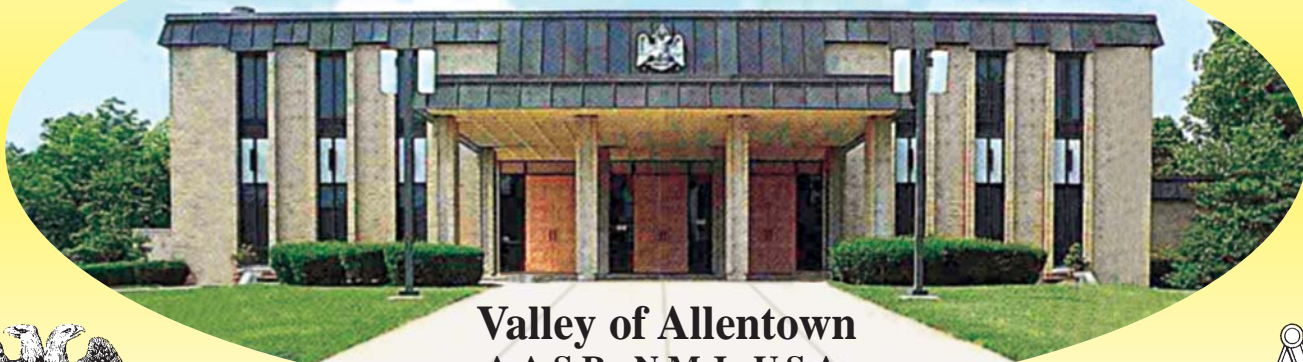


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1975-1977



**Paul F. Kunkel, 33°**  
1981-1983



**Ronald M. Hilmer, 33°**  
1989-1991



**Larry G. Newhard, 33°**  
1997-1999



**Joseph C. Kardelis, Jr., 33°**  
1999-2001



**George Nakonetschny, 33°**  
2003-2005



**Harry J. Beers, 33°**  
2005-2007



**Douglas E. Robinson, 33°**  
2007-2009



**Kenneth G. Rinear, 33°**  
2009-2011

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# ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2010-2011

## MUHLENBERG LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°

Dwight D. Kondravy, 32° .....Thrice Potent Master  
 David M. Howells, Jr., 32° .....Deputy Master  
 Ronald C. Dickert, 32° .....Senior Warden  
 Richard D. Hess, 32° .....Junior Warden  
 Robert H. Hoffman, III, 32° .....Orator  
 Timothy J. Hodgdon, 32° .....Master of Ceremonies  
 Dennis L. Robinson, 33° .....Hospitaler  
 David W. Evans, 32° .....Captain of the Guard  
 Mark F. Traupman, 32° .....Tyler for all four Bodies

## BETHLEHEM CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°

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 Gerard F. Palagonia, 32° .....Senior Warden  
 Robert P. Johnston, II, 32° .....Junior Warden  
 Jeffrey A. Moser, 32°, M.S.A. ....Orator  
 Robert W. Bunch, Jr., 32° .....Master of Ceremonies  
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 Mark D. Gall, 32° .....Senior Warden  
 Thomas J. Hodgdon, 32° .....Junior Warden  
 Jan L. Boggess, 32° .....Master of Ceremonies  
 Lloyd L. Roberts, 32° .....Hospitaler  
 George Skaff, 32° .....Master of Entrances

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 Curtis L. Proctor, 32° .....Chancellor  
 William P. Sacks, 32° .....Master of Ceremonies  
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**MARCH 31, 2011**

## Some Recollections of a Past Commander-in-Chief, 1975 to 1977 William B. Fairer, 33°



The most important aspect of the Commander-in-Chief of the "Valley of the Lehigh", the original designation of our Valley, is the responsibility as defined in the by-laws being chairman of the Executive Committee. That is only a framework of the duties but while operating in that capacity the responsibilities were much greater. The only standing committee of the Valley was the Executive Committee, and as chairman of the Executive Committee, and since Lehigh Consistory was designated as the fiscal body, you were the CEO and CFO of the Valley. All the other committees were ad hoc which you chaired or were ex officio such as the budget, nominating, reunion, picnic committees and Representatives meeting. You were also instrumental in choosing MSA recipients, class honorees as well as the WM for the 32° Ceremonial. Many of the foregoing duties were done in discussion or concurrence with the other presiding officers or Executive Committee. Relationships with the Council of Deliberation and Supreme Council are within the duties of the Valley Secretary. When a Class Honoree was not a member of the Valley, you were expected to be his host, along with your spouse, or have a brother act on your behalf as you presided while Consistory was in session. The Valley had the luxury of the Mack Suite in the Hotel Traylor made available to us to house our out-of-town guests.

