OUR HONORED GUEST
ILL. ERIC L. BRANDT, 33°

The Valley of Reading is pleased to recognize Illustrious Eric L. Brandt, 33°, Director of Work.

Illustrious Brother Brandt was raised a Master Mason in Williamson Lodge No. 307, located in Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, in 1990. He was Knighted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32° Scottish Rite Mason, on November 17, 1990, in Reading Consistory. He presided as Sovereign Prince of C. Gilbert Steffe Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, in 1996 & 1997, and was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council on August 29, 2006, at Chicago, Illinois. He was appointed Director of the Work for the Valley of Reading on January 15, 2007.

Illustrious Brother Brandt grew up in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Conrad Weiser High School. He is the son of Carol and the late Illustrious Lynn G. Brandt, 33°, a Past Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory. He and his wife DeAnn currently reside in the Reinholds, Pennsylvania, area. He is employed as a Supervisor at Hoffman Industries in Sinking Spring.

The Commander-in-Chief and the Valley of Reading is pleased to present Illustrious Brother Eric L. Brandt, 33°, to the class as their exemplar and an exponent of Scottish Rite Masonry.

ATTENTION: Valley Members, Ladies, and Friends of the Valley of Reading

Celebration of Achievement
Graduates of the Children’s Dyslexia Center

Sunday, June 14, 2015, at 2 O’clock P.M., in the Candidate’s Room at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Light Refreshments will be served.

Please attend and see the fruits of your labor in raising money for the Center!

RSVP: Sue Hisick @ reading.learning@comcast.net
Brethren, It seems like Spring has finally arrived. I am sure we all thought at one time or another that Winter would never be over. With the turning of the seasons comes some important dates on the calendar of Scottish Rite Masonry at the Valley of Reading.

Rehearsals have already begun for our Spring Reunion on Saturday, May 16th. It would be great to see a large class of new members joining our Valley but that means you need to give petitions to Blue Lodge members so they can continue their masonic journeys.

The various County Clubs have begun their Spring and early Summer events. Check the Valley's calendar for specifics and plan to attend.

On May 30th, both C. Gilbert Steffe, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Francis Marion Highley, Chapter of Rose Croix will celebrate their 100th anniversary at the Inn of Reading. It would be great for us all to show our support for these Brethren by attending their very special event.

The end of May closes the chapter of my tenure as Thrice Potent Master. Being selected to join this Line was truly an honor for me. Looking back, going through the Line seemed to go fast, but this past year as TPM, seemed to especially fly by. I would like to thank everyone who supported me while serving the Valley and the Lodge of Perfection. The help and advice offered by all the Past Thrice Potent Masters who attended our rehearsals was extraordinary and of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank, Sam Wandzilak, PTPM for his culinary contributions.

Spring has finally sprung! I think? With spring comes the Spring reunion. The rehearsals have been going on for some time now and things are shaping up.

Petitions have been slow coming in to the office. Let us all get out and find some more petitions. Petitions and membership is the life blood of our Valley.

Our membership has been dwindling downward for several years and we need new members to bolster our ranks and keep the Valley of Reading as a place we all like to attend.

This will be my last message to the Brethren of the Valley of Reading. My term expires at the end of May. I hope I am leaving things a little better than when I entered office. Really that's what we all hope to have accomplished in our term of office.

It has been quite a learning experience. There is much more involved in leading the Valley than we would suppose. It has been my pleasure to serve you. I hope to stay as active as possible and take part in all we do.

Thank you for your support.

Working Together WE can make the May 2016 Spring Reunion one to remember for the Candidates & Members.
Greeting Princes, I hope this day finds you and your family well.

The bitter cold, snow and Easter Bunny have come and gone and we should be enjoying all the flora and fauna that spring has to offer.

Just as spring brings new life into the world, so enter new Officers into our Valley. At our stated meeting on May 26th, Brother Darwin A. Kerper will be installed as our newly elected Sovereign Prince. I know that our family here in the Valley will extend to him the same assistance, courtesy and fellowship that have made this past year an enjoyable experience for me.

I would like to remind everyone of the spring reunion on Saturday May 16th. As new members appear in your Blue Lodge’s, have a talk with them regarding the benefits of Scottish Rite Masonry and all that it has to offer.

As a final note, the 100th anniversary of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix will be held on Saturday May 30, 2015 at The Inn at Reading. The well-known 17 piece Swing Fever Dance Band will be the evening’s entertainment. The dinner reservations form can be found in this Valley notice with the deadline being May 15. Rooms are available at a discounted rate of $89.00; just mention our function.

