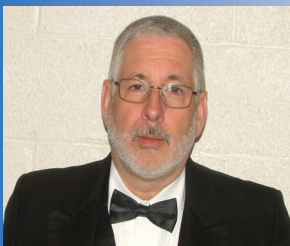
**SATURDAY, May 17, 2025**  
**Spring Reunion**  
**8:00AM**

**ATTEST**  
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# VALLEY ECHOES

## MARCH 2025



Ill: D. Scott  
Goodhart 33°  
CIC

Brethren,

As this edition of the Echoes goes to press, we find ourselves rapidly coming up on some very important holidays. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> marks the start of the weeklong Feast of the Passover for those of the Jewish faith. And this year it will coincide with the Christian observance of Holy Week, culminating with the celebration of Easter Sunday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. My wife and I wish you a very special season and hope that you take an opportunity to gather with your families to celebrate your faith.

May 9<sup>th</sup> marks our last Stated Meeting before we call off from labor and break for the summer. There will be no Stated Meetings during the months of June, July and August. But we won't be totally idle. The Officers of the Valley (and sometimes their ladies) will still be travelling to a few events to meet with the Brethren, conduct the business of the Valley, and promote the Scottish Rite. But while you are relaxing behind the mower, or on the deck, think about opportunities and how YOU can influence men to share Freemasonry, and the Scottish Rite in particular.

The May Stated Meeting is also the appointed time to elect and install officers for the three subordinate bodies (Consistory officers are elected for three-year terms that are not due this year). Installation of officers for the upcoming Scottish Rite year will be open to friends and family and will begin immediately after the closing of the Stated Meeting. Please come out and greet the presumptive incoming Presiding Officers; Brother Michael J. Smith, Thrice Potent Master for the Lodge of Perfection, Brother Steven R. Shimp, Sovereign Prince for the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Brother Glenn W. Henry, Most Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose Croix. Also join me in congratulating outgoing presiding officers, Brother Patrick R. Grill, Thrice Potent Master, Brother Jeffery R. Miller, Sovereign Prince, and Brother Randy S. Evans, Most Wise Master on their completion of a successful year.

The Spring Reunion is just around the corner. In case you've missed it before, the honored guest for this reunion is the Ill. Brother David A. Auchey, 33°, Past Sovereign Prince of the Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Past Secretary of the Valley of Harrisburg. We are working hard to have another successful reunion, and we're still looking for more petitions. We will be taking petitions up to the start of the re-union on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Support for The Children's Dyslexia Learning Center of Central Pa should not be limited to the donation of money to the cause. If you'd like to see your donations in action and how they impact the lives of others, join me on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM for a ceremony honoring the graduating young men and ladies completing their journey at *OUR* Center.

One of our newest endeavors continues to gain interest, participation, and momentum. The Chicken BBQ event will be held on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, please hold the date and watch for more information to be sent out in July.

The Murder Mystery is scheduled for Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and we have a new group coming in this year for our event. The theme will be "Murder at the Prom". Please save this date and watch for more information to be sent out sometime in August.

Have a Wonderful Summer! Cathy and I look forward to seeing you as we travel around the "Big Valley" during the summer and then back here to work in September.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

D. Scott Goodhart, 33°, CIC

## 2025 Harrisburg Consistory Lodge of Perfection

### Annual 14-1 Pool Tournament Report | Terry Coffman, 33o , Chairman

The annual 14-1 pool tournament sponsored by the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection began on January 15, 2025. Competition continued for 10 weeks between Players within three classes arranged by individual skill level. The tournament concluded on April 9th, 2025 with a playoff competition to determine the overall Tournament Champion. The Tournament concluded with the Annual Banquet on April 16th.

#### **Certificate Awards were presented to the following winners:**

**Over-All and Class AAA Champion – Ill. Bro. John D. Kline, 33°**

**Class AA Champion – Bro. John Keogh**

**Class A Champion – Bro. Joseph Stimmel**

All interested players, regardless of skill level, are welcome and can register by contacting The players wish to thank Brother Patrick Grill, Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection, and the Valley of Harrisburg, for again sponsoring the annual Pool tournament!!