The position of Commander-in-Chief is an interesting, challenging, and rewarding experience for an individual to commit one-self. The Scottish Rite, being a people intensive business, membership is forefront in planning and operation. We tried to fashion our reunion programs to get members to want to return to witness more degrees. Over the course of five reunions (more about this later), from April 15, 1975 through May 20, 1977, the Valley initiated 1164 new members as we watched our membership increase to over 10,000. The Valley was really riding high as the expression goes.

As C-in-C you tend to be the center of attention for the candidates and you got to meet so many wonderful brothers, personally, who are outside of your normal circle of friends, a most rewarding time during a reunion. Signing Candidate Bibles was a function that has long term effects, especially when members would remark to you years later that you signed their Bible. As candidates to become Scottish Rite Masons, the Valley officers were just names and as neophytes there was so much to absorb that it took several reunions for them to grasp the meaning of their membership.

During this period, finances were not as stressful as they are today. Therefore, our main task was to control our day-to-day expenses. With our large membership and large classes, dues and reunion fees were adequate to meet our financial needs. Ladies Nights, with some Valley support, were very popular and well attended, and at these occasions it was the pleasant duty of the C-in-C to intro-

duce all the Valley officers and their wives that were in attendance. Other pleasant duties were of the C-in-C along with the Secretary were to shepherd the members attending the Council of Deliberation and the Supreme Council sessions, arranging dinner locations and hospitality.

1976 was a fantastic year in the Valley's history. The Spring Reunion was devoted to celebrating our 50th Anniversary and at the Fall Reunion, we celebrated our country's bicentennial by having the George Washington Bible present.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Honor Class convened on May 1 and May 8, 1976 at which time we initiated 268 new members, and for the first time we were able to present 50-Year Supreme Council Membership Certificates to as many Charter Members as were able to attend. We still had some 300 living Charter Members. Following the close of Consistory, the members and guests retired to the George Washington Motor Lodge for the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet being honored by the presence of our Deputy, W. Orville Kimmel, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, John L. McCain. The youngest member of the class and the member who had the lowest membership card number were honored to cut the Fiftieth Anniversary Cake. We also had a 50th Anniversary Medallion struck to commemorate the Valley birthday.

The American Heritage Honor Class or Bicentennial Class met on November 6 and November 13 to celebrate the Bicentennial of The United States of America. The Valley was delighted when the George Washington Bible was present on stage for the 20th Degree. It was on loan from St. John's Lodge No. 1, A.Y.M New York City. A picture, with the C-in-C's hand on the same page where George Washington placed his hand when inaugurated as the first president of the United States hangs on the West wall of the library. Following the degree the members and guests took over an hour to view the open Bible on the altar of the 20th degree. A special play was also presented to depict and honor those who had the wisdom to write the Constitution of the United States.

In 1977 a change was made to the long time practice of installing the new corps of officers on the same April meeting night they were elected. Unfortunately, the first time officers had only a few weeks to learn their degree work for the Spring Reunion. Therefore, the installation of the Valley Officers was changed to a date following the Spring Reunion giving the new officers almost six months time to settle into their new positions. Hence, the consistory Officers installed in 1975 did their degree work for five reunions while the Officers of the other bodies installed in 1976 did theirs for three reunions.



# MOST WISE MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brothers,

This is a very special part of the year for Rose Croix. The Chapter of Rose Croix is the steward of the degrees that exemplify Christian morality and philosophy. As Scottish Rite Masons, we regard the teachings of Christianity with the same universality with which we accept the lessons taught in the Old Testament. We all worship the one God, but in the manner of our own choosing. This is one of the greatest aspects of our fraternity—we aspire to work toward consensus and tolerance while respecting the beliefs of others. We should not be shy about the fact that some of our degrees espouse Christian moralities. While they may have a more personal meaning to Christian Masons, there is still much to reflect upon for other monotheists.

