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Looking for Veterans



Are you a Veteran, on Active Duty, or Reserve with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard? If so, the Valley would like to know. In preparation for the 2012 Fall Reunion honoring our armed forces, the Officers are looking at ways to celebrate the military service of our members, and need information.

We would like to compile such information as name, branch of service, dates or era served, and a short description of your time in service, along with a photo or two.

If you are serving or have served, please send the information in care of:

Paul Cross
23240 Berkley St.
Oak Park, MI 48237

Or via e-mail to piper44@comcast.net.

Thank you for your time and your service.



At the January 10, 2012, Valley Meeting, Mr. Bob Sadler from the Detroit Historical Society presented "Albert Kahn's Architectural Legacy: The Ubiquitous Mr. Kahn". Following the presentation, a family membership in the Detroit Historical Society was raffled off to those present. Congratulations to Brother Phillip K. Hudson. Pictured above (L-R) Larry Galloway, MSA, Sovereign Prince; Brother Phil and Mr. Bob Sadler.

February Valley Meeting

Scottish Rite Club Recognition Night and Ladies Valentine Party



Tuesday, February 14, 2012 ~ 7:30 P.M.
Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Club recognition will consist of Officers Installation with photo
and presentation of awards.

Valentine Party for the ladies with light hors d'oeuvres, refreshments
and jewelry display by vendors in the dining room at 7:00 P.M.

Following the Club recognition, the men will join the ladies.

Reservations are required for the ladies via the Valley website or toll free 877.320.6432



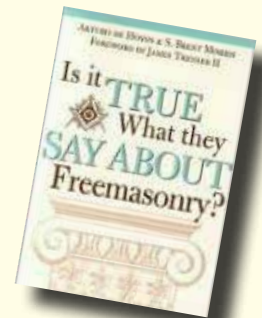
Dinner and Lecture

Saturday, February 25, 2012

The Valley of Detroit is pleased to present a special evening
of great food followed by a "Time Line of High Degrees"

Featuring

Dr. S. Brent Morris, 33°, Grand Cross, Masonic Speaker and Author

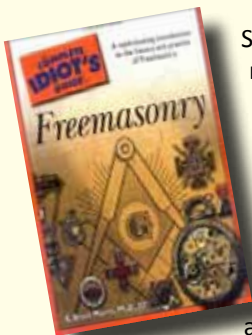


6:30 p.m. ~ Social Hour and Book Signing 7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

\$30.00 per person ~ This is a Masons Only Event ~ Limited to the first 80

Prepaid Reservations Required no later than Monday, February 20, 2012

Online or toll free at 877.320.6432



S. Brent Morris, 33°, Grand Cross, is Managing Editor of the Scottish Rite Journal of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. He retired in 2000 after 25 years as a mathematician with the federal government, and has taught at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington Universities. He is twice Past Master (1979 & 2000) of Patmos Lodge No. 70, Ellicott City, Maryland, Past Master (2008) of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, a Fellow of the Philaethes Society, recipient of the Philaethes Society Certificate of Literature, an honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Society, Editor of Heredom, the transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society (S.R.R.S.), recipient of the S.R.R.S. Albert G. Mackey Lifetime Achievement Award, and Grand Abbot of the Society of Blue Friars. He is author of many articles on Freemasonry and the books, •Masonic Philanthropies: A Tradition of Caring, •Cornerstones of Freedom: A Masonic Tradition, •The Folger Manuscript: The Cryptanalysis and Interpretation of an American Masonic Manuscript, •A Radical in the East, and •The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry. He and Arturo de Hoyos co-authored •Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry? and •Committed to the Flames and co-edited •Freemasonry in Context: History, Ritual, and Controversy. He is co-editor of •Freemasonry on Both Sides of the Atlantic and •A Daily Advancement in Masonic Knowledge. He is Past High Priest of Zeredathah Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Masons, a member of the Royal and Select Masters, the Knights Templar, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, Past Sovereign Master, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Chief Adept, IX°, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis



Join Us for a Great Time!

PLYMOUTH
WHALEERS
VS the

Sunday, February 12, 2012 ~ 2:00 P.M.



Compuware Arena

14900 Beck Rd. (just North of M-14)
Plymouth



The Valley has reserved a private suite for this event.
Following the game, a free concert will be held.

\$15.00 per person ~ Includes hors d'oeuvres and refreshments
Limited to the first 25

Prepaid Reservations required
Online or Toll Free 877.320.6432

2012 College Scholarships Available

Its time again to apply for the Scottish Rite College Scholarships. Each year the Valley of Detroit provides thousands of dollars to deserving college students from all over our jurisdiction. The scholarships are awarded to Masonic affiliated applicants and are based on academic achievement, participation in worthwhile activities, financial need, and/or self-help. Minimum requirements are GPA 3.0, ACT 22, SAT 1030. In addition, the scholarships are available for not only entering freshmen, but also students who have already started their undergraduate studies. If you know of any deserving student who could benefit from these scholarships, please encourage them to contact the Valley Office after January 2, 2012. The deadline for all applications is February 25, 2012, and the **student must request an application by letter, fax or e-mail.**

Ill. Gerald R. Ford, 33° (1913 - 2006)

As the country mourned the passing of its 38th President, Freemasons across the globe mourned the loss of a brother whose spirit had been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us. Ill. Gerald R. Ford, 33°, died on December 26, 2006, at the age of 93.

Brother Gerald Ford was born Leslie King, Jr. on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska. After his parents divorced, Brother Ford and his mother moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was adopted by and assumed the name of his step- father, Brother Gerald R. Ford, Sr. Brother Ford received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1935 and his J.D. from Yale University Law School 1941.

