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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Brethren,

I cannot believe that I only have 5 more months to serve you as Commander in Chief. The last 18 months have been great to me, we banded together over this time and we have moved the Valley of Scranton forward. Thank you for all of your help over my time as the Commander in Chief and I know you will continue over my next 5 months and beyond.

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, and I wish everyone a happy and safe new year. We have a busy winter and spring ahead of us in the Valley. We will be conferring the George Washington Degree at our stated meeting in February, the cast does a great job with this degree, so please come out and support them.

We have been presenting the Abraham Lincoln degree in various lodges throughout the fall, and have dates set up for the winter and spring.

We also will once again be presenting the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on March 20th 2016.

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FROM OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE: PLANNING COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/28/2016 – Abington Consistory Club
03/20/2016 – Feast of the Paschal Lamb

STATED MEETING SCHEDULE

Stated Meetings are held the 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM

02/15/2016 – Consistory
George Washington Degree
03/21/2016 – Rose Croix
04/18/2016 – Lodge of Perfection
05/16/2016 – Officer Elections

PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held the Second Wednesday at 7:00 PM

02/10/2016
03/09/2016
04/13/2016

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Calling All Members!!!

CARRY ON THE TRADITION THAT BUILT OUR GREAT MASONIC TEMPLE!

OUR MASONIC TEMPLE AND SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL IS ONE OF THE MOST GLORIOUS PIECES OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES. OVER TIME OUR FRATERNITY REALIZED THE NEED TO UTILIZE THE FACILITY IN MORE NON-TRADITIONAL WAYS. A GRASS ROOTS EFFORT WAS LAUNCHED TO FORM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO BOTH PRESERVING THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE TEMPLE AND PROVIDING AN ONGOING PROGRAMMING SOURCE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

OUR TEMPLE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE AND CULTURAL HUB. IT ALSO HAS KEPT TO ITS EARLIEST PURPOSES BY CONTINUING TO SERVE AS THE CENTER OF MASONIC ACTIVITY IN THE REGION.

VOLUNTEER AT EVENTS HOSTED IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE AND YOU WILL BENEFIT OUR FRATERNITY, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. YOU'LL ALSO REMIND THE COMMUNITY OF OUR NOBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO ARCHITECTURE, THE ARTS AND CHILDREN. JUST SHOW UP IN YOUR SCOTTISH RITE CAP OR MASONIC APRON AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER BROTHERS, YOUR FAMILY AND PATRONS. THERE ARE MANY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT YOU CAN JOIN AS AN USHER, GREETER, GUIDE, SERVER, FUNDRAISER, ADVISOR, CO-ORGANIZER, ETC.

WITH OVER 840 MEMBERS IN OUR VALLEY, JUST PARTICIPATING ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND HELP CARRY FORWARD OUR MOST NOBLE AND GLORIOUS WORK!

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 570-309-8968 OR BRIAN@CROSSOVERLAW.COM TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF HUNDREDS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Fraternally,
Brian Petula 32°

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Come out and honor our brethren who have passed over the past year, and enjoy the comradery of our brethren and ladies.

I once again would like to thank everyone in the Valley of Scranton for their help, and if this help continues our Valley will continue to grow for years to come.

Faternally,
Louis J. Naro 33° CIC

A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY

My Brothers,

As we end the holiday season, let us reflect on Rebuilding our Membership by using the 3-R's listed below!

RETAIN – Let's not have current and new members come in the front door, only to leave out the back! Give them purpose too, and give them a reason to get active.

RECOVER - Communicate our concerns for those who are not present! Let us reach out to those who have demitted and/or have been suspended.

RENEW - Communicate to our Valley members and Blue Lodge Brothers what Consistory can offer and how important the Degrees are in our everyday life.

Let us have a presence at Blue Lodge meetings, and events. Attend your Valley meetings.

Faternally,
Willard R. Zieseimer 32°



From the Ladies Auxilliary

We will have no meetings in January or February 2016, however, please be aware of the Pascal Lamb Service in March 2016.

We hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a have a wonderful year in 2016.

Sincerely,
Lee Wirth



A message from the Courier

Happy New Year!

Officer elections will be held soon, please submit your request to be considered in writing to Ill. Brother Lou Naro in person or via email at lounaro@comcast.net or the Secretary, Brother Willard Zieseimer in person or via email.

2015 has been a great year, and I look forward to continuing to serve you with the Valley of Scranton Courier in the new year.