Thank you all for this experience.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Craig Shaffer

My Brother Knights, my term through the line of Rose Croix and as Most Wise Master has been one of the most rewarding in my Masonic journey.

This comes from having a sense of completing a mission of service to the Rite, but is mainly due by having the honor of working with so many dedicated Brothers of the Craft.

There are so many I owe so much to, for assisting and supporting me to get to this point in my journey. Special thanks go to the Past Most Wise Masters for keeping me on course and the current Line of Officers for their dedication. I shall be forever grateful to you all for “propping up the old guy”, and tolerating the “Angry Gnome”.

To those new to Scottish Rite and those who have been members for some time, if you haven’t become involved in the Valley, don’t waste the chance to make a difference, especially the one you will discover in yourself. There is a position that needs filled or service you can perform in a variety of ways. Even your attendance at functions of the Valley offers fellowship of the kind that is often too hard to find.

In closing, I offer the prayer that throughout your Masonic journey, that The Grand Architect of the Universe will guide you and enlighten you, so you may find the answers you seek.

May Faith, Hope, and Love light your way.

Blessings,

A.K.A., M.W.M.

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100th ANNIVERSARY

C. GILBERT STEFFE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°
Chartered: September 23, 1915

FRANCIS MARION HIGHLEY CHAPTER, KNIGHTS OF ROSE CROIX, 18°
Chartered: September 23, 1915
IN MEMORIAM
The Valley of Reading remembers with respect the
Following Brethren whose deaths have been reported
Since the last publication of the Valley Notice.

Ill. Clarence J. Echternacht, 33º Lodge L665  February 18, 2015

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“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL BROTHER”

A Willing Helper Does Not Wait to Be Asked.
--Danish Proverb

T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.
(To The Glory Of The Grand Architect Of The Universe)

Reunion & Stated meetings 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 27th day of the Hebrew month Lyyar and the 8th day of the Hebrew month of Sivan, 5775 corresponding to:

Saturday and Tuesday
May 16, and 26, 2015

The business and work will be conducted according to the program on these pages. A cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to all members of the Rite duly accredited. Your permanent membership card will admit you to all the Sessions of the Reunion and must be shown to the Tyler for admittance.

By order of:
RONALD J. DALIUS, 32°       ARTHUR K. ARMSTRONG, 32°
Thrice Potent Master                         Most Wise Master
CRAIG W. SHAFFER, 32°                    WILLIAM H. TENNANT, JR. 33°
Sovereign Prince                           Commander-in-Chief

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

DINNER WILL BE SERVED
BEFORE THE MEETING ON MAY 26
6 TO 6:45 P.M.
$8.00 PER PERSON

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ON MAY 26

Petitions for this class will be accepted until May 9. A list of candidates will be available in the Scottish Rite Office beginning May 12.

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY
For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on whom rests a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. The two Scottish Rite Masons who sign the petition have a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invite a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all your guests, and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the Master Mason you recommend to Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is also your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the degrees at our Reunions.

A Willing Helper Does Not Wait to Be Asked.
--Danish Proverb
A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

On Tuesday, May 27, 2014 we will have the privilege of honoring those officers who have just completed their term of office.

It has been said that the secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known by those who seek it, serve it, live it. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no one can know it alone. Fellowship, rapport, and communication are necessary.

Members in Scottish Rite who have served as officers in the Scottish Rite have these essentials which make life happier by enlarging their circle of acquaintances and providing more opportunities for congenial fellowship and service.

We can truthfully say to each of these brethren “Well done thou good and faithful servant.” The Valley is deeply grateful for the contributions you have made during your years of service in order to make our Valley grow.

We are proud to honor:

**BROTHER RONALD J. DALIUS, 32°**
Thrice Potent Master

**BROTHER CRAIG W. SHAFFER, 32°**
Sovereign Prince

**BROTHER ARTHUR K. ARMSTRONG, JR., 32°**
Most Wise Master

**ILL. BROTHER WILLIAM H. TENNANT, JR. 33°**
Commander-in-Chief

The Valley of Reading is grateful for having these brethren as leaders in their respective bodies.

To all officers, past and present, and to all the members: As we approach the twilight of this Scottish Rite year and the dawning of a new, let us resolve to continue to contribute our best to our Brethren, our Lodge, our Country, and our God. So Mote It Be.

