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Valley of Moline

Fall 2014

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I hope everyone had a pleasant summer and you enjoyed the cool temperatures. It was good to see so many brethren from Moline in Peoria for the Illinois Council of Deliberations. Brothers Don Peterson MSA and Tom Podrovitz MSA received their Meritorious Service Awards. It was announced the Brothers Dave Ziegler and Eric Noyd will receive theirs in Springfield June 27, 2015.

At the end of May our long time Secretary Art Hemm MSA 33 retired. While he will be missed our new Secretary Joseph P. Laleman is learning fast and is bringing many new ideas to our Valley. If you get a chance stop in and get to know Joe.

Our Fall reunion will have a different look this year. We will be doing the 16th degree at the September 8 regular stated meeting. At the October 13 meeting we will portray the 14th degree and on November 10 the 18th degree. All three degrees will start at 7:30 pm and we will have a lunch afterwards. On November 15 the new candidates will receive 32nd degree. There will be a social hour for the ladies during the degree. The evening will start at 5 pm with a banquet at 6:30. During the banquet a play based on the 20th degree will be performed. The 4th degree will be shown on video before each degree for the new candidates. The officers of the Valley of Moline hope that you will join us in what we hope will be a fun and enjoyable evening.

The Valley of Moline officers are always looking for events and ways we can help our members. If you have an idea for us or some way we can help your Blue Lodge please let us know. In the coming months we will be taking a degree or two on the road. There is a boat cruise planned for October 4th and our annual Christmas Party in December. Help support your officers and enjoy some brotherhood by joining us.

The fall class will be named in honor of Ill William B Endres MSA 33°. Ill brother Endress has been head of maintenance for the cathedral for many years. Bill also is the go to guy to set up the degrees at the reunions if you need something he knows where it is.

Feel free to contact me at (309) 781-8098 or email llcrawford@rtcnet.net.

Lauren Crawford MSA 33°

Commander in Chief

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Moline Consistory

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at 6:30 PMStated Meetings: Second Monday
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Friday**520 Members:***Michael A. Descamps***Louis Felix's Gift to His Lodge****By Hilary Anderson Stelling, Director of Exhibitions and Audience**

In the 1800s, many new and established Freemasons made gifts to their lodges to publicly express their support of an organization they valued. Bookkeeper Louis Antoine Felix (1837-1910) joined Monitor Lodge of Waltham, Massachusetts, in 1859. He presented this attractive glass bell to the lodge the following year.

The twelve inch high bell topped with a mushroom-shaped knob looks like a cloche or garden bell designed to protect young plants. Starting in the 1810s, American glass companies offered their customers garden bells crafted from inexpensive bottle glass. Taking a different approach, workers shaped Felix's gift out of top-of-the-line colorless lead glass. Handsomely engraved in the gothic script fashionable at the time, this bell doubtless cost more than the garden variety bell. Felix could easily commission this unusual glass object; he kept the books for the Cape Cod Glass Works in their Boston office. Company workers formed the glass bell at their factory in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Felix likely arranged for a specialized workshop to engrave the bell, since Cape Cod Glass Works did not have an engraving facility. Somewhere along the line, the name of the lodge was incorrectly spelled as "Moniter."

Members of Monitor Lodge used their new bell chime symbolic midnight during ritual based on the Biblically-inspired story of Hiram Abiff's murder at King Solomon's Temple. In one mid-1800s description of the third degree from *Duncan's Masonic Ritual*, the Master approaches the candidate—who, playing the part of the murdered Hiram, is lying on the floor—and then "strikes the hour of low twelve on a triangle or bell" near the candidate's head. In 1870, when he served his lodge as Master, Felix would have sounded the bell himself.

When the museum purchased this bell several years ago, staff had not seen another like it. Since then, a similar bell presented to Revere Lodge of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1871, has come to light. It forms part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts collection on extended loan to the Museum. Like Felix, the man who gave Revere Lodge its bell had worked in the glass industry. The giver, Henry Francis Spurr (1832-1914) started as a clerk at the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company and ended his career with that company as general manager.

Felix's bell was a meaningful gift that represented both his professional and Masonic lives. Because of the bell's role in ritual and because Felix's name was permanently engraved upon it, members of Monitor Lodge likely thought of him at a solemn point in their ceremonies for many years. In time, the tradition of marking symbolic midnight with a bell fell out of fashion in Masonic lodges. Brothers replaced the striking of a ceremonial bell with twelve notes played on an organ.