In December, we commemorated the birth of Jesus Christ, the foundation of Christianity. Bethlehem Chapter sponsored a Saturday with Santa for members to enjoy with their families. In early January, we celebrated Epiphany, the twelfth day after Christmas, when the three kings visited the newborn Christ in Bethlehem.

We are now leading up to the celebration of Easter, when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead and his ascension into Heaven. Bethlehem Chapter has several events leading up to that celebration.

First, there will be a Stated Meeting of the Valley of Allentown on Tuesday March 13th. The officers of Bethlehem Chapter will preside over this meeting,

which will be held at the Lehigh Lodge building in Macungie. The program for the evening will be the exemplification of the Eighteenth Degree as it is worked under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of England and Wales. You will find much in this degree that is familiar to you from our Eighteenth Degree, although it is ceremonial rather than dramatic. We hope that you will be able to join us. A dinner will be served at 6:15PM in the dining hall of the Lehigh Lodge building at a cost of \$15 per person. To make a reservation for dinner, please use the reservation form below.

Second, we will celebrate The Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Sunday April 1st. This impressive ceremony serves as a memorial service for the members of the Valley of Allentown who passed away in the previous year. The service lasts about an hour and is filled with beautiful symbolism.

Finally, on the morning of Friday April 6th, we'll have our annual Good Friday Breakfast at the Scottish Rite Center. Tickets for the breakfast are available from the Valley of Allentown office or from any of the chapter officers.

As Scottish Rite Masons, this time of year gives us much to reflect upon, and many wonderful opportunities for fellowship.



## Dinner Reservation Form for March Stated Meeting

Dinner will be served at 6:15PM in the dining room at Lehigh Lodge No. 326 in Macungie.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this completed form, along with payment (\$15 per person, made payable to Lehigh Consistory) to Valley of Allentown, 1533 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or call the office @ 610-433-3232.

**The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 6th.**

# BRETHREN: TAKE NOTICE

## MARCH STATED MEETING NOTICE

T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 • 7:30 P.M.**  
**STATED MEETING**

**OF THE FOUR COORDINATE BODIES**

**Dinner preceeding meeting at 6:15 P.M. See reservation form.**

A Stated Meeting of the Four Coordinate Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., in the Valley of Allentown, will be held in the Masonic Temple, Bethlehem.

Business will be transacted in the Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° and Consistory, 32°.

Officers of Bethlehem Chapter of Rose Croix will preside.

DWIGHT D. KONDRAVY, 32°  
Thrice Potent Master

AARON R. WHITE, 32°  
Most Wise Master

GEORGE W. YOUNG, 32°  
Sovereign Prince

RAYMOND B. GREER, 33°  
Commander-In-Chief

Attest: LARRY G. NEWHARD, 33°  
Secretary

## From the Secretary's Desk

*Larry G. Newbard, 33°*



Dear Brethren,

As I stated in the opening paragraph of my last message our activity level is on a high. After a year I can still say we are still on that high and our leadership is providing interesting opportunities for the brethren to enjoy their membership.

Let me put some detail behind that statement. The co-ordinate bodies are doing an excellent job. We have a full slate of qualified officers in each body. This was accomplished by re-instituting the selection process from the Consistorial line that is selected from the proposed officer pool. This proposed officer pool consists of members who are recommended from our lodge rep's or current officers. Since we've promoted this process we've had a tremendous response from our members who have excellent officer qualifications. If you would like to join our leadership team, ask your lodge rep. or one of our current officers for an Officer Resume and Recommendation application. We'd love to have you aboard.

As I reflect back over the past year's activities I sense not only an "esprit de corps", but also competitiveness amongst the bodies. There are so many activities to mention and I wouldn't want to forget any so I'll forgo the details. The number of activities and events sponsored by each body again goes far beyond what was provided in years past. Your elected leadership has made a concerted effort to provide for family involvement within our activities. As co-author, James Collins stated in his book "Good to Great", "You need to get the right people on the bus before moving the bus forward." Brethren, your presiding officers have the right people on the bus progressing in the right direction.