Sincerely,
William J. Palumbo 32°

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Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday – 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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Cheer List and Planning Committee News

Planning Committee Message

Brethren,

Happy New Year, as we have had our Annual Christmas Party, and the Raffles are done, we now look forward to the Winter and Spring of 2016.

We have been planning many functions for membership and fellowship, so come out to our Planning Committee meeting, and join us in making these plans a reality for our Valley.

The Planning Committee meets on the second Wednesday at 7 PM on the second floor of the temple. All members and ideas are welcome, come and help plan and be part of The Valley's Future.

Fraternally Yours,
Luke T. Schofield 32° MSA CID
Planning Committee Chairman

Cheer List

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Raymond Pilch
Jerry Calderone

Brethren,

If anyone knows of anybody that is sick, in the hospital or just needs to show we care and are thinking of them please call or email me their names. I will get a card or gift or phone call to them.

This as a very important project we need to keep up to date. We do not want to forget about our sick or confined brothers and I need your help in finding out who these members are. Also if you know of any Wives or Widows of our members please let me know.

If I missed anyone in this Courier give me a call or email and I will make sure it is taken care of for the next Courier.

Thank you,
Fred Katula 33°
Hospitalitor

You can also contact the Commander in Chief or the Secretary if there are any brethren that are not on this list.

Golf Tournament Thank You!

Brethren,

This year's Golf tournament was very successful, and we would like to thank everyone for their participation and all of our sponsors listed below.

Diamond Sponsor

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Golf Tournament Thank you! Continued

Friedman's Mens and Ladies Shoppe
Kingsbury Lodge No. 466
Melida Couerdelion No. 17
Waverly Lodge No. 301
Keystone Supreme Counceil No. 33
Ray and Andrea Pilch

Thank you,
Chris Edwards 33°

2016 Reunion

Brethren,

We have some date changes for our 2016 reunion, unlike in the past, we will not be having a Saturday date for the reunion this year. The dates will be May 11th, 12th, and 13th, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7 PM.

We will exemplify 7 degrees, including the exemplification of the 23rd degree; Knight of Valor. If you are interested in participating in the degree work please contact our Ritualistic Director Robert Stanley at 570-313-5669 or bobstanster@gmail.com.

The following degrees will be exemplified:

Wednesday evening, May 11th:

4°- Master Traveler

14°- Grand Elect Mason

Thursday evening, May 12th:

23°- Knight of Valor

26°- Friend and Brother Eternal

Friday evening, May 13th:

18°- Knight of the Rose Croix

31°- Knight Aspirant

32°- Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

Dinner will be served prior to the Degree work all 3 evenings.

We hope to have a large class and an even larger audience this year.



"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." – George Washington

Brethren,

On Monday, February 15th 2016 at 7:30 PM, in honor of George Washington's birthday, the Valley of Scranton will present the Drama of the 20th Degree, **Master Ad Vitam**. This degree is one of the more powerful presentations in the entire body of degree work. It features well known historical individuals from the founding of our nation and exemplifies the drama of the American spirit confronting the challenge of disloyalty and treason. Masonic principles and leadership are subjected to a crucial test and the degree demonstrates the Masonic condemnation of all who conspire against the security of our nation and the happiness of our people.

This famous degree has come to be known as 'The George Washington Degree' and having viewed it you will know why. Well written and powerfully acted the degree is spellbinding drama that allows a unique insight into the character of not only our first president but also that of many of our founding fathers who were his allies as well as those who were his enemy!

Master Ad Vitam is timeless but recent historical events have made it even more relevant to our society and citizens. The themes presented will cause reflection and the dramatic conflict will keep you fully engrossed. We present this degree in honor of our first President and Masonic brother, George Washington.

If it has been some time since you witnessed a degree at the Valley of Scranton, this is a perfect one to see! We invite you to attend and bring along a brother!

Sincerely,
Robert Stanley, 32°
Director of Work
Keystone Consistory

A Look at 2015!