After graduation, Brother Ford served his country as an officer in the Naval Reserves from 1942 until 1963, and was on active duty during World War II, from 1942 to 1946.

Brother Ford was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Malta Lodge No. 465 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 30, 1949. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1951 in Columbia Lodge No. 3, located in Washington, D.C., while he was serving as a Congressman in the United States House of Representatives.

While serving as the 38th President of the United States, Brother Ford was honored by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on March 22, 1976, as the recipient of the Masonic Medallion. Upon receiving the honor, Brother Ford commented on the influence Freemasonry has had on his life:

When I took my obligation as a master mason-- incidentally, with my three younger brothers--I recalled the value my own father attached to that order. But I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order who also served as Presidents of the United States.



Masonic principles--internal, not external-- and our order's vision of duty to country and acceptance of God as a Supreme Being and guiding light have sustained me during my years of Government service. Today especially, the guidelines by which I strive to become an upright man in Masonry give me great personal strength.

Masonic precepts can help America retain our inspiring aspirations while adapting to a new age. It is apparent to me that the Supreme Architect has set out the duties each of us has to perform, and I have trusted in His will with the knowledge that my trust is well-founded.

...It was almost 200 years ago, in the darkest days of our war for independence, that George Washington answered a question that is sometimes asked today. The question is whether things are as bad as some say. George Washington answered, and I quote: "We should never despair. Our situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust it will again. If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth new exertions and proportion our efforts to the exigency of the times.

While serving as President, Brother Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and served as honorary Grand Master from 1975 until 1977.

Brother Ford was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, by the Supreme Council at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, and was the exemplar for his class. He was also awarded the Grand Cross in 1975.

Thus ends the record of a Just and Upright Mason; may his soul rest in eternal peace.

A Social Gathering exclusively for Valley of Detroit Members and their Guests



Liberty Street Brewing Company Friday, March 30, 2012

Liberty Street Brewing Company is located at 149 W. Liberty Street in Plymouth, Michigan's Historic Old Village area. This is the quieter, more historic and classic section of Plymouth. Most of the homes and buildings in this area are more than 100 years old, and have many stories to tell. The building that houses our main tasting room was built in the 1890's, and some nearby buildings are even older.

Great Hors d'oeuvres, Refreshments and Fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE

Demolay Degree

Tuesday evening, April 10, 2012, the Valley of Detroit is hosting a Demolay event at 7:30 p.m. You will have an opportunity to witness great degree work and if you are not a Senior Demolay, you will have an opportunity that evening to be made an honorary Senior Demolay.

Refreshments following

Watch the Valley Voice for more details.



Concealed Pistol Licence Class



Sunday, March 25, 2012

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Firearm Exchange

30305 Schoolcraft Rd. ~ Livonia

For those interested, the Valley is hosting a one-day Concealed Pistol Licence Class (CPL) which is necessary to apply for a CPL permit. This one-day, 8 hour class is conducted by certified NRA instructors and will cover everything you need to earn your Concealed Pistol License. The cost is \$100.00 (normally \$125) with lunch included. The facility also offers gun rentals for those who do not have a firearm for \$35.00, and passport photos for \$7.00. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m.

\$100.00 per student

Class is limited to 25 students

Register online at 32ndDegreeMasons.org or toll free 877.320.6432

Note: This Class is for certification only, County permit filing fees may apply.



March Valley Meeting

My Beer Has Lost Its Flavor Tuesday, March 13, 2012 ~ 7:30 P.M. Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Are you planning on attending the Valley Social Gathering at the Liberty Street Brewing Company? Not sure what to order? Join the Valley as Brother Al McKay, MSA, provides a very special guided tour of the World of Beer.

From Ales to Lagers, light to dark, American to German and all parts in between, Brother Al, an avid home brewer for more than 15 years, has prepared some special creations just for the Valley's Tasting event following the March Valley Meeting.

Experience samples of 10 different styles of beer including California Steam Style, Porter, Dopplebocks and India Pale Ale.

Seating is limited to the first 75 people, so get your reservations in early to find beer styles with real flavor!

Make your reservations via the Valley website or toll free 877.320.6432

SPRING REUNION

Saturday, April 28, 2012
Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Invite your fellow Lodge members to
join the *Fraternity of Choice!*



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Support Your Club

Blue Water Club

Lou Stevich 810.982.6579
Port Huron Masonic Temple
Rear Door - Lower Level
927 6th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
3rd Monday, 6:30 P.M.

Macomb Club

Al McKay, MSA
586.773.3093
Roseville Masonic Center
27151 Gratiot Ave.
Roseville
Last Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

Oakland Club

Dennis McWilliams
248.435.4107
Jimi's Restaurant
714 S. Washington
Royal Oak
2nd Monday, 6:15 P.M.

Club of the Lakes

Les Ferguson
517.546.1880
Pinckney Masonic Center
210 Mann St. in Pinckney
3rd Sunday, 11:00 A.M.

Downriver/Monroe Club

Michael J. Stetz
313.271.8018
Leon's Family Dining
23830 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn
2nd Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

Jackson Club

Ken Strobel
517.787.2680
Joyful Cafe
3306 Francis St.. - Jackson
2nd Sunday, 8:30 A.M.

Calendar

February 2012

- 14 Club Recognition ~ Valentine's Day 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Guest Lecturer with Dinner 6:30 p.m.

March 2012

- 13 Valley Meeting 7:30 p.m. - Beer Tasting
- 15 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Social Gathering ~ Liberty St. Brewery

April 2012

- 7 Easter Eve Service
- 10 Valley Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Spring Reunion

May 2012

- 8 Annual Meeting - Election of Officers 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Public Installation of Officers 3:00 p.m.

June 2012

- 9 MI Council of Deliberation ~ Bay City
- 12 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.