

# Around The Rite

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## HOWIE AND POGUE JOIN THE RANKS OF THE 33RDS

Highlights from the 143rd annual session of Supreme Council in Montreal Sept. 13-16:

Council voted to move to a two-year rotation for sessions, so that the full program will be held in even numbered years, beginning in 2018 and a conference call among SGIGs will take place in odd years. The change is expected to generate significant cost savings.

The term for future Council officers will be extended to four years beginning in 2018 and candidates for the 33rd degree will actually receive their HIG designation only in even-numbered years.

Ottawa's Ill. Bro. Scott Howie and Ill. Bro. Mark Pogue were among the 47 candidates elevated to the 33rd degree of Honorary Inspector-General.

These changes required a myriad of constitutional amendments, which were approved, as well as changes to articles on discipline and optional short versions for opening the 14th degree and closing the 18th.

A new social media policy was adopted.

Membership in Scottish Rite in Canada declined by 500 to about 13,600 for 2016, the most current figure. Registration in Montreal amounted to 476, a handful from Ottawa, despite the session being so close.

The Grand Treasurer General, Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis, cautioned that Council was drawing on investments in order to meet operating expenses "which is in itself self-defeating." Declining membership and modest returns on investment put pressure the annual budget of \$277,250, down from \$307,603 the previous year.

Thanks to a successful fund-raising campaign for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's 50th anniversary, SRCF is increasing its grant program to \$40,000 per project per year,

up by \$5,000, over the next three years. It will be dispensing \$480,000 in total research grants each year by 2020.

The John Ross Matheson Award this year will be presented to Ill. Bro. Thomas Clark of the Valley of Central Alberta and Ill. Bro. Chandrakant Kania of the Valley of Windsor.

Ill. Bro. Allan Long replaces Ken McComb as Active Member for Calgary and Ill. Bro. Tom Wills replaces him as Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Next year's session will be held in London, Ontario.



## THE OTTAWA CONTINGENT

We had a modest number of representatives at Supreme Council in Montreal, but they were a formidable bunch! Seated left to right: Sam Kalinowsky, Past Active Member, Paul Todd, Grand Master, Alan Arbuckle, Active Member, Mark Pogue, who just received his 33° and Don Mumby, Past Grand Master. Standing: Ivan Harris, Bob Tate, Jeff Christie, Executive Secretary, Giles Loshaw, Ron Taylor, Bob Taylor. Scott Howie, who also became an Honorary Inspector-General in Montreal, held the camera.

### 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.



## GIVING ADVICE?

Ill. Brethren Bob Taylor (left) and Giles Loshaw chat at the annual 33rds picnic July 8. On the right is Ill. Bro. Paul Todd, who was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario later in the month. He doubtless had plenty of wise counsel to consider from these two experienced Masons. The event has been held every year at the home of Ill. Bro. George Clausen and his wife Marlene for more than 30 years. (Ron Taylor photo)



## RELUCTANT HONOREE

This year's class Honoree, Ill. Bro. Burt Panke, 33°, had to be persuaded to accept the recognition of his peers.

"I don't believe anyone should be put on a pedestal in Masonry," he said. He has declined the honour many times over the last decade, but was finally convinced to accept this year, given his faithful attendance at Scottish Rite and his years of active service.

Bro. Panke hails from Sydney Albert Luke Lodge and joined Scottish Rite in 1976, receiving his 32nd degree the following year. He was made an Honorary Inspector-General in 1990.

He worked as a lineman for Ontario Hydro for nine years, then joined Ottawa hydro and rose to the rank of superintendent. He is originally from Golden Lake, Ontario. His wife Jean died in 2009 and he has one son, Dan, and two grandchildren.

Bro. Panke is known both as a good ritualist and a regular attendee at degrees and meetings. His many years of service make him a great source for information and advice.

## Dues Dues Dues Dues

By Ill. Bro. Jeff Noseworthy - Treasurer

Brethren each year your dues are payable in advance with the financial year running from January 01 to December 31 of the calendar year. At the last Annual General Meeting a motion was passed increasing yearly dues commencing with the 2018 year. Consequently the dues for each body will increase to \$85 for each body, reduced if paid in advance to \$65 for each body.

This decision was made after a review of the budget for past years and the upcoming year. It found expenses far exceed annual dues and without additional input from the membership we would eventually exhaust our reserves. Our current reliance on those funds amounts to a 75% subsidy of our operating costs each year and a usage of approximately 50-60 % of any investment income from each year.

