



Scottish Rite Bulletin

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"THE VALLEY OF TERRE HAUTE"

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The Valley View

Congratulations to Tom Pitts

Our very own Ill. C. Thomas Pitts was presented the Council of Deliberation Medal of Honor by Ill. Robert G. Elrod (Deputy for the State of Indiana) at the annual meeting in South Bend this past June.

This is the Highest Award of the Council of Deliberation that recognizes outstanding service and devotion to the principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the State of Indiana.

Congratulation again, Tom. The Valley is really proud of you. Job well done!!

COMMUNITY PORK CHOP & BBQ DINNER

AUG 9, 2008

MAPLE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1203 MAPLE - 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

ADULTS: \$8.00 - CHILDREN \$4.00 (3 YRS & UNDER FREE)

TWO BROTHERS NOMINATED TO RECEIVED THE MSA AWARD.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

BROTHERS, JOHN DAVID EVERLY, AND RICHARD TONY STEELE WILL RECEIVE THEIR

WELL DESERVED DISTINCTIVE RED HATS AND JEWELS AT THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IN 2009.

THE RED HAT OF THE M.S.A. IS AWARDED BY THE INDIANA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. THE BROTHERS ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE OUTGOING PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR OUTSTANDING OR SIGNIFICANT SERVICES PERFORMED WITHIN THE VALLEY.

JOHN "DAVE" EVERLY HAS SERVED ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES, SANG IN THE CHOIR OVER 20 YEARS, HELPS ON THE "MAILING CREW" ONCE A MONTH, AND PARTICIPATES IN ALL VALLEY ACTIVITIES.

RICHARD "TONY" STEELE IS A TIRELESS STAGE CREW WORKER, HE IS WELL VERSED IN OUR ELECTRIC WORK BACK STAGE AND IS THE ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL EFFECTS. TONY WILL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK OF HIM WITH A BIG "SMILE".

Membership Corner

Even though we are in the summer, which often seems consumed by other activities, many Lodges are busy with degree work. The Valley seems to be on an upswing generally in interest and work. It is a good time to make connections and find prospects for our fall class.

In a return to a previous membership effort, the Valley is making the following offer to every 32nd Mason. If you topline three petitions in 2008, your dues for 2009 will be paid. If you topline three petitions between now and the fall class of 2009, your dues will be paid for 2010. This is not a public announcement, but information for you as a member of the Valley of Terre Haute. It should be kept confidential to the membership.

While this is an attractive inducement to get on the membership train, it should be remembered that we want quality candidates who are good Masons and will be contributors to the Valley of Terre Haute.

We will also be tweaking the county meeting process, beginning with this fall. We will probably conduct five meetings, rather than the usual nine. We want to make these meetings more meaningful, and at the same time prevent anyone from sticker shock at the gas pump. We are also planning to have an open house at the Rite in the latter part of October. The purpose of this is to show off our facility to committed candidates, as well as to close those who are on the verge of committing. This will also provide us with an opportunity to have a membership event in Vigo County, which we have lacked in the past.

All of these items will require your participation. We have a great thing going, and we need to make that known. I believe we sell ourselves pretty well when we are together having the good times we share. Let's make that opportunity available to other good Masons in our Valley.

Doug Wokoun, General Membership Chair

Golf Outing Date Change

The Annual Scottish Rite golf outing has been rescheduled and is now set for August 3 at Forest Park in Brazil. The shotgun start will be at 1 pm. Cost is \$35, \$25 if you are a season ticket holder at Forest Park. We apologize for the change, but too many Brethren were otherwise occupied (many with the Brickyard). Come join the fun at Forest Park on August 3.

Please call the Office to confirm your participation.

FAMILY PICNIC
SEPT 6
SHRINE HILL

BRING A COVERED DISH, EAT AT 1:00
MEAT AND DRINKS FURNISHED
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS
BALLOONS, CARD TRICK, AND MORE
BY SHERIFF WOODY
(CHRISTIAN CLOWN)

The Valley of Terre Haute

If someone asks what makes the Valley of Terre Haute so special tell them this.

The torrential rains and flood waters were causing problems all around us, our town was in the news.