Two activities come to mind, on which I would like to comment. The first activity is the 1st Annual Musical Concert. What a great event!! The entertainment was good. This was a fundraising event sponsoring our Children's Dyslexia Center of Allentown. The event profited over \$3,200. The Committee did a great job. You know who you are. You are to be commended for your hard work in advertising sales for the program booklet. The Executive Committee has given approval to hold the 2nd Annual Musical Concert, which will be

organized under the direction of the Dyslexia Center Board of Governors.

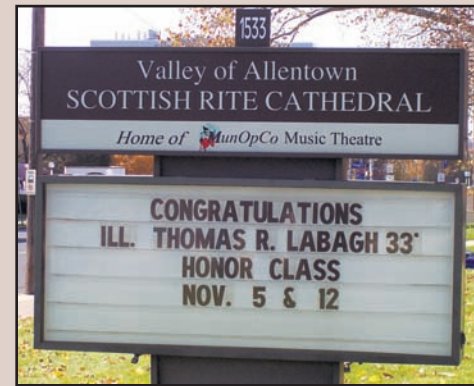
The second activity is the Valley Picnic. This was the second year the event was held at Emmaus Park. We had over 300 members and family members in attendance. This was a much energized event. The food and beverages were great. The games for all were great and best of all there was **no charge**. Next year's picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4th at Emmaus Park. Brethren, please mark your calendar and join us for a great day of fun and relaxation.

Before I close, I must comment on our Fall 2011 Reunion. For every reunion a tremendous amount of work goes into its success. We were honored to have Ill. Thomas R. Labagh, 33° as our Class Honoree. I can't ever remember a Class Honoree being so active in the reunion. He was present for both Saturdays, presented a short program with the Allentown Chapter of DeMolay, participated in the 17°, and was present for the 17° rehearsal. That is commitment, my brethren. He told many of us he had fun with this opportunity and he couldn't say enough in regards to how he saw the members enjoying the reunion. He stated the members were very hospitable and they had fun. That comment was nice to hear.

Over the last several years we have been called upon to do courtesy work for some of our neighboring Valleys, including some out of state. I believe the brethren who have received this courtesy work have taken what they saw back to their Valleys. I say this because over the last two years we have had a tremendous increase in visitors from other Valleys. At this two day Fall Reunion we had a total of 26 visitors. The comments we heard from the visitors were nothing but positive. This bodes well for our Valley and I can say "Well Done Good and Worthy Brethren."

By the time you receive this newsletter, 2011 will have passed and 2012 will be here. On behalf of the officers and myself I'd like to wish you brethren and your families a Healthy and Happy New Year.





Fall Reunion - November 2011 Valley of Allentown Ill. Thomas R. Labagh, 33rd, Honor Class Executive Director Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation



## Director of the Work's Message

Brethren

We again find ourselves ushering in a new year full of life's many challenges and opportunities. As the holidays come to a close, I hope each of you had a joyous season with friends and families. As we are in the early days of 2012, the events that made up our Fall 2011

Reunion class are fading into a memory. I must applaud all who took part in such a successful reunion. We packed 11 degrees in two days and it could not have happened except for everyone in front, on and behind the stage.

It is time again for each of us to put thoughts toward our Valley's next reunion. For all of us, it is time to look to our Blue Lodges and communities for those good men who we would welcome as new members for our Valley. Also for many of us, such as the officers, brethren who work in make-up, wardrobe, stage crew, my Illustrious Casting Director and myself, our focus now shifts to putting forth the ground work of our Spring Reunion.

So what is in store for this year's Spring Reunion? Before I lay out this year's reunion schedule let me digress for a minute of the new direction in which the Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will be conducting Reunions as directed by Supreme Council. It is only now mandatory to confer only the 4th and 32nd degrees along with 3 other degrees of our choice that exhibit the Core Masonic Values. This provides many different opportunities for a Valley as a whole, and as for myself as a Director of the Work, to schedule the conferment of degrees that are difficult to get to the stage due to timing issues or restrictions set forth with fulfilling the commitment of conferring the required degrees.

