



Valley of Springfield

SCOTTISH RITE MAGAZINE

Valley of Springfield, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Presents its

2006 Spring Reunion

Friday, March 10 & Saturday, March 11, 2006

At the Springfield Masonic Center

1020 Rickard Road

Once again, with bequest money still available to cover the initiatory fees of \$125 for each candidate, Master Masons can again join the Valley of Springfield and become 32nd degree Masons for only **\$25.00** which is the dues for the remainder of this fiscal year. Petitions can be turned in up to and including Friday evening prior to the start of the reunion. If you need to see one or any of these degrees to complete or add to your Master Overseers Medallion requirements, be sure to have your pass book stamped following the degree.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 10

Registration begins at 5:00 PM

Dinner – 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Rainbow Girls)

Election of new petitions – 6:00 PM

Opening Ceremony – 6:15 PM

4° *Master Traveler* – 6:30 PM ~ Joseph W. Lucas, 33° Director

11° *Sublime Master Elected* – 7:00 PM ~ Randy Muller, Director

14° *Grand Elect Mason* – 8:15 PM ~ William D. Graber, MSA, 33°, Director

Saturday, March 12

Registration begins at 7:00 AM

Breakfast – 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM (G. Robert Turner)

Opening – 8:00 AM

16° *Prince of Jerusalem* – 8:15 AM ~ Earl H. Woodrum, Director

18° *Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.* – 9:30 AM ~ David E. Purdy, Director

28° *Knight of the Sun* – 10:45 AM ~ Michael J. May, Director

Lunch – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (Rainbow Girls)

29° *Knight of St. Andrew* – 1:00 PM ~ Brent A. Workman, Director

31° *Knight Aspirant* – 2:00 PM ~ Gerry L. Williams, Director

32° *Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret* – 3:00 PM ~ Harris H. Hatcher, 33°, Director

Closing – 4:00 PM

Editor's Note – While we strive to present our reunion in a timely fashion, this schedule is subject to minor adjustments in time.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications for the 2006 – 2007 academic year are now available from both the valley office as well as the Valley of Springfield web site. Completed applications are due in the valley office ***no later than April 1st***. This is a firm deadline. Please don't lose your chance at a scholarship because the application is late.

32° MASONIC LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

The Learning Center Planning Committee has changed gears and is beginning to fine tune its plans for the development of the Learning Center. Plans for a building addition to house the center have been developed. Fund raising will now become a major focus of the sub-committee chaired by **Larry Hamlin, MSA**. We are also in the process of developing a sub-committee for the purpose of finding names of potential center staff members, from the director to the tutors to the support staff. These are exciting times for the Valley of Springfield as a 32° Masonic Learning Center grows closer to reality.

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The Coordinate Bodies, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Springfield will hold the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on May 2, 2006. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Dining Room of the Springfield Masonic Center, 1020 Rickard Road, Springfield, IL at 7:30 p.m.

Sangamo Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Springfield Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Springfield Chapter of Rose Croix of Heredom, 18°; Springfield Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, will conduct election of officers and appointments will be made.

J. Thomas Hughes, MSA, Thrice Potent Master

Joseph W. Lucas, 33°, Sovereign Prince

Wendell E. Walch, Most Wise Master

August A. Candioto, Jr. MSA, Commander-In-Chief

Attest: Steven L. Walls, Executive Secretary

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Join us at the April Stated meeting for the Scottish Rite and hear a first hand account of the devastation of hurricane Katrina. We will be welcoming Mr. Jim Lewis, a Safety Supervisor from the Energy Delivery Division of Ameren Corp. who will give us a short program. This is another in the on-going programs presented through the Enrichment Committee.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Watch this publication and our web site for announcements concerning future events and family activities. Plans for ball trips to St. Louis and our annual golf outing are being arranged. Our annual family picnic, presented by the Chapter of Rose Croix will be held on Saturday, July 15th. Don't miss the fun! Watch for announcements for special degree presentations and special programs at our stated meetings. If you have an idea for a stated meeting program, please let us know.

A Reception Honoring

Ill. Bro. Benny L. Grisham, MSA, 33°

and his lady Sherrie

will be held at the

Ansar Shrine Center

630 S. 6th Street

Springfield, Illinois

Sunday April 2, 2006

From 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

(Introductions and Presentations will be at 3:30 p.m.)

