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THE NORTHERN LIGHT



David A. Glattly, 33°

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Greetings!

I remain very excited for our fraternity after our great session in Milwaukee! I think all of our nearly 2,000 attendees had a truly great experience. Certainly, our 208 new 33° members and their guests had a blast! Our new Candidate Celebration went beyond expectation and will now be a scheduled event for each session. Our Monday night “Oktoberfest” entertainment, even with the weather not in our favor, was an outstanding experience.

Our next Biennial Session will be in Cleveland in 2021, and I hope you are available to join us. All Scottish Rite members are welcome to attend our session, whether you are a 32° or a 33° member.

Prior to our session, an NMJ delegation attended the Biennial Session of the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, in Washington, DC. Illustrious Ronnie Seale retired as the Sovereign Grand Commander after serving for sixteen years. Illustrious James D. Cole was elected to the position. Illustrious Brother Cole served as Lt. Grand Commander and SGIG for Virginia. He is Past Grand Master of Virginia. I have known Jim for several years and he is a great leader and a very personable Brother. I look forward to serving with him.

This issue of *The Northern Light* is an expanded format, with some new features that I hope you enjoy. We welcome our new assistant editor, Illustrious P. J. Roup, and I am very glad to announce the addition of Linda Patch, our

Director of Marketing and Communication, now serving as the executive editor. We can expect more innovation and additions to our NMJ magazine.

This issue is also dedicated to the charities of our Scottish Rite in anticipation of our Day of Giving Telethon being held on December 3rd. Our Charities Department team, along with an “all hands on deck” headquarters staff, have an amazing program set up for this special event. I invite you all to tune in and participate. The broadcast is tremendous fun! Our Supreme Council Benevolence Committee will be manning the phones. Don’t be afraid to call in with your donation to one of our charities.

With two years completed as Sovereign Grand Commander, I continue to be entirely charged up and enthused for the future of our Scottish Rite. We have come a long way in two years, and have set the stage for even greater successes and exciting times. Feel free to join in all we do and enjoy the ride!

Fraternally,

Dave Glattly

Southern Jurisdiction S.G.C. James D. Cole (L) with S.G.C. David A. Glattly at the annual meeting in Milwaukee.

“With two years completed as Sovereign Grand Commander, I continue to be entirely charged up and enthused for the future of our Scottish Rite.”

David A. Glattly



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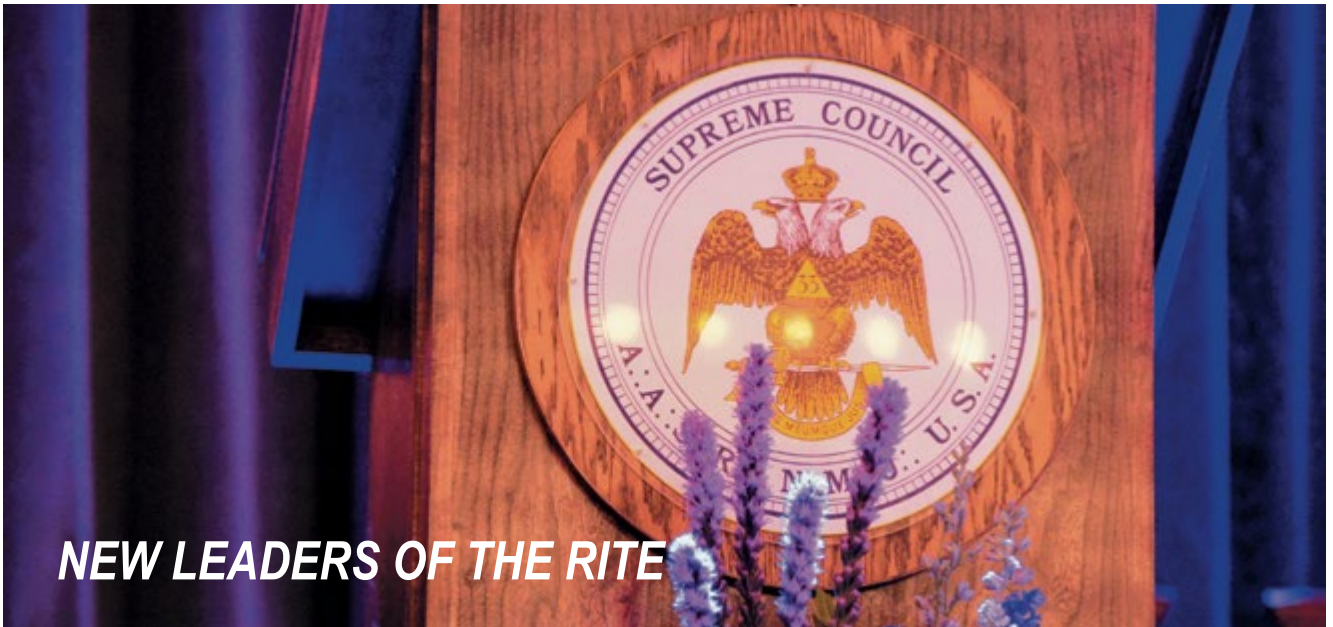
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ANNUAL MEETING

For the 207th time the Active, Active Emeritus, and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction met at the Annual Meeting. This year, Milwaukee, WI, played host to the gathering. New Deputies and Active Members were chosen, officers were elected and reelected, and deliberations were conducted among the various committees and bodies charged with the operation of Scottish Rite. Also, 208 candidates of the classes of 2018 and 2019 received the 33° at the Miller High Life Theatre. Honored guests from the Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall, appendant bodies, DeMolay, and foreign dignitaries took part in the business meetings and festivities as well.





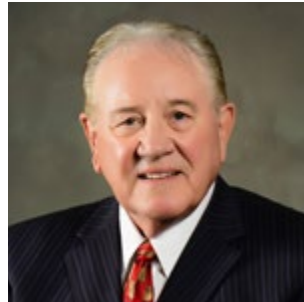
NEW LEADERS OF THE RITE

GRAND SECRETARY GENERAL

III. Douglas R. Policastro, 33°, of New Jersey, is the new Grand Secretary General, replacing the retiring III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, of Pennsylvania.



III. Douglas R. Policastro, 33°



III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°

DEPUTIES

III. Jeffrey A. Simonton, 33°, was elected Deputy for Maine. Previously he was appointed to the position. For Wisconsin, III. Jeffrey L. Bryden, 33°, becomes Deputy, as III. Michael A. DeWolf, 33°, steps down and remains an Active Member. In Pennsylvania, III. Robert J. Bateman, 33°, was elected as Deputy, replacing III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, who becomes an Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council.



III. Jeffrey A. Simonton, 33°



III. Jeffrey L. Bryden, 33°



III. Robert J. Bateman, 33°

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Five new Active Members were elected to the governing board of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

III. Kenneth A. Clay Jr., 33°, of Hopkinton, NH, is a member of the Valleys of Concord and Nashua. He received the 33° in 2010 in Philadelphia.

III. George F. Hamilton, 33°, of Westborough, MA, is a member of the Valley of Boston. He received the 33° in 2017 in Rochester.

III. Henry J. Stein, 33°, of Florham Park, NJ, is a member of the Valley of Northern New Jersey. He received the 33° in 2001 in Indianapolis.

III. William Karstens IV, 33°, of Williston, VT, is a member of the Valley of Burlington. He received the 33° in 2010 in Philadelphia.

III. David E. Barnes, 33°, of Duanesburg, NY, is a member of the Valley of Schenectady. He received the 33° in 2006 in Chicago.



III. Kenneth A. Clay Jr., 33°



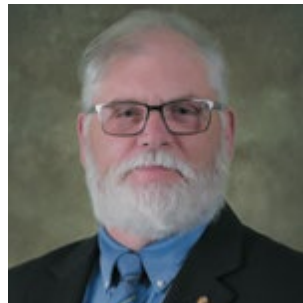
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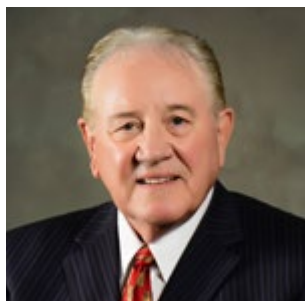
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III. David E. Barnes, 33°

RETIRING ACTIVE MEMBERS

III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, of Pennsylvania and III. Stephen R. Whitaker, 33°, of New York retire to Active Emeritus status.



III. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°



III. Stephen R. Whitaker, 33°

MEDALS OF HONOR

Two Medals of Honor were bestowed by
the Sovereign Grand Commander



III. Samuel C. Williamson, 33°
Valley of Pittsburgh

III. Samuel C. Williamson, 33°, is Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. During his term he served as chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America. He founded the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation and is a Senior DeMolay of the former McKinley Chapter. Bro. Williamson served on the board of governors of the Philadelphia unit of the Shriners Hospital for Children, and he has many Masonic affiliations.



III. William E. Holland, 33°
Valley of Boston

III. William E. Holland, 33°, is the director of operations at Supreme Council headquarters in Lexington, MA. He is very active in the Valley of Boston. Previously, he was the recipient of the Maxwell Award, given by the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation for exemplary service to the community and Freemasonry. In addition to the 33°, Bro. Holland is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award.

The Medal of Honor may be conferred by the Supreme Council or by the Sovereign Grand Commander upon any person, whether or not a member of our jurisdiction or a member of any body of the rite, in recognition of distinguished service to Freemasonry, country, or humanity.

