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Valley of Moline

Spring 2025

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Eric M Noyd, MSA Memorial Class

Friday, March 14, 2025

Day one of Valley of Moline's spring reunion.

The Feast of the Pascal Lamb will be presented.

There will also be a presentation by the local Rainbow girls.

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Day two of Valley of Moline's reunion.

The 4° will be presented on video if necessary.

The 12° will be presented using video.

The 15° and 16° will be presented live.

The 32° will be presented live.

There will be a banquet to end the day (location to be announced)

Commander-in-Chief

Michael McDorman, MSA, 33°

Brethren,

Hopefully by the time you get this the winter weather will be but a memory. I am going to touch on a few things as both the Commander in Chief and Deputy's Representative. First and foremost, we have our Spring Reunion and Feast of the Paschal Lamb coming up very quickly. At this point, the plan is to have all our candidates (we have three confirmed and another one or two in the works) have their Oath of Fealty and 4° done ahead of time. Friday the 14th of March, we will have the Feast of the Paschal Lamb and a presentation by the two local Rainbow Assemblies. On Saturday the 15th, we will open, followed by the 12° video, the 15° live, the 16° live and the 32° live. Bro. Fred Barlow will receive the Moline Cross Award at this reunion. Of course lunch will be in there and then when we close, we will retire for dinner. After our Reunion, we have committed to taking a degree to the Valley of Peoria's Reunion. I know it has been said many times, but every day is the time to seek out new candidates for the Scottish Rite.

Our building is coming right along. If you have not been there in a while, come on out to a stated meeting and I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised. We are having light refreshments ahead of time (at 6pm) followed by the Board meeting and the Fraternal meeting. The "Lodge room" has all new insulation, drywall, carpet, and LED lighting, with new Tyler's room and anteroom. All new flooring in the entryway, and paint. The men's room up front has been redone. The office and dressing rooms are redone as well. The dining room has all new paint and flooring. The ceiling was insulated and new tiles and grid installed. The kitchen is the current project and is well under way. Please come back and check it out.

In no time, ICOD will be here as well. Check out our website as registration links will be posted there as soon as they become available. Our secretary will also send out a Valley Voice email with the details. We hope to have a large contingent there so show our support for Bruce Bennett who will be getting the MSA, and to have a nice attendance at the breakout sessions.

Also, The Supreme Council will convene in August in Indianapolis. All 32° Scottish Rite Masons can attend (just not the 33°



conferral). This is a good year to go, as it does not get this close very often, and our candidate, John W. Miller will be crowned a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and made an honorary member of the Supreme Council.

The Valley of Excellence is moving along. We are currently at 31.49 points. Our recruitment is still a bit slow. And we could use a couple more individual donors for the Blue Envelope Appeal. I am also looking for a volunteer to take charge of our Sweetheart Program (Valley Widows). It is important that they know we have not forgotten them. We could also use a few more Rite Guides in our Valley to help mentor our younger and new members. I know a lot of that information is provided by the Class Director at the reunions, but it is a lot of information for one day. It also helps to follow up and keep their interest. Retention is just as important as recruiting.

I would also like to remind everyone that while we focus a lot on Reunions, memorizing lines and acting is not for everyone. If you have a special interest that can be of help to your Valley, please contact me. Whether it is finance or legal or makeup or planning and organization, we have a spot for you.

The last few years have been a ramp up for today. We are well on the way to having a complete, beautiful (and efficient) building, but we need members to attend functions and meetings to make it worthwhile. I continue to be proud of our officers and the Valley, and we hope that you will dust off that Scottish Rite cap and attend. Enough for now. Safe travels, Brethren.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Michael L. McDorman, MSA, 33°
Commander in Chief
Moline Consistory

Valley of Moline Monthly Meeting Schedule

Board meeting 6:30 pm

Fraternal Meeting 7:30 pm

2nd Monday of every month

Consistory : January, May, September

Lodge of Perfection : February, June, October

Council Princes of Jerusalem : March, July, November

Council Princes of Jerusalem

Bruce McCrady 32°

On December 15th, 2024, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem hosted a heartwarming Christmas program at the Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island. This festive gathering not only allowed members to celebrate the holiday season together but also provided an opportunity for fellowship and entertainment, underscoring the values of community and brotherhood that are central to the Council.

