

Cathedral Chimes

Valley of Moline

Summer 2016

STATED MEETINGS

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Earls Wys 33°

Ladies and Brethren:

I need to announce two events about to take place in the near future.

We have by request been asked to schedule another IL Concealed Carry Class. The location has yet to be confirmed, but will be in the Moline area and the Range accommodations are under review. This is open to all who are interested, both member and non-member. The class will be August 6th and 7th. Class starts at 9:00 a.m. both days and will likely rap up about 4:00 p.m. Range may alter one of these days. In addition, YOU will receive the segment for Utah Concealed Carry and YOU will be eligible to apply for Florida Concealed Carry. Cost is \$100 for the class plus Range fee (about \$20). A Lady will be on site to do Fingerprints (for \$60) and submit your IL application (for \$25) and if interested she can help with Utah for a minor charge. Contact Earl Wys at (309) 253-1780 or e-mail EarlWys@gmail.com.

It's time to board the boat! We are booked for a Dinner Cruise on the 3rd of September. Space is limited as we have 20 seats reserved. Deadline is the 19th of August, Additional reservations can be added after that date but are not guaranteed. Price is \$48.95 each for adults, \$38.95 ages 3-10 years old and 2 years old and under are free but still need head count for tickets. Boat departs at 6:30, with boarding to start at 6:00. Cruise will return at 9:00. Contact is Scottish Rite Office.

Earl F. Wys - Sovereign Prince

CONGRATULATIONS

The Valley of Moline congratulates Brother Elmer Elliott on receiving the Meritorious Service Award at the recent ICOD meeting.

Next year's recipients will be Brother David Good and Brother Den Sheese.



Illinois Scottish Rite Reunion Dates

Valley of Bloomington November 4-5, 2016 March 4, 2017 November 3-4, 2017	Valley of Freeport October 29, 2016 April 15, 2017 October 28, 2017	Valley of Quincy March 31 - April 1, 2017 November 3-4, 2017
Valley of Chicago November 4-5, 2016 March 31-April 1, 2017 November 3-4, 2017	Valley of Moline November 12, 2016 March 17-18, 2017 October 20-21, 2017	Valley of Southern Illinois October 22, 2016 April 29, 2017 October 21, 2017
Valley of Danville November, 18-19, 2016 April 7-8, 2017 November 10-11, 2017	Valley of Peoria November 4-5, 2016 November 3-4, 2017	Valley of Springfield October 15, 2016 March 4, 2017 October 14, 2017

The Valley of Moline offers two 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 third Monday in November at Sweet Peas in Geneseo - Social gathering at 6 pm followed by dinner and program at 6:30 pm.
- Horseshoe Bend Scottish Rite Club will meet August 15th, Welcome Inn in Milan. Dinner at 6:30 pm off the menu followed by a program.

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Alfred Livingston
June 9, 2015
Charles Curry
September 21, 2015
Clarence Thiessen
December 12, 2015
Robert Scudder
January 24, 2016
DeWayne Marco
February 29, 2016
Robert Lofgren
May 1, 2016
Lawson Gauger
May 23, 2016
Aubrey Covault Jr.
June 6, 2016
Richard Rutledge
June 9, 2016
Lewis Carnicle
June 202, 2016
Warren Cant
June 21, 2016
William Bellomy
June 22, 2016
Phillip Crouch
June 26, 2016

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Freemasons in Stereo

Ymelda Rivera Laxton, Assistant Curator
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, MA

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has over 50 Masonic and fraternal stereocards in our photograph collection. Stereocards, also known as stereoviews or stereographic views, are comprised of two identical photographic prints mounted on card stock. They are viewed through a stereoscope in order to produce a three-dimensional image. One highlight from our collection depicts Freemasons at the Acropolis in Athens. The intriguing stereocard, titled “Masons at the Acropolis, Athens,” shows forty men standing in front of the ruins of the Acropolis. Each man in the photograph has a number on his suit and wears a white apron. Who are these Freemasons? What year was this photograph taken? We are in the process of researching these questions and have found some information to help in identify the date.

