

Around The Rite

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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Highlights from the Supreme Council session in Windsor, Ont., Sept. 16-19:

- Ill Bro Giles Loshaw of the Valley of Ottawa was among 44 new 33rds coroneted as Honorary Inspectors General
- Our new Sovereign Grand Commander is Ill Bro Terry McLean 33° and the new Lt. Grand Commander is Ill Bro Robert Whitmore 33°
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation raised \$1.6 million in its 50th anniversary campaign
- A new jewel for Scottish Rite Masons to wear in craft lodge was unveiled
- Our Deputy, Ill Bro Gareth Taylor 33°, was elected President of the SRCF
- Supreme Council was shown a new membership recruiting video
- Membership across Canada now stands at about 15,300; that number has fallen by 6,808 or 32 per cent since 2003
- Valleys across Canada will no longer be subject to a formula for nominating 33rds; it will be done on merit in future
- Our Supreme Council has suspended recognition of the Supreme Council of France, where several grand lodges and supreme councils compete against each other
- Next year in St. John's, Nfld, the Valley of Ottawa will have two new 33rds among the 37 to be coroneted
- Four new Sovereign Grand Inspectors General were crowned this year

- Two men were awarded the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award: Ill Bros James Hutchison of Peterborough and Brian Shannon of Barrie

- Supreme Council approved opening the relighting ceremony in our Easter ritual to friends and family, but turned down a motion to open the ceremony of extinguishing the lights

A full report will be made in Lodge Sept. 28

Alan Arbuckle 33°

Active Member

PRESENTERS WANTED

We keep hearing that our members want more Masonic education. If you are interested in making a brief presentation one evening when the degree work isn't too heavy, we would like to hear from you. Presentations should not run more than about 20 minutes.

Contact your Executive Secretary, your Active Member or the principle officer in Lodge, Chapter or Consistory

Are You Looking to Serve Your Valley

The valley of Ottawa has the following positions that are needing to be filled:

Marshall—Marshalling the Candidates to and from degrees.

Staging— This person would be responsible for keeping the area behind the stage clean and tidy and may be called upon for some repairs to the equipment if possible / needed.

Mission Statement:

The "**Around the Rite**" Newsletter will provide information to members of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Ottawa to educate, inform and inspire them to become more actively involved.

Giles Loshaw

Our newest 33rd



New Honorary Inspector General

A lifelong resident of Athens, is married to Janice with 5 children and 7 grandchildren. He is currently self-employed in the retail market.

Community involvements include; past President of Athens & District Minor Hockey Committee, officiating in the Ottawa District Hockey Association at Junior B, Junior A and Intermediate levels, past President of Athens Chamber of Commerce, past member of Athens Fire Department and was the recipient of a 25 year volunteer service award from the Ontario Provincial Government.

September 22, 1988 Giles was initiated into Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 and is also a member of Harmony Lodge No. 370 and Heritage Lodge No. 730.

He served on various committees during his 4 years with St. Lawrence District Masonic Association and was elected DDGM 2003-2004.

He was a member of Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee 2004-2005 and was appointed to Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes serving as Chairman of Lodge Finances 2005-2008 and as Chairman of Condition of Masonry 2008-2009.

In 2007, he acted as Chairman of Amalgamation of Cobden Lodge No. 459 and Enterprise Lodge No. 519, Chaired the 150th Anniversary of Rising Sun No. 85, in addition to Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee for the International Plowing Match held in Crosby.

Joining the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Ottawa Valley in April 27th 1991, he joined the Consistory and acted as Commander in Chief 2011-2012, is the Director of the 12th. Degree held in Brockville 2006-present, as well as Director of the 30th Degree 2013-present and is Director of Maundy Thursday Ceremonies held in Perth 2008-present.



Giles and Wife Jan

Valley of Ottawa gets boost from Tunis Shrine

Valley of Ottawa Scottish Rite Masons got a boost from the Tunis Shrine this summer. When the Shriners heard about the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's 50th anniversary campaign, they contributed \$5,000, which helped our Valley's total contribution considerably! Ill Bro Sam Kalinowsky was instrumental in contacting the Shrine through Ill. Bro. Dale Olm and Ill. Bro. Perry McConnell and encouraging their interest, especially since SRCF supports Learning Centres for dyslexic children.

Do we have your email address?

If you have not already done so, **PLEASE** send an email to the Executive Secretary ottawaexecsec@gmail.com so that he may add you to our email list. This will also ensure you get future copies of this Newsletter ☺ and save the Valley Money on mail outs.

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Bob Tate 33rd Degree

Bob Tate - Class Honouree

Robert was born and raised in Ottawa where he attended school and college. He graduated from Algonquin College in Business Administration and was employed by the Federal Public Service at Statistics Canada & Natural Resources Canada, where he remained until retirement.

