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NEW OFFICERS TO LEAD VALLEY

Saturday evening, May 14, was the Installation of the new leadership team that will lead the Valley for the 2011-2012 Scottish Rite year. The following were installed into their respective offices:

Detroit Lodge of Perfection

Joel E. Clement, Thrice Potent Master
 John P. Kilbourne, Deputy Master
 Robert A. Moore, Senior Warden
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Carson Council Princes of Jerusalem

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

A BROTHER'S HAND *By George B. Staff*

When you're feeling all downhearted, and life's hard to understand, say, it's fine to feel the pressure of a Brother's friendly hand.

Just to know he sympathizes, though he doesn't say a word; How it starts your courage climbing, as your heart is touched and stirred.

With an arm across your shoulders. and a grip you love to find, how it makes you feel the bonding of the hearts of humankind.

It is just a little token of an ever-growing band, for there's faith and hope and courage in a Brother's friendly hand!

Your friendly hand my indeed insure that Freemasonry is an "ever-growing band."

So Mote it be.

The Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeast Michigan

Presents a

CHARITY WINE MIXER

Hosted by PRP Wine International

Saturday, June 18, 2011

6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

907 Monroe ~ Dearborn

Sample various wines presented by
PRP Wine International
while enjoying delicious hors d' oeuvres

\$45.00 per person

(\$30.00 of which is a tax deductible charitable donation)

Limited to 100 guests ~ Reservations a Must
To reserve your seat please call 313.268.0780

*This event benefits The Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeast Michigan, Inc.
A 501(c)3 Charitable Organization*



PRP Wine International will auction off a special "Wine Certificate" with proceeds benefiting the Children's Center

Enter a Raffle for a chance to win a pair of autographed "Pistons Shoes"

Sedestrom Receives Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service



Brother Donald A. Sedestrom, MSA, received the first Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service in Michigan. It was presented by Ill. David R. Bedwell, 33°, Deputy for Michigan on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Commander. Brother Don recently completed his term serving on the Valley Board of Trustees, and he currently serves the Valley as Almoner and Hospitaler, both of which he takes very seriously and does an outstanding job. He truly cares about his Brothers and is a credit to our Fraternity.

The Medal for Masonic Service was established by Sovereign Grand Commander McNaughton to present to those who fully embodies the tenets of the Masonic fraternity, based on the recommendation of three of his peers in his locality. Once the local Brothers have decided upon a worthy candidate, a form is filled out supported by three recommendations. The form is then sent to the Grand Commander's office for approval. The Sovereign Grand Commander does not usually take part in the presentation of this award but endorses it most enthusiastically, firmly believing that if leadership ignores membership and does nothing to stimulate a sense of appreciation of worth, then the individual will quickly lose interest in the organization.



Whether it comes in self awareness or in the intrinsic form of a medal, such feelings can only result in good works for our Scottish Rite. Please congratulate Brother Don next time you see him!

FRENCHIE'S

Casual
Dress

Friday ~ September 9, 2011



Join Us for the First Social Gathering of the Fall

FRENCHIE'S

in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town

56 East Cross Street

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Scottish Rite Masons or accompanied

by a Scottish Rite Mason ~ \$20.00

All Others ~ \$30.00

Limited to 50

Prepaid Reservations Required

Hors d'oeuvres
&
Refreshments
Included

FELLOWSHIP
FRIENDSHIP
GUARANTEED



Robusto's Martini and Cigar Bar *Friday ~ November 18, 2011*

19271 Mack Avenue ~ Grosse Pointe Woods

*Join us for an evening of delicious gourmet appetizers,
fine liquor, cigars, conversation and great fellowship.*

6:30 - 9:30 PM

Scottish Rite Masons ~ \$45.00

All Others ~ \$60.00

Each person will receive a unique gift

Limited to 40

Prepaid Reservations Required





15th Annual

Raymond L. Lammens Memorial *Teddy Bear Classic*

to benefit "Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeast Michigan, Inc."



MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

Cracklewood Golf Club

18215 24 Mile Road

Macomb, Michigan

(1/2 Mile East of Romeo Plank Road)

**18 Holes of Golf
Golf Cart**

**(5) Food/Beverage Tickets
Steak Dinner**

**Gifts, Games, Fun & Fellowship
Hole-In-One Contest**

Win \$10,000 !

(on par 3 hole #8, professionals excluded)

All This For Only \$85.00

Form a foursome & join us!

Format: Four Person Scramble

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

Make checks payable to: Children's Dyslexia Centers of S.E. Michigan, Inc.

