

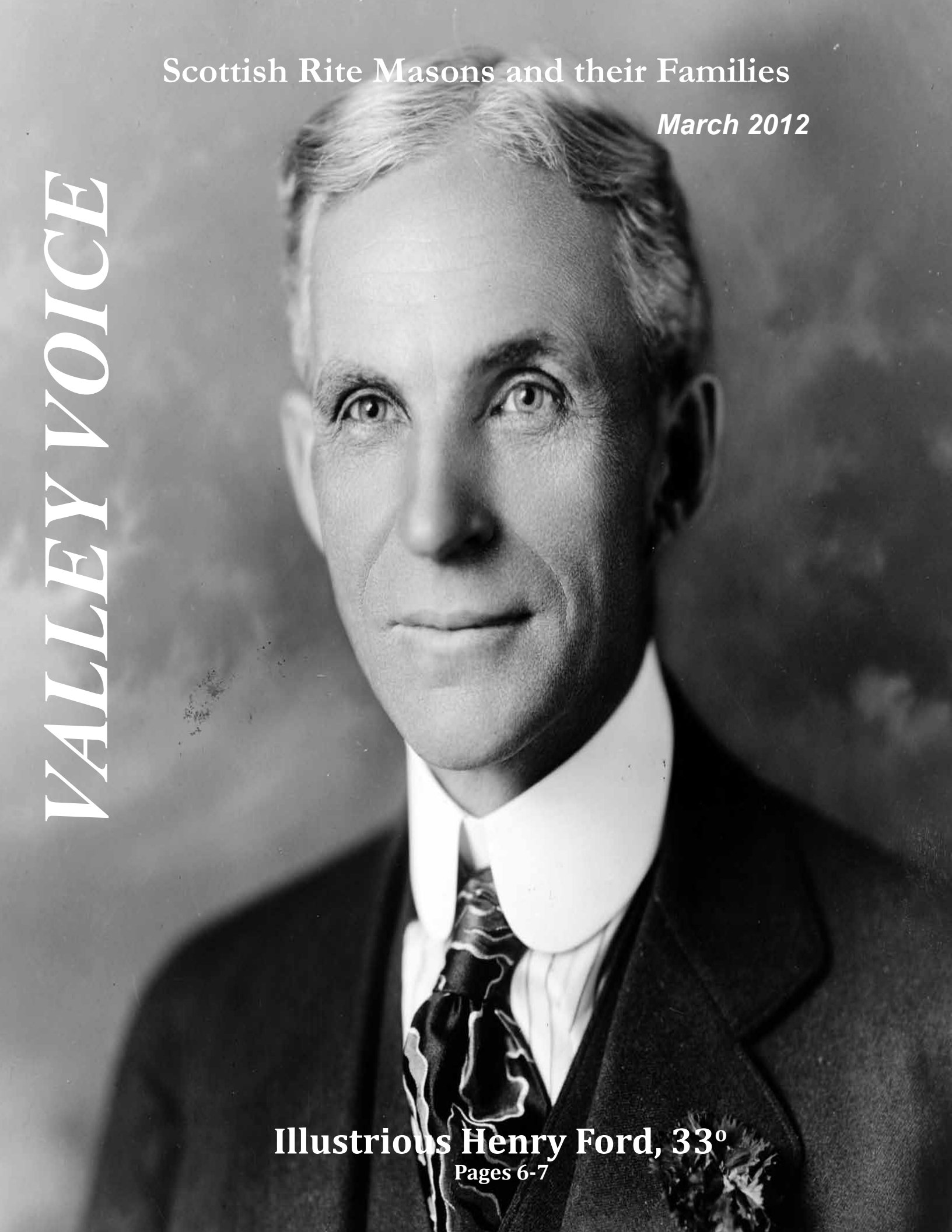
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Looking for Veterans



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.

Belser Named to Board of Governors

Brother Douglas M. Belser, 32°, joined the Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeastern Michigan Board of Governors December 14, 2011. Doug was a member of the 354th Reunion Class of October 22, 2011. Doug is a member of Howell Lodge Number 38. He is pictured here receiving his Certificate of Appreciation signed by Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, from Brother Larry M. Galloway, MSA, Chair, Board of Governors, Children's Dyslexia Center of Southeastern Michigan. The presentation was made at the January 23, 2012, Board Meeting. Board Members in attendance were Larry Rose, Secretary; Howard Crumit, Jr., Treasurer; Stephanie Cork, Chair, Public Relations Committee; James Abercrombie, Chair, Facilities Committee; Joy Graves, Director, and Keith Bankwitz, PM, C.F.R.E. Director of Philanthropy, Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.



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, Dapplebocks 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



Concealed Pistol License Class



Sunday, April 1, 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 License 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 arm 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.