This being said, our Spring Reunion is going to be quite unique from all those in the past. To start, the format will be a one day Scottish Rite Reunion. In working very closely with our Illustrious Commander in Chief's wishes to follow our Sovereign Grand Commanders edict of ICE, (Inspirational, Convenient, Enjoyable), we are looking to make our reunions more attractive to those younger members whose time is constrained with the challenges of family and life. We wish not to omit tradition of our reunions but merge it into a more concise format that is suitable for today's lifestyles. We will again confer the 4th degree in a live format. It was so well received in the Fall that we will again enlist our cast to open the reunion. The conferral of the 14th degree will close the Lodge of Perfection and we will go into the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and confer the 16th degree. Historically we conferred the 15th in the Spring and the 16th in the Fall, however I consulted the officers of this body and their wishes were to again stage the 16th degree at this reunion. Chapter of Rose Croix officers will communicate the 18th degree rather than have the degree staged and conferred in full allegory. They will then close their body. Consistory will open and we will see the 30th and 32nd degrees conferred and our reunion will be closed. This is quite a unique turn for our Valley and this did not come to light easily. This reunion schedule as a joint effort agreed to by all of the Presiding Officers of the Valley. There is an understanding that this is going against the traditional format and sacrifices from each body will be made at each upcoming reunion. This is truly a collective effort set forth by your elected leaders of the Valley.

I welcome each of you to come this Spring to the Valley and see the work to be conferred. Our stage work is renowned among the Valley's in the region. We host visitors from other Valleys in PA and the surrounding States who travel to see our work. This is truly a testament to the hard work of all. I am proud to serve each of you and the Valley of Allentown as your Director of Work and look forward to seeing each of you in the Spring.

Fraternally,  
Todd

Ill. Bro. Todd R. Baringer, 33°, Director of Work



## Spring Reunion 2012

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012

- 8:45 A.M. - CLASS ORIENTATION
- 9:15 A.M. - OPEN MUHLENBERG LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°  
DWIGHT D. KONDRAVY, 32°,  
THRICE POTENT MASTER
- 9:30 A.M. - PREFACE TO THE INEFFABLE DEGREES
- 9:45 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF THE 4°  
DEGREE CAPTAIN -  
ILL. TODD R. BARINGER, 33°
- 10:15 A.M. - RECESS
- 10:35 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF THE 14° -  
PRESENTED BY MUHLENBERG LODGE  
OF PERFECTION  
PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS  
DEGREE CAPTAIN -  
ILL. TODD R. BARINGER, 33°
- 11:35 A.M. - CLOSE MUHLENBERG LODGE OF  
PERFECTION, 14°
- 11:45 A.M. - RECESS, CLASS PHOTO
- 12:00 P.M. - LUNCH
- 1:00 P.M. - RECEPTION OF CLASS HONOREE
- 1:30 P.M. - OPEN LAFAYETTE COUNCIL,  
PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°  
GEORGE W. YOUNG, 32°, SOVEREIGN  
PRINCE
- 1:45 P.M. - PRESENTATION OF THE 16°  
DEGREE CAPTAIN,  
ILL. LLOYD D. PITTENGER, 33°
- 2:15 P.M. - CLOSE LAFAYETTE COUNCIL,  
PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°
- 2:20 P.M. - RECESS
- 2:30 P.M. - OPEN BETHLEHEM CHAPTER OF  
ROSE CROIX, 18°  
AARON R. WHITE, 32°, MOST WISE  
MASTER
- 2:45 P.M. - COMMUNICATION OF THE 18° -  
PRESENTED BY BETHLEHEM CHAPTER  
OF ROSE CROIX OFFICERS
- 3:00 P.M. - CLOSE BETHLEHEM CHAPTER OF  
ROSE CROIX, 18°
- 3:05 P.M. - OPEN LEHIGH CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°  
ILL., RAYMOND B. GREER, 33°,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
- 3:20 P.M. - RECEIVE III. C. DEFORREST TREXLER,  
33° ACTIVE
- 3:35 P.M. - RECESS
- 3:45 P.M. - PRESENTATION OF THE 30°  
DEGREE CAPTAIN -  
ILL. KENNETH G. RINEAR, 33°
- 4:45 P.M. - PRESENT CLASS OFFICERS
- 5:00 P.M. - PRESENTATION OF THE 32°  
DEGREE CAPTAIN - ILL. RAYMOND B.  
GREER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 33°
- 5:30 P.M. - CLOSE LEHIGH CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

## Children's Dyslexia Center of Allentown

# 2011 WALK-A-THON

We had a very successful Walk-a-thon this year, over 100 participated in the walk. This kind of success can be attributed to the people who volunteered, those who participated in the walk, and those who contributed as sponsors. Supreme Council will give us \$10,000 if we raise \$20,000. To-date we have raised over \$18,000.