He was initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge #560 in April 1982 and installed as Worshipful Master in June 1990. He has been Treasurer of St. Andrew's Lodge #560 since June 1993. He was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies by the Grand Master in July 2004. He has been a member of the Grand Lodge of Instruction Team since 2006. He has served as the Custodian of the Work's assistant during the installation ceremonies of newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters at Grand Lodge since 2006. He was appointed the Grand Lodge representative to Venezuela in 2005. He joined Luxor Daylight Lodge #741 in July 2005 and was Wor. Master in May 2012.

Robert joined Scottish Rite in 1991 and is a member of Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix and Consistory. He was Most Wise Sovereign of Rose Croix in 2002. He was coroneted Honorary Inspector General in Ottawa in 2007 and appointed to the Royal Order of Scotland in 2013. He is currently Director of the Ottawa Valley 15th degree and also Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Valley 33rds.

He was active in his early years with First United Church being head of the boys and youth groups, a member of the Committee of Stewards and Session plus assistant treasurer for 25 years. He was also assistant Scout leader at Parkdale United Church. Currently Robert and his wife Nadine (married for 35 years) are members of Barrhaven

United Church where he is currently Secretary of the Trustees. He is the Treasurer of the Barrhaven Non Profit Housing Corporation. He enjoys summer weekends with Nadine at their cottage where he loves to fish, swim and play golf. In the winter he loves to curl and ski.

new *** SCOTTISH RITE JEWEL *** new



On July 15, 2015 the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario approved an amendment to its Constitution to permit the wearing of a Scottish Rite member's jewel in its craft lodge meetings. All recipients of the fourth degree of the Scottish Rite are entitled to wear this membership jewel in Ontario craft lodges, but there are no provisions outside of Ontario for other members to do so.

The Scottish Rite jewel is a valuable symbol of membership in this highly respected Rite. The ability to wear it in craft lodges will spark interest and conversation with non-members of the Scottish Rite and hopefully act as another aid in our attempts to attract new members to our ranks. At the very least it should go far in furthering the good impression of the Rite and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The jewel is available only through the Supreme Council office. The Valley of Ottawa has ordered a supply and some remain. We will order more if needed. Please contact Jeff and order yours: ottawaexecsec@gmail.com.

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Paul Edward Todd



R.W. Paul E. Todd

CONGRATULATIONS! Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Ottawa salute Ill Bro Paul Todd 33° on his election as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Paul was elected at Grand Lodge in mid-July.

Paul Todd and his wife Gloria live in Carleton Place near Ottawa. He is the proud father of son, Sean (a Past Master of his Lodge) and 2 daughters – Shannon and Alana along with being grandfather to 5.

He is a retired firefighter after 30 years. Paul is a recipient of the Governor General's Award – Federal Fire Service Medal for Exemplary Service. He has also worked with the Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary Unit and for the Ontario Ambulance in Carleton Place.

Our Brother has celebrated 32 years of service to Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 63 and was W.M. in 1993, as well as serving as W.M. (16 years later) in Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 742. He is a Past President of both the Ottawa Senior Wardens and Masters Groups. Paul was elected as DDGM of Ottawa 1 in 1999 and has served in various capacities in his District.

During his 12 years as a member of the Board of General Purposes he has served as Chairman of Long Range Planning and the Condition of Masonry Committees, been

a member of the 150th Anniversary, Masonic Education and Management Committees. In addition, he has also been a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and the Masonic Chip Foundation and a member of the Lodge of Instruction.

Paul is a member of Tunis Temple Shriners, Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33 degrees.

He is an active member of St. James Anglican Church serving as Warden and a member of the Choir. And finally, just to round things out, he is an avid race car enthusiast.

Have you Seen Your Valley Website?

A lot of hard work has gone into the AASR website and it is being maintained so members of our Valley may keep current with what is happening around the Valley. Please take the opportunity to visit the site at

<http://ottawavalleysscottishrite.com/>

Have a comment to share on the Newsletter

feedback@ottawavalleysscottishrite.com

Upcoming Events

Mon	Sept 28	7:30 pm	Lodge Ballot + Social
Mon	Oct. 26	6:30 pm	Reg'n of candidates
Mon	Nov 23	6:30 pm	Soup'n Sandwiches
Mon	Dec 7	7:30 pm	Lodge 11°, 12° + Social
Mon	Dec 14	7:00 pm	Adv. Comm

Valley Degree Team

Monday October 5, 2015 Avonmore Lodge (Eastern District) Note: This will be held at Ingleside. This was rescheduled due to the Federal Election;

Tuesday November 3, 2015 Goodwood Lodge in Richmond, (Ottawa District 1); and

Friday November 27, 2015 Prince of Wales Lodge in Walkley Road (Ottawa District 1).

Pembroke Lodge Sept 24th

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