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. The building that houses their main tasting room was built in the 1890's, and some nearby buildings are even older.

Great Hors d'oeuvres, Refreshments and Fellowship!

Special Member Price \$20.00 ~ Non Member \$30.00 or \$20.00 if accompanied by a member.

Prepaid registration required either online at 32ndDegreeMasons.org or toll free 877.320.6432



Annual Easter Eve Observance

Saturday, April 7, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

The officers of Rose Croix will preside over an Easter Observance that is inspiring and moving. The message of the Easter Observance will be presented by Rev. Dr. G. Patrick Thompson, 32°, Pastor of Erin Presbyterian Church in Roseville. The service will be followed by fellowship and refreshments, and as always, children are welcome.



We urge you to consider attending the Easter Eve Observance as a part of your family tradition. This is a way of easing into the holiday with reflection and fellowship before the egg and Easter basket hunts and busy family dinners. Will you be there? We hope so.

Rev. Dr. G. Patrick Thompson, (Pastor Pat) assumed his duties on January 1, 2005, and came to Erin Presbyterian Church after serving congregations in Ecorse, Livonia and West Bloomfield. He is a second-career pastor who spent a number of years as a labor union staff member. Pastor Pat is a graduate of Wayne State University with a B.A. in English and holds a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He also holds the Doctor of Ministry degree with a specialization in parish revitalization from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

A proud member of the Masonic fraternity, Pastor Pat is a Past Master of Roseville Lodge No. 522, F. & A.M., a member of Detroit Commandery No. 1, K.T., Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit, and Roseville Chapter No. 468, O.E.S. He also serves as an advisor for Roseville Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Pastor Pat is married to Lorraine and is the father of two adult sons.

Demolay Degree

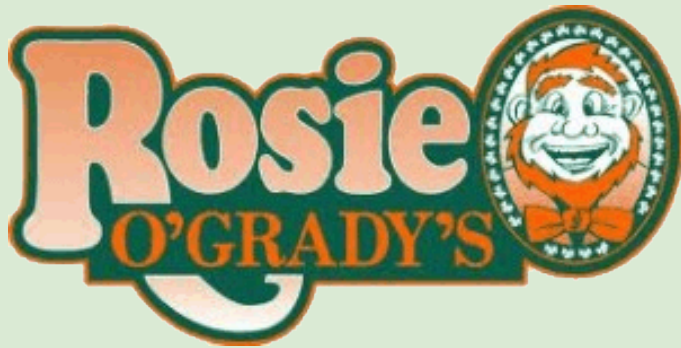
April 10, 2012 ~ 7:30 P.M.

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



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



Rosie O'Grady's Friday, September 28, 2012

279 West Nine Mile Road ~ Ferndale

Voted Best Bar - Hour Detroit Magazine

Voted Best Sports Bar - Metro Times

Voted Best Burger - Real Detroit

Save the Date and Join Us for Great Hors d'oeuvres, Refreshments and Fellowship!

Have you invited a Brother Master Mason to Join the Fraternity of Choice? Now is an excellent time to present him with a Scottish Rite Petition so he may also enjoy the many benefits of membership!



SPRING REUNION

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

4°, 14°, 16°, 26°, 31° and 32°

Valley of Toledo to confer the 14° & 26°

**For petition information contact the
Valley Office toll free 877.320.6432
or online at 32ndDegreeMasons.org**

Ill. Henry Ford, 33° (1863 - 1947)

Supreme Council Meets at Detroit To Confer Honor

By James Fairbairn Smith

Meeting in extra-special session for ritualistic purposes only, the Supreme Council of the 33°, A. A. S. R., for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction elevated Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Co., to the coveted rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° and of course to honorary membership in the Supreme Council.

The ceremony occurred Friday, December 6, 1940, in the Commandery Asylum (of the Detroit Masonic Temple), beginning at 10 p. m. and ending soon after midnight. It was performed in the presence of 16 Actives and more than 100 honorary members of the Supreme Council. Dr. Melvin Maynard Johnson, of Boston, Mass., Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, directed the degree work.

Friday will go down in the history of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Detroit as a red letter day. For not only did Brother Ford receive the 33°, but he also had the 32° conferred upon him during the late afternoon of the same day, a happening without precedent in the recent history of the Supreme Council. In recent years two others have received the 33° in special session, the most recent being Bill McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Club, but never before have both these important degrees been conferred upon one and the same man during the course of a single afternoon and evening. In receiving the 32°, Brother Ford was one of the Bela J. Lincoln Class comprising 126 candidates, the work was conferred by Commander-in-Chief Ernest O. Knight, 33° with the assistance of a cast of nearly 100.

