January, 2011

Grand Master: Inspiring Reunion

Guest of Honor

The Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33º, Active Member for Pennsylvania of the Supreme Council, N.M.J. was the esteemed Honored Guest and an inspiring Speaker for an excellent full-day Fall Reunion on Saturday, Nov. 20. The six candidates for this Reunion were joined with a large number of new Scottish Rite Brethren who had participated in the One Day Class on October 30 and were dubbed Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret by Commander-in-Chief Ill. Victor M. Frederick, III, 33º.

Within days after the Saturday Reunion, Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33º, Active Member of Supreme Council, wrote to the Valley regarding new Scottish Rite Masons: "I extend my sincerest congratulations … for your outstanding showing (in membership) this Fall. … Reading was 10th in PA and 15th in the NMJ and Lancaster was 13th in PA and 25th in the NMJ … I thank each one of you for all of your efforts in making the Fall Reunions a success."

The busy day began with the continental breakfast at 7 a.m., class registration and orientation at 7:30 and the opening of Reading Lodge of Perfection at 8 o’clock for conferring the 4th, 8th, 10th and 14th Degrees and the Council of Princes of Jerusalem conferring the 16th Degree. After lunch, the 18th Degree of the Chapter of Rose Croix was conferred.

After the reception and address of the Honored Guest, R.W. Grand Master Sturgeon and presentation of the service awards and a 32º Masonic Learning Center presentation, Reunion Banquet was held in the Zimmerman Dining Room.

After dinner, the dramatic 31st Degree was conferred, followed by the 32nd Degree in full ceremonial form when the Commander-in-Chief dubbed the Aspirants Sublime Princes of the royal Secret, 32º.

It has been calculated that with all the persons participating with the degrees – including cast members, choir, sound, projectionists, lighting, reception committee, marshals, registrars, tylers, secretariat, wardrobe corps, robing corps, make-up, stage corps, property department, production staff and degree masters, and casting committee – as many as a hundred Brothers are involved.

Time after time, the degree work in the Valley of Reading has been proclaimed as excellent, presented in one of the finest Scottish Rite venues. Brethren, the beautiful William Marr auditorium has a thousand comfortably cushioned theater seats. Odds are good there will be one available for you at the next Reunion.
I hope and trust that each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a joyous New Year. Winter is certainly upon us and the cold, cold days make me wonder if there is global warming.

As this New Year unfolds we can only hope our Valley will attract new members to help overcome the attrition of two hundred members yearly that we have been experiencing. Our one day class reunion and our Fall reunion combined gave us new members. The degree work was excellent thanks to the director of the work Ill Eric L Brant 33°, Degree Directors and all who participated behind stage, off stage, on stage, wardrobe, makeup, lighting, organ and choir, registration, and especially the Marshalls led by Ill Louis A Fiorini 33°. I have literally herded cattle, sheep, and horses and find these tasks a lot easier than what Louie and his crew encounter. If I missed anyone I apologize and once again thank you all for making our reunion a success.

Illustrious Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania was our Class Exemplar and delivered a truly inspirational message on the Twenty First Century Masonic Renaissance he has implemented. This Renaissance has definitely brought change to Masonry and for the first time in fifty years the fraternity has increased new membership over losses by four hundred and fifty one.

Thank you to all who helped our Family Life program once again be successful. The hard work that it takes to have success was exemplified by the leadership of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and the participation of The Francis Marion Highley Chapter of Rose Croix, The Lodge of Perfection, and Consistory, for the Live Nativity. The terrific displays from the Model Railroad club, the bike displays, picture taking and tattoos from the Hiram’s Scottish Riders, the Clowns, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the kitchen chefs, the Ladies Auxiliary and the S.R.V.C. You all work hard and we applaud you.

Congratulations to the recipients of the four hundred and one thousand point awards. We thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Valley.