Thank you; Jerry Palagonia and his helpers for making the BBQ arrangements. Ken and Carol McCarty, Ron and Cindy Norcross for registration, Gary and Nancy Schuyler for selling BBQ tickets, Benny Heater for 50-50 Sales, Bruce Fox and Emery Kohut for outdoor setup, and Jim Dowling for the organization of the walk itself. Hiram Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club gets a thank you for being at the intersections keeping all safe during the walk.

We also wish to thank Ralph Desiderio for contacting the Morning Call and making the arrangements to have them advertise and participate the day of the Walk.

We appreciated the Marshall Arts Group who gave a Karate presentation arranged by Emery Kohut. Thank you to the parents of the students who volunteered to help and to Paula Desiderio and her mother who handled the Bake Sale along with Gerry Nagle and his wife Gerry.

Thanks to the Allentown Chapter DeMolay for their support and also the support of "Dad" Blew and "Mom" Denise Blew. A special treat was the presence of the PA

State DeMolay Sweetheart from Willow Grove.

The fund raising efforts for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Allentown for this year were also supplemented by the assistance of the Scottish Rite brethren from the Valley who participated in our various activities such as the golf outing, the concert, the picnic as well as donations submitted with their annual dues payments specifying the Children's Dyslexia Center. Additional fund raising donations were also made this year by Hiram Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club (\$6,250) as well as Bucks Region (\$2,000).

We also had some brethren, who signed up this year for the Builders Council (\$10,000 in donations) and for Sponsoring a Child (\$5,000 in donations). If you are interested in hearing more about these two programs please contact Chairman James J. Dowling, 33° or Vice Chairman Maurice (Benny) Heater, 33°.

The Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center thank all of the brethren who have helped our fund raising efforts this year. It costs \$120,000 per year to operate the center. Supreme Council provides \$50,000 annually to supplement the budget. The remainder of our budget comes from all the various fund raising activities and our Scottish Rite brethren. The children attend the Dyslexia Center class's tuition free.

## BUILDER'S COUNCIL MILESTONE

Excitement and Enthusiasm! It's on going at your Valley's Learning Center for Dyslexic Children.

Our Illustrious Brother and Reverend Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, 33° once wrote a book (In addition to several other books including his most famous book The Power of Positive Thinking) Titled "Enthusiasm makes the Difference".

We at the Learning Center's Board of Governors have that enthusiasm and drive to perpetuate this meaningful Charity. In addition to the various fundraising events during the year we have achieved yet another milestone in that we now have reached a double digit figure for our members who joined the Builders Council, yes ten (10) members of your Valley of Allentown.

They are as follows: Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Ill. George Nakonetschny, 33°, Ill. Douglas E. Robinson, 33°, Ill. Maurice "Benny" Heater, 33°, Bro. Gary L. Schuyler, 32°, Ill. Kenneth D. Sutton, 33°, Bro. George B. Hixon, 32°, Ill. Bruce E. Fox, 33°, Bro. Michael Mickey, 32°, and last but not least (and within hours before submitting this article and prior to the deadline)

our own sitting Commander-In-Chief Ill. Raymond B. Greer, 33°. What a way to lead, by setting good examples for we the members to follow.

Oh yes and let me not fail to recognize the ladies behind these men listed above, they are like unto the wind beneath our wings.

Over the Northern Jurisdiction, Allentown is now 13th in rating for belonging to the Builders Council and if you consider the fact that two (2) of our members are going around the second time, then that puts us in the top ten (10) listing.

State wide Pittsburgh has 60-Harrisburg has 17-New Castle 12-Allentown 10. We just went past Lancaster and if you count the two second timers we're tied with New Castle.

My Fraternal Brothers and Ladies from your Board of Governors and staff, and your Valley's Dyslexia Learning Center, a heart felt Thank you and God Bless, Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and New Year. So mote it be.

