

# Cathedral Chimes

## Valley of Moline

Fall 2021

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## The Valley of Freeport Fall 2021 Reunion November 12th & 13th 2021

Friday November 12th

Saturday November 13th

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 10:30 - Registration and Refreshments</li> <li>◆ 12:00 - Opening</li> <li>◆ 12:15 - The NEW 4th Degree</li> <li>◆ 1:00 - 19th Degree (Valley of Bloomington)</li> <li>◆ 2:00 - 26th Degree</li> <li>◆ 3:15 - 18th Degree</li> <li>◆ 5:00 - 14th Degree (Valley of Moline)</li> <li>◆ 6:00 - Famous Freeport Beer &amp; Pizza Party</li> <li>◆ 7:30-(optional) Building &amp; Paranormal tour</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 8:30—Sign In / Coffee &amp; Rolls</li> <li>◆ 9:00 - The New 4th Degree on DVD ** if Needed**</li> <li>◆ 9:30 - 15th Degree</li> <li>◆ 10:30 - 20th Degree (Valley of Madison WI)</li> <li>◆ 12:00 - Lunch &amp; Introductions</li> <li>◆ 1:30 - 23rd Degree</li> <li>◆ 2:45 - 22nd Degree (Valley of Chicago)</li> <li>◆ 3:45 - 32nd Degree</li> <li>◆ 5:15 - (No Host) Social Hour</li> <li>◆ 6:00 - 9:00 - Dinner / Program / Jazz Band</li> </ul> |
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### Ladies Program Information

Friday November 12th:

Wine Tasting (3-5pm) A regional winery will be at the Temple hosting a fall wine tasting for the ladies in the Crystal Room. This event will be from 3 to 5pm. At the conclusion of the program the ladies are welcome to join the men for the famous Valley of Freeport post reunion beer and pizza party.

Saturday November 13th

Galena Shopping Trip and Lunch A chartered coach bus will be leaving the Temple at 9:30 AM and taking you through the rolling countryside to see the beautiful fall colors and arriving at the historic city of Galena. Upon arrival lunch will be served at the famous DeSoto House in downtown Galena. A specially prepared lunch (choice of chicken, salmon, or pasta) and dessert menu has been created for the afternoon. After lunch you can explore downtown Galena. There are numerous opportunities for shopping, antiquing, museums, restaurants and bars. At the conclusion of the afternoon the coach bus will Galena at 3:30 PM and will bring you back to the Temple where you will meet your significant other for the evening banquet and entertainment.

Cost for each event: Friday Wine Tasting & After Party \$20.00 Saturday Galena Trip & Lunch \$40.00

**\*\* Please call the Temple Office at 815-233-0513 or Email [masons@aeroinc.net](mailto:masons@aeroinc.net) to make reservations and meal choice. \*\*** Ask for Dean White or Bill Leser. Please make reservations no later than October 29th. We look forward to you joining us for this historic Scottish Rite weekend and reunion.

Visit us on the web -  
[http://  
 www.ValleyOfMoline.org](http://www.ValleyOfMoline.org)

# Commander-in-Chief Don Wood 33° MSA

Hello to the Valley of Moline!

With summer activities coming to an end, it is time to start looking forward to the end of the year. The Valley has been meeting live and virtually. The dinner cruise earlier this year was a success with 53 people in attendance! We have a couple of activities in October: Quad Cities Storm hockey and a Valley of Moline dinner.

This past June at the ICOD meeting four members of the Valley received their MSA award: Jamie Emery, Tom Nipper, Michael McDorman, and Dale Thayer. Please congratulate these Brethren!

Dean Sheese received his 33° this past August in Cleveland. This is a high honor for Dean and our Valley! Please congratulate Dean on this accomplishment and interestingly he is still looking for some shoes to polish. Congratulations Dean Sheese 33° MSA!

We have several candidates that will be going to Freeport on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November to become 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons. Please see the Valley's website at: <https://valleyofmoline.org/events-in-and-around-the-valley/> for more information. The Grand Master, Deputy for Illinois, actives, and other dignitaries will be in attendance. I would like to invite all members of the Valley to attend this reunion. We will be having a reunion this spring on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. More details of this event forthcoming.

I would like to hear your thoughts about events, things, activities that you would like to see. Maybe it is a euchre tournament, bags tournament, shopping trip to Galena, picnic, bowling, scotch and cigar night, pool tournament, murder mystery, or something else. Any ideas? If so, please let us know and we will put it together! We look forward to seeing you in the future! Be safe and may God look on you and yours.

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



## Valley Officer 2021-2022

Consistory		Chapter Rose Croix	
Commander-in-Chief	Don Wood Sr. 33° MSA	Most Wise Master	Bruce Bennett
1st Lieutenant	Tom Podrovitz, MSA	Senior Warden	Sam Eaves
2nd Lieutenant	Michael McDorman, MSA	Junior Warden	Grady Birdsell, 33°
Orator	Dean Sheese, 33° MSA	Orator	Tyler Fullerton
Chancellor	Russell Hoyer		

Council Princes of Jerusalem		Lodge of Perfection	
Sovereign Prince	Dean Sheese, MSA	Thrice Potent Master	Richard Hacker, 33° MSA
High Priest	Adam Circello	Deputy Master	Lucas Crawford
Senior Warden	David Robison	Senior Warden	Russell Hoyer
Junior Warden	Don Mewes	Junior Warden	vacant
Master of Ceremonies	David Hipkins	Fraternal Secretary	David Ziegler MSA
Master of Entrances	Tom Hodges	Treasurer	Lauren Crawford, 33° MSA
		Hospitaler	Richard Hacker, 33° MSA
		Tyler	Tom Hodges

## Council Princes of Jerusalem Dean Sheese 33° MSA

Again, I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. The Bodies have been working hard to schedule events. As before, events are still somewhat difficult to hold or schedule with Covid continuing to be hanging around. The Heads of the Bodies are looking into things we can do safely.