COMMANDER'S MEDAL

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Sovereign Grand Commander may, at his discretion, bestow his personal award upon a deserving Masonic or Scottish Rite Brother whom he considers to have rendered outstanding distinguished and exemplary service to the Masonic fraternity at large. The recipient of this prestigious award must have demonstrated such service to the Scottish Rite not often witnessed among the general membership.



Three medals for Distinguished Service were awarded, all to the founders of the Hauts Grades Academy. All three were members of this year's class:

- Ill. E. Oscar Alleyne, 33° (Left)
- Ill. Yasser A. Al-Khatib, 33° (Center)
- Ill. Mohamad A. Yatim, 33° (Right)

LEGISLATION

A new edition of the 4°, *Builder*, was approved for use, effective immediately. A video version is being prepared, but until that happens the previous 4° is still valid for Valleys to present, either live or via video.



NEXT MEETINGS

The executive sessions will be held in Portland, ME in 2020.

The Supreme Council reconvenes August 28 – August 31, 2021, in Cleveland, for a full Annual Meeting, including the general session, vesper service, and the conferral of the 33°.

Upcoming Sessions

2020 – Portland, ME, executive sessions only

2021 – Cleveland, OH, meetings and conferral

2022 – Lexington, MA, executive sessions only*

2023 – Louisville, KY, meetings and conferral

*Tentative Location

Cleveland, OH 2021



Louisville, KY 2023



TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS

In addition to the 208 new Honorary Members of the Supreme Council who were created at this year's meeting, Ill. Frank Spencer Rice, 33°, of New York and Ill. Joseph Anthony Sbaraglia Jr., 33° of Pennsylvania received the 33° in special session during the year.

MILWAUKEE



◆ THE CANDIDATES' RECEPTION



◆ MARCH OF THE PENGUINS



▼ GENERAL SESSION





▲ OKTOBERFEST ▲



◆ OKTOBERFEST



◆ OKTOBERFEST



COVER STORY

YOU'VE NEVER MET...

You've Never Met Buck

"THEY DO IT TO HELP OTHERS, AND THAT'S THE GREATEST THING ABOUT THIS BROTHERHOOD. WE'RE ALL ONE."

Established as a way to live our vision statement to fulfill our Masonic obligation to care for our members, the Grand Almoner's Fund quietly provides relief to Brother Masons, their families, widows, and communities. Occasionally, you hear about some of the Almoner's Fund work within the Valleys, but often what we do takes place quietly and behind the scenes. The people we help have faced hardships. They have struggled. They have lost hope. But the Almoner's Fund has stepped in and eased the path, even if just a little. You won't have the opportunity to meet most of them, but here are a few you should get to know.

Brother Buck Evans describes the coastal town where he lives as quaint.

"There's nothing like looking at blue skies, to sit out on your deck, hearing the seagulls," he said.

When he received word that a storm was approaching his community, weather reports indicated that the high winds and the high tides it would bring had the potential to cause significant damage.

The devastation it left was worse than he could have imagined. Hundreds of homes were destroyed.

"It was a traumatic thing," he said.

Buck said that dealing with the insurance companies was a nightmare. If your home suffered damaged, you were responsible for raising it to current safety standards in order to get funding. *"The minimum cost of raising a home was \$50,000. If you wanted to start the project, you had to put funds out of your own pocket first. FEMA was broke. Not everybody has these thousands and thousands of dollars," he said.*

The Scottish Rite came to offer relief to the community just two weeks after the storm. And the help they brought was immediate.

"The check was handed to you. Put it in the bank – it was yours," he said.

Buck said the Scottish Rite's support through the Grand Almoner's Fund didn't just help Masons, it helped the community.

"They do it to help others, and that's the greatest thing about this Brotherhood. We're all one."



You've Never Met Joyce

“IT’S STORIES LIKE MINE THAT ARE A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF THE ALMONER’S FUND.”

Joyce Bank had been living in her home for close to 40 years. She and her husband, Sheldon, a Scottish Rite Mason, had purchased the house on their first wedding anniversary.

When her husband passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness, Joyce was devastated. *“I didn’t know what to do,” she said.*

Then, not even two months later, the storm hit.

“I could see the water coming up,” Joyce said.

Her home was washed from its foundation, flooded, and completely destroyed. Returning to the house and taking in the damage a few days later was utterly overwhelming.

“There’s not a lot of help out there,” she said. “You think there is, but there isn’t.”

Days later, Joyce received a check from the Grand Almoner’s Fund to help rebuild her house and her life.

“A lot of people donate to this fund, and they don’t know where the money goes,” she said. “It’s stories like mine that are a testament to the power of the Almoner’s Fund.”





You've Never Met Frank

**“THANK GOD FOR THE MASONS...
THEY CAME UP ALONGSIDE ME AND
SAID, ‘WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK.’”**

Brother Frank Rutkowski loved living near the ocean.

“The sand, the beach, fishing, crabbing – it was a great place to raise your family,” he said.

After hearing warnings about a major storm approaching, he and his wife got in the car, and backed out into water.

“That was the last time I saw my house,” he said.

Frank’s home was washed away, and with it, things that couldn’t be replaced.

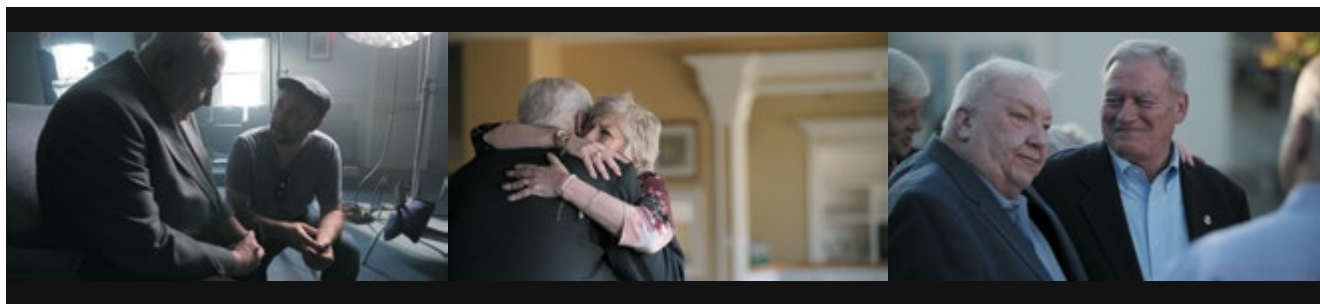
“My wife cried. We’d lost pictures of our kids, our family, gone. And even now, my heart’s broken,” he said.

In the months that followed, Frank struggled to get funds to rebuild. In the process, looters came and stole the copper from his house.

“They took a sledgehammer to my kitchen,” he said.

Today, he doesn’t know where he’d be without the Grand Almoner’s Fund.

“Thank God for the Masons,” he said. “It was a very humbling thing for me to get instead of give. They came up alongside me and said, ‘We’ve got your back.’”



THREE STORIES. JUST THREE FROM THE MORE THAN 100 THAT THE ALMONER'S FUND HELPS EVERY YEAR. BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. **EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE TO THE ALMONER'S FUND IS USED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**



COMMANDER'S CIRCLE

The Commander's Circle is a special group of donors who have chosen to honor their obligation to the principles of our fraternity through their generous support of the Grand Almoner's Fund.

Since the Commander's Circle was introduced, members have gone above and beyond in their commitment to care for our Masonic Brothers in need. This year, we introduced three new Commander's Circle giving levels to recognize their tremendous dedication.

Sapphire Members have donated \$25,000 or more to the Scottish Rite Grand Almoner's Fund, Ruby Members have donated \$50,000 or more, and Diamond Members have donated \$100,000 or more.

To learn more, go to DonateRite.org.

At this year's Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, we interviewed six representatives of the 33° class from across the jurisdiction. All interviews can be viewed on the NMJ Facebook page. Transcribed below is an abbreviated version of one. We spoke with Bro. (and now Illustrious) James West Jr., a CDC board member from the Valley of Pittsburgh and a sculptor. A larger than life statue of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, created by him, stands in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

TNL - What Valley and blue lodge are you from?

JW - I'm from the Valley of Pittsburgh, and I belong to Lodge 45.

TNL - How did you get involved with Freemasonry?

JW - My father was a 33°, and my grandfather was a Mason. It goes way back. However, they never talked about it. I didn't become a Mason until I was in my 30s. I said to them "Hey, tell me what this is about." They said "You've got to take this journey," and that's how it started. It's been a great journey.

TNL - Tell me more about that.

JW - I got involved in Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I'm an artist. I was fortunate to be asked to create a sculpture of Benjamin Franklin that's 17 feet tall. I came across an artist by the name of Houdon. He became friends with Benjamin Franklin in Paris when he went to get them involved in our revolution. When I did the sculpture I realized that I don't really know what Franklin looks like. I know there's a portrait of him, and there was a play based on a certain piece of art that Houdon did - who was a Brother - our Brother.

The artwork of the sculptor, Ill. James West Jr., 33°, "Brother Benjamin Franklin in the East," is positioned into place.

When I did my sculpture I took Houdon's portraits of Franklin and almost did it identical, with just a few changes. On the collar I put Houdon's name, and I put the date they sat in lodge together.

I spent a lot of time with historians. The history of Freemasons is incredible. Franklin, Washington, Houdon. It's the history of our nation. I just feel honored to be here today. This is the top of the mountain - the 33°.

