



Valley of Springfield

SCOTTISH RITE MAGAZINE

Valley of Springfield, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Presents its

2005 Spring Reunion

Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12, 2005

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 \$25.25 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 11

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, Director

13° Master of the 9th Arch – 7:15 PM ~ Eugene Gyure, Jr., Director

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

Saturday, March 12

Registration begins at 7:00 AM

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

Opening – 8:00 AM

15° Knight of the East or Sword – 8:15 AM ~ Kenneth L. Morey, Director

18° Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. – 9:45 AM ~ David E. Purdy, Director

24° Brother of the Forest – 10:30 AM ~ Steven L. Walls, Director

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

27° Knight of Jerusalem – 1:00 PM ~ D. Marc Wilson, 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 2005 – 2006 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 and bids for budgetary purposes are currently being sought. 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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SPRING REUNION IS FIRST WITH NEW DEGREE PRESENTATION

The upcoming Spring Reunion on March 11 & 12 marks the first reunion with the presentation of the “new” degrees and reunion structure. The following is an outline of the new format that was unveiled at the last Supreme Council meeting in September of 2004 in Milwaukee. The new 4°, the Master Traveler, is now a mandatory degree that provides an introduction to the degrees of the Scottish Rite and an overview of some of the lessons and characters from other degrees. The old 30° has been eliminated. The former 31° has now become the new 30°, the Grand Inspector. The 32° has been divided into two degrees with the allegory of the former 32° becoming the new 31°, the Knight Aspirant, and the ceremonial section remains as the 32°. Both the new 31° & 32° will be required for all candidates. A reunion should now consist of the 4° & 14° plus one additional Lodge of Perfection degree, the 15° or 16°, the 18°, the 31° & 32° and at least 2 other Consistory degrees. The Valley of Springfield strives to present reunions of the highest quality that will make a deep and lasting impression upon each and every candidate that becomes a 32° Mason. And just as importantly, an impression that will inspire each of them to become active members of our great organization. **We need your help!** We need your help in 2 ways. First, of course, we need your candidates. Without a growing membership we cease to exist. Secondly, as you can see above, the new reunion format is rigorous. We need and want new faces as characters in our degree presentations; we need and want new faces on our stage crews, greeters, anything helps! We need you to carry our message! Can you help? Call the office and we **will** find a place for you! We'll keep the light on for you.

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, June 25th. 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.

Bill W. Martel, 33°, 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, March 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Cast:

Merle T. Fox ~ Memorial Address

Bill W. Martel, 33° ~ 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 Wendell E. Walch ~ 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. ~ Lighting

J. Thomas Hughes, MSA ~ Stage

Larry A. Hamlin, MSA ~ Master of Wardrobe

Music provided by "Simply Acappella"

Organist ~ Janice Shank

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

- 1 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11 Spring Reunion (see article page 1)
- 12 Spring Reunion Continues 6:45 PM
- 15 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM
- 23 Feast of the Paschal Lamb 7:00 PM
- 27 Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 1 Scholarship Applications Due
- 5 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

MAY

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

JUNE

- 3 Council of Deliberation (Moline)
- 4 Council of Deliberation continues

JUNE (CON'T.)

- 7 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 25 Family Picnic 3:00 PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM

AUGUST

- 2 Board of Directors 6:45 PM
- Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- 16 SMC, Inc. 7:00 PM
- 28 Supreme Council (Grand Rapids)
- 29 Supreme Council Continues
- 30 Supreme Council Continues

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



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