For the first time in the Valley of Reading a new award was given to four brothers, at the One Day and Fall reunions. The award is called “The Scottish Rite Masonic Service Award”, and is given by Supreme Council for Masonic Service to the Fraternity on the recommendation of the Commander in Chief and two other Scottish Rite Masons. The Recipients of this prestigious award were brother I. Newton Evans for his dedication to Blue Lodge Masonry, Ill Lynn G Brandt 33° for his leadership in Scottish Rite, brother John K March for dedication in the York Rite of Masonry, and last but not least brother Joseph J Hagan for dedication in the A.A.O.N.M.S. (Shrine). This award was well deserved by these brethren, and as you can see by the different Masonic bodies they represent the unity among our brothers. That dedication they have exemplified toward that one goal to better mankind.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on Tuesday January 25th 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the Banquet Hall at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lady and have her join in with the Ladies Auxiliary after dinner while we attend our Stated Meeting.

Again thank you to all who contributed to assist in helping your Valley, through your contribution to offset our budget deficit, and remember to sign up a new member for the upcoming spring reunion. The key to our success is membership. Hope to see you soon.

God Bless and Love Y’all.

First of all I would like to thank the Brothers of The Lodge of Perfection (past & present) for their consistent and loyal participation at the One Day Masonic Journey and especially during the rehearsals and conferring of the 14th Degree at the Nov. 2010 Reunion. You all made this a great experience in my own Masonic Journey as TPM. I can tell you that anyone of you can call on me for help when the time comes in the future as you travel through the stations of The Lodge of Perfection. As we start the New Year, I can’t help but think how fortunate we are to belong to this Great Fraternity and how to make it better for all the Brothers. Our Grand Master has made some changes in what he believes will keep us solid and in a forward motion. Some of these changes may not suit everyone, but when you consider the lost membership in the last 50 years (150,000 Brothers), I believe we need to help back these changes and get on board for the betterment of The Fraternity.

I sincerely hope that everyone has had a Happy, Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season and that The New Year will be prosperous for everyone.
Sovereign Prince Speaks

Michael D. Wolfe

The fall Reunion is over, and if you weren’t there, you really missed a great time. Every Reunion isn’t just for the new candidates, but also for all the Brethren to view. Reunions take a lot of work to put together: Degrees, behind the scenes and on stage.

If you would like to help in any part of the Reunions, please ask and I will put you in contact with the right person(s).

(Michael Wolfe—717-468-8565)

Learning about the different eras in history that each degree covers and their meanings for Masonry is what fascinates me. Always gaining knowledge of new bits and pieces when I watch a degree performed. Come learn at the Spring Reunion on May 21st 2011.

Winter is coming and I hope everyone is ready. Don’t forget the brothers who are on their own and in need of help. Also don’t forget the widows of fallen brothers; they seem to be forgotten too many times in our fraternity.

Think about why you joined this fraternity. You wanted what? Your obligation in the 16th degree? Be true to yourself and be that man who wanted to be part of the biggest and best fraternity in the World. Help keep it that way, be involved. We appreciate all the people that are helping now, but we always need new bodies to replace the OLDER ONES who have been carrying the load for SO long. Older is the wrong word to say…sorry…. the wiser ones. Learn from the older…oops…wiser ones.

Please don’t forget the 32° Learning Centers for Dyslexic Children. This is a huge building block for so many children. They go from down and out—-nowhere to find help, to college load for SO long. Older is the wrong word to say…sorry…. the wiser ones. Learn from the older…oops…wiser ones.

Just a little quiz to finish…three answers…. #1) Where was the first Scottish Lodge organized? #2) What was the date of organization? #3) What nationalities were present?

A wild man from West Virginia once said, “A toothbrush doesn’t do any good if you don’t have any teeth.”

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH ALL THE FAMILY LIFE, ESPECIALLY ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE WONDERFUL TRAIN CLUB.

Most Wise Master’s Moment

Edward R. Stein

Brethren….By the time you receive this edition of the Valley Notice, the Christmas Holiday will have passed and we will be on our way to the start of a new year. For many it is a time of resolution, a time to set new goals and challenges. As Freemasons the New Year provides the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the Fraternity. To the members of the Valley of Reading, I challenge you to get more involved in the activities of the Valley, to attend and participate in our Stated Meetings, the Reunions and County Club events, to spread the message of Freemasonry and to share with others what the fraternity has to offer. It has been said that "Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing, but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teachings will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry; the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds and it is in our deeds that Freemasonry is made known to non-Masons. The only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product. The prestige of Freemasonry in particular lies squarely on the shoulders of each of us.” Be the example for others to follow and please join me in making ‘2011 a successful year for Freemasonry in general and the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading in particular.