TNL - That is a nice segue. How has Freemasonry shaped your profession and your interests? It sounds as if it certainly has.

JW - Oh, absolutely. It immersed me into where we came from as a country. Those fellows at the Lodge of the Nine Sisters - which Franklin was Master of - talked about radical concepts. Maybe the people should have control of the government. You could have been hanged at that time. Think about these great men. In reality, they were Masons.



TNL

ON AIR



TNL - What other interests do you have?

JW - I spend an incredible amount of time in my studio. I love the history of art, and I love the history of the Masons – where we've come from and where we're going. I do some volunteer work, as well. I'm on the board of directors for the Children's Dyslexia Center in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

TNL - Anything else?

JW - Being a sculptor I came up with a program called "Man Up." It's for incarcerated young men. It's art therapy. I used to think of these young men as bad. Some have just been dealt a bad set of cards. They struggle with family situations. This comes out in the art, and we have therapists who are able to help them.

TNL - What does the 33° mean to you?

JW - To me it is a way of acknowledging involvement in the past. But, it's not the end of the journey. It's another beginning. There is more planned.

Broadcasting from the Annual Meeting

TNL on Air presented several interviews from the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. This interview with Bro. West can be seen in its entirety on the Scottish Rite, NMJ website, together with other interviews conducted at the meeting.



Seen here is a TNL on Air interview with Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander and Grand Almoner, at the "pop-up" studio built at the Annual Meeting's Masonic Marketplace.



PASSING THE TOOLS OF LEADERSHIP

At the 2019 biennial session, Ill. James A.D. Cole, 33°, was elected the 19th Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. A Mason since 1983, he served as Worshipful Master of Craighill Lodge (Virginia) in 1987 and as Virginia's Grand Master in 2001. Coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 3, 2001, on Jan. 1, 2003, he was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council in Virginia; on October 7, 2003, he was crowned as an Active Member, later serving as Grand Treasurer General and Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Born in Asheville, NC in 1958, he moved to Virginia in 1969, where he and his wife Mary Ann reside; they have two

children and five grandchildren. Formerly employed as CEO of the Masonic Home of Virginia, Bro. Cole is a CPA whose previous professional experience includes practice with an international accounting firm and almost 20 years in a variety of positions at Virginia Tech, a large public university. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Virginia Tech. Both an author and consultant, he has served numerous companies, universities, and non-profit organizations, including Masonic groups, throughout the country and has been a frequent speaker at business conferences.

Bro. Cole has been active in community and church service, including more than 25

years teaching an Adult Bible Class and serving as an active lay speaker since age 15. He has been a high school basketball referee, a baseball umpire, a youth basketball and baseball coach, and a high school football announcer. In his spare time he enjoys playing with his grandchildren, reading, and golf.



FREEMASONRY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUNAR LANDING

“All must hope that someday America would penetrate the deepest secrets of that mysterious orb, the moon,” wrote

Jules Verne in his 1865 novel *From the Earth to the Moon*. A little more than 100 years after Verne published his science fiction adventure, Americans achieved this dream when astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr. set foot on the moon on July 20, 1969. What might not be as widely known are the Masonic links to the moon landing 50 years ago.

Ill. Aldrin, 33°, the second man to step on the moon's surface in the Apollo 11 lunar landing, was a member of

Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417 of Seabrook, TX, as well as a member of the Scottish Rite bodies. Relatively unpublicized is the fact that Bro. Aldrin carried a double-headed eagle banner of the Scottish Rite, with an inset square and compasses and Grand Commander's emblem, on his space journey. Through his auspices, and acting under special deputation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 was founded in the Sea of Tranquility, though “meeting in Texas until a proper lodge room is constructed on the moon.” As this publication wrote in December 1969, “When man reaches new worlds, Masonry will be there.”



The “Buzz Aldrin Space Flag” hand-sewn by Inge Baum, Librarian of the Supreme Council in 1969. Museum of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, Washington, DC.

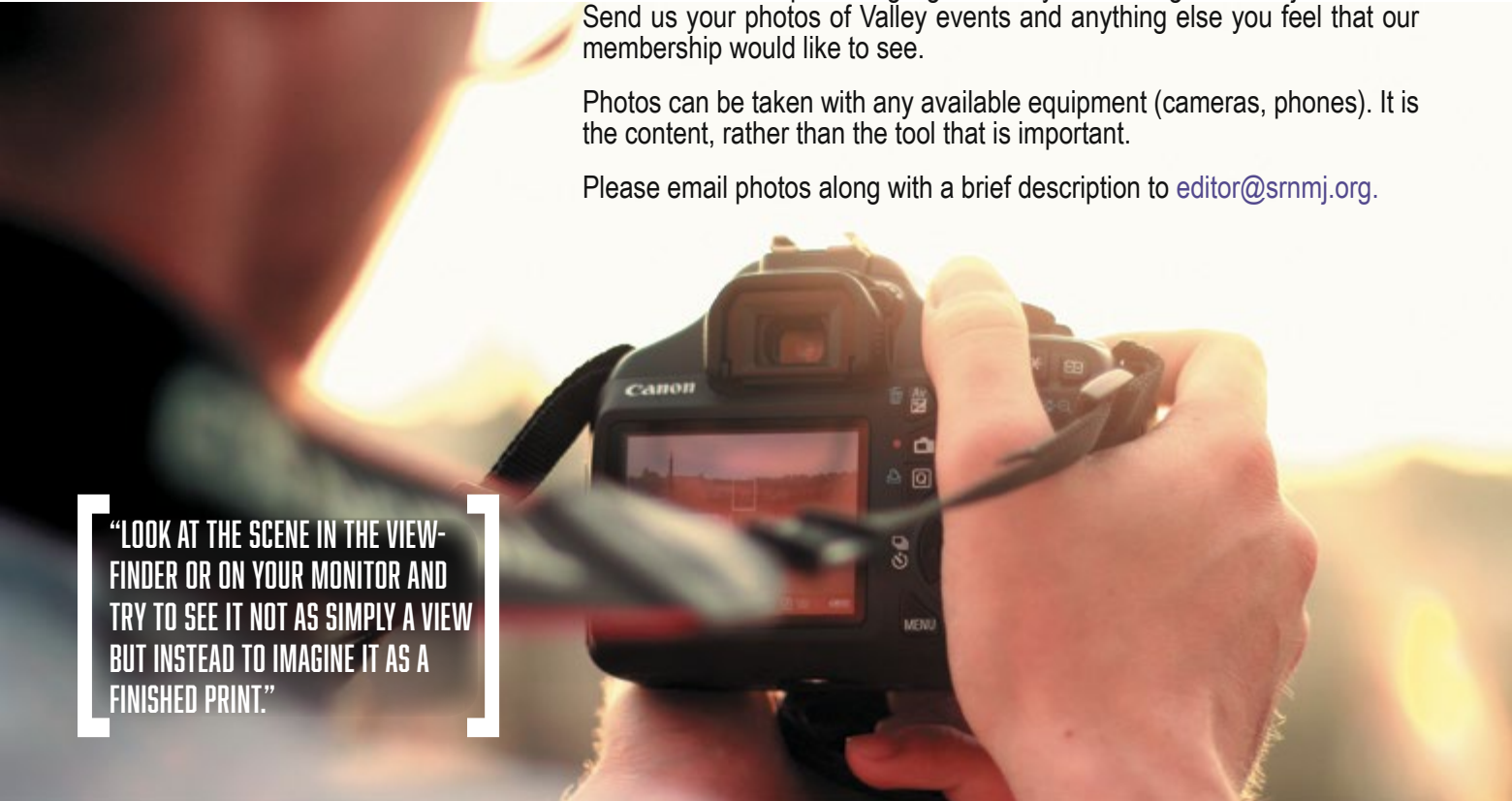
A Call for Photos

A good photo can tell a good story.

The Northern Light wants to use more of your photography. Our “Around the Jurisdiction” spread highlights Valley life throughout the jurisdiction. Send us your photos of Valley events and anything else you feel that our membership would like to see.

Photos can be taken with any available equipment (cameras, phones). It is the content, rather than the tool that is important.

Please email photos along with a brief description to editor@srmj.org.



“LOOK AT THE SCENE IN THE VIEW-FINDER OR ON YOUR MONITOR AND TRY TO SEE IT NOT AS SIMPLY A VIEW BUT INSTEAD TO IMAGINE IT AS A FINISHED PRINT.”

SIMPLE RULES THAT MAKE A GOOD PICTURE GREAT

The difference between a snapshot and a truly well-done photograph is simply a matter of composition. By changing the focal length, the angle, and the position of the camera, using natural light to your advantage, or getting to know your basic camera settings, you can take noticeably better photos.

THE RULE OF THIRDS

► The most commonly used compositional technique is called the Rule of Thirds, and it's very simple.

Imagine the frame divided up into thirds both vertically and horizontally, (like a tic-tac-toe grid). If you position the main elements of the image on these imaginary lines or, better yet, on the intersections where the lines meet, you'll find that your image will look a lot more pleasing to the eye.

The Rule of Thirds works just as well in vertical-format shots. Portraits can also benefit from Rule of Thirds composition. Positioning a subject's eye at a point where the imaginary lines intersect will give your portrait balance and really help to draw the viewer into the picture.



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MUSEUM

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library was established in 1975 as a gift of 32° Scottish Rite Masons to the American people. Over four decades later, the Museum & Library continues to maintain its role as a place for both casual visitors and serious researchers to learn more about the vibrant role that Freemasonry and fraternalism have played in American culture.