A big shout out to the Chapter of Rose Croix! If by chance you attended our Boat Cruise, what a great time for those who "cruised" with us. I believe 54 were in attendance and the night was perfect for cruising the river. We saw some members that we've not seen in some time and had some very good conversations. Looking forward to next year!!

In closing, please try and participate whenever possible. If you don't feel comfortable meeting in person, or attending our events, you can still participate in some way. One suggestion, you could assist by making calls to members just to say HI from the comfort of your home. Some Brothers may enjoy hearing from someone who will listen to them, as they may not have the opportunity to have talked with anybody for a while being confined to their homes. A phone call can make someone's day brighter!

There's always someway you can participate!

Fraternally

Dean Sheese 33° MSA

Sovereign Prince-Council Princes of Jerusalem

## **Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients:**

Illinois Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite Masons provide scholarship to help individuals better themselves through pursuit of knowledge.

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The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois scholarship is designed for children or grandchildren of members of Illinois Scottish Rite Valley. **Recipients:**

**Maggie Pope  
Mia Freyermuth  
Madison Diehl**

**Tyler Demarest  
Cole Walker**

The Health Care Fields scholarship is created for students entering the health care field (nursing, physical or occupational therapy, radiology, anesthesiology, etc.). **Recipients:**

**Adrianna Hayes  
Alexia Tucker  
Avary Bielema  
Courtney Torrance  
Destinee Cornic  
Hannah DeBlock  
Jacob Reusch  
Jeffrey Garrett  
Jessie Icenogle  
Kayla Canning  
Kristen Sumpter  
Lillian Hucke**

**Olivia Hall  
Paul Page  
Payton Salsman  
Taylor Swanson  
Victoria Heath  
Riley Coulter  
Anna Wagner  
Emma Unsworth  
Kierstin Benson  
Riley Horner  
Addison Adolphson  
Larissa Neeld**

The Leon M. Abbott Scholarship was created in honor of Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander (1921-1932) for members or directly related to Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction or member of youth organization sponsored by Masonic fraternity in Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

**Recipients: Joelee Gallagher and Molly Parsons**

The Robert . Perkins scholarship is designed for relatives of Illinois Scottish Rite Valley members. **Recipient: Zachary Frieden**

The Sherwood and Evelyn Kresin scholarship is designated for undergraduate or graduate students in any course of study. **Recipient: Danielle Hagens**



## Chapter Rose Croix Bruce Bennett 32°

Greetings to the Brothers in the Valley of Moline. I hope this letter finds you well.

The leaves are turning and the weather is finally cooling off -a welcome change! In September we held the annual dinner cruise on the Celebration Belle. 53 members and spouses enjoyed a fun time on the riverboat. The food was good and the weather was perfect. It was good to see so many Brothers turn out for this night of fellowship. It gave everyone the opportunity to visit with our Society of Friends and Brothers after the long Covid 19 break. Additional events have been planned for the near future.

We have a box at the Quad City Storm hockey game on 23 October, and the next day is the Valley of Moline Dinner at Johnny's Steakhouse where we will celebrate Dean Sheese receiving his 33rd Degree.

A Christmas party is being planned so watch for this announcement with those details.

Finally, remember the Valley of Freeport is holding their Fall Reunion November 12 and 13. Members of the other Valleys in the state are invited to attend and view the degree presentations. A number of our members plan to be there - please join us!

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,  
Bruce L. Bennett 32  
MWM Chapter of Rose Croix

## Lodge Of Perfection Richard Hacker 33° MSA

Here is the recipient of the Robinson scholarship.  
Halee Porter. She is attending Western Illinois.



## Congratulations to our newest 33°

Thank you for this 33° Honor

First, I can say what an honor it was to be chosen to receive the 33°. Lisa and I want to thank Ill. Brother Bob Millikan and his wife Gwen, along with Ill. Brother William Endres and his wife Nancy. One, for traveling to Cleveland, Ohio, for the support they offered and for time they spent with us. The hospitality they provided while there was great over the 4 days while in Cleveland.



All I can say is Wow, what a weekend. So many people who were receiving this honor, 280 I thought was the final number of Brethren who received the 33° within the Northern Jurisdictions. There were so many Brethren in attendance. Scottish Rite kept us busy, from meetings, pictures and a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. And of course, we had a few meals along the way.

I was able to speak to many Brethren from other Valley's. Seems like we are all in the same boat, just some have bigger boats to deal with. It's a common issue we all are dealing with. Membership, Covid, deaths and a lack of participation were just a few things they were all discussing. Hopefully, we can all look for better days ahead.

Again, I thank all of you for this Honor bestowed upon myself. This was quite an experience and I will never forget this weekend.

### 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

Moline Consistory  
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 Valley of Moline

## CATHEDRAL CHIMES

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## Hauts Grades Academy

Established 2018

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
 Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA

## 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?

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