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OCTOBER 2011

DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Special Convocation Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Special Assembly

Meeting Notice

Friday, October 21, 2011

Fall Special Convocation

DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°



**Bro. Stephen J. Bradley, 32°
Sovereign Prince, Presiding**

"Great is Truth and mighty above all things."

The Evening's Agenda

**6:00 P.M.- Dinner in the Grand Banquet Hall
7:00 P.M.- Candidate Orientation in the Benjamin Franklin Room**

Special Convocation

**7:30 P.M. - Open DeJoinville Council, 16°
7:45 P.M. - Presentation of the 15° Knight of the East
8:30 P.M. - Close DeJoinville Council, 16°**

15 Minute Intermission

Stamping of Scottish Rite Passports in the Valley Secretary's Office.

Fall Special Assembly

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°



**Ill{ Robert J. Bateman, 33°
Most Wise Master, Presiding**

"A new Commandment I give unto you, the ye love one another as I have loved you, ye also love one another."

Special Assembly

**8:45 P.M. - Open Kilwinning Chapter, 18°
9:00 P.M. - Presentation of the 18°, Knight of Rose Croix
9:45 P.M. - Close Kilwinning Chapter, 18°**

*Refreshments with the Ladies
to follow in the Grand Banquet Hall*

All Valley Elected Officers are members of the Greeters Committee. If you are an elected officer, you should be in tuxedo on Reunion nights at the front door greeting the Brethren and Ladies.



*DeJoinville Council,
Princes of Jerusalem, 16°*

*Bro.
Stephen J. Bradley, 32°
Sovereign Prince*



*Kilwinning Chapter
of Rose Croix, 18°*

*Ill{
Robert J. Bateman, 33°
Most Wise Master*



Brethren:

As Sovereign Prince and on behalf of the Officers of DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, it is my pleasure to welcome the members of our Fall 2011 Class named in honor of our Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ill{ Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°.

The Council of Princes of Jerusalem presents two Degrees, the 15° and the 16°, telling the story of the return of the Jewish exiles Jerusalem from Babylon, and the rebuilding of the Temple.

Unlike the Degrees you received when you were raised, take notice of the costumes, the actors, props and lighting, all done by the members of the Valley.

You are strongly encouraged to participate in the Degrees, whether it be acting, Stage Crew or the Makeup Committee beginning with the Spring Class of 2012.

Again welcome, I look forward to meeting and greeting all of you on Friday, October 21st.

Fraternally,

Stephen J. Bradley, 32°
Sovereign Prince



***The Princes of Jerusalem
The Officer Line of DeJoinville Council***

- Ill{ Frank Weckenman, 33°, MSA High Priest**
- Jeffrey P. Lees, 32° Senior Warden**
- Thomas H. Wible, 32° Junior Warden**
- Eric M. Knowles, 32° Master of Ceremonies**
- David J. Gilpin, 32° Master of Entrances**

To My Dear Scottish Rite Brethren:

As we turn our attention from the heat of summer to the beautiful and brilliant colors of fall let us continue our efforts to spread the knowledge of our great and gentle craft to those Brethren wishing to continue their journey and education in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Brethren let us again join our hand in unanimity and welcome the Candidates who will be joining us on Friday, October 21, 2011. To the receive the Rose Croix Degree. As Scottish Rite Masons we need to remember how it was when we received our degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry and honored we were to see all the Brethren on the sideline supporting us. It's not only important for the Candidates to see us there in support of their accomplishments but it is also as important for each one of us to be present and renew our obligations as the Candidates are taking their obligation.

The Fall Class Honoree is a personal friend to all Pennsylvania Freemasons. This Brother had put himself on the firing line every day for the past 21 months. He has stood tall and proud because he has given all Pennsylvania Freemasons the opportunity to help their Lodges grow and prosper. He has laid a new foundation for all of us to build on. But more importantly he has given each and every Pennsylvania Mason the tools to use to bring Freemasonry in Pennsylvania into the 21st Century and beyond. He has given us the means to build on this foundation and be proud that we are Pennsylvania Freemasons. This Brother has traveled this great Commonwealth and has met thousands of Pennsylvania Masons establishing his 21st Century Renaissance. Ill{ Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° has been not only an inspiration to Pennsylvania Freemasonry but has been a great friend and inspiration to me. Not only is Brother Sturgeon our Right Worshipful Grand Master, he is also an Active in Scottish Rite Masonry and a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Pittsburgh. I believe it is our duty as Scottish Rite Masons to show our support for our Right Worshipful Grand Master and prominent Scottish Rite Mason by being in attendance for all the degrees.

