

# Cathedral Chimes

## Valley of Moline

Winter 2024

### STATED MEETINGS

February 12th, 2024

March 11th, 2024

April 8th, 2024

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This is the information that you have been waiting for! The spring reunion will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of March. Following is the schedule:

Friday:

6:00 p.m. Dinner (hosted by the Council Princes of Jerusalem)

7:00 p.m. DeMolay degree

7:30 p.m. Feast of the Pascal Lamb

Saturday:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast (hosted by the Chapter of Rose Croix)

9:00 a.m. Joint Opening

9:30 a.m. 4° (video)

10:45 a.m. 14° (live)

11:30 a.m. Job's Daughters Ceremony

Noon Lunch (hosted by the Lodge of Perfection)

1:00 p.m. 15° (live)

2:30 p.m. 18° (live)

4:00 p.m. 32° (live)

5:00 p.m. Afterglow

6:00 p.m. Banquet (hosted by the Consistory) at Pinnacle Club in Milan

Reservations are required for the banquet (information below).

The cost of the banquet is \$38 per person. Candidates and their spouse/guest and 50 year members and their spouse/guest will not be charged. Click [here](#) or contact the office via phone (voice or text) (309-798-1137) or email: [srite.moline@gmail.com](mailto:srite.moline@gmail.com) for reservations.

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# Commander-in-Chief

## Thomas W. Podrovitz, 33°. MSA

Greetings Brothers and Illustrious Brothers

As our Scottish Rite year and my term as Commander in Chief draws closer to the end, I would love to personally like to thank all the members for all your support for the past 2 years.

The chance to the new building has been a very promising change. I would like to thank all the members of the Cathedral Board who have been working so hard to make the transition into the new building a positive experience.

As we move forward, we will constantly need to focus on growth. The valley has been successful over the past couple years with new candidates but we still need future candidates for continued growth to sustain the Scottish Rite in the Quad Cities for years to come.

We look forward to a very exciting Spring Reunion. This years Spring Reunion will be named the David Good MSA Memorial Class in memory of our departed Brother David Good, who was very involved and instrumental in the everyday business of our Valley.

As we move closer to our annual meeting on May 13th, please consider getting more involved and participating in an active role in the valley. The valley needs your participation for events, degrees, programs and social events. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the valley so we can work with you and find opportunities that are accommodating to you and your needs.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Reunion, please help a brother fill out a petition and spend the day with us enjoying Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Thank you for your continued support for the valley, we really appreciate and need all of you!

Thomas Podrovitz MSA 33°  
Commander in Chief



# Chapter Rose Croix

## Clint Smock 32°

Greetings Valley of Moline Scottish Rite Brethren

My name is Clint Smock and I'm proud to serve serving as your Most Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose Croix the coming year. I live outside Monmouth with my wife Jennifer and daughters, Mackenzie and Alyssa. I was raised a Master Mason in Monmouth Lodge in October 2011 and joined the Valley of Moline March 7th, 2020.

Since that time I have been proud of the things that this valley has done to grow and create a great atmosphere for all the brothers in this valley and the new brothers that join us.

It is good to see the construction of our new building coming along strong so we can be proud of our new home when we show it off to the other valleys at our reunions. Our next reunion this spring should be a grand event since it's the first 2 day reunion we have done in a while.

Hopefully we will continue to have good things coming from the Chapter of Rose Croix this year and in the future. We will continue to plan some fun family events and raise some money for the valley.

Fraternally yours,  
Clint Smock 32°  
Most Wise Master



### 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

# On the Secretaries Desk

A new year is upon us. And with that brings closer to our Spring Reunion. The decision was made to cancel the Fall Reunion. Our Commander-in-Chief and all other officers are looking forward to making the Spring Reunion an exciting time. This will be a two day reunion. Something that the Valley of Moline has not done for quite some time. This would be an excellent time to find deserving Master Masons that would like to continue their knowledge and growth in Masonry. Please direct them to Supreme Council's website to fill out an online petition or better than that use your phone to fill out the petition for him. It would be nice if, as a first line signer, that you would accompany your candidate during the reunion. This assures that he will have someone he knows with him during the reunion.

If you have not registered on Supreme Council's website. Please consider doing this. You can update your personal information and update degrees that you have witnessed. If you have questions about this, contact me and I will help you.

If anyone is interested in RC aircraft and would like to get together and bore some holes in the sky, contact me and we can go have some fun. I enjoy flying powered gliders (I have several smallest having about an 18 inch wingspan and the largest having about 9 foot wingspan). It is enjoyable to try to find a thermal and see how high I can convince the plane to go without using the motor.

