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Valley of Moline

Winter 2016

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GREETINGS FROM OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Lauren Crawford, MSA 33°

Once again I offer you greetings from the Valley of Moline. Hopefully the winter has been kind to you. There has been a lot going on in our Valley over the last few months. The hard decision was made to put our building up for sale. Our declining membership as well as the constant rising cost to maintain the building is starting to put a strain on our coffers. Our future as to a building is unsure at the moment but I have very high confidence that our membership will persevere and become strong once again. We are still operating as usual and the office is open weekdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We have two new faces in our office. Our Executive Secretary is Ed Walker, 33° and our assistant secretary is Lila Crosby. Stop in and say hi sometime and get to know them.

Our Spring Reunion will be held March 11 and 12, 2016. It will be called the ILL. William G. Schlobohm 33° Degree Class. Bill has been active in our Valley for many years and is currently our treasurer.

The reunion will start off Friday night with the Feast of the Paschal Lamb to honor our departed brethren and end Saturday evening with our annual banquet. The times and degrees are listed in this issue of the Chimes. I would encourage you to come out and support our members who have put in a lot of hard work to put on our degrees. I'm sure everyone knows of a prospective candidate that would benefit from joining our fraternity. Why not invite them to join us.

As I prepare for my last reunion as Commander in Chief, I reflect back to everyone who has helped me along the way, the friends I have made and all the people I have met. Things haven't gone as smoothly as I would have hoped but as I look ahead, I am sure our Valley will only become stronger. Each month we have fewer members attending our meetings and functions. Getting together with my brethren each month is always refreshing. I would ask you to join us at a stated meeting to see old friends and make new ones. There is a lot of work left to do but with the help of you standing along side of our officers pushing us ahead, we will once again find the glory our Valley once had.

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<p>520 Members:</p> <p>No new members</p>	<p align="center">Sovereign Prince – Earl F. Wys 33°</p> <p>So far we have had two Concealed Carry Classes at the Scottish Rite with 35 attendees. I believe there are at least 5 more who could NOT make the dates we had. Nothing is scheduled at this time. If YOU have a desire please contact me and let me know you wishes. If we have enough interest, another class will be scheduled. Contact me by e-mail or phone (earlwys@gmail.com). Phone: 309-253-1780</p> <p>I also would like to know if there is any interest in presenting:</p> <p>The Sword of Bunker Hill? Degree takes 3-hours and cost \$25 for a Life Membership.</p> <p><u>For the Ladies:</u> The Widows Degree takes about 1½-hours and cost \$5 donation to Scottish Rite Charity.</p> <p>Our Scottish Rite has a Reunion schedule for March 11th and 12th – We need your help finding candidates!</p> <p>I hope the Winter has treated YOU and Yours well... Spring is coming!</p> <p>Fraternally, Earl F. Wys 33°</p>
	<p align="center">REUNION MEALS</p>
	<p>March 11, Friday evening meal, precedes the Feast of the Paschal Lamb and will start at 6:00 p.m. Meal offerings include Fried Chicken, Salisbury Steak, Real Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Beverages. Cost is \$15.00 per person.</p> <p>Pastries, Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk available on Saturday morning, March 12, starting at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, March 12, luncheon meal will be design your own sandwich from an assortment of meats and cheeses, chips, cole slaw, beverages. Donation to Hospitaler Fund.</p> <p>Saturday evening banquet meal, March 12, will consist of Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, rolls, dessert, beverages. Cost is \$20.00 per person.</p> <p>Reservations for all meals along with payment where stated are due in the Scottish Rite office no later than Monday, March 7th.</p>

We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

We are starting a campaign in the Valley of Moline to call all of our members. We need volunteers to make phone calls and possibly assist our brethren of the needs such as transportation, work around their house and other needs. If you are willing to volunteer, please call or email us at 309-762-1117 or srite1@mchsi.com.

Volunteers Needed



If you have a telephone and a couple of free hours each month, the Valley can use your assistance in making our "Brother to Brother" phone calls. Just call the office and we'll provide the details of the program and get you started, all in the comfort of your own home.

We are also looking for phone numbers and email addresses of members that may not be receiving updates from the Valley of Moline. Send your phone number/email address to srite1@mchsi.com if you have not already done so. Your input is important to us!