Eventually, elegant bells like Felix's gift no longer held a place in ritual. An intriguing example of a presentation object adapted from a domestic form to especially suit the needs of a Masonic lodge, Felix's bell gives us interesting insight into how brethren furnished their lodges in the mid-1800s.

To learn more about the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's collections, exhibitions and programs, visit monh.org.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY

No one knows with certainty how or when the Masonic Fraternity was formed. A widely accepted theory among Masonic scholars is that it arose from the stonemasons' guilds during the Middle Ages. The language and symbols used in the fraternity's rituals come from this era. The oldest document that makes reference to Masons is the Regius Poem, printed about 1390, which was a copy of an earlier work. In 1717, four lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge of England, and records from that point on are more complete.

Within thirty years, the fraternity had spread throughout Europe and the American Colonies. Freemasonry became very popular in colonial America. George Washington was a Mason, Benjamin Franklin served as the head of the fraternity in Pennsylvania, as did Paul Revere and Joseph Warren in Massachusetts. Other well-known Masons involved with the founding of America included John Hancock, John Sullivan, Lafayette, Baron Fredrick von Stuben, Nathanael Greene, and John Paul Jones. Another Mason, Chief Justice John Marshall, shaped the Supreme Court into its present form.

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The Valley of Moline offers three Scottish Rite Clubs for their members to join and share in good fellowship and food with locations throughout our area.

- Sauk Trail Scottish Rite Club meets the third Monday in November at American Legion in Cambridge, IL. For more information. Contact Ill N. Arlo Sloan, 32°, at 309-714-2197. Dinner is at 6 p.m.
- Horseshoe Bend Scottish Rite Club meets the third Monday in January at the Welcome Inn in Milan, IL. Dinner is off the menu at 6:30 p.m.
- Tri-County Scottish Rite Club meets the third Monday in September at the Knoxville Family Restaurant in Knoxville, IL. Dinner is at 6 p.m.



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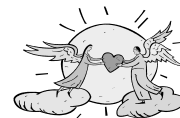
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PONDERINGS IN THE OFFICE
JOE LALEMAN, 32⁰

This is my first chance to introduce myself as the new Executive Secretary to all the Scottish Rite members of the Valley of Moline. During telephone conversations with our brothers and sisters associated with the Cathedral, some have mentioned that they couldn't put a face with my name. I hope to change that as quickly as possible. Please feel free to contact me by telephone or email, or stop by the Cathedral any weekday morning so I can personally introduce myself. Our membership and its needs are my top priority. Please help me do my job better by sharing your concerns and ideas for fulfilling those needs. Change can represent an opportunity for improvement.

My father used to say, "Life is what you make of it." At first, I thought, "What the heck does that mean?" Mark Twain understood much better when he said, "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished by how much he'd learned in seven years." With time, experience and many mistakes, I began to appreciate the wisdom of my father's words. Thankfully, we have the ability to change for the better.

Many people talk about the "Winds of Change." Perhaps, because I've lived along the Mississippi most of my life, I think of change more as a flowing river. Like time, the waters stream by day and night, by month, week, year, decade, century and millennium, unending and unstoppable. Floods occasionally surge forth requiring rapid response to save life and property, sometimes tragically carrying away things we hold dear. Rarely am I threatened by sudden whirlwinds laying down paths of destruction and whisking me away into the unknown. If I watch for the ebb and flow of the water levels, I can plan and take action and do my best to minimize any damage. Flood cleanup generally provides plenty of firewood within the debris. When the River gives me campfires, I roast hot dogs and make s'mores with my family and friends!

If I ever need a reminder of the sheer power of the volume of water flowing past my house, all I need to do is to try to stand in its current. As long as my strength and resolve hold firm, I can resist being carried away, but only with constant attention. The demands of life and the passage of time often remind me of that current and what it takes to hold firm in my resolve and duties to family and friends.