A maker’s stamp on the card reads “H.C. White Company / Burlington, VT / The *Artisque Coleur* Stereograph / Patented April 14, 1903.” Hawley C. White (1848-1925) created the H.C. White Company in New York City in 1870. Hawley, a former spectacle lens manufacturer, moved the company to Bennington, Vermont, in 1874. The company was the primary producer of stereographs and stereoviews in the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s. H.C. White Co. was well known for their “Travel Tour” collec-



tions featuring stereoview book sets featuring travel adventures from around the world. White used original negatives specifically photographed for the company between 1899 and 1901 to print the company’s first stereoviews.

White retired in 1915, as stereoviews began to decline in popularity. He sold his negative stock to Keystone Publishing and began manufacturing and selling “Kiddie Kars,” a popular children’s tricycle. This information helps us date the stereocard between 1899 and 1915. The title of the stereocard does not appear to be original to the card, so, who were these Masons and why were they gathered at the Acropolis? There is a record of Masons providing financial relief efforts to Greece after a devastating earthquake in 1894. There are also photographs of Greek Masons gathering at the Acropolis during the Greco Turkish War (1919-1922), also referred to as the Asia Minor Catastrophe or Western Front of the Turkish War of Independence. The time frame of these two events does not correspond with the date the card was created and we don’t believe this image is related to either event. The Supreme Council of Greece participated in the 1907 International Conference of Supreme Councils in Brussels, Belgium. There is a possibility this mystery Masonic group was related to that conference.

We are calling all history enthusiasts to help us further identify this photograph. Email Ymelda Rivera Laxton, Assistant Curator, at ylaxton@srmml.org, with information or ideas. To see more images from our Stereocard collection, please visit our Museum Flickr page at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/digitalsrmml/sets> or search our online catalog at:

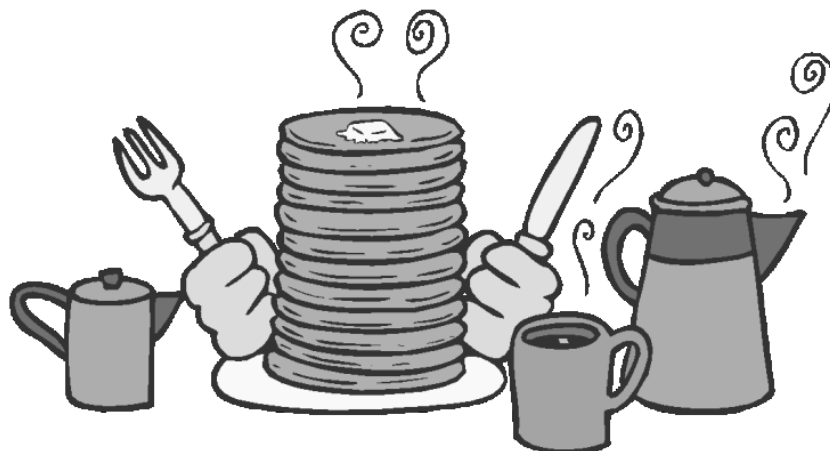
<http://www.monh.org/collections/online-collections/>.

Caption:

Masons at the Acropolis, Athens, Greece, 1899-1915, H.C. White Co., Bennington, VT, Gift of Michael T. Heitke, Collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, 2013.036.69.

“Potent” words from the Lodge of Perfection

The Moline Lodge of Perfection will be hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 1 at the Valley Cathedral from 7:30 AM until 9 AM. We will be serving pancakes and sausage, coffee and juice, for five dollars.



Directly following the breakfast at 9 AM, Moline Lodge of Perfection will present the 9th Degree - The Master of the Temple.

We look forward to seeing everybody that Saturday morning. Please come out and join us with pancakes and check out a degree. We can't wait to see you there!

Thomas Podrovitz MSA
Thrice Potent Master
Lodge of Perfection



A handsome, new jewel, similar to the one pictured here, is being commissioned. The jewel will be available in November, 2016, to all who have been made a Scottish Rite Mason. Each candidate receiving the 32° in the fall of 216, will be presented this commemorative jewel free of charge, others may purchase this one-of-a-kind jewel for \$25

Candidates are needed to receive this new jewel. Ask a Lodge Brother who is not a member about joining Scottish Rite. Have them to join those that have recently petitioned. Some good events are planned for the Fall National Scottish Rite Reunion.