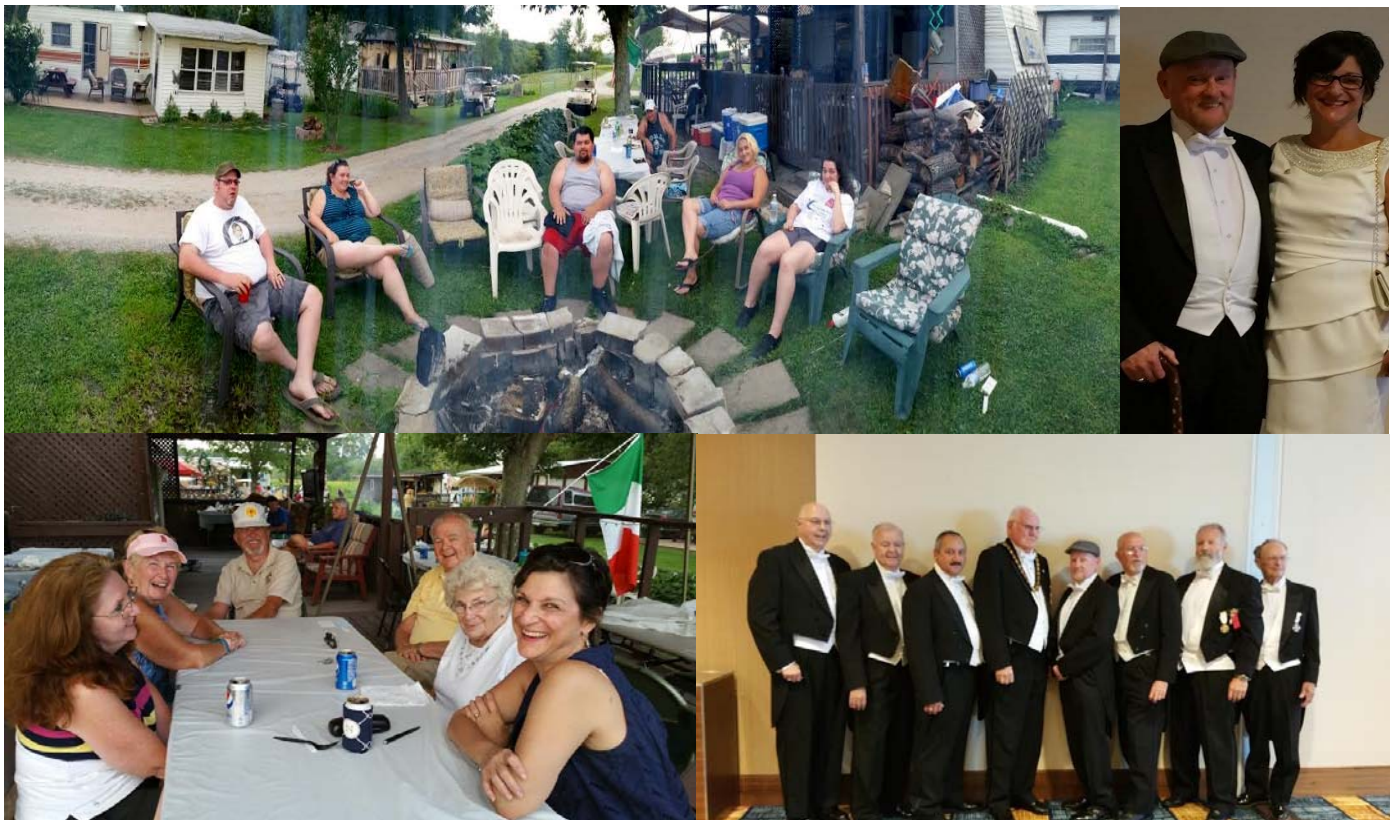


Brethren,

2015 has been a great year for our fraternal brotherhood. We participated in the annual Council of Deliberation, and we had a very successful Golf Tournament and Summer Party for our members.

We also saw Brother Luke Schofield receive his 33rd Degree. Congratulate Ill. Brother Luke when you see him on this accomplishment.

Please enjoy some of the pictures from the events of this past year, and we look forward to bringing you more pictures from our events this year.





VALLEY OF SCRANTON FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

**420 N. Washington Avenue,
Scranton, PA
March 20th 2016 3:00 PM**

Dear Brethren and Friends,

The ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb takes place each spring on Palm Sunday and is our annual memorial to those brethren who have passed away during the previous year. It is a time for our own personal reflection as we share with all the story of the first Seder, the meal commemorating the exodus of the Jewish people from their enslavement in Egypt.

Our version as Knights of Rose Croix uses the Seder as a backdrop for the persecution of those who bring forth new ideas and enlightenment. To that end, we combine both the elements of a traditional Seder feast with the telling of the story of the prophet Jesus the Nazarene, who was put to death for preaching a new order and law of love.

Our passed brethren are honored for their service to freemasonry and their willingness to be bearers of new knowledge through personal enlightenment, all to better themselves, their families and their communities.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb ceremony involves members of the Order of Rose Croix portraying a long past meeting of a lodge of brothers, as well as recreations of scenes of the life of Jesus the Nazarene and a reading of the scroll of the honored dead to commemorate our brothers who have passed from this life.

I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, March 20th 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in Shopland Hall for this event.