Cutoff Date: August 5, 2011

Co-Directors: Don Miller (586)293-8559, Don Kussner (586)293-3157

Valley of Detroit "Teddy Bear Classic" - August 15, 2011 - Cracklewood Golf Course

Check all applicable boxes. Complete, detach and mail this form to:

Donald L. Miller, 15803 Kingston Drive, Fraser, MI 48026-2383

- I will sponsor a hole at \$250.00, which I understand is tax deductible.
- I will sponsor a hole and would like to have a foursome in the tournament, all for \$550.00. Names are listed below.
- I will sponsor a sand trap at \$50.00, which I understand is tax deductible.
- I will make a cash or merchandise donation with a retail value of \$ _____, which I understand is tax deductible.
- I plan on *Dinner Only*. I am enclosing a check for \$25.00.
- Sorry, I cannot attend, but please accept my tax deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____.
- Yes! I will play in the Tournament. I am enclosing \$85.00 for each golfer. Please assign me (us) to a foursome

Captain: Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

No. 2: Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

No. 3: Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

No. 4: Name _____ Phone No. _____

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING EVENT RESERVATIONS

The Officers and Staff of the Valley of Detroit strive to provide the best value for your member dollar when social events are planned. The cost of the event to the member is as low as can be budgeted and for some events, zero. All that is asked of the member is their reservation and attendance.

Some low cost events are limited as to how many may attend so that the cost can be maintained in the budget. Many of these events are well attended and unfortunately, some members have to miss out as reservations are full.

When reservations are made by a member, that reservation is guaranteed by the Valley to the event caterer. The final count usually needs to be in seven days prior to the event. The Valley is responsible for the **full cost** of that number of reservations.

There have been many recent events where the cost of the event is zero to the member. In this case, there has been a high percentage of "no-shows". This has a negative effect in many ways. There is a waste of food as it is not consumed, the cost of the reservation is still paid by the Valley, and another member who might have been locked out from making a reservation loses on a chance to get in.

The Valley certainly understands "life happens" and something may prevent you from attending an event. However, a courtesy call to the Valley Office to cancel the reservation would be appreciated.

The Valley has already instituted a policy regarding not accepting reservations without pre-payment. In the case where the event is no charge to the member, when a reservation is made, you are committing yourself to attend the event. **If you cannot attend, you will need to cancel your reservation by contacting the Office no later than seven days prior to the event or be subject to an invoice for the full cost of your reservation.**

As noted in the policy, in the event you make and pay for a reservation and fail to show, there will be no refund granted. If you cancel your reservation prior to the count cutoff, a refund will be issued.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Coming in January

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 14, 2012
Scottish Rite Masonic Center

6:30 PM ~ Social

7:30 PM ~ Dinner

8:30 PM ~ Show

\$40.00 per person

\$75.00 per couple

Prepaid Reservations Required



Featuring
Kevin Kramis



Featuring
Norm Stulz

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Dates



Valley of Detroit Invites You to Enjoy a Day Trip to

FIREKEEPERS CASINO

Saturday, July 23, 2011

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

Round Trip Transportation - via deluxe highway motorcoach. Restroom equipped and reclining seats for your comfort and convenience. Refreshments on the coach!

FireKeepers Casino -Playing with fire is about to get way more fun! With over 2,680 of the latest slot and video poker games; 78 table games including blackjack, craps and roulette; a 200 seat Bingo room; a live poker room and exclusive high limit areas and VIP lounge, you'll see why FireKeepers is Battle Creek's newest gaming hotspot.

With five sizzling restaurants and blazing hot bars and lounges, FireKeepers is about to become Battle Creek's hottest dining and nightlife destination. From the classic but contemporary creations at Nibi to a variety of flavors at Mijem Buffet, great drinks at Dacey's sports bar and heart-warming comfort food favorites at Cafe 24/7, there's going to be something for everyone.

Trip departs the Dearborn Henry Ford Centennial Library parking lot at 8:00 A.M.

Cost: \$30.00 per person *

* Your package includes a \$20.00 slot credit and \$5.00 coupon to be used for food, slot play or gift shop. **Net Cost \$5.00**

This event is limited to the first 50 reservations.

Contact the Valley Office Toll Free 877.320.6432 No Later than July 8th



Valley Family Picnic

Saturday, August 13, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ford Field Park Large Pavilion

(1 block north of the Scottish Rite Center)

\$10.00 per person

Reservations Required by August 5th ~ Toll Free 877.320.6432
or Via the Valley Website www.32ndDegreeMasons.org

Reservations are limited

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Dated Material - Please Do Not Delay



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
Old Country Buffet
35543 S. Gratiot
Clinton Township
Last Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

Oakland Club

Kenneth Martin
248.889.9774
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
Marr's Grill
3306 Francis St.. - Jackson
2nd Sunday, 8:30 A.M.

Calendar

June 2011

- 11 Michigan Council of Deliberation - Shanty Creek
- 14 Valley Officer Orientation
- 16 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Charity Wine Mixer

July 2011

- 23 Casino Trip

August 2011

- 13 Valley Family Picnic - Ford Field Park
- 15 Teddy Bear Classic Golf Outing
- 28-30 Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council

September 2011

- 9 Frenchie's Social Gathering 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Valley Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Children's Learning Center 5K Walk/Run
- 27 Valley Honor's Dinner