Brethren I ask you to please put the dates of our Fall Reunion on your calendar and come out and support the Candidates, the Class Honoree, and the Valley of Philadelphia. Remember we are all Scottish Rite Masons, we are all Brothers, and we are all members of the Greatest and most Pretigious Fraternity in the World: Freemasonry!

Respectfully and fraternally,

Ill{ Robert J. Bateman, 33°
Most Wise Master





Across My Desk

Ill{
Steven A. Morrison, 33°
Valley Secretary



My Dear Brethren:

Noted Scottish author, Robert Louis Stevenson once said, **“Judge each day not by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”** Okay, so why am I starting off with this quote? Well besides the fact that I am extremely proud of my Scottish ancestry, and it is the harvest time of year, (not to mention that I didn’t have a quote by our Masonic Brother and fellow Scot, Robert Burns) Mr. Stevenson’s quote is a great lead off to what I have chosen to discuss through this column.

In this season of the harvest, and as we progress through our Fall Reunion, by which we will harvest new members for our Valley, we must be mindful of the fact that these new Brethren are not merely a yield, but they are in fact, seeds planted for our future. We must welcome them and let them know that opportunity is available to them to serve, but we must do so in the most calculated manner so that one day soon we will reap new and effective leaders in our Valley.

Too many times we hear of Bodies throughout the family of Freemasonry in their zealously to get new members involved, actually overwhelm those new members with their perceived desperation, and scare them away!

While we will always welcome new blood and new involvement, new ideas and new excitement, we must but careful of how we cultivate. Give that new member time to enjoy this new experience and to see and digest what is going on and to evaluate on his own where he might wish to become involved. No one has ever grown a healthy plant by over-watering it! That is precisely what I’ve seen happen sometimes. In our over exuberance to get new members involved, we overwhelm them. No one wants to belong to an organization that appears to be unorganized and desperate. **He came to us to contribute, not to repair.** should be our adopted motto when dealing with the new member.

Our Valley’s “Mission Statement” says that, **“We are a Masonic organization that is a living growing body of 32° Masons committed to attracting men of good character by providing effective leadership, active membership, and family involvement, through an exemplary organization, prudent financial planning and charitable opportunities.”** This statement in of itself should tell a new member exactly what we as a Valley stand for and what might be expected of him as a member, but sometimes new members need to be “encouraged” to become involved. Encouragement does not mean arm twisting. That new member is our Brother. He needs to feel that he is among his Brethren and most importantly to feel at home.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander’s concept of **“ICE”** plays in important role in this whole point that I am attempting to make. If we can **inspire** the new Scottish Rite Mason by showing him how we can work with him to make his involvement in the Valley **convenient** to him, his family and his lifestyle, there is no doubt he will **enjoy** his experience and want to become an active and contributing member of his Valley. **And we will reap a bountiful harvest as a result!**

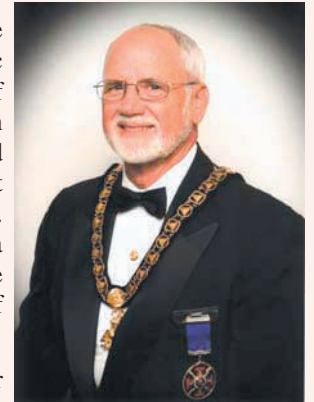
Congratulations!

A New Deputy for Pennsylvania

This past summer during the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, Ill{ William L. McCarrier, 33° announced that he would be stepping down as Deputy for Pennsylvania. Bro. Bill will remain an Active Member for Pennsylvania. We in the Valley of Philadelphia congratulate our Illustrious Brother on his completion of a successful term of office and thank him for his exemplary leadership of Pennsylvania Scottish Rite Masonry.

At the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, held this past August in Chicago, IL, a new Deputy was installed to serve our Commonwealth. That Brother is Ill{ Russell W. Baker, 33°. Bro. Russ has been our Active for a number of years now, but more importantly he has been a great friend of the Valley of Philadelphia.

We congratulate our Illustrious Brother on his new office and look forward to working with him for the betterment and continued growth of Scottish Rite in Pennsylvania.



Congratulations!

Bro. Joseph A. Sbaraglia, Jr., 32°, MSA

Our very own “Joe Bag-a-Donuts,” Bro, Joseph A, Sbaraglia, Jr., 32°, MSA was recently honored by the York Rite Sovereign College of



North America when he received the Degree of Order of the Purple Cross, the organization’s highest honor. Joe was one of 124 Candidates to receive the Degree at the Sovereign College’s 54th Annual Meeting held at Nashville, TN. The Order is conferred upon Candidates selected for outstanding Masonic service.