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Brethren each of us joined the Valley for our own reason, I believe we are second to none, with a good facility, well located to serve the area, a great membership, degrees presented each year with costume and great staging, and we are highly regarded amongst our counterparts. I hope that this increase does not greatly affect our membership and that everyone will be a contributor to the ongoing vibrancy and success of the Valley in Ottawa. What is the value of that to YOU?

As your treasurer I am always open to comment and discussion and if you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can increase the revenues please let me or any other member of the executive know. This is YOUR valley

### **Visitation Committee**

Your valley has now formed a visitation committee with the mission to visit our Brethren who are unable to join us due to illness. Visitations are ongoing, should you know of a Scottish Rite Brother in need of a visit, please let any member of the committee know. The committee consists of: *Ron Taylor, Bob Taylor, Alan Arbuckle, Dale Olm, Don Smallman, Ken Brinston, Giles Loshaw, Sam Kalinowsky*. We can be reached on our AASR Website [sickandvisiting@ottawavalleysscottishrite.com](mailto:sickandvisiting@ottawavalleysscottishrite.com)  
**Should you wish to join the Committee please contact any of our members.**

### **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. If you are looking for an email address for any of the committees etc for the valley they can be found on the website. Please take the opportunity to visit the site at

<http://ottawavalleysscottishrite.com/>



### **VALLEY DEGREE TEAM READY FOR 7th YEAR OF ACTIVITY**

The Valley of Ottawa AASR Degree team continues to be an important vehicle for raising the profile of the Scottish Rite and encouraging Master Masons to join our ranks.

The team plans five visits this year to lodges in the districts we serve: Ottawa 1 and 2, Frontenac, Eastern and St. Lawrence. So far, only Ottawa 1 and St. Lawrence have been tentatively scheduled.

The team is made up of Scottish Rite members and is lead in its ritual by Ill. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky, 33°, who provided the original impetus for it. Ill. Bro. Ivan Harris, 33°, serves as Director and organizes the schedule and the work assignments and seeks out lodges to visit. The team only performs the third degree.

In addition to the degree, every visit includes a short presentation on the Rite and an invitation to fill in an application.

If your lodge would be interested in having the team visit, contact Ivan at 613-831-8200 or [ivan.m.harris@gmail.com](mailto:ivan.m.harris@gmail.com) . Equally, we are always looking for additional team members who can fill vacancies and take parts. If you don't want to do ritual, come out and support the team's efforts.

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## VOLUNTEERS APLENTY:

There were plenty of Masons on hand June 3 for the open house to mark the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England. Unfortunately, there was a poor turnout of visitors from the public. The Scottish Rite apartments were open for tours and a look at some props and the video from Supreme Council. (Ron Taylor photo)

## CALLING ALL OFFICERS, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!

There is obvious confusion and uncertainty about what is expected of the officers in Lodge, Chapter and Consistory. Too many of them are fulfilling the minimum role in their respective bodies and ignoring their wider responsibilities.

It may be that no one has ever told them just what an officer in Scottish Rite Masonry is expected to do. That ends on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Masonic Centre when we will hold a seminar for officers and outline all of their rights, privileges and responsibilities.

The session, which will include coffee and refreshments, will last no more than two hours, beginning at 10 a.m. on the 14th. Participants will be given a package of materials that will help clarify their roles.

Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Scott Howie, 33°, are the principle architects of the event and will be making presentations, covering such topics as available training and resources and the need for officers to take ownership of their role as the leaders of the Order.

Attendance for officers in all three bodies is both essential and mandatory.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 14 AT 10 A.M**

## HELP WANTED!

**Your Valley Needs You**

We've been looking for a Marshall who can escort the class through each degree and show them the ropes in the meetings. Not a big job but an important one.

We need someone to keep the props backstage organized and in good repair

and

A Leader to manage the Swords and Lights for the 14th, 18th and 32nd degrees.

Get in touch with Jeff Christie at 613-521-0362.

## COME FOR BRUNCH!

Scottish Rite Masons had a lots of fun last year meeting for brunch, so we will carry on with the brunches. Everyone is invited, so bring friends and family and we will meet at:

### Hometown Heroes

1525 Bank St. near Heron Rd.

Saturday Oct. 21

10:30 A.M. to NOON

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

**Remember everywhere the lessons here learned**



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