FOUNDING OF THE MUSEUM & LIBRARY

In 1968, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, purchased 21 acres of land in Lexington, MA, which included its new headquarters building. Ideas quickly developed for a broader use of the property. Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, 33°, proposed the construction of a national museum and library of fraternal and American history. Newbury contended that the fundamental moral and philosophical traditions of Freemasonry would be enhanced and extended by fostering deeper knowledge of American history. On April 20, 1975, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction dedicated the new museum and library.



Officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts conducting cornerstone laying ceremony for the Museum in 1974.



Unidentified Royal Arch Member, 1850-1860. United States. Museum purchase with the assistance of the Kane Lodge Foundation. Photograph by David Bohl.

THE MUSEUM COLLECTION OVER TIME

At its founding, the museum held only a small collection of objects, mostly gifts presented to the Sovereign Grand Commander, along with Scottish Rite commemorative items and objects donated to the Supreme Council by Scottish Rite members. Today, the museum collection numbers more than 23,000 objects, one of the largest collections of American fraternal and Masonic material in the country (see selections at SRMML.org/Collections/). Since 2004, the museum has managed an additional 10,000 objects and documents on long-term loan from the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library seeks to be the historical society for American Freemasonry. To do this, we regularly add to our holdings through purchase or gift. In turn, we care for these objects in order to ensure their preservation for future generations. We seek to build our collection to help tell a full story of American Freemasonry, including how it influenced the organization and activities of other fraternities, as well as how Freemasonry was expressed in the daily lives of Americans.

THE VAN GORDEN-WILLIAMS LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

With more than 60,000 books and over 2,000 cubic feet of archival materials, the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is one of the premier repositories in the United States for the study of Freemasonry and fraternalism. Staffed by a professional librarian and an archivist, the Library & Archives collects, preserves, and provides access to materials related to Masonic, fraternal, and American history. It also serves as the institutional archives of the museum and the Supreme Council. Its holdings include founding documents of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Library & Archives is a research library that is open to the public. The majority of the material does not circulate outside the building, but may be used in the reading room.

The Library & Archives catalog first went online in 2001. We are also the first—and so far only—Masonic library to contribute its holdings to WorldCat, which is the world's most comprehensive online resource for finding items held in libraries. Accessible at WorldCat.org, the WorldCat union catalog allows users to simultaneously search the holdings of 10,000+ libraries. In 2016, we launched the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives Digital Collections website (DigitalVGW.Omeka.net), which makes available some of the riches of the Library & Archives collection. The site currently includes 500 documents and continues to grow.



Tracing Board, 1863. Massachusetts. Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Gift of Trinity Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Clinton, Massachusetts. Photograph by David Bohl.

EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Exhibitions give audiences the chance to see fine art, decorative objects, and historic documents, as well as to learn more about the history of Freemasonry in America. When the museum first opened to the public in 1975, staff worked with collectors and other institutions to create exhibitions such as “Masonic Symbols in American Decorative Arts” to fulfill its mission. Over the years, the museum has borrowed many popular exhibitions. Some favorites include “Treasured Lands: The Fifty-Eight U. S. National Parks in Focus” and “Return to Route 66.”

As the museum’s collection has grown, it has also developed many exciting presentations largely drawing from that resource, including, “Sowing the Seeds of Liberty: Lexington and the American Revolution,” and “The Badge of a Freemason: Masonic Aprons from the Collection.” Since its founding, the museum has presented more than 280 exhibitions.

The museum has recently produced its first online exhibitions (SRMMLOnlineExhibitions.Omeka.net). Accessible through our website, these exhibitions explore topics such as political textiles, Masonic fine and folk art, and magic lantern slides.

Staff also share the collection and tell important stories about the history of Freemasonry through our publications. Recent titles that feature themes explored in exhibitions or our collections include, *Curiosities of the Craft: Treasures from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*, *The Badge of a Freemason: Masonic Aprons from the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library*, and *The 1783 Francken Manuscript*.



Researchers and visitors enjoy researching and looking at material on display in the Library & Archives reading room.



“A Sublime Brotherhood” explored the rich history of the Scottish Rite.



Members of the Valley of Rockville Centre and guests visiting the Museum.
Photograph by Brother Tom McCabe, 32°, Valley of Rockville Centre.

CONNECT WITH THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

For staff, one of the most rewarding aspects of our work at the Museum & Library is connecting with researchers and visitors. If you have a research question, need assistance with our online resources, or would like to come to Lexington to see the Museum & Library in person, we are here to help. To learn more about what we do, keep in touch through social media and our blog.

You can always drop us a line at Info@SRMML.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

BY JEFFREY CROTEAU

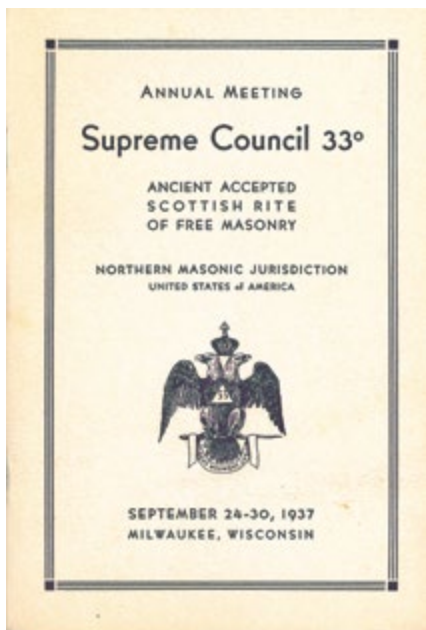
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SUPREME COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETINGS IN MILWAUKEE, 1878 TO 2019

In August of this year, the Supreme Council held its Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, WI. It was not the first time that the meeting was held there. In fact, it was the tenth time. Annual Meeting was first held in Milwaukee more than 140 years ago – in 1878. Supreme Council selected Milwaukee again in 1901, 1937, 1970, 1976, 1983, 1990, 1995, 2004, and 2019.

Pictured here are three different covers for the Annual Meeting programs for 1937, 1976, and 2019. The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives has a large collection of Annual Meeting-related material. It includes planning documents for the meeting, as well as programs, tickets, and other ephemera created for participants.



In 1878, the meeting was a much smaller affair and was held in the rooms of Kilbourn Lodge No. 3, in which the 33° was conferred on a class of only seven individuals. In contrast, this year, the Supreme Council conferred the 33° on a class of 208 candidates at the Miller High Life Theatre. If your Valley has any material related to Annual Meetings held before 1900, we'd love to know about it.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is located in Lexington, MA, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, and is open to the public.

Have questions? Drop us a line at Library@SRMML.org or give us a call at 781-457-4109.

Some Assembly Required! Building an Instant Antique WW2 Scottish Rite Lamp

By Bro. Martin Bogardus

As a proud Scottish Rite Mason, I had been looking for a “Trench Art” style Scottish Rite Masonic lamp for the living room. For those who know me, I am an ardent collector of World War I and World War II Trench Art. (e.g. corseted brass vases, cigarette lighters, etc.)

Unable to find a vintage Scottish Rite Masonic lamp for my purposes, I endeavored to put one together with vintage parts that I had picked up over the years at various flea markets and yard sales. The base of the lamp is a World War II 1944 Navy 40mm MK2 brass shell and the Scottish Rite pin and tie clip were from the late 1930s. Add an old vintage Tiffany style lampshade, and - voilà - an instant classic made to enjoy for years to come.

Our fraternity faces many physical challenges today. From an aging infrastructure come furnishings in need of restoration and repair, and, as such, we have an abundance of lodge paraphernalia in need of care and redress. There is a pressing need for our lodges to assess and focus upon a side of Freemasonry that in my opinion does not seem to get enough attention - craftsmanship.

So, what is craftsmanship, anyway? A craftsman can be defined as a person who practices a craft with great skill over a particular medium (wood, stone, metal, etc.) in a given occupation or trade and is seeking to perfect his mastery over it. The project may be functional or decorative, being as simple or elaborate as the craftsman's imagination wishes it to be.

Craftsmanship has shaped and defined our fraternity from its inception, drawing upon many different sources of architecture and design over the centuries. Sacred history informs us that when Solomon, King of Israel, began his great work to build a temple worthy of the Ark of the Covenant to reside he proclaimed,

Send me, therefore, a man skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, and in purple, crimson and blue yarn, and experienced in the art of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem with my skilled craftsmen, whom my father David provided (2 Chronicles 2:7).

Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre, whose mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali and whose father was a man of Tyre and a craftsman in bronze. Hiram was highly skilled and experienced in all kinds of bronze work. He came to King Solomon and did all the work assigned to him (1 Kings 7:13-14).

“Without craftsmanship, inspiration,
is a mere reed shaken in the wind.”
- Bro. Johannes Brahms, German Composer.



From those auspicious beginnings, our Craft grew and prospered over the centuries transforming itself from an operative stonemasons guild to a grand philosophical order; but the concept of craftsmanship, both operative and esoteric, remained central to us as a fraternity.

It seems like 50 to 75 years ago, it was a lot more common for Brothers to make items in their lodges for utilitarian as well as for aesthetic purposes. However, today, with so many additional demands made upon our membership between family and work, it has become quite challenging to try to squeeze one more activity into an already busy schedule.