Maurice "Benny" Heater, 33°

## SIXTH ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER

AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH MUSIC, POETRY, FOOD & CONVIVIALITY



**Saturday Evening, 28 January 2012, 6:00 for Whisky, 7:00 for Dinner**  
 The Compass and Square Room  
 Allentown Masonic Temple, 1524 West Linden Street

**GUEST OF HONOUR: BRO. JAY W. SMITH**  
 Right Worshipful Grand Master

**Menu**

Cock-a-Leekie Soup  
 Choice of Entrée  
 Haggis (our own recipe)  
 Sherry Trifle  
 Choice of Wines

**Featuring**

A Selection of Scottish Whiskies  
 (Feel free to bring a bottle to share)  
 Scotch Ale, brewed for the occasion  
 Festive Toasts  
 Music and Poetry

R.S.V.P. with payment of \$37 per person by Monday 23 January.  
 Please make your check payable to **The Kite & Key Lodge No. 811**  
 Please specify your entrée selection(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Send payment to:**  
 Daniel E. Tarafas, Secretary  
 1029 West Erie Street  
 Allentown, PA 18103-6631

## Valley Upcoming Events

**January 2012:**

FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Three King's Dinner  
 TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Executive Meeting

**February 2012:**

TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Executive Meeting

**March 2012:**

TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Stated Meeting  
 TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Executive Meeting  
 SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Easter Egg Hunt

**April 2012:**

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Feast of the Paschal Lamb  
 FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Good Friday Breakfast  
 TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Stated Meeting  
 TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Executive Meeting

# BRETHREN: TAKE NOTICE

## APRIL STATED MEETING NOTICE

**T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 • 7:30 P.M.**  
**STATED MEETING**  
**OF THE FOUR COORDINATE BODIES**

A Stated Meeting of the Four Coordinate Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., in the Valley of Allentown, will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Business will be transacted in the Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° and Consistory, 32°.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

DWIGHT D. KONDRAVY, 32°  
 Thrice Potent Master

AARON R. WHITE, 32°  
 Most Wise Master

GEORGE W. YOUNG, 32°  
 Sovereign Prince

RAYMOND B. GREER, 33°  
 Commander-In-Chief

Attest: LARRY G. NEWHARD,  
 33°, Secretary

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER STATED MEETING**

Feast of the



Paschal Lamb

**Sunday, April 1, 2012 • 3:00 PM**

Auditorium - Scottish Rite Cathedral  
 1533 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA

The Officers of Bethlehem Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° will conduct the Annual Memorial Service for Departed Brethren of the Valley of Allentown.

Families of the Departed receive Written Invitations. This Invitation is for Members, their Ladies, Families and Friends of the Valley of Allentown. This is a good time for you to bring your family to see our building and view the work on the stage. No Reservation Required

Bethlehem Chapter of



Rose Croix

presents

**Annual Good Friday Breakfast**

**Friday, April 6, 2012 • 7:30 AM**

Scottish Rite Center  
 1544 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA

Full Breakfast  
 Musical Interludes by our own Kenneth Schneider,  
 Musical Director of the Valley of Allentown

Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

All Master Masons Invited • Reservations Required • \$10.00  
 Tickets available at Valley Office or any Rose Croix Officer.

## Abbott Scholarship Applications due March 1st

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is a belief in the importance of the educated mind. That is why the Masonic fraternity, and Scottish Rite in particular have long been committed to fostering the value of education. The Leon M. Abbott Scholarships are provided by the Supreme Council and give financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families. The grants are awarded annually to children of a Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, who is a high school senior or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, and who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. A child is also eligible if he/she is a member of DeMolay, Rainbow or Jobs Daughters in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and is a high school senior or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, and has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. A Scottish Rite Mason who is a member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is also eligible. Repayment is not required. Applications must be complete and received by March 1. Application forms are available by contacting the Valley of Allentown Secretary (610-433-3232). Numbers and actual amounts of grants vary each year depending on available funds.