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AASR VALLEY OF READING
2011 CALENDAR

Jan. 9 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee  2 p.m.
Jan. 9 Ladies’ Auxiliary Board Meeting 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 Oversight Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 Executive Committee 7 p.m.
Jan. 19 Golden Eagles Noon
Jan. 25 STATED MTG (Dinner at 6 p.m.) 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 33° Members Annual Meeting 6 p.m.
Feb. 6 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee 2 p.m.
Feb. 16 Golden Eagles Noon
Feb. 26 Ham’s Scottish Riders Dance 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 5 Combined Clubs’ Ladies’ Night 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 6 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee 2 p.m.
Mar. 6 Ladies’ Auxiliary Board Meeting 2:30 p.m.
Mar. 7 Oversight Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m.
Mar.14 Executive Committee 7 p.m.
Mar.16 Golden Eagles Noon
Mar.18 & 19 Council of Deliberation Officers Workshop Elizabethtown
Mar.22 STATED MTG (Dinner 6 p.m.) 7 p.m.
Apr. 2 Ladies’Aux Fashion Show Noon
Apr. 3 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee 2 p.m.
Apr. 8 Chester Co . Ladies Night 6 p.m.
Apr. 9 Council of Deliberation 8:30 a.m.
Apr. 10 Feast of the Paschal Lamb 2 p.m.
Apr.19 Lancaster Lodge of Perfection 6:30 p.m.
Apr.20 Golden Eagles Noon
Apr.20 Schuykill Co. Stag Seafood Night 5 p.m.
Apr.23 Easter Egg Hunt – AASR Cath. 10:30 a.m.
Apr.27 Good Fellowship Club Spring Stag 6 p.m.
Keystone Fire Co., Boyertown
Apr.30 May 1 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee 2 p.m.
May 1 Ladies’ Auxiliary Board Meeting 2:30 p.m.
May 2 Oversight Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m.
May 2 Dept. Head/Degree Masters Mtg 7 p.m.
May 9 Executive Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
May 17 LAST DAY FOR PETITIONS Noon
May 18 Golden Eagles Noon
May 21 SPRING REUNION
May 24 STATED MTG (Dinner 6 p.m.) 7 p.m.
Installation of Officers

June 3 33° Members’ Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
June 5 Scottish Rite Volunteer Committee 2 p.m.
June 8 Sch.County Club Stag Steak Fry 5 p.m.
Schuykill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg
June 11 Fishing Rodeo – Limestone Springs
June 15 Golden Eagles Noon
June 16 John Gay Mem. Sports Banquet 6 p.m.
Revere Tavern, Paradise, PA
June 20 Ont. Club His & Hers Clambake 3 p.m.
Hamburg Game Asso. Pavilion
June 22 Good Fellowship Picnic Steak Fry 3 p.m.
Ringing Rocks Park
July 9 PA. Council of Deliberation – Seven Springs
July 20 Golden Eagles Noon
July 21 Workers’ & Service Club Picnic 5 p.m.
Scottish Rite Cathedral
Aug. 3 Rajah Potentate’s Picnic
Aug. 6 AASR FAMILY PICNIC 4 p.m.
Reading Leiderkranz
Aug. 13 Chester County Family Chicken 11 - 4
BBQ – Skerrett Lodge #343, Cochranville
Aug.17 Sch. County Club Ladies’ Picnic 5 p.m.
Schuykill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg
Aug. 17 Golden Eagles Noon
Fall Reunion Honored Guests, Marshals and Class


Center – James A. Gilbert, Thrice Potent Master; Edward R. Stein, Most Wise Master; Ill. Louis A. Fiorini, 33º, Chairman, Class Marshals; and Willard Miller, Jan Murphy, Dale Bentz and James L. Boyer, Class Marshals, and Ill. Victor M. Frederick, III, D.S.M., Commander-in-Chief.