Like many of you, I feel a strong sense of identity and connection with our storied past. I remember how proud I felt the first time kneeling before the sacred altar of Freemasonry. When freshly released from the hoodwink my unshielded eyes took in all the wonder and symbolism surrounding me. What were those strange symbols on the wooden chairs behind the Worshipful Master in the East and elsewhere about the lodge? I was hooked on Freemasonry and wanted to know more.

Breathing new life into objects that other folks feel have outlived their usefulness is something I enjoy since it allows my creative side to emerge. I have been making and restoring various woodworking/metalworking projects for more than 30 years. Some of you may have even seen a couple of articles I have written on the subject for the *New Jersey Freemason* magazine. Moreover, although I enjoy writing about the history of Freemasonry, building things with my own two hands is something I have always enjoyed doing. There is something quite satisfying about it that cannot be equaled to or purchased at the local department store.

With a little bit of imagination, we can breathe new life into objects lying around the house or lodge that otherwise may be needlessly discarded. For myself, I was very happy to create a lasting reminder of my connection to the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite to cherish and enjoy.



Bro. Bogardus is Past Master of his lodge and is the associate editor of the *New Jersey Freemason* magazine.

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasonry have always enjoyed a special bond. Constant communication and true brotherhood consistently flow between Washington, DC, and Lexington, MA. Those who were fortunate enough to have attended NMJ annual meetings over the past decade saw the honest friendship and camaraderie that existed between Sovereign Grand Commanders John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, and Ronald A. Seale, 33°. In both serious matters and at lighter times they truly enjoyed each other's company. That bond was emblematic of the feelings and actions between the jurisdictions.

The Northern Light staff formed a close relationship with Ron Seale early in his tenure. At the time, the magazine was a pioneer in the world of podcasting. Newly elected SGC Seale was in town for meetings. When he heard about the experiment in audio publication, he happily carved out some time and came to our makeshift studio to read one of our stories for the listeners.

This year, as Commander Seale retired, here in the north it truly felt as if one of our own was moving on. We in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction salute Commander Seale and wish him well in his next endeavors. We equally salute his successor, Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole, 33°, and wish him the best as he takes command as the Southern Jurisdiction's 19th leader.

In the July-August edition of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, the official publication of the Southern Jurisdiction, Bro. Seale said his good-byes. Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, editor of the magazine, graciously granted us permission to reprint a portion of his farewell remarks here:

until We meet again

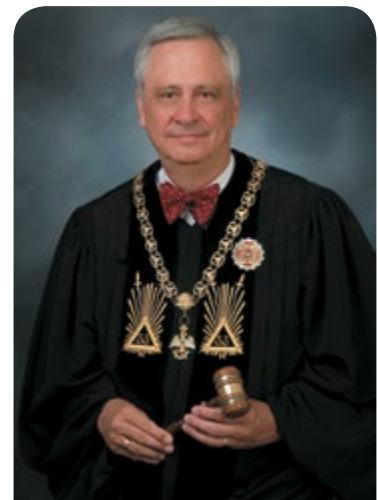
by Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°

Well, you can just take so long, they tell me. The old adage about time and tide waiting for no one rings true. It's time for me to catch the high tide and set sail as the metaphor would have it. I appreciate our erstwhile editor, Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33°, GC, for allowing me a little extra space in this issue to say my good-byes in proper form.

I suppose this Grand Commander's message has been some 16 years in the making, starting with my election as Sovereign Grand Commander. I remember that day well, one of the pivotal days of my life. Equally, I remember the first day I reported for work following the conclusion of the Biennial Session in October of 2003. That first day for work in the House of the Temple was Wednesday, October 8, 2003. My day started early that fall morning as I found myself in the dining room of the Capital Hilton hotel in Washington, still a little bleary-eyed

and surely on an adrenaline high after all the events of the past several days. I was up early, dressed and ready to go.

I remember running into our SGIG for Washington, Ill. Bill Miller, 33°. Bill was to become my mentor in so many ways—a Mason's Mason to anyone who knows him. Bill inquired as to where I was off to so early in the morning just after the session, to which I implied that it was time to go to work. Bill's reply has stayed with me through the years, "You can't do it all in one day, Ronnie." Good words of wisdom to be sure, but I'm also sure that I intended to try. And now, almost in the blink of an eye—a heartbeat—that day and all the days that make up some 16 years have flown by in an instant. Such a short time. And here I sit in the same office where I reported to work so full of vim and vigor on that first October morn but looking back on a term almost completed



and the end of my tour. Beginnings and endings are both special in their own way and each according to their appointed time. The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." And so now it comes my time to say farewell and goodbye to this marvelous experience and to the so many people who have made it possible. It's time to let go.

Now, I know how it goes in movie theaters at the end of the show.

No one stays for the credits — time to gather up the empty popcorn buckets and cups and head out. But please stay with me for just a moment as I say those things that need to be said.



John Wm. McNaughton (L)
and Ronald A. Seale (R)
share a light moment.

First, I have so many people to thank and acknowledge. Without their help and support I would never have reached this point. The Supreme Council, Actives, Deputies, and Emeritus Members are some of the finest Freemasons I know, and the fact of their trust in me is an honor I can never repay. I will always, ALWAYS, count it a privilege and honor to have been your leader and, by your consent, your spokesman.

The staff members at the House of the Temple are phenomenal. They work tirelessly to support the goals and direction the rite has taken under my leadership, and I thank staff members here for their friendship, their dedication, and the professionalism they exhibit every day. Leading that staff is our Grand Executive Director, Ill. William G. Sizemore, 33°, as was his dad before him, Ill. William G. Sizemore, 33°, GC. These are two of the finest men I have known. Thank you for holding me up through the years. My Executive Assistant for many years, Ms. Fran Johnson, and her successor, Ms. Elizabeth Sizemore, have taken care of me day after day and do more for me than I could ever acknowledge and appreciate. Thanks Ms. Fran and Ms. Elizabeth for helping me keep it together for so many years. I depended on you both, and you never let me down.

Family, dear friends, Masons, and non-Masons, so many people have had a hand in these past 16 years of helping me try in some measure to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. Without their support and encouragement, it never could have been. Thank you.

"Now, I know how it goes in movie theaters at the end of the show. No one stays for the credits.... But please stay with me for just a moment as I say those things that need to be said."

First and foremost is my wife, Sandra—"Sunny"—to so many. From the days when we met in Birmingham in 1972, she a teacher and I a law student, she has been my mainstay, my rock, and my fortress. She is the love of my life. When I came to her in 2003 with the outlandish proposition that we abandon our professions and friends, sell our home, and move across the country to Washington, DC, to begin a new life, she was the first one ready to go with encouragement, while I followed with fear and trepidation. Her care and concern for others before herself is an inspiration to me, and the Scottish Rite owes her so much for her efforts upon the behalf of the Supreme Council. Thank you, Sunny. God gave me the best when we met.

Finally, to Scottish Rite Masons everywhere, thank you so much for your support and encouragement. For the warm handshakes and friendly greetings and slaps on the back as I visited in your Valleys and at your events. For the outpouring of Brotherly love and affection, thank you.

Your support, advice, and encouragement have meant so much to me and always infuse me with the energy to keep going. And, yes, to those that would have had us move in a different direction—the loyal opposition, thank you for your positive criticism and the nudge at the elbow to perhaps look carefully at what we were about to do. The Scottish Rite and I owe you a debt of thanks as well.

To our Scottish Rite leaders at every level, may we ever remember that leadership is a calling to service. In these years I have learned that leadership is not about being SERVED but, rather, in SERVING, not about being HONORED but in HONORING those who have placed their trust in us. And in so doing we have fulfilled our greatest role and destiny.

So that's about it. Time to go. Thanks so much to all for everything. I'll leave the light on and the key under the mat. Lift the Banner high. Happy trails to you.

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HAUTS GRADES ACADEMY



Bro. Timothy Curran, 32°, originally from Philadelphia, PA, now lives in Quakertown, PA with his wife Jessica and two children, Mason and Madelyn. He is the Senior Warden of both the Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Knights of St. Andrew, of the Valley of Philadelphia. Bro. Curran is also a Past Master of Tacony Lodge No. 600 in Philadelphia, a Past President of Liberty High 12 Club No. 780, a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, York Rite Bodies, National Sojourners, Shriners, and an Advisor for Northeast Chapter of DeMolay. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Bro. Curran continues his public service as a federal employee of the Department of Defense and is a graduate of Park University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration and of Rutgers University with a Masters of Public Administration. In his spare time, Bro. Curran enjoys the outdoors and is an avid sportsman and angler.



BROTHERS OF THE TRAIL

**Bro. Timothy John Curran Jr., 32°
Senior Warden**

**Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix
Valley of Philadelphia**

Our 3° Obligation requires Masons to help, aid, and assist a Brother Master Mason, as long as it is not detrimental to himself or his family and only if the Brother is worthy and his cause just. I have no doubt that any Mason would try his best to help a Brother if he were able. I wonder, how many would go to the same lengths as Aaron did for Jake in the 19°? This degree is a great example of integrity and reverence for God, but it is an even better example of what Masons do best: take care of one another.

The 19°, *Brothers of the Trail*, is unique in its presentation. The degree is extremely simple and is presented as a monologue. Aaron, the main character and only character with a speaking role, is used to present the lessons of the degree, and the core values of Integrity and Reverence for God. The simplicity of the degree, along with the lessons and history, are the reasons I chose this degree.