The weather in Louisiana is very nice and we will be returning to the Quad Cities sometime this spring.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Don Wood 33° MSA

## Congratulations are in Order

Brother Logan Crawford will be Receiving the Moline Cross Award at the spring Reunion

Brother F. Lyle Waters will be receiving the Meritorious Service Award at ICOD in June

Brother John W. Miller will be crowned a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector and become an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Aug of 2025

## Departed Brethren

Robert G. Scott 10 Jan 2023

Lawrence Gile 17 Feb 2023

Marion Wayne Erickson 23 Feb 2023

Edward Rudolph Garrett 7 Mar 2023

Kenneth Earl Munson 26 Mar 2023

Dean C. Robison 10 Jan 2023

Ernest Otto Eckhardt 20 Jan 2023

Gus Klios Tripilas 24 Apr 2023

Orville Vinton Parnell 25 Mar 2023

Ill. Johnny A. Wagner, 33° 29 May 2023

## Council Princes of Jerusalem

### Bruce McCrady 32°

Greetings from the Sovereign Prince,

On December 12, 2023 the Council of Princes of Jerusalem hosted the Scottish Rite Christmas party. Approximately 20 members attended the stage performance of “A Christmas Carol”, performed at the Spotlight Theater as many know the “old Scottish Rite Temple”.

This was a great time for many of the members to see the “old Temple” since the Valley of Mo-line vacated the building. The show was at 2 pm in the afternoon with doors opening at 1 pm.

Some of the members enjoyed a cocktail in the Blue Print Lounge before the show, and a few visited the Market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor formerly “The Katie Pilz Room”. The auditorium still has much of the regalia and insignia of the Scottish Rite. The Council of Princes of Jerusalem was proud to have had the opportunity to organize this event for the members and guests.

Bruce McCrady, 32°  
Sovereign Prince  
Council Princes of Jerusalem



## Departed Brethren (cont)

Charles Richard Dunham 25 May 2023  
Russell Edward Sparks 4 May 2023  
Jason Matthew Boos 25 Jun 2023  
William “Bill” King Little 28 Aug 2023  
William Nelson Elliott 12 Sept 2023  
Charles Robert Olson 6 July 2023

James Robert Ufkin 14 Aug 2023  
Loren Ralph Beaumont 25 Sept 2023  
Stanley Harry Coin 7 Oct 2023  
William Lee Robinson 25 July 2023  
David Heaton Sarginson 16 Nov 2023

## Lodge Of Perfection Lucas Crawford 32°

Greetings AASR Brethren –

I hope that the first part of 2024 has found you happy and healthy. We have had a mild winter, with the exception of one inclement week, which brought great moisture and has helped to correct many water tributaries. Hopefully you have found enjoyment in the nice weather and have taken full advantage of it.

The officers around the Valley are excited to bring you another great reunion this Spring. Lots of work is already going in to practicing a fine slate of degrees. The Lodge of Perfection will be presenting The Fourteenth Degree, the final and climactic lesson of the Lodge of Perfection is revealed, a belief in the one living and true God and a deep reverence for His Holy Name. It is a profoundly religious degree, not promoting a particular doctrine, but encouraging each of us to worship God at an altar of our individual choice. It is expressive of the deep spiritual roots of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and of our constant endeavor to attain that perfection of character embodied in the concept of a loving Heavenly Father. Thanks to Ron Fullerlove for all his work as Degree Captain.

As we head into the Spring Season, that means we will be hosting our annual elections. As I wrap up my time as Thrice Potent Master, I find myself reflecting on what it is that Scottish Rite means to me. Many things come to mind: Fellowship, Brotherhood, Companionship, Friendship and Philanthropy. What reminds you of Scottish Rite? Hopefully some of the same.

I would like to extend a thank you to the members and fellow officers of the Valley, it has been a pleasure to serve you the past two years. I have enjoyed my time, learned lots, and hope to have brought some value to the Lodge of Perfection. As always, I encourage you to find your way to a Reunion or Stated Fraternal meeting, if able.

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



# Scholarship Corner

**VALLEY OF MOLINE  
SCOTTISH RITE**

Contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman Lucas Crawford with any questions you may have.

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*"Not just a man..... a Mason"*

## IT'S SCHOLARSHIP SEASON

Illinois Masonic Scholarship Deadlines are April 1, 2023. Help the valley of Moline spread the word.

Ask any high school seniors in your life to visit [valleyofmoline.org](http://valleyofmoline.org) and click on the scholarship tab or reach out to our Scholarship Committee Chairman Lucas Crawford at [Lucas.Crawford@valleyofmoline.org](mailto:Lucas.Crawford@valleyofmoline.org)

Thank you!

Moline Consistory  
 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
 Valley of Moline

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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?

Contact the office

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