This week, as I was again admiring the restorative work on the Cathedral's limestone exterior, I pondered upon what the building represents to me as a Mason. I see the Scottish Rite Cathedral as a firmly driven pillar stalwartly resisting the onslaught of my River of Change, providing for us all a safe sanctuary to house our Masonic activities and principles, and representing concrete equity for our future needs. As I long ago accepted with my life, my strength, knowledge and ability have limitations. When the need is great enough, sometimes I need to ask for help.

The Cathedral's inner walls are lined with the faces of those who generously gave time and effort during their busy lives, and also many current faces of those who are doing the same. Our brother Masons' past and current dedication of time and resources helps maintain this heart of the Valley of Moline. There is no doubt of the fealty of both the living and those who gave until their last measure of devotion. The challenge for us now and in the future is how to best honor that effort to remain effective and progressive stewards.

We must ask ourselves how we may best contribute to preserve and strengthen the Scottish Rite Cathedral for future generations of Masons. Your officers are dedicated to finding ideas and offering opportunities for donations of time, money, talent and labor. Everyone has a voice and has something to offer within this challenge. Second only to the original construction, the Cathedral's preservation is the greatest challenge of our time.

The River of Change giveth and taketh away. We still have the ability to pool the necessary resources to do our part before passing the gavel on to the next generation. Our success will be determined by how wisely we apply our efforts. I am certain that new and unforeseen problems await our decedents as well. Perhaps one day they will

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CATHEDRAL BOARD
RICHARD HACKER, MSA 33°

New Temple is Fulfillment of 25-year Dream

First Scottish Rite Charter Granted in 1925; Final Dispensation in 1927

Nearly a quarter of a century ago Moline Masons began talking about the possibility of establishing a valley of the Scottish Rite in the territory embracing the Plow City and surrounding communities, At that time there were numerous masons in the Moline area but they were affiliated with widely separated Scottish Rite bodies, Some at Bloomington many at Peoria, Freeport and Quincy and a few with lodges as far away as Chicago. Moline was not included in the jurisdiction of any definite Scottish Rite organization, the local Masons being privileged to join any body in the state. Masons in general throughout Illinois were not enthusiastic about establishing a Valley of the Scottish Rite in this vicinity some of them as Sylvester O Spring illustrious deputy of Illinois frankly admitted, were openly opposed to the idea, they held that the new Valley would not only be a rather weak organization but would also weaken the lodges in the other cities.

First Step in 1929

Despite discouragement Moline members of the order held to their idea and on September 8, 1920 organized a Scottish Rite club. Prior to this time the Valley of Moline idea was sponsored largely by a few individuals. The club furnished eight means for organized and concerted activity and aroused added enthusiasm. The aid of active members of the supreme Council was vigorously solicited, until it became apparent to the high officials of masonry that Moline members of the order were determined to achieve their object.

Lodge of Perfection

After four more years of work a dispensation was granted for the Lodge of Perfection on August 7, 1924. Hardly a month later the first ceremonial was held and a class of 31 members initiated into the body.

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look into our faces framed on the inner walls of the Cathedral and ask what wisdom we would have used to meet those challenges. For good or ill, the River never stops flowing.

To lower our expenses for paper and postage, I'm offering to send the Chimes as an email attachment to anyone who does not need it in printed form. Personally, I prefer receiving and saving publications electronically. I can keep the ones that are important to me well organized and backed up without the need for bulky files. I am well aware that not all of our members are as connected to the Internet as others may be, plus there are those who prefer receiving printed versions. The choice is yours. Reducing our operating expenses would be a valuable contribution to maintaining the security of the Cathedral. Please send me an email at srite1@mchsi.com to register for email delivery. We need to confirm your email addresses because most are missing from our records.

Thank you for your time and interest, brothers.

Joe Laleman
Executive Secretary

Fall 2014 Reunion Dates**Valley of Bloomington**

November 7 - 8

Valley of Chicago

November 7 - 8

Valley of Danville

November 14 - 15

Valley of Freeport

November 1

Valley of Moline

November 15

Valley of Peoria

November 7 - 8

Valley of Quincy

November 8

**Valley of Southern
Illinois**

September 27 - 28

Valley of Springfield

October 12

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the history, tradition,
and brotherhood of the
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Jurisdiction of the
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**FALL 2014
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**FALL REUNION 2014
Ill William B Endres MSA 33 ° Fall Class 2014
Saturday, November 15, 2014**

5:00 pm 32nd degree

5:00 -6:30 Social hour

6:30 banquet with George Washington play

Meal with ham potatoes , vegetables, and dessert served family style Cost \$15.00

Reservation for November 15 are due to the office by November 5

October Dinner Cruise

Join us on October 4th for a dinner cruise upon the Mississippi! We'll be riding the 770 passenger paddlewheel boat, the "Celebration Belle." It is specifically designed for cruising the waterways of the great Mississippi River, offering casual sightseeing and dinner cruises. Travel time will be between 6 PM and 9 PM. Cost is \$48 per person. All reservations must be made here at the Scottish Rite Cathedral office by September 15th, 2014 at the latest.