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MASONIC INVOLVEMENT 2ND KUMDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kaaba Shriners announced that their organization is sponsoring the 2nd Kumdo National Championships on Saturday, August 6th 2016. Kumdo is a martial art which highlights Asian sword fencing. The event is scheduled at Black Hawk College (Building #3) in Moline, Illinois from 9 am to 5 pm. Competitors from various parts of the United States, including Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and local Moline Kumdo students will participate in individual and team competitions. The tournament is open to other martial arts, including Kendo, for participation. There will also be local martial art demonstrations at 1 pm.

In conjunction with the martial art tournament, Doric Lodge of Moline is sponsoring an "IL Chip/Child ID" screening in the same facility at the Black Hawk College campus (Building #3) that same day. This popular child screening is free for participants. The parents of the child will receive an envelope with DNA, fingerprinting, and a "zip drive" video of their child for private personal possession provided by the screening. Each participating child will receive a free ticket to attend the 2nd Kumdo National Championships that day.

Tickets for purchase are available at Birdsell Chiropractic & Acupuncture Clinic-1201- 5th Avenue, Moline, Illinois and OK Discount House-1207 East Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa. For further information, contact Dr. David Birdsell: (309) 235-3132 or davidbirdsell@gmail.com

There will be a "Press Conference" at the Davenport Masonic Center on Thursday, July 28th at 3:00 pm.

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2016
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Catch "The Rainbow"

Moline assembly has been very active these past few months. We were able to send three girls to the annual Rainbow Leadership Camp at the end of June. The girls learned many different things at this camp, such as proper attire, how to embroider, correct table manners, and many other rainbow related things. We've had a garage sale to raise money for the costs of Grand Assembly. We also had a picnic in preparation for Grand, which we just came home from.

At Grand Assembly, Niesha Eley and Morgan Nesbitt were appointed Grand Representative positions, Ellie Hoepfer was appointed to the Keeper of the Door on the Grand Cross of Color team, and Gabby Hoepfer was elected to the position of Grand Faith.

Ellie, Gabby, and Jennifer Hoepfer also competed in ritual competition, along with 3 other girls in their district. Due to their performances in these competitions, the district won Best Ritual Overall. All of Moline Assembly had a phenomenal time at Grand and we appreciate all the support we were given to be able to send our girls to it. We would like to invite you all to our stated meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. Thank you so much for everything!



In Rainbow love and service,
 Gabby Hoepfer
 Treasurer of Moline Assembly and Grand Faith
 2016-2017

From The Secretary's Desk Ed Walker 33°



Not a whole lot going on this month of July. Both Blue Lodges are quiet and the Learning Center is on summer break. Bill has been very busy applying paint to a variety of places that needed a touch up and repaired the small west wall. Outside grounds are in great shape, thanks to all of the work he does for the Cathedral.

Brother Elmer Elliott received his Meritorious Service Award at the recently concluded Illinois Council of Deliberation meeting. The Valley of Moline was represented by twelve members to show support for Elmer. Nominated to receive this award in 2017 were Brother David Good and Brother Dean Sheese. Congratulations to Elmer, David, and Dean.

It is that time of the year again for members to submit payment for their 2016-2017 dues. Notices were mailed by Supreme Council and should be in your mail box by now. Also, if you do not have a permanent dues card, let me know so I can request a new one for you.

Do not pass up the river cruise offered by the Council, Princes of Jerusalem. Details on the front page.

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Thomas Fuller

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Dyslexia Learning Center Update...

It is about that time of year where our children are going back to school. That means the Learning Center is working hard to get ready for the new year.

We will start teaching in September after all the area schools are in session. Our main fund raiser is bingo every Saturday night at the Rock Island Lions club, We would enjoy having you and your family come and play.

Let Grady Birdsell know if you'd like to volunteer for helping at Bingo.

Nancy Walker - Chairman of the Board for the Learning Center