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master (1996 & 1997), and current Grand Secretary Benny L. Grisham received the honor of being named as an “Active” Member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, at the Annual Meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As an Active Member his duties include being the liaison for the Scottish Rite Valleys of Springfield and Quincy to the Illinois Council of Deliberation and Supreme Council. These duties also include serving as a voting member at Supreme Council Annual Meeting (s).

Brother Grisham joined Springfield Lodge No. 4 A.F. & A.M. in 1966 and served as Worshipful Master in 1976. He joined the Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite in 1967, serving as Sovereign Prince in 1987 & 1988 and as Commander-In-Chief in 1995 & 1996. The Illinois Council of Deliberation awarded him the Meritorious Service Award in 1980 and Supreme Council created him a 33° in 1983.

Brother Grisham is very active in both the Illinois and International Order of DeMolay. He is a recipient of the Cross of Color for his work with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies at Lincoln; York Rite College, where he earned the Order of the Purple Cross; Red Cross of Constantine; The Masonic Society of Rosecrutions; Knight Masons; Royal Order of Scotland; National Sojourners and Heros of 76; Zingabad Grotto, Order of Eastern Star and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. For 37 of the last 38 years he has served on the Ceremonial Cast of Ansar Shrine AAONMS in Springfield and is an Honorary Member of Medinah Shrine in Chicago, and Sahib Shrine in Sarasota, Florida.

Reservations are strongly suggested by March 29, 2006 so we have an idea of how many to prepare for. Please RSVP to: Steve Walls, Executive Secretary, Valley of Springfield AASR, 1020 Rickard Road, Springfield, IL 62704, phone (217) 793-7728 or email: aasr@insightbb.com

Springfield Masonic Center Wish List

The Springfield Masonic Center, Inc. is publishing this "Wish List" of equipment that would aid in the complete utilization of our building. These items are not yet budgeted for purchase but have been approved as available for donations if desired by any person of organization wishing to contribute.

Additional Lighting in the Lodge Room	Approximate Cost ~ \$3,000.00
Portable Oxygen Tank	Approximate Cost ~ \$350.00
Portable Defibulator	Approximate Cost ~ \$500.00
Ceiling Fans in Lodge Room	Approximate Cost ~ \$2,500.00
Three Sofa Tables for Lobby	Approximate Cost ~ \$150.00 Each
Shelving and Racks for Wardrobe	Approximate Cost ~ \$200.00
Bookshelves	Approximate Cost ~ \$100.00 Each
Curio Cabinets for Display Items	Approximate Cost ~ \$200.00
Large Projection Screen	Approximate Cost ~ \$200.00
Power Point Projector	Approximate Cost ~ \$700.00
DVD/VHS Player	Approximate Cost ~ \$100.00

Any person or organization wishing to donate funds for these items, or if you have any ideas for additional items, should contact the office for instructions and guidelines.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee for the Valley of Springfield has been contemplating how to increase membership. As with other organizations, our membership numbers are declining. Studies indicate today's generation is looking for an organization that is morally strong, family oriented, provides interesting activities and personal involvement. This is what our Masonic Fraternity is all about. These men are out there, and we, the long time Masons, need to inform them of our fraternity and what it offers. When was the last time you brought a new man into your Lodge, Scottish Rite Body or Shrine? It is time to change the way we think. We need to be aggressive. Go get that candidate and work with him through all the bodies.

On that note, the Membership Committee for the Valley of Springfield is offering an incentive program for membership. **A member who top-line signs four new members at a single reunion will have their next year's dues remitted.** So go out there and get those candidates!

FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

The Valley of Springfield offers several Family Life events each year. These include the Family Picnic, Golf Outing and Baseball trips.

Your Valley is always striving to provide activities that will include more members and their families.

If you have any ideas for an event that you would like to attend, please let us know. Your officers are always open to suggestions. Remember, this is **your** Valley and we want to offer programs and events that involve as many of our members as possible.