The time period in which this degree takes place is fascinating to me. While many western films portray this era as the “Wild West,” it was much more complex than that. The Western Frontier was a dangerous place where men had to stay on guard at all times. Dangers existed in the wild but could also be brought by other people. Other travelers could be desperate, Native American tribes could be fearful or aggressive toward travelers, and thieves could be found preying on people traveling the Oregon Trail. Though all of these dangers existed, it was still possible for events like those in this degree to take place. I believe there is good in all people, no matter the situation.

This portrayal of Reverence for God and Integrity could be seen easily by Aaron’s actions. These two Masonic Brothers had made a promise to each other, maybe jokingly, but each certainly hoped they would not have to keep it. Unfortunately, Aaron did have to keep his promise. He cared for Jake as he said it would, even though it inconvenienced himself. That is something that Masons have obligated themselves to but Aaron goes above and beyond.

Jake was on his death bed, and, while Aaron’s family was waiting, he made sure Jake was comfortable up until the very end. Aaron was not only caring for Jake’s body but also for his soul by praying and encouraging Jake to have faith. Even after Jake had passed, Aaron made sure his Brother’s wishes were carried out. These core values were communicated excellently in this degree.

Another core value can be found in this degree, even if only mentioned briefly: Tolerance. Before the first scene begins, the cemetery is described. It is a place where people of all faiths, wealth, and race are permitted to be buried in amity. Amity Cemetery. All had gone to meet their maker and though they may not have been seen as equals in life, they surely were in death. And perhaps there was no one who oversaw burials at this cemetery, but those who did the burying knew and accepted that they were burying their friends or fellow travelers among those that differed from themselves.

This degree reminds me of my time in the military. Not only did I have to write my last Will and Testament at the age of nineteen, I also made promises with my fellow Marines in case one of us did not make it home. Coming to terms with one’s own mortality at nineteen is difficult to say the least but it made life easier knowing I could count on my fellow Marines to do the right thing. We also never leave a man or woman behind. Things might be different than they were for Aaron and Jake in the Wild West, but Iraq was not much better. Fortunately, I did not have to keep any promises to my fellow Marines.

As a Mason, I know I can count on a Brother when in need. Not that I would expect a Brother to bury me under stones if out in the wilderness, but if I was ill and needed a hand or just an ear, I know who to call. Unfortunately, not everyone has that privilege. I think if more people knew how Masons loved one another, they would see us in a different light. If the world knew our commitment to each other, and that it was bigger than any of our “secrets,” our membership problem would be solved.

ACADEMY ASSESSMENT

Bro. Brian L. Ellis, 32°

**The Valleys of The Androscoggin
and Portland, Maine**

wanted to take a moment and give some feedback about my experience with the HGA program. I will say right away that this has been one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have ever done. I loved how this program made me dive deep into every Scottish Rite degree. The essays alone were the most inspiring to me because when I started, I was not great at writing essays. The Brothers of the academy never stopped challenging me. They were always there to direct me on how to make myself better.

Due to this program, I now have a deeper love and appreciation, and I cannot wait to spread the word to other Brothers in Maine about this program. The final essay was a chance to really

go out and see other lodges in Maine as I was gathering information for my essay. I got the chance to meet other Brothers of the fraternity and tell them what I was doing, and that was amazing.

My final opinion about this program is to please continue to make this a challenge. It's the challenge that makes this program great and requires us to go "outside the box." I have learned so much about the Scottish Rite, and this program will no doubt do the same for future Brothers who choose to do this.

Thank you so much.



Brian Ellis is a retired veteran of the United States Navy, where he honorably served five tours overseas on both the USS Abraham Lincoln and the USS John C. Stennis. He was born in Oak Bluffs, MA, and at the age of four moved to New Vineyard, ME where he permanently resides. In June 2016, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at the Blue Mt. Lodge No.67 in Phillips, ME. In May 2018, he was appointed Sword Bearer for the Grand Lodge of Maine.

On April 14, 2017, Brian joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Androscoggin in Auburn, ME, and a dual member in the Valley of Portland. Brian has been an active member in the Scottish Rite. He has performed numerous characters in the Scottish Rite degrees in Maine. He also helped at the Fall Festival in Portsmouth, NH back in November 2018.

Brian just recently completed the HGA program. He enrolled back in July 2019 and became the first Scottish Rite member in Maine to have completed this program. The essay that Brian chose to write is about Masons from Maine who took part in the Civil War.

17°

A KNIGHT OF THE EAST AND WEST

by Ill. M. Todd McIntosh, 33°

A Surprising Journey



One fine day, as I worked at my desk bothering absolutely no one, our Sovereign Grand Commander rang and assigned me the ominous task to direct the video production of the 17°. Very surprised, I blurted out that I was just a trial attorney from Cincinnati; I had no experience in film directing. A testimony of his faith in me or, more likely, his ability to understand the feelings of others followed. “Don’t worry,” he said, “These things have a way of directing themselves.” A journey into uncharted territory for which I will be forever grateful thus began.

It was at a production meeting in preparation for filming on a cold January night in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that we were discussing the purpose and meaning of the degree. The 17° has many moving parts that, at first glance, seem to be piled against each other much like train cars having jumped the tracks. There are Essenes joining with Sadducees, and enraged Pharisees destroying public property.

Jim Dill, 33°, Director of Support Services at Supreme Council asked, “Who was the main character; the protagonist?” It wasn’t Samuel, the neophyte Essene. Nor was it Mathias, the leader of the riotous Pharisees. Indeed, it was Herod, the despot king around which all of the challenges of the degree revolve. It was he who was under the thumb of Rome while trying to deal with the tumultuous religious landscape of his kingdom. It was he who struck the deal with Augustus Caesar to pay for the rebuilding of the Temple more likely to appease his subjects than to glorify God. And it was he who was, at the same time, the target of the patricidal efforts of his progeny, Antipater.

Was all of this a result of his despotism which returned to create the perfect storm, or was the nature of his kingdom and his servitude to Rome the genesis of his historic cruelty? Was his son a murderous deviant due to the lessons of the father, or did the king actually suffer at the hands of the politically and homicidally motivated? Was his deal with Rome

the impetus of the upheaval, or, as Nathaniel alludes, was it the desire of the crowd to find anything that could start a fire?

Beneath the mantle of this Herodian character inquiry, I was also met with the religious factions of Judea existing over 500 years before Jesus. The Essenes, who we meet first, existed as a monastic community. They generally lived away from urban life revering God in the beauty of nature. They are most historically known for their preservation of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The smallest of the three factions, they were pitted against the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

The Pharisees beliefs ultimately became the liturgical and ritualistic basis of Rabbinical Judaism. They were proponents of a broader interpretation of the Torah as represented in what is referred to as the Oral Torah. This interpretation of laws and faith was generally more endemic in nature to any given community than the strict, very literal interpretation of the written

“The lesson we find in the comparison is that we, to this day, experience deep conflict among men of faith.”

law of the Torah propounded by the Sadducees.

I do not profess to be a scholar in the field of ancient religious philosophies nor do I propose any political position here (I leave to each reader to take this spark and find more about such things) though I could not help but find the allegorical basis, loosely interpreted, in our modern world among the Christian, Judaic and Muslim perspectives of faith. The lesson we find in the comparison is that we, to this day, experience deep conflict among men of faith, and we are challenged by this allegory to understand and internalize the necessity, in our own lives, of Reverence for God and Toleration for our Brothers who have a different interpretation of our Heavenly Father, and the path to His eternal grace.

Our degree begins by presenting us with this lesson and in great measure ends with it, but, as our protagonist’s, the great King Herod’s, life was in a state of turmoil, so our author reflects that same sense of discord in the intercession of the fate of Antipater. Coming in, apparently from out of the blue, it reminds us that life and its crises do not always come in successive order, one after the other, but can and do come at any time regardless of what is then our perception of the status quo.

At this juncture, we are presented with the very antithesis of toleration. In some measure this reinforces one of the primary messages of the degree and draw forward the tempo. Just moments before Antipater enters, Herod has condemned innocents to be executed and, as all who have seen the degree know, he then proceeds to foist his idiomatic form of justice upon his traitorous son. Yet, the principle here is not to highlight Herod’s despotism but the treachery of the traitor, Antipater.

We, though, as Masons, committed to being above political piques and quarrels, must uphold that Devotion to Country we hold so dear because, in its most basic expression, it is an expression of toleration and reverence for that Grand Architect who is our God. Truly, within Freemasonry today may rest the last vestige of a universal philosophy of reverence, toleration, and devotion existing solely for the benefit of all humanity which may be the last stand against the political and religious rhetoric of factional interests which seems so determined to breach the limits of cooperative society with its polarization and intolerance.

Now, you can bet your bottom dollar that I didn’t figure this out in the moment to reply to our Brother Jim’s question that night. Nope. But if it were not for him and our Commander, I may never have been put upon the path to seek my understanding of this fantastic, subtle and complex degree. That is indeed what Brothers are for and for that they have my eternal thanks.

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AROUND THE JURISDICTION

Photos from around the jurisdiction this issue include shots from various events as well as many 33° class photos taken at the annual meeting in Milwaukee.