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Over the centuries, Freemasonry has developed into a worldwide fraternity emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy. During the late 1700s it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. Masons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.

During the 1800s and early 1900s, Freemasonry grew dramatically. At that time, the government had provided no social "safety net". The Masonic tradition of founding orphanages, homes for widows, and homes for the aged provided the only security many people knew.

Today in North America, the Masonic Fraternity continues this tradition by giving almost \$1.5 million each day to causes that range from operating children's hospitals, providing treatment for childhood language disorders, treating eye diseases, funding medical research, contributing to local community service, and providing care to Masons and their families at Masonic Homes.

The four million Masons worldwide continue to help men and women face the problems of the 21st century by building bridges of brotherhood and instilling in the hearts of men ideals for a better tomorrow.

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That enthusiasm and activity of that comparatively small membership so impressed the Supreme Council that a charter for the Lodge of Perfection was granted on September 16, 1925. This date officially marks the creation of the first Scottish Rite body in the Valley of Moline. The Valley of Moline includes all territory within a 50 mile radius of Moline with the exception of that area within the state of Iowa. Among the larger communities included are Galesburg, Monmouth, Kewanee and Fulton.

Charters in record time.

On December 3, 1925 a dispensation granted for the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the Chapter of Rose Croix, and on September 22 of the following year the final charters were awarded to the Council and the Chapter. March 9, 1927, the Supreme Council gave a dispensation for the Consistory proper, and on May 27 of the same year the first class of 200 members were initiated. On September 21 just a little more than three years after the granting of the dispensation for the Lodge of Perfection a charter was awarded to the Consistory. This feat, it is believed, stands as a record in the annals of all Scottish Rite masonry in obtaining charters for four bodies.

Membership now 1400.

Since that time reunions have been held semiannually and the total membership of the Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Moline now exceeds 1400. Of these about 1100 are 32nd degree Masons. In addition to the new members, the role of the Moline lodges have been considerably augmented from time to time by the transfer of masons from the other jurisdictions.

One of the first major problems which confronted the newly formed Scottish Rite bodies was the lack of a meeting place, and although there were a few members and practically no funds, plans were immediately started for the financing and erection of a cathedral.

The idea at that time, less than six years ago, appeared to many local Masons to be little more than a dream that might possibly be realized at some time in the far distant future. But the same enthusiasm which had so impressed the Supreme Council when the bodies were being organized made possible the financing of the great cathedral which has just been completed.

Task unfinished

Masonic leaders in Moline point out that the task remains unfinished to the extent that the strength of the organization must be build up and the new building must be maintained. They have faith, however, that the cooperation of the various bodies that has made possible the achievements of the past ensures progress in the future.

**The above article appeared in the Moline Daily Dispatch Saturday May 17, 1930.
An eight page section dedicated to the completion of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.**



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others light their candles at
it. -Thomas Fuller

Dyslexic Reading Solutions for Children

The Learning Center is half way through the current school year. We have 16 students that are working very hard in their tutoring. A special thank you to all of the staff of the center for making our first year under our new corporation run smoothly.

We still need your help with our only fund-raising activity - Saturday night bingo at the Rock Island Lions Club. We are asking for volunteers, Masons and non-Masons alike to volunteer one Saturday night every three to four weeks. Shift would last up to three hours and you would be helping on the floor and meeting new friends. All of us have a lot of fun each week interacting with the players and meeting new friends. The support from the players is tremendous knowing that all the funds raised go towards the center and the children.

We are planning a dinner and historic play in the fall as another means to raise some funds. Stay tuned to the Chimes for more information as it becomes available.

Let Grady Birdsell know if you would like to volunteer at Bingo.