



# Double Eagle

Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite

Newsletter from the Desk of the  
Thrice Potent Master

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This is the first edition of a new publication created especially for the Brothers of the Fort Wayne Valley of the Scottish Rite from the desk of TPM Jan Henline and the 2024/25 Lodge of Perfection. The name of this recurring publication is the Fort Wayne Valley Double Eagle or “Double Eagle” for short. The Double Eagle will be in addition to the Monthly communication you currently receive called The Rite Time is Now. It is our hope that this additional communication brings you ‘More Light’ from the Valley and provides you with important information and updates.

## COMMUNICATION IS KEY

During my years in the LOP Line, I have heard from many Brothers that they enjoy communication from the Valley and would like to see even more. The Double Eagle should fill that bill nicely. Your Officers will use this forum to outline plans for the 2024/25 year and include many details that we feel are important. There will also be space reserved for the other Lines to include notices specific to their focus. Be looking for periodic updates from Council, Chapter, and Consistory in upcoming issues.

As TPM, I also want to make this a two-way communication pathway. I have created a Gmail account for everyone to use to send your Comments, Questions, Concerns, directly to me. YOU – our Brothers are what make this Valley Great, so I want to hear from you. Send me an email at: [tpmaasrfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:tpmaasrfortwayne@gmail.com) – no topic is off limits. If you want to tell me, I will listen.

## MEET THE TPM

For those of you that don’t know me, I have been in the Healthcare Field most of my adult life. I have been a Pharmacy Technician in Retail and Hospital settings. I have been a Field Service Technician and Manager for a company that manufactured medication dispensing machines for Hospitals and other Health Care facilities. My wife of 38 years, Lady Rose, has been an RN at Parkview for many years. With this background, it should be no surprise that the focus or theme for my year as TPM will be Health and Safety.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

You have already heard that the first Event we have planned is a Health, Wellness, and Elder Fair to be held at Mizpah on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. So far there are almost 20 stations for you to visit with things like:

- What's New at Compass Park?
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Blood Sugar Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Retirement Planning
- Home First Aid
- Traumatic First Aid
- CPR and AED awareness

Along with many more.

The first 200 (non-AASR Officer) people to register will receive a nice Scottish Rite branded tote bag. There will also be other SWAG items with our Logo. We will have drawings for healthcare related give aways including Automatic Blood Pressure Cuffs, Glucose Monitors, First Aid Kits, and others.

There will also be Membership tables set up for Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. There may even be a couple of Clowns on hand.

## AED COMING TO MIZPAH

Along with the Health Fair, Several of us have been working closely with the Potentate of the Shrine to get an Automatic External Defibrillator for the building. Our efforts paid off greatly as we were able to find a generous donor that is providing a state-of-the-art AED to us free

of charge! What a comfort it will be to know that if anyone visiting Mizpah should have a Cardiac Event, we will have the tools at our disposal to help them and possibly save a life.

## VALLEY CHALLENGE COINS

The next thing planned is to strike and sell Scottish Rite Challenge Coins. These coins will be a numbered Limited Edition. The first 2 coins will be sold at auction. The high bidder will be able to choose the number they want of those remaining. #1, #32, #33, perhaps your birth year or Lodge Number? The remaining coins will be sold for \$20 each or \$30 if you want to pick one of the remaining numbers. The proceeds from the sale of these Challenge Coins will go towards funding some of the special events that are planned for this year. To participate in the Auctions go to our Scottish Rite Facebook Page or you can get your bid to me and I will proxy bid for you.



## EATING RITE

Another thing coming is around our meals at Stated Meetings. We will still provide a meal at 6:15 p.m. on Meeting Nights with some minor differences. I want to try and make our meals healthier and more

Diabetic friendly. I am working with a Registered Dietician and the Shrine Cook to help plan our meals and make them more balanced. In addition, we will ensure that there will always be a beverage selection with each meal. Choices of regular and diet soda, lemonade, iced tea, water, and coffee will be available with each meal at no charge. As always, you are welcome to purchase an adult beverage at Mildred's if you like. Another addition will be a Free Will donation box with the proceeds going to Shepherds House, the local shelter for homeless Veterans. Myself and all Mason's have a special place in our hearts for our Veterans. Hopefully this will be a way for us to give back for the huge gift they have given us.

### **YOUR GOLDEN PASSPORT**

The next big thing in the works is around Member Recruitment and Retention. I am challenging us to make a new Member at every meeting. Let any Officer know when you will be bringing a Candidate to a meeting, and we will plan to show them the 4<sup>th</sup> degree before dinner. I also want to challenge everyone to complete their Passport this year. Along with that challenge, the Valley will be offering some help. Each stated meeting will include dinner, a short business meeting and the showing of one or two degrees! If you want to come for dinner and the meeting only, that is fine. If you work late can only make it in time for the Degrees and Fellowship after the meeting, that is fine as well. We will be showing many of the hard-to-find Degrees. Look at your Passport and let us

know which Degrees you need to see. Let's work together to get as many Gold Passports as possible!

### **IN CLOSING**

That should be enough for this edition of the Double Eagle. I want to save something for next time!

Thank you all for your support and for Electing me and all the other Officers. We all look forward to seeing you at meetings and events, and Serving you, our Brothers over the next year and beyond!

Fraternally,

Jan Henline – TPM and the rest of your Officers in the Fort Wayne Valley of the Scottish Rite.