Bro. Joe as many know, is an extremely active Mason. He works in the 31° Cast in the Valley, but he also very much involved in the York Rite Bodies as well.

He is a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and has held appointments in both the Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania as well.

Bro. Sbaraglia is a Past High Priest of Temple Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 182, a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 46, Royal and Select Master Masons and a Past Commander and Past Recorder of St. John’s Commandery No. 4.





Calendar of Events October 2011



- Yom Kippur**
Happy Holiday to our Brethren and their families
- Columbus Day** October 7-8
- 15° & 18° Cast Rehearsals**
Gothic Hall October 10
- Dinner Reservation Deadline**
"Did you remember to call in?" October 12
- 15° & 18° Cast Rehearsals**
Gothic Hall October 19
- Special Convocation & Special Assembly**
DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°
Masonic Temple October 19
- 27°, 31°, 32° Cast Rehearsals**
Gothic Hall October 21
- "A Toast To Reading"**
William Penn Inn
Gwynedd, PA October 26
- Halloween**
Please, watch out for the little ones October 28
- Halloween**
Please, watch out for the little ones October 31

Help Wanted

Our Valley's Wardrobe Director, Ill{ George W. Metz, 33° has been looking for an assistant for some time now.

Recently Illustrious Bro. George has suggested that it might be time for him step down as Director. So now we truly do need someone to step forward to help out and eventually take over the station of Wardrobe Director.

What does the Wardrobe Director do? He attends the rehearsals of the Degree Casts and pulls the necessary costumes to outfit the Casts at our Reunions. After the Degree conferrals he returns the costumes to storage. The Director is also responsible for submitting a budget each year for the purchase of new costumes, the cleaning and maintenance of costumes we have on hand, and the rental of specialty costumes as needed. He is invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee as well to make reports on the status of the Valley's costume inventory and requirements for upcoming conferrals.

More than one Brother is welcome as we would like to have team handle this duty. This Fall Reunion would be an excellent opportunity for some on the job training for interested Candidates. This is a great possibility for someone who is looking to get more involved. If anyone is interested in the position, we would love to hear from you. Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 215-563-1814 for more information or to volunteer.

Ladies of the Valley



Ladies: We will be having a Chinese auction at the Valley's Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 16, 2011 to raise funds for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia. I am asking you to participate by putting together a basket for the auction. Please have a theme for your basket, i.e.: copper, crystal, pottery, etc., containing items that are pertinent to your theme.

All proceeds will be donated to the Center and all items donated are tax-deductible. Save your receipts for your 2011 tax returns.

Ladies, express your creative side and have a great time while aiding a worthwhile cause.

We are also looking for items for our Silent Auction to benefit the Center. The Auction will be held at the Holiday event on Friday, December 16th.

Thanks, Pat Brown

Dues Cards

To enter our Valley Reunions you show your current A.A.S.R. Dues Card to our Tyler. Please be sure to bring yours with you.

Recommenders are reminded to be sure that your Candidate has his Symbolic Lodge Dues Card with him.



Parking

Remember Brethren: Chaser tickets will be honored by the pay station machines and exit gates at the Parkway garage at 13th and Filbert Streets, *provided you do not enter the garage prior to 5:00 P.M.*

Dinner

Friday, October 21, 2011

Caesar Salad
Manhattan Clam Chowder
Buffet Dinner Selections
(including fish entree)
Roast Pork Carving Station

\$15 per person before deadline
\$25 per person after deadline



Thank you for making your dinner reservations by mail. If you have not made your reservation, you may do so by calling 215-563-1814. or by email to phila.aasr@juno.com. RSVP's can also be left on the Valley's Facebook group page, by clicking the "I'm Attending" button.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Reservations made past that date and walk up dinners will cost \$25 per person. Govern Yourself Accordingly.

III{ Leonard R. Bezar, 33°



Leonard Raymond Bezar was born in Philadelphia on May 12, 1933 to John and Anna (Selenic) Bezar, both of whom emigrated to America from the Ukraine in the early 1900's. A 1951 graduate of Olney High School. Seaman First Class Bezar served honorably in United States Coast Guard. He holds both B.S. and M.S. from Drexel University.

He is married to Sandra C. Brossman, the author of the book, *“The Power of Oneness.”* They reside in Wayne, PA. Len is the proud father of three daughters, Kimberly, Melissa and Erin. He has five grandchildren, two boys and three girls. His grandsons have been active in DeMolay.

