

Around The Rite

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IT'S NO SECRET, COME SEE

We've all heard stories about Freemasons being a secretive, elite and powerful group who are running the world and we all know it's nonsense.

Why then, do some Scottish Rite Masons think their Executive Committee should be described the same way?

Every member of the Valley of Ottawa, from our newest initiates to our most senior members, is entitled to attend Executive Committee and participate in the discussion. The nearest analogy is that of the Committee of General Purposes that handles the routine business of your craft lodge.

Formally, the voting members of the Committee are the three principal officers of Lodge, Chapter and Consistory, their secretaries and Immediate Past 1st Officers the Active and Past Active members, the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Immediate Past Chair, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and three representatives from the Valley 33rds association.

But others can and do attend meetings to be aware of what is going on and to offer their opinion on particular issues.

As is their right.

Each of the three bodies meets, under the chairmanship of its principal officer, before hand to identify problems and concerns specific to that body that should be raised with the full Executive Committee. Those Advisory Board meetings begin at 7 p.m. and have to be wrapped up by 7:45, when full Executive Committee opens. The Committee is chaired by someone chosen from among the voting

members each year. Currently it's Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor.

Executive Committee meets four times a year and can deal with all matters of routine business. But some meetings have a particular focus. In September, we look at the slate of Directors for all the degrees to ensure we have someone in place. In December, we concentrate on the draft budget prepared by the Treasurer, Ill. Bro. Jeff Noseworthy and the draft calendar for the next year, prepared by the Executive Secretary, Ill. Bro. Jeff Christie.

We look at the slate of next year's Officers in Lodge/Chapter/Consistory in February and in April it's all financial matters that have to be sorted out before the Annual General Meeting.

There's nothing secret about it. If you want to know what's going on, just come to the meetings listed in the calendar.

It's that simple.

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.

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.

Montreal Fraternal Visit



On Monday, March 21st, 2016, members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Ottawa paid a fraternal visit to the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Montreal in the context of the conferring of the 18th degree on eligible candidates.

The Valley of Ottawa's delegation consisted of Illustrious Brothers: Sam Kalinowsky, Dale Olm, Jeff Christie, Peter Nonkoh and Andre McArdle. The ceremony was held in the beautiful and ornate Scottish Rite room of the Montreal Masonic Memorial Temple situated on Sherbrook Street in downtown Montreal.

The Ottawa contingent was greeted warmly by the Most Wise Sovereign, Illustrious Brother George Contaxakis 32 degrees. The 18th degree went smoothly and the Valley of Ottawa brethren were quite impressed with the high number of candidates which totaled 27.

Following the ceremony, a fine banquet was held. Illustrious Brother James S. Ross, 33rd degree, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in his speech from the head table, made reference to the close bond that exists between the Ottawa and Montreal bodies and the warm relationships he has experienced over the years with many of the Ottawa members.

A good time was held by all.

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back Picnic scheduled for September!!!

More about this on the website

GIVING ORDERS



Ill. Bro. Peter Harbert, playing the Prince Commander, gives Constans (Ill. Bro. Dale Olm in the white robe) his instructions to maintain his vigil and trust in God. The Allegory was beautifully portrayed April 9th under the able direction of Ill. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky. For the second year, we held an open Allegory in the Valley of Ottawa and invited Masons, their friends and their families to see a little of what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about. The galleries were almost 75 per cent full, down a bit from last year but still a respectable turnout. We served about 120 at the soup and sandwich lunch.

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 principal officer in Lodge, Chapter or Consistory

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.

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/>

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JOURNEY COMPLETED



The Robert Tate class, joined by five other candidates from the Valley of Montreal, completed the 32nd degree April 9th. The representative candidate (white robe) was Ill. Bro. Steven Dieter of Defenders Lodge. The degrees Friday night and Saturday were performed with the usual attention to quality by casts that involved dozens of dedicated brethren. Unfortunately, attendance at the banquet and in the galleries continues to dwindle.

Principal Officers

Our Officers for 2016/2017 were Installed April 11 and we look forward to the leadership from Fadi Sabbagh, John Guinn and Cosme Alindé in the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection; from Mark Pogue, André MacArdle and Gabriel Ochoa-Coloma in the Murray Chapter Rose Croix; and from Jeff Noseworthy, Gavin Hall and Robert Clarke in the Ottawa Consistory.

AGM

The Valley's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday April 25 and the Budget for next year was approved after the Financial reports of the Treasurer - Ill Bro Jeff Noseworthy were accepted. Ill Bro. Sam Kalinowsky reported on the activities over the year by the Trustees and on our continuing sound financial investment strategy. Ill Bro Christie brought everyone up-to-date on our membership level (down slightly with 24 deaths) and distributed the DRAFT Annual Plan into everyone's pockets.

Your New Officers Installed

Lodge



Chapter



Consistory



Remember everywhere the lessons here learned



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