Eternal Rest

William Richard Retzlaff

April 1, 2013

Dale Alan Carlson

August 21, 2012

Manuel L. Honaker

August 3, 2015

Richard Joseph Dorbeck

October 24, 2015

Richard Donald Archer

November 12, 2015

Curtis E. Morling

November 11, 2015

Robert William Clements

January 17, 2016

Ralph Edward Chaney

February 9, 2016

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 April, 6 p.m., Sweet Peas Grill, 1325 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL 61254**
- **Horseshoe Bend Scottish Rite Club meets on the third Monday, May 16th at the Welcome Inn in Milan, IL. Dinner is off menu at 6:30 p.m.**

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Upcoming Events

ICOD Member-
ship/Leadership Seminar
March 19 - 9:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite Fish Fry
March 25 - 4:40 p.m. to
7:00 p.m.

Doric Lodge No. 319
Spring Breakfast
March 26 - 7:00 a.m. to
Noon

ICOD General Session
June 25 - Springfield
Supreme Council Annual
Meeting



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Music, Masonry and Mozart

By Joe Lalemann 32°

Mozart's Masonic Magic Flute – A Mason's Perspective

The Magic Flute is a mixture of entertainment for the common man and the ardent theater goer. The plot has serious conflicts and ample comic relief. The story incorporates and relies on the fundamentals of Masonry, but unless the viewer is a Mason, those elements remain hidden and protected within the veil of our Masonic obligation. Mozart's music is a joy to the ear and well suited to the story he wanted to tell. The Magic Flute has survived the centuries since its creation in 1791 and is widely considered one of his finest works.

As has been the case on occasion in our past, Mozart faced a troubled time for Masons. In 1751, Pope Benedict XIV issued the Bull *Providas*, which was an attack upon Masonry. In Austria, Emperor Francis, a Mason himself and ardent Masonic supporter, thwarted the attacks of the Catholic Church in his Duchy of Tuscany. Freemasonry was well protected in Vienna until 1764 when Emperor Francis died and his wife, a fiercely anti-Masonic co-regent, Empress Maria Theresa, issued an edict closing all Masonic lodges. After a succession of the deaths of emperors, in 1794, the young and inexperienced Emperor Francis II closed down all the Masonic Lodges. Freemasonry did not re-emerge in Austria until 1918. After Mozart's death later in 1791, attempts were made to remove the Masonic references in *The Magic Flute*. Luckily, it remains intact and as he intended it to be performed.

Because of the suppression of Freemasonry, Mozart decided to use his musical talents and the popular musical theater as the stage for political satire. Mozart broke the mold of current operatic tradition by writing for the language of the common people rather than in the usual Italian reserved for nobility. He used German folk melodies for the basis of many of his musical scores. The first performances were presented in a rickety old theater instead of a grand opera house. This radical approach meant that Mozart was free of many restrictions, which allowed him to create a work that remains fresh and compelling to people of all ages today.

The Magic Flute's plot is full of Masonic allegory, political satire, and naïve humor set against a background of ancient Egypt. The main focus is the Temple of Isis, which represents Freemasonry. Sarastro, the High Priest of the Temple, represents the common people. His symbol is a compass surrounding a blazing sun. Sarastro gives refuge to a young woman named Pamina. She is the daughter of the Queen of the Night, who represents the then current real-life ruler of Austria, Empress Maria Theresa. Her symbol is the Moon. The Queen enlists the help of Prince Tamino to recover her daughter from Sarastro. The hero Tamino represents the liberal minded son of the pro-Masonic deceased Emperor Francis, Emperor Joseph II.

I recently had the opportunity to see the 2006 Metropolitan Opera's Encore production of Mozart's Magic Flute. It was presented at our local cinema with a large screen and great sound system. The performance, music, exotic costuming, sets, direction and choreography were all excellent. The sets were full of Masonic symbolism of squares, compasses, etc., which gave me another layer of understanding of Mozart's intent in his work. Instead of the performance begin done in the original German, the language was all English, so I could understand everything that was said or sung. It was presented more like musical theater than an opera and moved at a very fast pace. The entire production was only an hour and 20 minutes long. This opera enhanced my already high appreciation for Mozart's work. I highly recommend this production of *The Magic Flute* for Masons and non-Masons alike.