Our phones rang several times each of those days, men in the Rite called to see if we were OK or if we needed any help. As luck would have it, we were OK, but had there been problems they would have been on the way. Difficult times happen often, but friends that care and want to help make dealing with problems a lot easier. We were lucky, we had no trouble from the weather, I am lucky, to belong to an organization that has so many good men in it. Friends that go out of their way because they are concerned and would come to help in whatever way they could mean a lot when things are tough. That's just a part of the Valley, there's a lot more.

Kevin Williams, Comander in Chief

SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS DONATE TIME AND ENERGIES TO THE STRAWBERRY FEST

ONE LAST PLUG FOR THE STRAWBERRY FEST HELD AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH JUNE 12TH. A BIG THANKS TO MEMBERS: CHARLIE COMPTON, IDEL DALINA, JOHN EPHLIN, TOM JULIAN, TIM LONG, GLEN MILLER, DAVE SOWERS, KEVIN WILLIAMS, JAN, PEGGY AND JAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, AMANDA THOMLISON.

WE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN SHOW CASE OUR ORGANIZATION TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO PERFORM A VALUABLE SERVICE FOR FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

GLEN MILLER

TERRE HAUTE VALLEY RECIEVES AWARDS

THE SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY RECIEVED TWO DISTINGUISHED AWARDS AT THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION ANNUAL MEETING. IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO EXCEPT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY AN AWARD HONORING OUR VALLEY FOR: BEST EXCELLED IN ACCOMPLISHING THE ANNUAL GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. AND ONE FOR PROMOTING THE SPIRIT OF SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY. GREAT JOB !!! WE ARE TO BE PROUD!!

I PERSONALLY THANK BROTHERS, PAUL BURNS, 33°, GLEN MILLER, PTPM, LEWIS MOKE, 33° AND HIS WIFE FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY DID TO MAKE OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM A GREAT SUCCESS.

P.S. OUR GOLF TEAMS DID WELL, NO TROPHY BUT EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR IN LEXINGTON, KY.
CHARLIE COMPTON, T.P.M.

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Refreshment following the Meeting.**

Brethren please send me updates for the website if you events to be posted on our website at <http://www.mastermason.com/aasr-valley-of-terre-haute/>.

Clint Cottrell, Deputy Master, Webmaster

Hospitailer's Report

Brothers on the sick list:

Dr. Fred Martin, 33° Bob Hux, 33° Ron Reagan
Frosty Brewer, 33°

Necrology:

Lewis Reed Billy Biggs Gary Lear George Thompson

Please Remember these families in your prayers.

HOWARD HOUSE, A MEMBER OF JERUSALEM LODGE #99, AND A SCOTTISH RITE MEMBER WAS PRESENTED THE CLIFFORD W. BEERS AWARD.

THE C.W. BEERS AWARD IS NAMED FOR THE FOUNDER OF MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA AND AMERICA'S VOLUNTEER MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY MOVEMENT. ON JUNE 6, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICAN AWARDED ITS HIGHEST HONOR, TO BROTHER HOUSE FOR COMBATING NEGATIVE SOCIAL STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS, FIGHTING FOR LEGAL PROTECTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS, AND CREATING PROGRAMS WITHIN HIS COMMUNITY THAT HELP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS DEVELOP FULL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES. HOUSE, WHO HAS SURVIVED BOUTS OF CLINICAL DEPRESSION IN THE MID-1990'S HAS SPENT THE LAST DECADE TEACHING AND COUNSELING AT-RISK AND INCARCERATED YOUTH IN HIS COMMUNITY.

LARRY JONES, 32°

Are You?

Are you a golfer? Do you like to fish? Is hunting and shooting your thing? If so, you need to contact the Rite office.

The Valley is going to act as a facilitator to bring Brothers together to enjoy these activities. These will be informal groups that enjoy hobbies or pastimes and want to have the opportunity to share with likeminded Brothers.

We plan on forming some other interest groups over the coming months, so that we can expand the opportunities to interact and deepen our connections. Any time members of the Valley of Terre Haute get together, they have fun. Why not couple those occasions with things you enjoy in your spare time?

If you are one of the many Brothers who enjoy the camaraderie of being a part of the Valley of Terre Haute, let the Rite office know. We will put you in touch with Brothers who share your interests and would be interested in getting together periodically to share those interests.