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Standard

A newsletter for the Valley of Fort Wayne, NMJ

Winter 2010

The officers and staff of the Fort
Wayne valley wish you and
your family a Happy Holiday
Season filled with Peace and Joy!





FALL CONVOCATION 2009

*4° and 14° CLASS held in
conjunction with the GRAND
MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS on
OCTOBER 24, 2009.*

*More members of the 4°
and 14° class on October
24, 2009.*



GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS, OCTOBER 24, 2009 SCOTTISH RITE DAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

More than 250 Masons (including 90 total candidates) from 23 counties in Northern Indiana gathered at the Scottish Rite Center for the Grand Master's One-Day Class on October 24, 2009. As the day progressed 51 candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Grand Master Charles Marlowe enjoyed the large attendance and outstanding degree work. Degrees were presented by the following lodges: EA by Summit City #170; FC by Steuben County Craft Club (Northeastern #210, Star #225 and Angola #236); MM by Maumee #725 and Lincoln #523. The 4° & 14° were presented by the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite who welcomed 45 new members. Mizpah Shrine concluded the day with a ceremonial that produced 44 new Nobles. Everyone enjoyed the terrific chicken barbecue lunch and agreed it was a great day for Masonry in Northeast Indiana.

Following the Stated Meeting on November 10 Scottish Rite candidates saw Waynedale Lodge #739 present the 11° and were then communicated the 15° & 17° by our Council and Rose Croix officers. The 31° & 32° were presented during the Sovereign Grand Commander's Scottish Rite Day observance on Saturday, November 14. Class officers were announced during lunch.

A Message From

Most Wise Master, Terry R. Webb

If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me

The Scottish Rite provides further light in Freemasonry after a Master Mason has completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry. Scottish Rite includes the degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-third, inclusive. The moral teachings and philosophy of Scottish Rite are an elaboration of the basic Masonic principles found in Symbolic Masonry. Sometimes likened to a "College of Freemasonry," Scottish Rite uses drama and allegory to emphasize the content and message of its degrees.

Several years ago a mission statement was developed which is still relevant today. The mission of the Valley of Fort Wayne, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is to create a benevolent community by providing an environment that will help members.

M become better **men** and **Masons**,

A demonstrate through their **actions** the Masonic values of truth, relief and brotherly love,

S **support** through active participation the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley, and other Masonic-related organizations,

O create **opportunities** to serve the community as Masons,

N **nurture** patriotism, goodwill, personal commitment, life-long learning, and concern for the welfare of others,

S become leaders the community by guiding youth toward productive adulthood.

Cordially and fraternally,

Terry R. Webb

**Most Wise Master, Emanuel Chapter
Rose Croix**

Brother Wayne L. Ithier

Community Action Within the Valley

At the general membership meeting in December, we were honored to have the Directors of the Veteran Hospital Volunteers speak to us about their programs. Eric Duggin from the Fort Wayne Campus and Dacia Overbey from the Marion Campus of the Northern VA Hospitals spoke about the needs of the Veteran patients there. In Fort Wayne alone they are servicing 35,000 registered veterans. The current state of affairs has created an overwhelming demand for services and basic needs. The Veterans need our support year round, but at this holiday time we can share the spirit of hope and love by giving to the soldiers that gave so unselfishly for us. A list of items needed is available at the Arabian Room Counter. A big thank you to our brothers at the Cromwell Lodge for taking Point on this great cause. I walked into Eric Duggan's office the other day and almost could not find Eric at his desk there were so many donations! Job well done brothers, your donations to the "Christmas Duffle Bag" were very much appreciated. Let's keep the donations coming!

Coming in February 2010: Operation "In Harm's Way". We will be collecting items to send to our troops that defend our country. A list of items needed can be viewed on the Fort Wayne Valley website; <http://www.aasr-ftwayne.org>.

On the list are basic items, we just hop in the car and run up to the stores to get 24/7. There are no options like that for the soldiers on the front line. Think about it. In January extra lists will be provided for you to distribute and place at your, "In Harm's Way" collection box site.

You may call Wayne Ithier for more information about this call to arms to help our Veteran Troops, at 260-602-0223. You can call the secretary

for the VA Volunteers at 260-426-5431, x73899. You can also make arrangements to visit the VA Nursing Home Care Center at this number.

Respectfully,

Brother Wayne L. Ithier



Masonic Humor

The New Officer

Pat & Bill had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other long ago that the first to go to the Grand Lodge above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Bill went first. One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, "Pssst Pat!" He looked around but saw nothing. A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly "Pat! It's me, Bill!" "Bill" Pat exclaimed, "are you in Heaven?" "Indeed I am" said Bill. Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said "Well, Bill, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?" "There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent, equal or better to Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive." "My goodness, Bill," said Pat, "It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me old friend, what is the matter." "Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad." "OK, Whats the good news?" "The good news is that we are doing a 3rd this coming Wednesday" "Great" said Pat. "What's the bad news then?" "You're the Senior Deacon!"

Winter 2009–10 Calendar of Activities & Events

December 8	AASR Stated Meeting	SR Lodge Room	7:00 pm
December 10	Allen Co. Scottish Rite Luncheon	Small Dining Room	12 noon
December 11	Officers & Ladies Christmas Dinner	Horseshoe Lobby	6:00 pm
December 12	Children's Christmas Party	Mizpah Shrine	9:00 am
January 12	AASR Stated Meeting	SR Lodge Room	7:00 pm
January 16	IN Grand Lodge Founder's Day	Indianapolis Scottish Rite	10:00 am
TBD	Fort Wayne Membership Meeting	SR Gentlemen's Lounge	9:00 am
February 9	AASR Stated Meeting	SR Lodge Room	7:00 pm
February 12	Wine Tasting Event	Ballroom	6:00 pm
February 27	York Rite Tri-State Festival (SGC John Wm. McNaughton Class)	Bryan (OH) Masonic Lodge	8:00 am
March 6	York Rite Tri-State Festival (SGC John Wm. McNaughton Class)	Angola Lodge #236	8:00 am
March 9	AASR Stated Meeting	SR Lodge Room	7:00 pm
March 11	Allen County Luncheon Club	Small Dining Room	12 noon
April 13	AASR Stated Meeting	SR Lodge Room	7:00 pm
April 17	Joint Spring Convocation (w/South Bend) (SGC John Wm. McNaughton Class)	Fort Wayne Scottish Rite	8:30am <i>registration</i>

THE SCOTTISH RITE STANDARD

Valley of Fort Wayne

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION U.S.A.

Stated Meetings: 7:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday

Executive Committee:

J. BRIAN MCNAUGHTON, Thrice Potent Master; M. BRUCE SCOTT, Deputy Master; KIP WORREL, Sovereign Prince; TERRY R. WEBB, Most Wise Master; MICHAEL J. McALEXANDER, Commander-In-Chief; ILL RONALD J. HARRUFF, 33°, Trustee; ILL ALAN D. CONRAD, 33°, Trustee; ILL JOHN SURBECK, 33°, Trustee; ILL RANDALL J. HAMMOND, 33°, Treasurer; RONALD V. SULLINS, Executive Secretary.

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