

# Cathedral Chimes

## Valley of Moline

Summer 2022

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## The Valley of Moline Scottish Rite



For a

## Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

***Saturday, September 10th, 2022***

At the Scottish Rite Center

409 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Milan, IL

7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

*Donations:*

Adults - \$8.00

Children 11 & Under : \$5.00

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# Commander-in-Chief

## Thomas W. Podrovitz MSA

Greetings Scottish Rite Brothers,

As summertime is now upon us, I want to reiterate how important it is that we continue to stay active in our home lodges and especially not forget about appendant bodies of Masonry. Its been an extremely challenging past 4 years with the selling of our building in Moline, the adjustment to meeting at Eureka Lodge, the challenges of the pandemic and the purchasing of our new building. With all the ups and downs over the past few years, I believe its safe to say that its officially TIME TO MOVE FORWARD with Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The next 2 years offers myself and The Valley of Moline Consistory line a new opportunity to bring some new events and ideas to the valley. As indicated in the Supreme Council Valley Excellence program, our valley will be challenged with meeting different events and programs based on point system for participation, which we hope will add a new and exciting opportunity for our Valley to go outside the box and reach our membership in a whole new way.

Looking forward to the future months, we can look forward to updates in regards the fall reunion, pancake breakfast fundraisers, Veterans Day luncheon as well as a holiday fundraiser to help us raise money for our Almoners Funds as well as being financially able to support all of our other local masonic charities.

We are very excited to get moving with our new building. This new building has so many new challenges and we truly look forward to everyone's support so we can make our Valley grow. With helping our Valley grow, absolutely nothing can be possible without membership. I urge everyone to de diligently looking a candidate for our fall reunion October 15th. New candidates give us an opportunity to go out to the local blue lodges and put on our new Rite on the Road program, which is a new program from Supreme Council that will help us get out to our local lodges and meet and greet new people, make new friends and build a better working relationship with our local area lodges.

The time for change is now. I'm looking forward to helping our valley bring back more degrees, more events, more fund-raising opportunities as well as fun events for our membership and their families.

I truly appreciate all your faith and support.

I remain,  
Fraternally yours,  
Thomas W. Podrovitz MSA  
Commander in Chief



## Chapter Rose Croix Bruce Bennett 32°

Greetings Valley of Moline Brothers!

As I am writing this it's the end of July - one more month of summer left to enjoy! I hope yours has been good. I am pleased to announce we are again planning the annual Mississippi river boat cruise aboard the Celebration Belle. This year's cruise will be held on Saturday September 24th with boarding time at 6 PM. The event will include the river cruise, dinner, and music after dinner. The cost of the ticket is \$55 each for the member and his wife. A link will be on the website as soon as we get it set up, or call the office.

This year we are doing something different! Each member who brings a completed application for a new Scottish Rite member will be reimbursed the cost of his cruise ticket. The new member who applied should purchase their tickets at the link provided but he will be reimbursed the cost of the tickets for himself and his wife. Also any Brothers who bring two or more applications for new Scottish Rite members will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Johnny's Steak House in Moline. Those Brothers will be recognized at the dinner. It is time for us to grow the Valley of Moline membership again and we hope this will help us to get that rolling! In addition, we will have a Donation box prominently displayed all night on the Cruise for use by the Brethren to make Donations to the Grand Almoner's Fund.

We hope you will join us again this year! Last year was a beautiful evening with 53 members and their spouses participating. This year should be even better!

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



## Council Princes of Jerusalem Adam Circello 32°

Hey there companions, a lot of good stuff going on in the Valley of Moline this year. Some big changes as well.

With the new purchase of our new building the former Pythian Hall, you cant help to be excited about our future. I whole heartedly believe we are moving in the right direction and on an even keel, because that's correct, no more stairs!!!!

I'm looking forward to doing more fundraising, with a spaghetti dinner in addition to the pancake breakfast our Commander in Chief has planned. Additionally we are wanting to put on some degrees outside of the spring and fall reunions.

Kind of nice to have a place we all call home. That being said, I'm hoping we can have some more of our existing members come back and attend our monthly stated fraternal meetings. Please remember "sometimes you feel like a nut, most times you won't our temporary home had so many stairs, our new building don't"

As always- safe travels, and stay safe-  
Adam Circello 32°  
Sovereign Prince  
Council Princes of Jerusalem



### 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

## Lodge Of Perfection Lucas Crawford 32°

Greetings AASR Brethren

As your new Thrice Potent Master I would like to take a second to introduce myself to you. My name is Lucas Crawford. I am from Taylor Ridge, where I live on a farm with my wife and son. I joined the Valley of Moline Scottish Rite on March 18th, 2017 as a member of the "Ill. Lauren L Crawford" Class. I have served as Deputy Master of the Lodge of Perfection for the last 3 terms. I am excited for the future of the Valley of Moline and look forward to seeing new things develop in the coming year.

I would like to thank the other officers of the Lodge of Perfection for agreeing to help serve the Valley. Russ Hoepfer (Deputy Master), Logan Crawford (Senior Warden), and Alex Nipper (Junior Warden). If you have anything you would like to see from Lodge of Perfection, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

As I begin to conclude, I want you to join me in thanking my predecessor, Illustrious Rich Hacker MSA 33°, for his service to the Moline Lodge of Perfection these past few years. He has been an outstanding Coach and Mentor throughout my entire Masonic Journey, but especially my time as an officer in the Valley of Moline. Rest assured friends, that Brother Hacker is still in the corner of the Lodge of Perfection.

Remember that the Valley of Moline Fraternal Meeting is at 7:30 on the second Monday of each month, at the new Scottish Rite Building in Milan. We would love to see more Brothers in attendance.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Lucas Crawford 32°  
Thrice Potent Master  
Moline Lodge of Perfection



## Masonic Youth Groups

In the fall of 2021, Valley of Moline Scottish Rite donated \$500 to each of the four local masonic youth groups Jobs Daughter Bethel 57 in Fulton, Illinois.



Valley of Moline life member Earl Wyse 33° and 1st Lt Commander Tom Podrovitz MSA had lunch with Margo Nelson Grand Guardian of Illinois Job's Daughters. Due to the pandemic and restrictions being put on the youth organizations

to keep them safe- moline officers met with Margo Nelson and presented a check.

Jobs Daughter bethel 57 with donation check. Hand written letter was presented to Valley of Moline in appreciation for the gracious donation.



Russell Hoeper MSA wasn't able to coordinate with Templar Chapter of DeMolay, to make a presentation, but the check was delivered to Audrey Brown. I was more successful in getting the donations presented to the two rainbow assemblies in our area.

Checks were formally presented to the Rainbow girls of Faith Assembly #2 and Victory Assembly #22 during their District 9 official visit. Both assemblies were thankful for the donations.

Faith #2



Victory #22



The members of Victory Assembly #22 were at our new home for the spring reunion and helped to serve during the banquet and then to clean up afterwards.

Moline Consistory  
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 Valley of Moline

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## Hauts Grades Academy

Established 2018

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 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