MA – *Scotty the Eagle presentation at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield.*

ME – *The Valley of Rockland awards scholarships to Jenna Stearns, Nicholas Hill, Anna Daggett, Cameron Cox, Katelyn Cox, and Hannah Paige.*

NY – *New York members of the 33°.*

NH – *The New Hampshire 33° class James Triacca, Jeffrey Brown, Jerome Becker, and Troy Patoine.*

PA – *Members of the Pennsylvania 33° class.*

NJ – *The Grand Master and SMC of New Jersey.*

OH – *Five members of the Ohio 33° class.*

IL – *Two members of the Illinois 33° class.*

CT – *33° Class Photo of Dennis Cyr, Sterling Viets, and David Urban.*

MI – *A Michigan member of the class at the candidates' reception.*

IN – *Officers from the Valley of Indianapolis attend an Indianapolis Indians game in conjunction with the yearly planning meeting.*

DE – *The Delaware 33° class photo with Brothers Donald Rosenberry, John Eberly, William Irwin, Kennard Brown, and Frederick Dawson.*

VT – *33° class photo of Brothers Robert Bach and William Brown.*

RI – *33° class photo of Brothers Kenneth Poyton, Ronald Reed, Richard Ault, and Philip Crawford.*

WI – *33° class photo of Brothers Jeffrey Schwartz, Steven Lasure, Thomas Curtis, Scott Pedley, Craig Froelich, Lyle Koerner, and Peter Misko.*







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BRD. KENNETH FAYTON BRD. RONALD REED BRD. RICHARD AULT BRD. PHILIP CRAWFORD

BRD. JEFFREY SCHWARTZ BRD. STEVEN LARSEN BRD. THOMAS GRAY
BRD. SCOTT FISHER BRD. GORD FROSTEN BRD. LISA ROSSIGNOL BRD. PETER MORGAN

NOT JUST A MASON, A HOLE-IN-ONER

Back in February, the Path Forward team made presentations to the Conference of Grand Masters, held in Rapid City, SD. As part of the promotion, we passed out special golf balls inscribed with “Not Just a Man, a Mason.” Well, it turns out the golf ball was something special. Ill. Gerry Sharpe, 33°, took full advantage. This member of the Valley of Southern New Jersey got a hole-in-one. Nice going.



THREE HEROES RESPONSE

Our lead story in the August TNL – our Veterans issue - featured three Scottish Rite Masons who we feel fit that description. They were chosen as representatives of all of our membership who have served. One letter came from one of those men:

I offer my sincerest “thank you” for including me in your excellent August article. While I never considered myself a hero, I was a better than average infantryman and I gave it my very best effort. On the other hand, my best Army friend, Harold K. Wells, was a hero and gave his life for the cause. I shall never forget him. It has been said that Hell is for heroes, but in Harold’s case and many others, it is most assuredly Heaven.

A. Edward Pierce, MSA
Valley of Central Jersey

And another, from the Valley of Harrisburg

I received my August 2019 edition of the Northern Light today and was immediately drawn to the article on Bro. Morton N. Katz. The picture on page 8 shows Bro. Katz with two officers of the 509th. Capt. Alden (on left), the battalion surgeon, was known as “Captain Cool.”



My father, George W. Stenger, was also in this battalion. He was with it all the way, from the time it went to England until it was deactivated after the Battle of the Bulge. He too ended the war in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Dad passed away in Sept. of 2007. He was not a Mason, but had been a member of the Odd Fellows.

People are still writing books about the 509th during WWII. I was recently contacted by someone from France asking for information about my father and for permission to include him in a new one being written about the battalion’s role in the Invasion of Southern France.

I am happy to see that Bro. Katz is still living and actively practicing law. May he keep doing so for a long time to come.

Edward W. Stenger
Valley of Harrisburg

SAD NEWS FROM WISCONSIN

According to *Rite-Lites*, the official publication of the Valley of Milwaukee, Ill. Robert R. Spitzer, 33°, passed away at age 96. Long-time readers of *The Northern Light* may remember Bro. Spitzer from a cover story in the May 2008 edition. Titled “Wisconsin’s Dynamic Duo,” the story centered on two movers and shakers from the Badger State. As the article said, Bro. Spitzer was much like Forrest Gump or Zelig in movies of those names. He seemed to be everywhere during the 1960s and 1970s. His files were filled with photographs of him with presidents, senators, authors, astronauts, and religious leaders. He was a farmer, a public servant, and an educator. He had high-level positions in several presidential administrations, mostly dealing with agricultural interests. Long after the article appeared, Bro. Spitzer stayed in contact with the staff of *The Northern Light*. He will be missed.



Delores and Bob Spitzer at their Wisconsin home.

HAPPIER NEWS FROM WISCONSIN

According to the September 2019 *Wisconsin Masonic Journal*, a time capsule has been sealed in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Grand Lodge. Items placed in the capsule included a copy of the special issue, lodge coins, current trestleboards, and other items important to individual lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. The plan is to open it at the 200th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in 2044.

THE BATTLE WITHIN

The Empire State Mason reports that on Memorial Day, “The Battle Within Foundation” unveiled and dedicated a memorial at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park. The Brothers of the Erie Masonic District, led by Harmonic Lodge No. 699, banded together to make this their personal cause. Keynote speaker was Casmiro D. Rodriguez, president of the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York. The event was followed by a Masonic parade of hundreds, marching the length of Naval Park.

We've headed to

ARIZONA

JANUARY 2020

In January 2020, Scottish Rite, NMJ leadership will be visiting our traveling men and their families in Arizona! Go to ScottishRiteNMJ.org/Arizona to register for one of our two member luncheons today



Luncheon Schedule

January 28 | Sun City West

January 30 | Mesa





We've headed to

FLORIDA

MARCH 2020

In March 2020, Scottish Rite, NMJ leadership will be visiting our traveling men and their families in Florida! Go to ScottishRiteNMJ.org/Florida to register for one of our seven member luncheons today!



Luncheon Schedule

February 26 | Port St. Lucie

February 27 | Boca Raton

March 3 | Bonita Springs

March 11 | Bradenton

March 16 | Orlando

March 17 | The Villages

March 20 | Tampa

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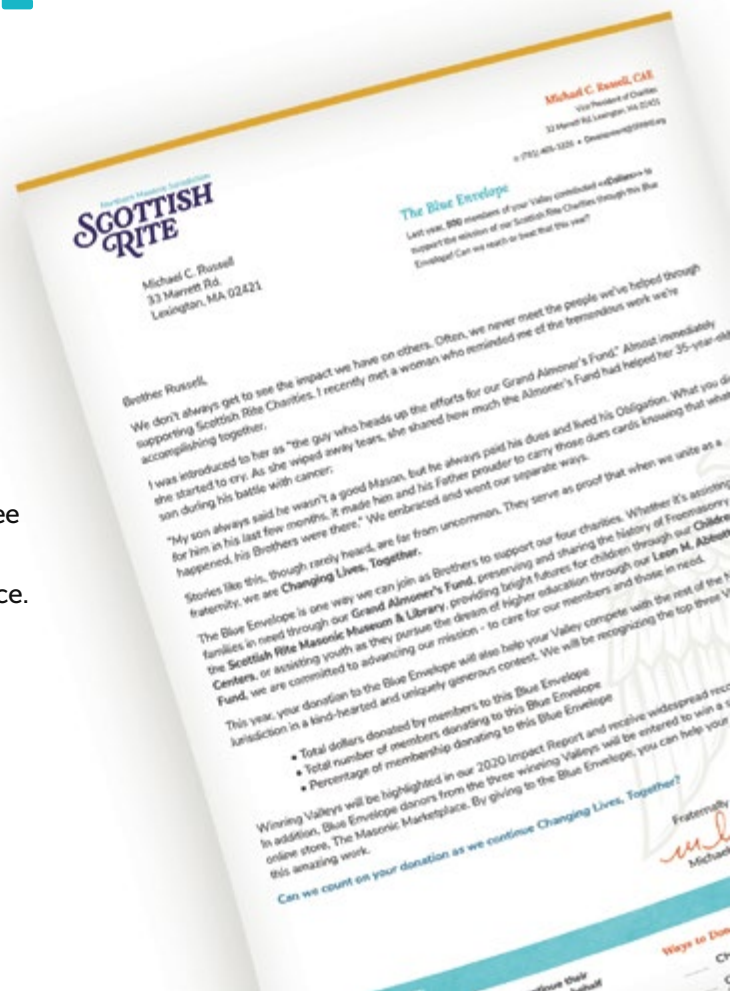
THE BLUE ENVELOPE

Have you received your Blue Envelope letter?

As the Scottish Rite's oldest jurisdiction-wide fundraising appeal, the Blue Envelope is a tangible way for our fraternity to join together and fulfill our commitment to our Brothers and our communities. Donations to the Blue Envelope go directly to supporting our four Scottish Rite Charities.

This year, contributing to the Blue Envelope can help your Valley win recognition on social media and in our Scottish Rite Charities Impact Report. And every donor from the three winning Valleys will be entered in a drawing to win a major shopping spree to our online store, The Masonic Marketplace.

The competition will run through January 31, 2020, so don't wait! Respond today and help us continue **Changing Lives, Together!**





Supporting our Masonic Family

The White Flower Society is a fund dedicated to helping Masonic widows in need. Women form strong bonds of friendship and support through Freemasonry, and this fund will assist those who are particularly vulnerable and in need of support.