Following his retirement from IBM in 1987, he started his own management consulting firm, Len Bezar & Associates, which he ran until 1993 when he became a Co-Founder and President of Team Dynamics Associates.

Our Illustrious Brother is also an Associate Professor at Drexel University teaching computer science and management courses.

A Past Master of Cassia-Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, our Brother is also a dual member of Norristown Lodge No. 620. Len serves as Chairman of the Hap Arnold Memorial Scholarship Committee for Lodge No. 273.

In the Scottish Rite, our Illustrious Brother was a member of the Spring Class of 1998. He is a Past Sovereign Prince of DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16° (2006-07) and a Past Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° (2009-10). Bro. Bezar also served on the Membership Committee. Currently he serves on the JROTC/ROTC Representatives Committee and on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Children's Dyslexia Center.

His other Masonic memberships include; Howell Royal Arch Chapter No. 202, LuLu Shriners, the LuLu Legion of Honor, Benjamin Franklin Chapter No. 16, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Akhwiyah Council No. 15, Allied Masonic Degrees, Penn Council No. 13 Knight Masons of the USA, Valley Forge High Twelve No. 305, and North Penn High Penn Twelve No. 413.

Our Illustrious Brother served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Timothy School for Autistic Children. He is also a commissioned member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

At the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, our Brother was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.

We offer our congratulations to Illustrious Bro. Len on receiving this honor.

Congratulations Illustrious Bro. Len!

Five Valley Brethren Nominated and Elected to receive the 33° at Cleveland, OH in 2012.

Five Valley of Philadelphia Brethren were nominated and elected to receive the 33° at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Those Brothers are:

Matthew D. Dupee: Bro. Matt is a Past Master of Shiloh Lodge No. 558 and a very active Freemason. He has held office in numerous Masonic Bodies. In the Valley is a Past Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° and has served the Valley as a Trustee.

Jeffrey S. Greene: Bro. Jeff is a Past Master of Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751 and a Past District Deputy Grand Master. He serves the Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Committee on Security as well as an Aide to the Right Worshipful Grand Master. He currently serves Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° as Senior Warden.

William L. Kingsbury: Bro. Bill is a Past Master of Melita Lodge No. 295. He currently serves the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a District Deputy Grand Master-at-Large.

John Lanckowski: Bro. John is a Past Master of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 and is a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. He has held appointments in the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Currently John is the Orator of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°.

Harry B. Rutter: Bro. Harry is a member of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271. He serves the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as Controller. He is the Bookkeeper to the Valley Secretary and Treasurer and serves as Financial Consultant to the Executive Committee of the Valley of Philadelphia and is active in our Degree Casts.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°

Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret fo the Thirty-second Degree, not less than thirty-three years of age, at an Annual Session of the Supreme Council, may be elected Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree, Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, by unanimous vote taken by secret ballot.

This honor is conferred because of outstanding service to the Fraternity or for service to others which reflects credit upon the Order.

Honorary member have the right to be present at all sessions of the Supreme Council, except executive sessions, and to a voice therein, but no vote.



Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree may be elected Active members of the Supreme Council at the Annual Meetings thereof.

Sights, Scenes & Smiles

*From 2011 Supreme Council
Annual Meeting in Chicago*



Our Commander-in-Chief, Ill{ Raymond G. Brown, 33° and Lady, Pat.



The Reverend and Illustrious William D. Hartman, 33° with the “menu.”



Our Valley Treasurer, Ill{ John H. Platt, Jr., 33° and Lady, Elaine



John “Elway” Platt



Our New Illustrious Brother, Leonard R. Bezar, 33° with the “menu” at Shula’s Steak House.



Mrs. Gina Morrison, wife of our Valley Secretary, Ill{ Steven A. Morrison, 33°

More Sights, Scenes & Smiles



Ill{ Leonard R. Bezar, 33° and Lady Sandy



Ill{ Robert J. Bateman, 33° and Lady Joanne and Ill{ Raymond G. Brown and Lady Pat

From “The Windy City”



The Chicago Skyline



The Marilyn Monroe statue on Michigan Avenue



The Chicago River



Michigan Avenue

Coming in December,



The Valley of Philadelphia's

Holiday Celebration Dinner

Friday, December 16, 2011

at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast

2400 Old Lincoln Highway at US Route 1

Plan now to join with us for this most special Valley event. The Social Hour begins at 6:00 P.M., featuring two cash bars and the Ladies Auxiliary "Chinese Auction" and Silent Auction to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center of Philadelphia.

The delicious Continental Buffet follows at 7:00 P.M. Entertainment will follow the dinner.

More information will be available soon!