**ALLEGIANCE**

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Reading, District of Pennsylvania, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Boston, Massachusetts, and whose officers are:

**ILL. John Wm. McNaughton, 33°**
Sovereign Grand Commander

**ILL. Richard W. Elliot, 33°**
Grand Treasurer General

**ILL. Peter J. Samiec, 33°**
Grand Lieutenant Commander

**ILL. James L. Tumolo, 33°**
Grand Secretary General

**ILL. Russell W. Baker, 33°**
Deputy for Pennsylvania

**LADIES AUXILIARY DINNER**

**TUESDAY, MAY 26 –AT 6:00 PM. MEETING FOLLOWS**

**PRESENTATION ON FREEMASONRY & THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Please show your patriotism by wearing red, white and blue or a flag pin.

We are having a make your own sundae bar, provided by the Auxiliary Board.

**LADIES AUXILIARY, REUNION DAY BUS TRIP**

Please be at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th.

To board the bus at 8:15 AM, Please wear comfortable shoes.

The approximate time of return is 6:00 pm.

Let's hope for a sunny day!
100th Anniversary Celebration of
C. Gilbert Steffe, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and
Francis Marion Highley Chapter of Rose Croix
In conjunction with
The Combined County Clubs of the Valley of Reading

Saturday, May 30, 2015
Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA
5:00pm to 6:00pm  Registration and Cash Bar
6:00pm  Introductions
6:30pm Dinner and Brief Program
Dinner Selections
Oven Roasted Sirloin with Madeira Wine Sauce (B) or
Chicken Saltimbocca layered with Prosciutto Ham, fresh spinach then finished
with Italian Cheese Blend & Marsala Wine Sauce (C)
8:30pm to 11:00pm  Fellowship and dancing to SWING FEVER – 17 piece dance band

COST - $35.00 per person

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 15, 2015

Tear-off Reservation Form
Single or multiple reservations (Table seats 8 or 10, please specify)
Please list full name and CIRCLE choice of either Beef (B) or Chicken (C)
If you are an Officer or Past Officer of a Scottish Rite body please indicate office held and name of body, behind your name.

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Please send check or checks for ALL RESERVATIONS on this form to:
Carey M. Kaucher, 1108 Dogwood Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609      Questions call 610-670-9827
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO       READING LODGE OF PERFECTION
The Chester County Club of the Valley of Reading is proud to announce:

The 2015 John T. Gay Annual Sports Banquet

Thursday June 18, 2015

At the Revere Tavern
Paradise, PA

Social Hour at 6:00 PM
Family Style Dinner at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker, Former Philadelphia Eagles Special Teams Player
KEVIN REILLY

His story isn't merely about survival, but a tale of overcoming great adversities to become a true champion. A born leader and strong motivator, Mr. Reilly served as captain of the special teams for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1973 - 1974. His NFL career came to an end when he was diagnosed with a rare desmoids tumor in his left shoulder. Mr. Reilly has moved forward in life becoming a senior executive with the Xerox Corporation and a radio co-host commentator for all the Philadelphia Eagles pre and post-game broadcasts.

This is a Masonic Dress, Stag Event, Open to all men of age.

Know a good and worthy man who is not a Brother Mason?
Now is your opportunity to invite him into our fraternity.

Tickets are $30.00 per person Contact: Paul A. Swank, Jr.
610-306-5920 or 610-306-5920 email: pasnuf@aol.com

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Seating is limited, make your reservation early. Don't be disappointed.
Today, as we pick our way through this dizzy, giddy, whirl of modern change and development, we give thought to leaving our mark on the walls we build so that someone a thousand years from now may see what we have done. The brethren that we honor today have already left their mark; their works are everlasting, and they have lived in accordance with the truth and precepts of our order.

The Masonic influence has long been felt in their lives as they passed through the corridors of the temple and practiced the truths and mysteries of the order; they believed in them, and practiced them, and made them an integral part of their lives. They found that Masonry is a way of life—a set of virtues and fundamental truths which must be a living, vital part of our existence, not merely a series of ritualistic performances.

It is a privilege and an honor to once again pay tribute to those who have reached their 50th anniversary in Scottish Rite Masonry, a milestone in their Masonic lives.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following brethren. Proper honor will be bestowed upon them during the Saturday session of our Spring Reunion, at which time those who are able to attend will receive their 50-year pins from the Commander-in-Chief. Those who cannot attend will receive their pins through the mail.

Carroll S Arnold
J Eugene Astheimer
David J Baker Jr.
Leroy E Bechtel
John W Blosenski
Harold H Corl
Calvin A Crum
Clifford L Defrees
Glen L Diehm
Ronald C Downie
James F Eckman
John R Eidemiller
Charles I Fair Sr.
Paul D Fisher
Earl W Glisson Jr.