Rear – Members of the Reunion Class (alphabetically): Charles Franklin Ewing, Tyler Conrad Maerz, Marvin Joseph Miller, Thomas Carl Minick, Clarence Earl Smith and Mariano Sosa.

Medal For Masonic Service Awarded To Four Brothers

Four Brethren recently were awarded the Scottish Rite Medal For Masonic Service. One was presented during the activities for the One Day Class on October 30 and three were presented during the Fall Reunion in November. The Medal for Masonic Service is awarded to a Brother Mason who fully embodies the tenets of the Masonic fraternity, even if he is not a member of the Scottish Rite. This award is generated at the local level and is based on the recommendation of three of the Brother’s peers.

On October 30, the Medal was awarded to John K. March, a member of Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown, the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Reading, the York Rite Bodies, Rajah Shrine and numerous affiliated organizations. At the Fall Reunion Medals were awarded to:

Ill. Lynn G. Brandt, 33º, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Sovereign Prince, Director of the Work Emeritus in recognition of his years of leadership throughout the Valley of Reading and beyond.

Joseph J. Hagan, Sr., the Recorder and a Dramatic Director for Rajah Shrine, a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Reading, Chaplain for Union Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro, and participates in Birdsboro area community and church organizations, in recognition as a tireless worker and crusader for the Philadelphia Unit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I. Newton Evans, 87, a 55-year member of Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446, where he was Worshipful Master in 1954 and then Treasurer for 20 starting in 1966. Bro. Newton has inspired many men to become Masons just by living out the principles of Freemasonry in his own life. In his Lodge, he served for more than 30 years on the Committee of Brotherly Concern, whereby he visits and give fruit baskets to Brothers who are sick, recuperating or cannot come to meetings.

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Valentine’s / St. Patty’s Oldies Dance

Saturday February 26, 2011
7:00 to 11:00 pm
Scottish Rite Cathedral
310 South 7th Ave
West Reading, PA 19611

BYOB and Dance with your Sweetie while enjoying music provided by DJ John Rambo

$15 per Person or $25 per Couple
Dress is Casual

All Proceeds to Benefit the 32° Learning Center for Dyslexic Children

Price includes Mixers and Food Items Available via Silent Auction

Please contact the one of the following to make a reservation:
Sam 610-223-6554 or Vic 484-942-9340 or sam@hsrmc.org
Fashions in Bloom

Saturday, April 2, 2011
Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch - 12:00 Noon
($22.00 per person)

Scottish Rite Cathedral
310 S. Seventh Street
West Reading, PA

Fashion Show - Luncheon - Door Prizes

Fashions By Coldwater Creek

For Tickets Contact:
Elsie Lange (610) 286-9306
Diana Stumm (717) 354-5993
Deadline for ticket purchase - March 15, 2011

Limited Number of Tickets Being Sold,
Purchase Your Ticket Early
The Combined County Clubs of the Valley of Reading AASR

IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

Combined County Club's
Ladies Night
March 5, 2011

Dinner & Show
Open to all members, significant other, and your invited guests.

Limited seating to the first 1000 reservations

Poodle Skirts Optional

The Home Style dinner catered by the well known Hess Catering of Schuylkill Haven starts the evening in the Zimmerman Banquet Hall at the Cathedral and features include Ham, Baked Haddock, Turkey and all the fixings from fruit cup to dessert.

Entertainment follows by Pet Rock which is your invitation to reminisce to those tunes of the 50’s and 60’s. It will make you want to tap your toes and hum the lyrics. Direct from Columbia Maryland, Pet Rock will entertain with songs like Patsy Cline’s Crazy, Pretty Woman by Roy Orbison, I’m a Believer, Earth Angel, Blue Suede Shoes, Do You Wanna Dance and many many more are only a sampling of what’s on tap for your listening pleasure.

Make this her night to Remember  Send for tickets today

Doors open at 5PM  Dinner at 6:00pm  Show starts at 8:00pm

COMBINED COUNTY CLUB’S LADIES NIGHT ORDER FORM

For reservations by mail, complete the order form below and send with check and stamped self addressed envelope to:
Scottish Rite Office  PO BOX 6013  Reading PA 19610

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $____________ for the Combined Ladies Night.