## Bucks Region - Valley of Allentown - Schedule of Events 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
January 31, 2012 (Tuesday)	Regional Executive Committee Meeting (Ann's Choice)	7:30 PM
March 6, 2012 (Tuesday)	Lodge Rep Meeting (Erzgebirge)	7:30 PM
March 25, 2012 (Sunday)	UNO Pizza Fundraiser, 1661 Easton Rd., Warrington, PA	3:00 PM - 11 PM
April 7, 2012 (Saturday)	Membership Breakfast (Erzgebirge)	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
April 26, 2012 (Thursday)	Spring Booster Dinner (Candidates, Erzgebirge)	7:00 PM
May 5, 2012 (Saturday)	Allentown Reunion (Saturday)	One Day Class
June 18, 2012 (Monday)	Valley of Allentown Golf Outing	TBA
August 4, 2012 (Saturday)	Valley Picnic, Emmaus Picnic Grove	Noon
August 6, 2012 (Monday)	Bucks Region/Doylestown Lodge Golf Outing	TBA
August 11, 2012 (Saturday)	Bucks Regional Baseball Game (Iron Pigs Allentown) Leave TJ Max, Feasterville	4:30 PM
August 22, 2012 (Wednesday)	Lodge Rep Meeting (Erzgebirge)	7:30 PM
September 22, 2012 (Saturday)	Fall Membership, Breakfast (Erzgebirge)	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
October 6, 2012 (Saturday)	Oktoberfest Ladies & Candidates	7:00 PM
October 14, 2012 (Sunday)	5K Walk, Children's Learning Center (Allentown, PA)	1:00 PM
November 3, 2012 (Saturday)	Allentown Reunion	Full Day
November 5, 2012 (Monday)	Regional Executive Meeting (Ann's Choice)	7:30 PM
November 10, 2012 (Saturday)	Allentown Reunion	Full Day
December 4, 2012 (Tuesday)	Regional Membership Election Dinner Mtg. (Erzgebirge)	7:00 PM
January 29, 2013 (Tuesday)	Regional Executive Committee Meeting (Ann's Choice)	7:30 PM

\*\*2 additional Membership Meetings will be at the call of the Valley Membership Chairman during the year.

All dinner meetings will be held at the Verinigung Erzgebirge, 130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA, 215-675-5380. Social Hour will be from 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm.

All members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

If you know of any brother in our region who is ill or has passed away, please contact any regional Officer, your lodge Representative or the Regional Director.

### President of Bucks Region

Joseph Derosa, 32°  
909 Bristol Pike-D8, Croydon, PA 19021-6209  
Phone: 215-785-3346  
e-mail: joederosa1204@aol.com

### Regional Director

Gary L. Schuyler, 32°  
92 Evergreen Drive, New Britain, PA 18901-1475  
Phone: 215-345-1475  
e-mail: gschuyler@comcast.com



## 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 10:00 AM  
Scottish Rite Cathedral



The Valley of Allentown is extending an invitation to the children and grandchildren of its members to spend a Saturday morning having an Easter egg hunt, arts and crafts, and snacks. Please remember, this is free for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call the office at 610-433-3232, or contact any Lodge of Perfection officer.

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Please respond by March 17, 2012 to:

Lehigh Consistory, 1533 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return entire page including your old address.

*Called off from Labor . . . . . August 16, 2011 - November 15, 2011*

*Gerald Clyde Hoffert*

*Joseph Cletus Heimbach, Jr.*

*Lynn Ebert Zettlemoyer*

*William Howard Lutz*

*George Edmund Verdeur*

*George Edwin Stocker*

*Paul Donald Kellow*

*John Weiskopf*

*Robert Wallace Norris*

*William J. Pennypacker*

*Jack Longo*

*William Henry Weber*

*William Landis Rosenberger*

*Arlington Maxwell Boger*

*Michael Kozy*

*Arlington Leidy Lewis*

*Martin Skrovina*

*Henry Adam Wallace Gruber*

*Chester Leidy*

*Charles Theodore Webster, Jr.*

*William Fredrick Heinz, Jr.*

*Milton Welcker McCreary*

*Kenneth Allen Searfoss*

*Kenneth Edgar Stauffer*

*Warren Dietrich Hendershot*

*William Edmund Holden, Sr.*

*Richard Henry Woodring*

*James Frederick Bieret*

*Russell Leon Miller*

*LaVerne Gerald Hersh, M.S.A.*

*Barry Charles Angstadt*

*John Michael Dominguez*

*Kenneth Jay Rutt*

*Clair Wallace Oyer*