George E Keller Jr.
Kenneth K Kern
Burton N Margolis
Robert L Merkt
Herbert C Miller Jr.
Harold R Moyer
William H Munholland
Gene P Naus
Frederick B Plowfield
William F Reber
George S Schlegel
Edward D Stoudt
Robert A Swoyer
William E Trusty
Welcome to the electronic age.

The Valley Notice is delivered to almost 600 members via email. If you’re not receiving it this way it’s because we don’t have your email address. Forward the office a message at:

valley.of.reading@comcast.net

We’ll capture your address and begin sending you the electronic Valley Notice.
ONTELAUNEE CLUB HIS & HER CLAM BAKE & FISH FRY

WHERE: HAMBURG GAME ASSOCIATION PAVILION
Mountain Avenue & North 5th Street, Hamburg, PA.

DATE, TIME, AND COST
MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15, 2015
BEGINNING AT 3:00 P.M
ONLY $20.00 PER PERSON

WHO: ALL MASONS & their LADIES & GUESTS are INVITED

TIME: 3:00 p.m. serving Sausage Sandwiches, Bean Soup, Snacks & Liquid Refreshments
BAKES and PAN FRIED FISH WILL BE SERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 pm
Bakes will be made up using MIDDLE NECK CLAMS !!!!

DON’T FORGET PANCAKE & SAUSAGE STAG NIGHT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

RESERVATIONS: Please detach and fill in the reservation form below and return to
Irvin D. Herring 2028 OLD 22, LENHARTSVILLE, PA. 19534
Enclose a check for the total amount due, and payable to the
ONTELAUNEE CLUB, VALLEY of READING

DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2015!!!!!

Directions to Hamburg Game Assn.
From Route 61: take the Hamburg exit off Rt. 61 on to 4th St, cont. north on 4th St. to the north side of town, at the Hamburg Market, Franklin St., bear left on to Port Clinton Ave., cont. under Rte 78 bridge 1/4 mile and turn right onto Mountain Ave. and continue past Blue Mt. Camp on left to 5th St., turn right onto 5th, Hamburg Game is on top of the hill on the left.

From Route 78: take Hamburg Exit No. 30, cont. south on 4th St. approx.1 block, turn left onto Confer Ave, then left onto 5th St., continue north on 5th St. approx. 3 blocks, Hamburg Game is on the right.

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Here’s who to contact:

Director of Work: Eric L. Brandt  717-484-6174  dbinthewoods@aol.com
Choir Director James R. Shaw  610-678-6183  shawj549@gmail.com
Sound Department Kenneth L. Riegel  610-777-4555
Reception Committee John W. (Bill) Freeston  610-678-2985  jwfreeston@verizon.net
Class Marshals Louis A. Fiorini  610-779-6025
Registrars John J. Tumolo, III  610-944-6669  britcarfan@aol.com
Tylers James R. Strunk, III  610-373-8890
Wardrobe Craig W. Shaffer  484-947-7441
Make-up & Wigs William L. Loos  610-678-1130  blilloos910@comcast.net
Stage Manager L. S. (Larry) Bortz  610-780-0101  lsbiiii@verizon.net
Lighting Director William J. Lausch  717-484-4260  blausch@hotmail.com
Properties Manager Scott J. Helm  484-614-4723  sjhelm0328@gmail.com
Casting Director Irvin D. Herring  610-562-7300  idherring@msn.com
REUNION SCHEDULE
2015 SPRING REUNION – SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
    West Reading, Pennsylvania
    SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

7:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast – Dining Room
7:30 a.m. – Class Registration – Candidates’ Room
7:45 a.m. – Class Orientation – Candidates’ Room
8:00 a.m. – Reading Lodge of Perfection, 14°
    4° Master Traveler – in full form
    11° Sublime Master Elected – in full form
    14° Grand Elect Mason – in full form
    C. Gilbert Steffe Council, 16° Prince of Jerusalem
    15° Knight of the East – in full form
12:00 p.m. – Buffet Luncheon – Zimmerman Dining Room
1:00 p.m. – Francis Marion Highley Chapter, 18° Rose Croix
    18° Knight of the Rose Croix – in full form
2:00 p.m. – Reading Consistory, 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
    Introductions
    Reception of the Honored Guest
    Presentation of 50 Year Members
    20° Master for Life – in full form
    29° Knight of St. Andrew – Video Presentation
    31° Knight Aspirant – in full form
5:00 p.m. – Dinner – Zimmerman Dining Room
    32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret – in full form