



Valley of Springfield

Scottish Rite

A PRESENTATION ON A 32° LEARNING CENTER

FOR THE VALLEY OF SPRINGFIELD WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR NEXT STATED MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 7TH.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting as the Valley must decide at this meeting whether we should proceed with the development of a learning center here in Springfield. On September 8th, we must inform Supreme Council if we indeed want to pursue a center for Springfield. The learning center committee has been working diligently to gather as much information as possible on the requirements and costs of starting a center and will present this information at this stated meeting. At approximately 8:00 PM, we will have a guest speaker as well as a Learning Center video. A question and answer session will follow. All of which will hopefully provide all the information necessary for the valley to make an informed and intelligent decision. We will vote on whether or not to pursue the development of a Learning Center for Springfield following the presentations. **Please attend, hear the facts and help us make the right decision.**

32° Masonic Learning Centers is a program of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction started in 1994. The Children's Learning Centers Program has 3 primary objectives:

- 1) *To provide, free of charge, one-on-one multisensory reading and written language tutorial services to children with **dyslexia**.*
- 2) *To provide, free of charge, training programs to individuals interested in becoming certified tutors in the Orton-Gillingham method.*
- 3) *To support research programs in dyslexia that will improve today's clinical standards and tomorrow's care.*

Dyslexia is an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way people learn to read and speak as well as how they process things mathematically. Dyslexia affects one out of every five people. Children left with untreated dyslexia often suffer devastating personal consequences. It is the number one reason teenagers drop out of school, and is a primary factor in juvenile delinquency. Through no fault of their own, children are faced with reading and writing roadblocks that seem insurmountable. While there is no cure for dyslexia, it is a treatable condition. Children with dyslexia need professional help, and the earlier they receive it, the greater their chances of achieving normal, fully functional lives. This professional help is exactly what a 32° Masonic Learning Center can provide for the Springfield area. Wouldn't it be a shame if it couldn't?

Much of the information above came from the web site of the 32° Learning Center Program at www.childrenslearningcenters.org and its links. I strongly urge you to visit these web sites, learn about dyslexia and what we can do to help, come to the meeting on September 7th and help us make this most important decision. Wouldn't it be a shame if we made the wrong one?

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, JUNE 2004

The annual meeting of the Illinois Council of Deliberation was held in Schaumburg on June 4th and 5th. Three Valley of Springfield members were presented with their Meritorious Service Award following the banquet. These three included **J. Thomas Hughes, MSA, Franklin E. Cline, MSA** and **Benjamin Harmony, MSA**. These members have served the valley in various ways for many and are all very deserving of this award. Again, congratulations on this fine achievement. Thank you for your dedicated service to the valley and the Scottish Rite. Following the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award, it was announced that Valley of Springfield member **Eugene Gyure, Jr.** will be receiving this same award. Gene will be presented with the Red Hat at the annual Council of Deliberation meeting in June in Moline. Congratulations to you also Gene and thank you for your many years of service to the valley. Gene has served the valley as the Thrice Potent Master of the Sangamo Lodge of Perfection from 2001 – 2003. He is currently serving on the board of directors of the Springfield Masonic Center, Inc. as well as serving as the chairman of the reunion committee.

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Harmony Lodge #3 in Jacksonville will be hosting a **Friend's Night** on Monday, August 23rd beginning at 6:30 PM. Light food and snacks will be provided followed by a short program which will include a presentation on Masonry and a question and answer period. Everyone is welcome to attend and by all means bring your potential candidates. Contact Donald R. Cook at 243-6624 if you plan on attending so that they can be sure to have enough refreshment for all. The Jacksonville Masonic Temple is located at 345 W. College Avenue. Brother Cook can also provide directions to the Temple if needed.

The **Valley of Springfield** will be hosting its second **St. Louis Baseball Trip** of this summer on September 15th. The bus will be leaving the Masonic Center at 4:45 PM. Room is still available but the seats are filling up fast. Contact the valley office to reserve your spot for this trip. The price for the bus ride, light snack and soft drinks & a ticket to the game is \$35. Anyone who has attended these outings in the past will tell you that this is very reasonable price for an evening of baseball, fun and good fellowship. The Cardinal opposition for this game is the Houston Astros. Come on out and join the fun.

Springfield Lodge #4 will be hosting a **Family Trivia Night** on Saturday, October 9 at the Springfield Masonic Center. This is a family night event and children 12 and older are invited to participate. The proceeds will benefit the lodge scholarship program. The doors will open at 6:00 PM with the competition beginning at 7:00. The entry fee will be \$10 per person with 6 to 10 persons per table. A picnic dinner will be included with the entry fee and food and beverages will be available for purchase. This event is open to the public and while walk-ins are welcome, reservations are preferred. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Call the lodge office at 793-0004 for reservations and further details.

FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS

Join me in congratulating **Franklin E. Cline, MSA** on his election to the position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois. Frank has served the Valley of Springfield as its executive secretary and is currently serving as the Orator of the Consistory.

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION AUGUST 3RD

Fifty-one deserving students were presented with scholarships for the upcoming academic year. Presentation of the scholarships took place at a reception commencing 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at the Springfield Masonic Center. Refreshments were served by the Springfield Assembly of Rainbow Girls immediately following the presentations. Please join us in congratulating these, the future leaders of our country. The recipients & their hometown are listed below.

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> |
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| <u>ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP</u> | | <u>SPFLD MASONIC FOUNDATION</u> | | <u>PERKINS SCHOLARSHIP</u> | |
| Christopher Howse | Assumption | Elizabeth Daniel | Boody | Phillip Botrell | Mt. Auburn |
| Michelle Lauchner | Springfield | Emily King | Springfield | <u>HARRY F. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP</u> | |
| Allison Leonard | Lincoln | Gregory Nichols | Murrayville | Jill Starkey | Springfield |
| <u>WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP</u> | | <u>GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP</u> | | <u>SHERWOOD & EVELYN KRESIN SCHOLARSHIP</u> | |
| James Glenn | New Holland | Tara Hamlin | Springfield | Lindsay Ruddock | Taylorville |
| <u>HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS</u> | | Emily Nelms | Mason City | Rachel Redenius | Sherman |
| Kristina Allen | Taylorville | Jessica Jobee | Pleasant Plains | Natalie Schick | Clinton |
| Tara Ashley | Lincoln | Lonnie Dye III | Riverton | Danielle Schmitz | Pana |
| Laura Baker | Lincoln | Rebecca Hahn | Lincoln | Yoli Six | Franklin |
| Lyndsi Baker | Sherman | Nicole Larson | Sherman | Amanda Solliday | Taylorville |
| Lyndi Beeman | Springfield | Tristan Lemme | Lincoln | Kathleen | Springfield |
| Lindsay Bell | Beardstown | Alexander | Chatham | Sonneborn | Springfield |
| Andrea Beyers | Oconee | Maxeiner | Chatham | Aimee Spurgeon | Taylorville |
| Robert Blackwell | Decatur | Ashley McCormick | Mt. Pulaski | Ashlee Vorachek | Springfield |
| Nicole Buckles | Loami | Kristi Melton | Lincoln | Julie Vorst | Springfield |
| Natasha Burgeoner | Divernon | Megan Nolan | Taylorville | Amy Weichert | Springfield |
| Kendra Chapman-Small | Springfield | Noor Obaisi | Lincoln | Andrew Whitehead | Carlinville |
| Melissa Christen | Cantrall | Katherine Oglesby | Mt. Pulaski | Abby Williams | Pana |
| Christina Dawson | Taylorville | Erin Ollech | Springfield | Kate Wrage | Emden |
| | | Samantha Perkins | Kincaid | | |

THE VALLEY OF SPRINGFIELD WILL HOLD ITS***Fall Reunion***

on **Friday evening, October 1st** and **Saturday, October 2nd**
at the **Springfield Masonic Center.**

The degrees presented will be:

The 6th and 14th on Friday evening
and the 16th, 18th, 30th and 32nd on Saturday.

Meals will be provided Friday night as well as Saturday morning and noon.

We look forward to seeing all of our new members who became 32° Masons at the Grand Master's Festival held in Decatur in May. We invite you to come and further your Masonic education as well as learning about the Scottish Rite and the Valley of Springfield.

To all of our members, get a hold of your potential candidates and invite them to our reunion and to become our newest 32° Masons.

Anyone wanting to help with the reunion or to participate in the degrees, please contact the valley office.

VALLEY CALENDAR**SEPTEMBER**

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| 6 | Labor Day | |
| 7 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| | Learning Center Presentation | 8:00 PM |
| 15 | St. Louis Baseball Trip <i>(see article)</i> | 4:45 PM |
| 19 | Supreme Council (Milwaukee) | |
| 20 | Supreme Council <i>(continues)</i> | |
| 21 | Supreme Council <i>(continues)</i> | |
| | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |

OCTOBER

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| 1 | Fall Reunion | |
| 2 | Fall Reunion <i>(continues)</i> | |
| 5 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| 8 | Grand Lodge | |
| 9 | Grand Lodge <i>(continues)</i> | |
| 19 | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |
| TBD | Fall Festival | TBD |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| 16 | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |
| 25 | Thanksgiving | |

DECEMBER

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| 7 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| 21 | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |
| 25 | Christmas Day | |
| 31 | New Year's Eve | |
| | <i>Please Celebrate Responsibly!</i> | |

JANUARY 2005

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| 4 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| 18 | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Board of Directors | 6:15 PM |
| | Stated Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| 15 | SMC, Inc. | 7:00 PM |



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