Plans are in place for the 2025 Summer session with friendly games of 14-1, 8-ball, Cowboy, etc. scheduled on Wednesday evenings.





## *2025 Valley of Harrisburg Kentucky Derby Party*

The annual Kentucky Derby party took place at The Scottish Rite Ballroom on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

To coincide with the actual Kentucky Derby in Louisville, The Valley held their own party where the Witters put out a great spread of food, Eric and Tim poured delicious drinks and a good time was had by all.

The attendees enjoyed the wooden pony races with Riptide and Jazz among others and the fish bowl tickets.

Lastly, Cathy Goodhart, Cathy Snyder and Kathy Morgan presented the Best Dressed of the evening to Joyce Gerstenlauer and Ken Beard!

### *Best Dressed*





# Valley BARBEQUE

Dinner and Cigar Smoker

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 2ND  
1-7PM**

**Eat in or  
Takeout!**

20.00 pp  
Order your  
tickets before  
they sell out!

**Contact the Valley Office at  
717-238-8867 or email;  
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Corn on the cob  
Buttered roll  
Dessert

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**HAROLD D KESSLER**

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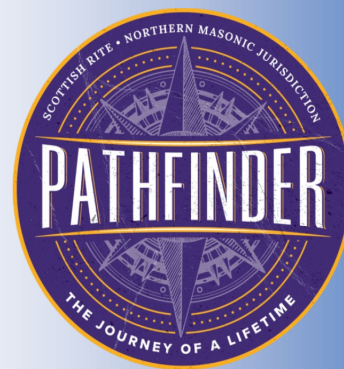
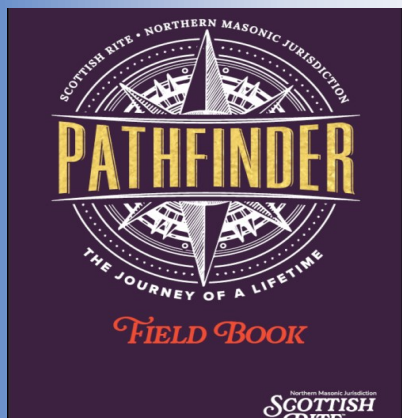
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2025 SPRING REUNION SCHEDULE  
Ill. David A. Auchey, 33°, Class

Friday, MAY 16, 2025

- 4:15 pm Dinner as you arrive
- 5:00 pm Class Registration
- 5:30 pm Class to Marshals
- 5:45 pm Opening of Harrisburg Consistory  
*(Lower Dining Room)*
- 6:00 pm 4° - The Builder
- 6:10 pm Class to Auditorium
- 6:25 pm 6° - Master of the Brazen Serpent
- 7:20 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Reflection period
- 7:40 pm 19° - Brothers of the Trail
- 8:35 pm Dismiss for the Evening

2025 SPRING REUNION SCHEDULE (continued)  
*Ill. David A. Auchey, 33°, Class*

Saturday, MAY 17, 2025

- 8:00 am Class Report to Marshals
- 8:30 am 25° - Master of Achievement
- 9:20 am 25° Degree Reflection
- 9:40am Rest Period, Class to Auditorium
- 10:00 am 16°- Prince of Jerusalem
- 10:30 am Rest Period
- 10:50 am 13° - Master of the Ninth Arch
- 11:25 pm Officer Videos
- 11:45 am Lunch and Honored Guest Remarks
- 12:35 pm Class to Auditorium
- 12:45 pm Building Tours
- 1:30 pm* 32° C - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
- 2:15 pm Rest Period
- 2:35 pm Receive Distinguished Guests
- 3:05 pm Valley Programs / Class Picture
- 3:35 pm Rest Period
- 3:55 pm 32° A - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
- 5:10 pm Closing of Consistory
- 5:20 pm Informal Reception & Afterglow (Ballroom)



This Reunion Program has been published with the help of many brethren in our Valley. Although our goal has been complete accuracy, it can only be reached with the united effort of all. The Secretary always welcomes your comments and suggestions. **Thank You!**