# _____ Tickets for Dinner and Show at $30.00 each  # _____ Tickets for Show Only at $10.00 each

From: (Name) ____________________________________________________________
(Address) __________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

IN MEMORIAM
The Valley of Reading remembers with respect the following Brethren whose deaths have been reported since the last publication of VALLEY NOTICE:

Ill. Lynn G. Brandt, 33°
December 19, 2010

Franklin H. Hill
February 22, 2010

Lawrence D. Reimer, Jr.
November 4, 2010

Philip Devor
May 3, 2010

Lester H. Baver
November 6, 2010

William R. Krammes
June 4, 2010

William J. Hoover
November 6, 2010

William J. Sell, Jr.
July 11, 2010

Robert L. Bashore
November 6, 2010

Richard N. Deets, Sr.
July 22, 2010

Glenn E. Bowers
November 12, 2010

Clarence H. Wolfe
September 19, 2010

James B. Smith
November 13, 2010

Kenneth I. Ellingsworth
September 30, 2010

Maxon E. Crandell
November 19, 2010

Charles W. Duttenhofer
October 2, 2010

Harry A. Milkins
November 25, 2010

Clarence L. Shirk
October 4, 2010

Leo L. Hughes
March 15, 2009

Richard W. High
October 13, 2010

Emanuel C. Hess
July 10, 2010

John K. Kieffer
October 16, 2010

Robert F. Giles
November 30, 2010

Lee M. Lindermuth
October 17, 2010

Douglas E. Beck
December 2, 2010

Henry G. Graham
October 22, 2010

John W. Warren
December 5, 2010

Kraig A. Wagaman
October 26, 2010

Russell A. Seaman
December 6, 2010

George E. Graefe, Jr.
October 31, 2010

Oversight Advisory Committee
The next Stated Meeting of the Oversight Advisory Committee will be held March 7, 2011.

To Contact Committee Members:
L. Donald Loos, Chairman (610) 678-1063
Larry A. Buzzard (610) 286-6579
Victor M. Frederick, III (610) 970-2153
Mark A. Haines (610) 678-9874
Herbert K. Swisher (610) 670-8084
William J. Oehme (717)-626-8888
Carl F. Berger, Secretary (570) 385-2567
Blaine F. Fabian, Consulting Aide (610) 678-4347

T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.
A Stated meeting of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of Reading, Pennsylvania will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 310 S. Seventh Avenue, West Reading, Pa., on the 20th day of the Hebrew month Sh’vat 5771 corresponding to:

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
7:00 o’clock p.m.

Business will be transacted in Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°; C. Gilbert Steffe Council, 16°, Princes of Jerusalem; Francis Marion Highley Chapter, 18°, Knight of the Rose Croix; and Reading Consistory, 32°, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. A cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to all members of the Rite duly accredited.

By order of:

JAMES A. GILBERT, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

EDWARD R. STEIN, 32°
Most Wise Master

MICHAEL D. WOLFE, 32°
Sovereign Prince

VICTOR M. FREDERICK, III, 33°, DSM
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST: Christopher H. Tecklenburg, 33°, MSA Secretary

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING
6 TO 6:45 P.M.
$8.00 per person

You are invited to attend
THE FEAST OF THE PASchal LAMB MEMORIAL SERVICE
Presented by
Francis Marion Highley Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix
Valley of Reading

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011
2:00 P.M.
SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
Visiting Brethren

Where is your passport?

Visiting Reading on November 20th from the Valley of Albany, New York were Bro. Robert B. Reifmueller, 32°; Bro. Manuel L. Steele, 32°; and Bro. Timothy Rose, 32°. Each needed one last stamp in their Passport to certify that they had witnessed all 29 Scottish Rite degrees. Well … almost. The Supreme Council has introduced a completely rewritten 19th Degree, Brother of the Trail. The Valley of Reading will confer this degree on May 21, 2011.