Let us know what you think. Call the Valley office at 217-793-7728 or email us at aasr@insightbb.com

**SUPPORT YOUR MASONIC
LODGE
AND
PROMOTE SCOTTISH RITE**

Wendell E. Walch, Most Wise Master of the Springfield Chapter of Rose Croix, under the direction of Loren I. Barnes, 33°, invite all to the public presentation of

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

At the Springfield Masonic Center

1020 Rickard Road

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 7:30 PM

Cast:

Rev. Doctor Joseph H. Eby, 32° ~ Memorial Address

Wendell E. Walch ~ Most Wise Master

Brent A. Workman ~ Senior Warden D. Marc Wilson ~ Junior Warden

Steven L. Walls ~ Secretary Robert E. Garrett ~ Orator

Enrique J. Unanue ~ Chaplain John E. Warren ~ Master of Ceremonies

John R. Muller ~ Captain of the Guard

Walter E. Davison, MSA, 33° ~ Acolyte Kevin R. Denney ~ Acolyte

Loren I. Barnes, 33° ~ Director

Eugene Gyure, Jr., MSA ~ Lighting

J. Thomas Hughes, MSA ~ Stage

Flowers by April's Creative Floral

Refreshments following the ceremony by the Rainbow Girls of Springfield Assembly #18

Please join us as we honor those of our number who have departed this earthly existence in the year that has fled.

In keeping with ancient custom, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, each Chapter of Rose Croix should observe the Feast of the Paschal Lamb by an appropriate ceremony. Traditionally, this day of obligation is Maundy Thursday. In deference to the churches which commemorate this Holy Day on the traditional Thursday before Easter, Rose Croix Chapters are permitted to hold the ceremony on another day. For many years our Chapter has observed The Feast of the Paschal Lamb on the preceding Wednesday. The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is neither the Feast of the Passover nor the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates both Holy Days. The Jewish Feast of the Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt, when God, smiting the first born of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites. Thus the blood of the Paschal Lamb, which had been used to mark the houses of the Israelites, has symbolized redemption. For observance of this Feast, Jesus gathered his disciples on the night in which he was betrayed. In their midst he instituted the sacrament which Christians revere as The Last Supper. Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a memorial service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. In spirit, we seem to sense their presence at the Mystic Banquet as we seek to strengthen the ties of brotherly love which bind our hearts in holy remembrance. In the fellowship of kindred minds, we meet to express our faith as symbolically we break the bread and drink the wine of fraternal love, becoming aware once more that the only hope of a better world still abides in the simple command of our great Exemplar, "Love one another." The ordinance establishing the Feast of the Paschal Lamb dates back to the Old Testament narrative ~ "And this day shall be unto you a memorial: and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by any ordinance forever." The table for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb is set with the following items: The three unleavened cakes are indicative of the fulfillment of the command to eat unleavened bread. The roasted egg is emblematic of the sacrifice brought on every day of the Passover Week during the existence of the Temple in Jerusalem. The roasted shank bone memorializes the Paschal Lamb. The Charoseth, on account of its brown color, is to remind the Hebrew of the clay out of which his ancestors made brick while in Egypt. The horseradish, owing to its pungent taste, is symbolic of the oppression of the Israelites at the hands of Pharaoh. The parsley is a relish, usually served at every oriental meal. The salt water or vinegar, into which the parsley is dipped, is provided to lend palatability to the parsley. The untouched goblet of wine expresses the readiness to bestow upon a stranger that hospitality, offered in the early part of the service.

VALLEY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 7 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 10 Spring Reunion (see article page 1)
- 11 Spring Reunion Continues
- 21 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

APRIL

- 1 Scholarship Applications Due
- 4 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Feast of the Paschal Lamb 7:30 PM
- 18 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

MAY

- 2 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Annual Meeting & Elections 7:30 PM
- 16 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM
- 29 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2 Council of Deliberation (Spfld)
- 3 Council of Deliberation continues

JUNE (CONT.)

- 6 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 20 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- 11 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 15 Family Picnic 3:00 PM
- 18 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

AUGUST

- 1 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 15 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM
- 27 Supreme Council (Chicago)
- 28 Supreme Council Continues
- 29 Supreme Council Continues

** *Begin watching this publication & our web site for details on future family events!*



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