The rendition was followed by the usual banquet which was attended by some 1100 Scottish Rite Masons and nearly 500 more, unable to get dinner, joined in the after dinner ceremonies. During the course of the banquet, Ford made his entry into the banquet hall garbed in full evening dress and such is his popularity, that the assembled multitude arose as one man and gave him a tremendous ovation. Following the dinner, Michigan's Supreme Court's Chief Justice, George E. Bushnell, 33°, Active, Scottish Rite Deputy for Michigan, introduced John W. Bricker, 33°, Governor of Ohio; John A. Rowland, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of Canada's Supreme Council, and Grand Commander Johnson, who addressed the huge throng.

Ford spent practically every evening during the last week

of November and the first week in December witnessing the portrayal of the various degrees, slipping in and out of the Cathedral as unobtrusively as any other member of the 207th Reunion Class. Moreover he paid rapt attention to the enactment of the various degrees and in being interviewed expressed his wonderment at the dramatic ability of those taking part in the work. On several occasions he had to be reassured that the actors were indeed all ordinary business and professional men and not stage actors.



Pictured above (L to R) John Bricker, 33°, Governor of OH; John A. Rowland, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of Canada's Supreme Council; Melvin Maynard Johnson 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander NM, who was elevating him into the line of succession for Sovereign Grand Commander.

Few men in all the world have had so many honors bestowed upon them as has Mr. Ford and yet withal he graciously and humbly received yet another great distinction with sincere gratitude and at its conclusion no happier man could be found in a day's travel. He had spent a long and hard day but when midnight came and he had become one of the nation's privileged few, the brightness of his smile and the keen twinkle in his eye was

a joy to behold. One does not seek the 33°, it is bestowed upon one for great service rendered.

Harry S. Toy, 33°, former justice of the Michigan Supreme Court was Ford's constant companion during the portrayal of the various degrees. Grand Minister of State Louis H. Fead, 33°, Active, formerly Grand Master of Masons in Michigan and at one time Supreme Court Justice, was present at much of the degree work and assisted in conferring the 33° upon him, as was Louis A. Cornelius, 33°, Active, of Grand Rapids.



owland 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of Canada; Henry Ford, [J]; George Bushnell 33°, Deputy for MI - this was prior to Johnson under 4 years later in 1945.

Other Actives partaking in the work were:
John S. Wallace, 33°, of New Castle, PA, P. . Grand Lieutenant Commander of Supreme Council and Deputy for Pennsylvania; Andrew S. Patterson, 33°, of Harrisburg, PA; Delmar D. Darrah, 33°, of Bloomington, IL, Grand Master of Ceremonies of Supreme Council and its dean by virtue of the date of his patent as an Active. He is also Deputy for IL; Allan M. Wilson, 33°, of Manchester, New Hampshire and

Deputy for that state; Frank A. Smythe, 33°, of Elyria, Ohio, Deputy for that state; Elmer A. Arn, 33°, of Dayton, Ohio; Florance E. Cottrell, 33°, of Toledo, Ohio; Samuel D. Jackson, 33°, of Fort Wayne, IN, and Attorney General of that state; Carl A. Miller, 33°, of Chicago, IL, Commander-in-Chief of Oriental Consistory; Carey B. Hall, 33°, of Danville, IL. Miller and Hall were created Actives at the last meeting of the Supreme Council.

Honorary members of the Supreme Council participating in the degree work were Harry G. Pollard, 33°, of Lowell, MA, Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council and Grand Master of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.; Harry K. Eversull, 33°, of Marietta, Ohio, acting Grand Prior, President of Marietta College; Otto Goffeney, 33° of South Bend, IN, Grand Organist of Supreme Council; and the following Detroiters who acted as Marshals of the Camp: Orville H. Foster, Jr., 33°; W. Barkley Devo, 33°; F. Marion Barker, 33°, and Arthur E. Gordon, 33°, Judge of Recorder's Court.

Masonry is indeed proud to call Henry Ford "Brother" and the Fraternity in its own particular way has thus paid tribute to one of their great. He was made a Mason in 1894 and in 1936 his lodge, Palestine No. 357, saw fit to make him a life member, thus he has been a Mason for more than 46 years. He was elected to receive the 33° at Cincinnati, Ohio, last September and would in the ordinary course of events have waited until the next meeting in Chicago next September. On the 30th day of July, 1938 he celebrated the 75th anniversary of his birthday and a civic banquet in his honor was held at Masonic Temple, attended by some 160 prominent Detroiters, it was the motor city's gesture to the work of a great man. On July 28, 1938 his lodge, not to be outdone, presented him with a beautifully engrossed testimonial also commemorating his 75th milestone.

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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

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- 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.