

Cathedral Chimes

Valley of Moline

Summer 2021

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brothers of Scottish Rite Valley of Moline,

We are pleased to announce the Annual Scottish Rite Dinner Cruise on the Celebration Belle is booked for 11 September 2021 and boarding time is 6 PM.

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Please register for the cruise by 8/18/21 at the following web site <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-dinner-cruise-aboard-the-celebration-belle-tickets-161028603889> or call the office 309-762-1117.

Important note: If a member makes a free reservation, but does not attend the cruise, they will be charged \$55 for each free ticket. This will reimburse the cost to the Valley of Moline.

We hope you can join us to enjoy the fellowship with your Scottish Rite Brothers and their spouses and guests. It should be a great evening at one of the top tourist attractions in the Quad Cities!

Russ Hoepfer 32°

Editor of the Valley of Moline Cathedral Chimes

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Are our Membership Problems different from other Organizations?

In some aspect, they are on the surface. First, what do we all have in common? We all are seeing the decline of members and participation within our organizations. We all invite individuals to join, but do we really include them after joining? Some do, but most don't take the time to invest in a new member the way we should or can. We are downsizing, merging, selling and moving from our "homes" or worse, closing our doors. This is an unfortunate trend with all organizations. The following are only a few things that could be considered for moving forward with our Fraternity.

If you are the Master of a Lodge, the Head of any organization or will be in the future, you have plenty to think about. Besides the Monthly meetings, special events, etc., the biggest is membership, new or retention. Our real thoughts should be, if we are not paying attention to our membership past and present, who is?

How do we attract new members? If the past or present members are currently not enjoying themselves within an organization, why would you ask a friend or coworker to join? We need to present ourselves to the community so our organization is more recognizable to the public, and want people to be interested in what we stand for. We need to listen to our younger members and allow them to pursue new ideas as to attract younger members into our Fraternity, for this is the future of the Fraternity.

Fellowship, not just during Lodge, but any time we can get together as a group. These events sometimes let us see another side of our membership not only in a Lodge setting. You may find you have more in common with someone you may not have known very well, other interest that you both may have in common outside of the organization. Reunions, dinners, cookouts, shows and events...are all good ways to be active in fellowship.

Bottom line, we need to recognize our problems and correct the path we are currently heading. Nothing will be fixed overnight, but small steps can lead to the top of the mountain, if we all try to take an active part within the organization and participate when possible.

Fraternally
RWB Dean Sheese MSA 32°
Sovereign Prince, Council Princes of Jerusalem

Valley Officer 2021-2022

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Chancellor	Russell Hoepfer		

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Commander In Chief Don Wood MSA 33°

The Valley has four new 32° Scottish Rite Masons: Ryan Arduini, Josh Galbreath, Jason Johnson, and Michael Minarsich. They witnessed all the degrees virtually and culminated with a special virtual presentation and dubbing of the 32°. Congratulations to our four newest members!

ICOD was held on the 26th of June and four members received the MSA and were presented with their red caps and jewels: Jamie Emery, Michael McDorman, Tom Nipper, and Dale Thayer.

It appears that we are getting very close to resuming life as it was in February of 2020! We have a dinner cruise planned for September 11th. Members of the Valley of Moline will not be charged. Guest tickets will be \$55. The link to sign up is:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-dinner-cruise-aboard-the-celebration-belle-tickets-161028603889>

The Sovereign Grand Commander David Glatly 33° will be attending the Freeport Reunion on the 12th and 13th of November. It would be nice if the Valley of Moline made a nice showing at their Reunion.

We will be having our Reunion on the 20th of November. More details on that event will be coming.

If you have suggestions for activities and/or programs, please communicate the same to any officer or to the office. We are always looking for new things to enjoy!

As always, let us meet on the level and part upon the square!



Fraternally and Sincerely,
Commander-in-Chief Don Wood MSA 33°

Chapter Rose Croix Bruce Bennett 32°

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying our beautiful summer weather. This summer seems especially fine given the elimination of the restrictions of the past year.

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Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce L Bennett 32°
M.W.M. Chapter of Rose Croix

Council Princes of Jerusalem Dean Sheese MSA

I hope this finds you all in good health. Things appear to be retuning to a somewhat "normal" way to meet and get out again as before.

Again, please try and remember to participate whenever possible. Our meetings are still being held both in person or virtual. We will continue this process until we are directed that we can no longer use this procedure.

We are also planning some upcoming events, and hope that all will try to attend if possible. This will be a slow process, as businesses are slow to allow events to be scheduled again. Discussions on a boat cruise, baseball games and hockey just to name a few. So keep an eye out for future fellowship events to attend and have fun!

Remember, try to participate in some way!

As we always say, "you only get out what you put in".

Fraternally
Dean Sheese MSA
Sovereign Prince-Council Princes of Jerusalem

Lodge Of Perfection Richard Hacker MSA 33°

As we all return from the meetings and celebrations at ICOD I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the four members from the last two years that received their Red Cap signifying their status of MSA. I also congratulate our two new nominees that will receive their award next year at the 2022 ICOD .

Looking ahead the four Heads of the Bodies from the valley are in the process of planning this year's fall reunion. We will have a great opportunity to have a very successful reunion. We have many Master Masons wanting to join and take part in the Valley. I encourage everyone to plan to attend the fall reunion. Oh don't forget to ask a friend and fellow brother to come along.

Speaking of reunions, Freeport will be hosting the Sovern Grand Commander at their reunion November 12 and 13th. This is a great opportunity to meet Commander Glattly and see degrees from most of the Valleys in Illinois.

In closing I encourage you to get excited about Scottish Rite, join us at the reunion and come take part in the great degrees that teach the lessons of Further Light in Masonry .

Fraternally,

Richard Hacker MSA 33°

TPM Lodge of Perfection

Valley of Moline Monthly Meeting Schedule Board meeting 6:30 pm Fraternal Meeting 7:30 pm 2nd Monday of every month

Consistory : January, May, September

Lodge of Perfection : February, June, October

Council Princes of Jerusalem : March, July, November

Chapter Rose Croix : April, August, December

Icod 2021

This year at ICOD, we had two classes, therefore four members of our Valley, received their Meritorious Service Award, our recipients from each class are:

2020



Jamie Allen Emery MSA



Thomas Newton Nipper MSA

2021



Michael Lee McDorman MSA



Dale Franklin Thayer MSA

Please join us at ICOD next year on June 25th, 2022 when we will honor our next two MSA recipients Russell Hoepfer and David Robison

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The Hauts Grades Academy (HGA)

HGA is a program designed to promote the education, knowledge, and engagement of members in the Scottish Rite, NMJ. The Scottish Rite was known as the *Hauts Grades* in its early beginnings.

The program is made up of three exciting levels:

Level One – The candidate will delve into the ritual of all twenty-nine Scottish Rite, NMJ degrees

Level Two – The essay portion of the curriculum will allow for self-reflection and review of Scottish Rite degrees selected personally by the candidate.

Level Three – A written research paper on a topic of the candidate's choice, which will be pre-approved and reviewed by the HGA committee. Research topics can vary between history, ritual, and the philosophy of the Scottish Rite.

At full completion, the graduate will earn the honor of becoming a Scottish Rite Hauts Grades Academic, and will be entitled to include the letters HGA after his name. A certificate and HGA jewel will also be awarded upon completion, but an enriching educational experience is the overall goal.

Have a suggestion or an
 idea?

Contact the office

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“If you have knowledge, let
 others light their candles at
 it.” Thomas Fuller