The evening kicked off with a delightful meal, setting a warm and inviting tone for the festivities. With sixteen members and guests in attendance, the atmosphere was lively, filled with laughter and camaraderie. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the stage performance of Irving Berlin's classic, *White Christmas*. The show, known for its enchanting music and heartwarming story, captivated the audience and perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the season. Members left the theater filled with joy, reflecting on the importance of friendship and shared experiences.

As we transition from the holiday season, the focus now shifts to the upcoming Spring Reunion. The Council of Princes of Jerusalem is set to present the 15th and 16th degrees, an essential part of the Masonic journey. This event not only serves as a platform for members to deepen their understanding of Masonic principles but also fosters a strong sense of community among participants.

It is crucial that members respond positively when contacted to participate in the degrees. The successful execution of these ceremonies relies on the

Congratulations are in Order

Brother Bruce Bennett will be receiving his MSA at ICOD 2025

Brother John W. Miller will be crowned a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector and become an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Aug of 2025

Council Princes of Jerusalem

Bruce McCrady 32°

collective efforts of many individuals, and with several brothers involved in multiple degrees, it becomes all the more important to distribute responsibilities effectively. The Council encourages all members to embrace this opportunity to contribute, ensuring that each degree is performed with the dignity and respect it deserves. We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion, be well and stay safe.



Bruce McCrady 32°
Council Princes of Jerusalem
Valley of Moline

Members of the Valley of Moline

An update on the ongoing building remodel at the Scottish Rite, Valley of Moline building in Milan, Illinois.

New flooring has been installed in the dining room, entryway, dressing room, and bathrooms. The majority of the buildings interior has been repainted, and new ceilings have been installed throughout, with lighting being updated.

We are currently in the planning stages of remodeling the kitchen. The existing kitchen has been demolished, and new flooring has been installed. We are currently soliciting bids for the necessary remodeling work in this space.

Frank Lucas 32°
Cathedral Assoc. President



Lodge Of Perfection

Russell Hoeper MSA

Fraternal Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection

I would like to extend a formal invitation to all of our members to attend the Spring Reunion next month. We have been making a lot of improvements to the building in the last two years, and additional renovations are in progress.

The heads of the Bodies have also decided to bring back light refreshments before the monthly board meeting, please join us at 6pm before every board meeting for some food and fellowship.

This has been an incredibly busy year for me and I am finding it difficult to balance my masonic obligations with my usual vocation. That being said, this will be my final issue of the chimes as it's editor. If anyone is interested in taking over, please reach out to me or Don woods, and we can fill you in on what you need to do, and who we work with for publishing and mailing the chimes. It has been my pleasure to serve as the editor of the chimes.

Fraternally & Sincerely,
Russell Hoeper MSA
Thrice Potent Master
Moline Lodge of Perfection



Secretary Submission

Hello guys,

I visited the Valley of Lake Charles today. Their building had sustained major damage during those last two hurricanes. The entire building had to be remodeled.

Two things caught my attention: the kitchen and the video wall.

Everything in the kitchen (with the exception of the sinks) were on wheels. Even the stoves and ovens were on wheels. There was a large vent hood and 4 X 8 sheets of FRP. The panels were placed on end. The ceiling was about 15 feet high. The walls were painted about the FRP panels. There were several work tables on wheels that could be placed anywhere as needed. I think that this might be a great idea for us. Just move things around as needed. This also makes cleaning a breeze!

The other thing was the video wall. They had two sets of backdrops destroyed, so the decision was made to "construct" a video wall. It consisted of panels approximately 12 inches X 12 inches. The wall is 16 X 9 feet. I did a little video interview about the video wall.

Donald Wood, MSA, 33°
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others light their candles at

The Hauts Grades Academy (HGA)

HGA is a program designed to promote the education, knowledge, and engagement of members in the Scottish Rite, NMJ. The Scottish Rite was known as the ... in its early beginnings.

The program is made up of three exciting levels:

Level One- The candidate will delve into the ritual of all twenty-nine Scottish Rite, NMJ degrees

Level Two- The essay portion of the curriculum will allow for self-reflection and review of Scottish Rite degrees selected personally by the candidate.

Level Three- A written research paper on a topic of the candidate's choice, which will be pre-approved and reviewed by the HGA committee. Research topics can vary between history, ritual, and the philosophy of the Scottish Rite.

At full completion, the graduate will earn the honor of becoming a Scottish Rite Hauts Grades Academic, and will be entitled to include the letters HGA after his name. A certificate and HGA jewel will also be awarded upon com-