Members of the White Flower Society

Evelyn M. Berenbroick	David & Cheryl Cyrus	Mary Ann Atkinson
Mareetta Brewer	Barbara Tryon	Monica Glattly
Nancy Scott	Susan Jacobson	Kim Hecht
Janice Sharpe	Greg & Gerti Clark	Linda Patch
Leland L. & Marilyn J. Burlison	Ellen Secallus	Michael & Megan Russell
Ginnie & Raymond Foose	George & Leslie Hixon	Karen Stein
Mark David Gall	Kellie R. Sellars	Connie Wilson
Brian & Lynne Hartel	Irene Berman	Lafayette Consistory S.P.R.S.
G. Michael & Ruth Morris	Sandy Nakonetschny	
Thomas & Joan Sturgeon	Judy McNaughton	

Learn more & join by going to WhiteFlowerSociety.org





Children's Dyslexia Centers



In October, we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Month by introducing a new fundraising initiative for our dyslexia centers called One Leaf, One Life. Launching just in time for fall, the One Leaf, One Life program offers a convenient way to show support for the life-changing work happening in our centers. Green and orange leaves, designed as a tie-in to our new logo and brand, offer two levels of giving and can be purchased at your local dyslexia center. Leaves sell for \$10 and \$20 each, making them affordable enough for anyone to participate. All local proceeds from One Leaf, One Life go directly to your center.

Look for the tree displayed at your dyslexia center or in your community, and join with us as we work to help children grow and flourish for decades to come!

ONE LEAF ONE LIFE



Ill. Eddie Cantillo, 33°, and Ill. Rich Schultz, 33°, wearing Nike® branded, 33° Eagle embroidered polos following Annual Session in Milwaukee.



The Masonic Marketplace

A Store for 32° Freemasonry, Sponsored by the Scottish Rite, NMJ



The Masonic Marketplace is on the road all over the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Here are a few of our products shared by Scottish Rite members and friends.

Find your next favorite shirt at

TheMasonicMarketplace.com

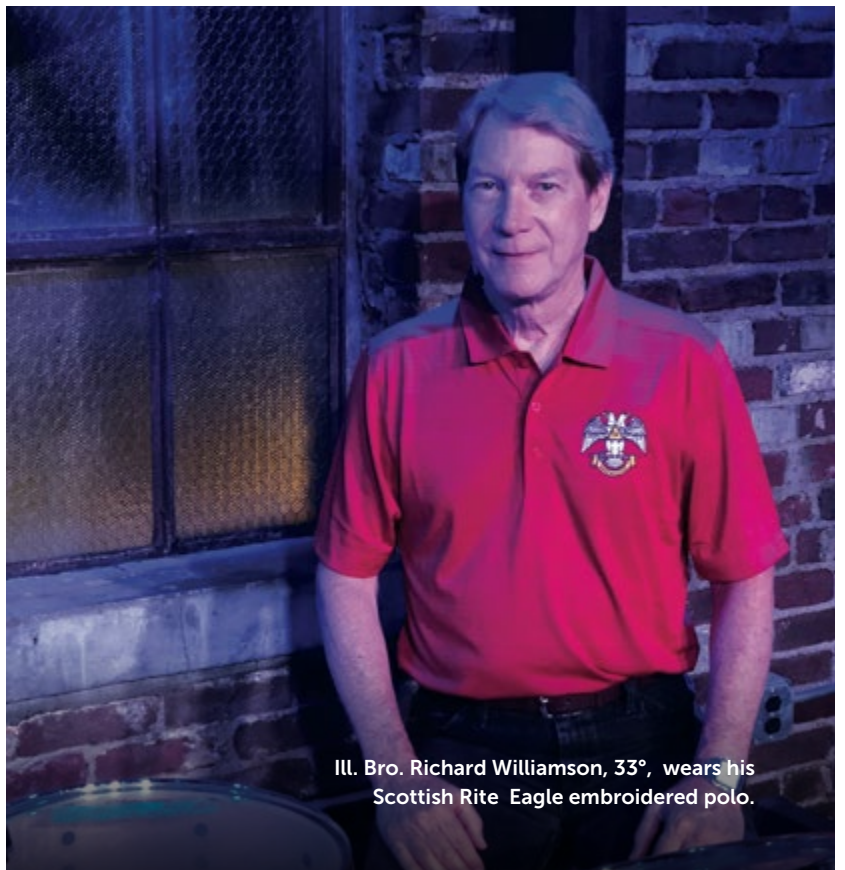


Monica Glattly, First Lady, wearing a pink Nike® branded, Scottish Rite Wordmark embroidered polo.

Michael C. Russell, Vice President of Charities, sporting an Under Armour® branded embroidered Not Just a Man blue polo.



Matt Blaisdell, Creative Director, wearing a Scottish Rite screen printed black shirt.



Ill. Bro. Richard Williamson, 33°, wears his Scottish Rite Eagle embroidered polo.

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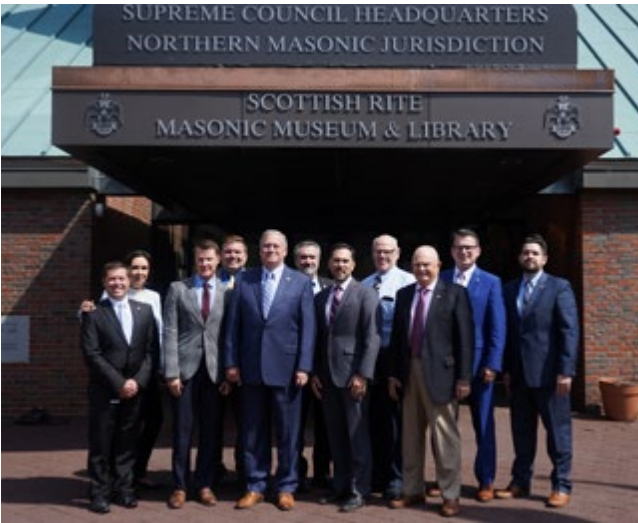
Emeritus Members of Honor of the Supreme Council, NMJ, with Commander Glattly (center)

From left to right: Ill. Gaetan Mentor, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Haiti; Ill. Stelian Nistor, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Romania; Ill. Jiri Matous, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of the Czech Republic; Ill. Nikolas Kilakos, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Greece; Ill. Jean-Claude Chatelain, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Switzerland; Ill. Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Canada; Ill. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, SGC, United Supreme Council, AASR, Prince Hall Affiliation, NJ, USA; Ill. Leo Taroni, 33°, SGC, Supreme Council of Italy; Ill. Jakub Chalupa, 33°, Past SGC, Supreme Council of the Czech Republic.

Still More Changes at *The Northern Light*

Over the past several issues of the magazine, you probably have noticed many changes in both style and content. The modernization continues as we increase the size and we work with more white space. Beginning now we also emphasize the fact that we are published by the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. As we head to the 50th anniversary of *The Northern Light*, continue to look for more differences as we restructure the staff in the coming months.

A Visit from the Shrine



Representatives from Shriners International visited Supreme Council headquarters on September 11, to discuss the Scottish Rite, NMJ Path Forward Program. In attendance from Shriners International were Bro. Brian Van Norman, chief membership officer; Bro. Jody Meguiar, membership program and Masonic relations manager, and Anthony Watts, director of digital marketing.

Upcoming TNL Themes

This month we put the spotlight on our charities: Our cover story highlights the direct results of our Grand Almoner's Fund. We also feature The Children's Dyslexia Centers, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, and the White Flower Society. We remind you of our upcoming Giving Tuesday Telethon, just around the corner, and we talk about our online store, The Masonic Marketplace. In February, we celebrate the "Family of Freemasonry" including our center spread salute to the 15 Grand Masters of the jurisdiction. In May, we mark the golden anniversary of *The Northern Light*. A future issue will honor First Responders.

Past Issues of *The Northern Light*

Can't get enough of the current issue. You read an article a while back that you would like to find again? You want to do a little research? Keep in mind that all issues of *The Northern Light* since its inception in 1970 can be found online at ScottishRiteNMJ.org under the Resources tab. In addition, beginning this year, we include a more readable version online. Make sure to check it out at ScottishRiteNMJ.org under Resources.

When Changing Addresses

If you have moved and *The Northern Light* (and other Scottish Rite material) is still going to your old address, you can fix that problem quite easily. Go to ScottishRiteNMJ.org, go to Member Center and sign in. To create a login ID, you just need your member number and your birth date. A Welcome page pops up with your name. On the left side, click on Edit Personal Information. Once there, you can make the necessary changes. If you don't want to do it yourself, you can still contact your local Valley Secretary. If you don't know who that is or how to reach him, visit ScottishRiteNMJ.org, then click on Valleys at the top left, just under the double eagle. The secretary will be glad to help you get your information updated.



The Marketplace at the Annual Meeting

Your editor interviews Ill. David L. Sharkis, 33°, director of the Children's Dyslexia Centers in an episode of *TNL on Air*. The leaves on the tree in the background represent donations to the centers. The tree was inspired by the "Tree of Knowledge."

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*Funds donated for Giving Tuesday 2018

Ill. William M. Sardone, 33°
Giving Tuesday Emcee

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TUESDAY

TUNE IN. DONATE.
CHANGING LIVES, TOGETHER.

Michael C. Russell,
Vice President of Charities
Giving Tuesday Emcee

2018 Giving Tuesday Goal: \$233,000

103% OF OUR GOAL IN 2018!

LIGHTS. CAMERA. TELETHON!

For the second year in a row, Scottish Rite Charities is coming live to a computer near you with exclusive updates, live entertainment, and a variety of interviews. Join us as we work to reach this year's goal of **\$330,000**.

Tune in at ScottishRiteNMJ.org/GivingTuesday on
December 3, 2019 at 7PM EST and help us change lives, together.