Joe Laleman 32nd Degree AASR
December 20th, 2015

Illinois Scottish Rite Reunion Dates

Valley of Bloomington
 April 23, 2016
 November 4-5, 2016
 March 4, 2017
 November 3-4, 2017

Valley of Freeport
 April 16, 2016
 October 29, 2016
 April 15, 2017
 October 28, 2017

Valley of Quincy
 May 6-7, 2016
 March 31 - April 1, 2017
 November 3-4, 2017

Valley of Chicago
 April 8-9, 2016
 November 4-5, 2016
 March 31-April 1, 2017
 November 3-4, 2017

Valley of Moline
 March 11-12, 2016
 October 14-15, 2016
 March 17-18, 2017
 October 20-21, 2017

Valley of Southern Illinois
 April 9, 2016
 October 22, 2016
 April 29, 2017
 October 21, 2017

Valley of Danville
 April 1-2, 2016
 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
 March 5, 2016
 October 15, 2016
 March 4, 2017
 October 14, 2017

Words From The Thrice Potent Master

Greg Washabaugh

On Friday, November 6, 2015 several brethren and guests attended the Quad City Mallards game. A good night was had and the Mallards won to top it off. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Greg S. Washabaugh, MSA
 Lodge of Perfection



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2015 EVENTS IN THE VALLEY OF MOLINE CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SPRING REUNION 2016

The Spring 2016 Reunion for the Valley of Moline has been rescheduled to Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th. The annual Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be presented on Friday evening.

Friday — March 11

Candidates report and sign-in	5:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Dinner	6:00 p.m.
(reservations due no later than Monday, March 7th)	
Feast of the Paschal Lamb	7:00 p.m.
4th Degree - Master Traveler - Presented on Video	8:00 p.m.

Saturday — March 12

Candidates report - coffee and pastries available in dining hall	8:00 a.m.
Formal opening followed by the 14th Degree - Grand Elect Mason	9:00 a.m.
18th Degree - Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.	10:30 a.m.
Lunch in dining room - reservations due no later than Monday, March 7th -	Noon
16th Degree - Prince of Jerusalem	1:00 p.m.
31th Degree - My Brother's Keeper - Valley of Peoria	2:15 p.m.
32nd Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret	4:00 p.m.
Social hour in dining room	5:00 p.m.
Reunion Banquet in dining room - reservations due no later than Monday, March 7th	6:00 p.m.



Catch "The Rainbow"

Us Rainbow girls never slow down with our events. Moline Assembly has been keeping very busy these past few months. We're very pleased to say that we initiated two new members in December and that our assembly is growing. All of the girls are very excited for our upcoming events as well. We are having our Installation of Officers on January 30th at 2pm with refreshments to follow. We would love to see you all there! We also have a Princess Tea and Dinner Theater on February 27th. The Princess Tea will be in the morning, it will include a lunch and a meet and greet with the princesses and fairies. If any of you "Princes" know of any princesses in your lives, feel free to invite them too! There will be a cost of \$10 for 2 people and an additional \$3 for any extra tickets with that group. The money raised will be split between the Grand Charity, Project Linus, and the Scholarship Fund. Later that night, we will have our Dinner Theater and the Masonic Youth Groups will be performing the short play "So You Wanna Be A Cheerleader". The tickets for dinner will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. This ticket also includes admission for the play. We are all very enthused to preform this show and it would mean so much to get as many people there as possible. We have our Official Visit April 9th at 10 am. This is where the local Rainbow girls from Moline, Faith, and Bushnell assemblies get together and preform opening and closing of the assembly and introductions. Later that night, we have our annual Western Rite at 7pm. This is an amazing event that shows the Grand Family's impressive ritual abilities with our initiations. We'd love to have as many dignitaries as possible at both events so we can honor you and recognize your constant support. We sincerely appreciate everything you all do for us and if you ever need anything, don't be afraid to ask.

In Rainbow Love and Service,
 Gabby Hoyer
 Grand Service 2015-2016

For tickets for the Dinner Theater and the Princess Tea, please contact Jeni Hoyer at (563) 271-5954

Taking Care of Clocks in the Museum Collection

Of the more than fifty clocks featured in the Museum's current show, "Keeping Time: Clock makers and Collectors," several clocks in the exhibition are running. Care for the objects in the collection falls to Maureen Harper, the museum's Collections Manager and a staff member for over twenty years. Among her many duties, Maureen winds, sets and looks after the operating clocks on display. [Click here](#) for an interview on how she manages the working clocks under her care.



Collections Manager Maureen Harper winding a clock in
 "Keeping Time: Clock makers and Collectors."



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 knowledge, let
 others light their
 candles at it."
Thomas Fuller

Dyslexic Reading Solutions for Children

Dyslexia Learning Center Update...

We are pleased to announce a recent grant from the Moline Foundation to cover costs of much needed Administrative computer equipment. Their generosity is enabling us to purchase a desktop computer, laptop and software for our Dyslexia Learning Center.

It is our constant goal to assist in making the education of dyslexic children manageable by the tools we teach. With the support of our patrons, we can continue to achieve our goals.

We, also, would like to thank the Scottish Rite masons for their continued support and interest.

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