IRENE GOTTSCHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE: Grant
SPONSORED BY: The Family and Friends of the late Irene Gottschall
AMOUNTS AWARDED: Number and amount of grants vary according to availability of annual income. Grants will be issued in multiples of $500. Excess income is added to fund principal. At present, only one grant is anticipated per year.
ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:
Enrolled college freshmen who are children or grandchildren of members of the Valley of Reading, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or members of the Masonic-related youth groups meeting in Berks County, may make application.
REPAYMENT: Repayment is not necessary.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Eligible students must file a complete & accurate application for the PA Masonic Youth Foundation Scholarship to be considered.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: PA Masonic Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Program
www.supremecouncil.org
Click on Philanthropy Tab
Click on Abbott Scholarship

Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide
www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/scholar/index.html
Click on Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide

IT’S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME
Pick up Applications NOW for
Applications are in the Scottish Rite Office
Ontelaunee Club

His & Her Clambake & Fish Fry
Full details in the March issue of Valley Notice.
any questions, call or e-mail Irv Herring at 610-562-7300 or idherring@msn.com

Please mark your calendars

ATTENTION OFFICERS!

AN OFFICERS TRAINING SEMINAR FOR "ALL" OFFICERS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED, IN EACH BODY OF THE VALLEY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011 IN THE CANDIDATES ROOM OF THE VALLEY. THE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN 3:00 P.M. ALL OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

LOOK FOR THE RESERVATION FORM IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "VALLEY NOTICE".

Coming March 5th is a combined effort of all the clubs to pamper our significant other with a great scrumptious dinner followed by great entertainment with oldies music by the Pet Rock Band to boost her spirits. Attend your functions as often as possible and hope to see you on March the fifth.

MEMBERSHIP

By Carl F. Berger

As a member of the greatest fraternity known to man, do we say and act what we mean or how we feel? Take it from this bird as he is trying his best to save what’s his. So as Scottish Rite Masons we must follow suit. Share our beliefs and take advantage of what the great Valley of Reading has to offer. Attend our functions, maybe participate a little but more importantly share the respect and goodwill to those who are getting the message out and are enriching their daily values as higher levels are achieved. To those who say been there, done that we can say hum bug. We had supporters and now many need to be their shoes. It’s been proven that we will get more out than what we put in.

What have you put in lately?

COUNTY CLUBS

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The Scottish Rite AASR of the Valley of Reading is pleased to have several county clubs to help spread fraternal relationships while enabling your family to enjoy many of those. Hopefully by now you have reviewed and enjoyed the past issue of The Valley Notice and saw the information concerning the county club which you are automatically a member of. If you haven’t been contacted by someone notify an officer in your Zip Code Area or the Valley Office and get the scoop.
to all our new members on having taken a step forward in your Masonic Journey. We proudly present three key factors from which you have the opportunity to benefit: Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment. The experiences available to you and your family will bring smiles and fond memories to last a lifetime. Don’t delay getting started. If you can’t find something of your liking, let us know by contacting the office. Think something is missing? Let us know that too.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Commander-in-Chief’s Golf Tournament is back! Set aside the first weekend in May, and watch the website or the next issue of Valley Notice for more details.

Things

You Ought To Know
Facts, Information, Legends and Trivia

A MASONIC PRESIDENT - A staff officer in the Union Army during the Civil War observed a Federal Surgeon freely giving money to Rebel prisoners after the third battle of Winchester in 1864. In his words, ”The Doctor shook hands cordially with a number of confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn’t know what it meant.” On the way back to camp, the young officer asked the Surgeon if he’d ever seen those men before, but the Surgeon replied that he had not. “But how did you know them and why did you give them money?” asked the Officer. “They are Masons, and Masons have ways of finding that out,” replied the Surgeon. So intrigued was the Officer, that later in 1865, he chose to become a Mason. He would also go on to a life of politics and eventually became the 25th President of the United States. His name: Brother & President William McKinley.

MASONIC PRESIDENTS IN THE 7th MASONIC DISTRICT? - A Daylighter’s Lodge will be held in Kutztown, PA at Huguenot Lodge No. 377 on February 19, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the Daylighter’s Lodge is to afford Brethren who cannot drive at night, or who work nights to attend a meeting with their Brethren. Past Master’s of the 7th Masonic District will present the interesting life and times of our Masonic Presidents. All Brethren are invited to meet the Presidents.
Inside each Valley Notice, find out what Freemasonry in the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading offers you to “take out into the world.”