

Around The Rite

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TAKING THE LOOOONG VIEW

Long-range planning was on the agenda for Executive Committee at its meeting Dec. 4.

To begin with, our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, asked the Valley of Ottawa to consider hosting Supreme Council in 2024, the 150th anniversary. Supreme Council's first meeting was held in Ottawa. Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the idea. We last hosted in 2007.

As well, a discussion about the future of Scottish Rite in our Valley led to a proposal for a long-range planning committee. Ill. Bro. Steve Thomson agreed to head the effort and he will recruit a representative from each body, plus some others, to work with him.

We also agreed to alter our calendar for next year, moving installation from the busy month of April, into September. We also decided to move election of officers to the Annual General Meeting in April.

Other highlights from the meeting:

- Wardrobe refurbishing is about a third of the way to completion and will continue
- We are planning an open Allegory again this year
- We need to do a better job of serving refreshments so we don't run out of food as happened recently
- We will do another officer training seminar next fall
- The Degree Team will visit four lodges in the new year
- We continue to deplete our reserves a little each year for operating expenses, but thanks to an 8% return on investment this year, the impact will be modest
- The Executive Secretary will not accept applications for initiation after Sept. 30

- We will donate two annual dues to the Valentine Charity Ball auction

WHOSE STONE IS IT ANYWAY?



Ill. Bros. Robert Wilson (left) and Armin Braslins (right) both claim they did the work on this stone, critical to the next stage of construction on Solomon's Temple. The case went to court in the 7th degree, Provost and Judge, and Ill. Bro. Rob Clarke (centre) switched his allegiance as more evidence came to light. (Ivan Harris photo)

**Merry Christmas from your
Newsletter Team!!**

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.

STRONG CAST



Key players in the 11th degree, Elect of the Twelve, (L to R) Ill. Bros Lawson Nichol, Don Sadler, Emanuel Benoit, Ivan Harris, and Ron Campbell. Ivan, the Director, had to do some scrambling when Adoniram got stuck in traffic and Mark Gautier had to step in at the last minute, clip board in hand. The degree, which was coupled with the 12th--Grand Master Architect--went smoothly and the evening, which included a catch-up installation for Consistory officers, finished by 10 p.m. (Ron Taylor photo)

BEHIND EVERY PERFORMANCE



Ill. Bro. Mark Pogue, Chief Provost and Judge, stands with our faithful costume crew, Don Harrison (center) and John Lark (left). These two have been getting our cast into the correct costumes for each degree for some time, in the case of Ill. Bro. Harrison, for decades. (Ivan Harris photo)

READY TO PERFORM



Ill. Bros. Wayne Parker (left) and Mark Gauthier prepare to go to work in the 7th degree, Intendant of the Building. The degree covers the period immediately after the death of Hiram Abif when work on the temple ground to a halt because there was no master builder to provide the plans and designs that were needed. (Ivan Harris photo)

Attendance at Meetings

DATE/DEGREES	CANDIDATE	33RD	OTHER	TOTAL
OCT 23 4 & 5	13	20	30	63
NOV 27 7 & 8	12	15	25	52
DEC 11 11 & 12	10	20	18	48

A Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2018!

Remember everywhere the lessons here learned



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The Valley of Ottawa website



<http://ottawavalleysscottishrite.com/>

Provides up to date information for Valley Members and others interested in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Information ranges from overviews (Scottish Rite, Lodge, Chapter and Consistory, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation), to the Calendar for the Year, Practice Schedule, News and other items of interest.

Use of the site has continued to grow dramatically over the last 5 years. For October 2017, the site had the following statistics:

2,315 visits by 1,516 unique visitors

The majority of the visitors are from Canada, followed by Great Britain, United States, and France.

The Practice Schedule was downloaded 64 times.

33% of the users were Windows, 13% Macintosh

Links to the site are used on Facebook Masonic and Scottish Rite Pages to increase awareness of what is going on in Scottish Rite and the Valley of Ottawa.

If you have any ideas about any additional information that would be useful to have on the site, please contact Ivan Harris the Webmaster at

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NEW MATERIAL ON THE WEB!

If you haven't visited the Supreme Council's website (www.scottishritecanada.ca) in a while, you might want to take another look. Some interesting things are happening.

The Education and Enlightenment section is growing with new papers on topics ranging from the condition of Masonry to the life of Zerubbabel, the latter penned by our own Ill. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky 33°. Ill. Bro. Don Mumby 33° presented a paper on Hiram Abif recently in the Valley of Ottawa and it should be posted soon.

A new history, "Stone & Mortar/Trowel & Sword" tracing the development of Scottish Rite in North America, being written by Ill. Bro. Rory Jones, 33° of Hamilton, is being posted, chapter-by-chapter. It promises to be an impressive piece of academic scholarship.

Elsewhere, under recent posts on the home page, check out the presentation Ill. Bro. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, gave to Supreme Council in Montreal in September. The video begins in 1599 and deals with the development of the "higher degrees" of Masonry in the 1700s. Bro. de Hoyos is Grand Historian for the AASR's Southern Jurisdiction in the U.S.

Delving into the members section, you find the most recent survey results, reports from Deputies meetings and the latest proceedings of Supreme Council in Montreal.

It's a handy place to make your daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

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CONTINUED SUPPORT



Ill. Bro. Andre McArdle, Most Wise Sovereign, Murray Chapter Rose Croix, presented a cheque to Bro. Josh Pilson, Master Councilor of the Ottawa Chapter of DeMolay, on behalf of the AASR Valley of Ottawa. Scottish Rite Masons sponsor DeMolay and make an annual contribution to its budget. The occasion was DeMolay Appreciation Night, Nov. 25.

GROWING GROUP



Ill. Bro. Burt Panke, 33°, this year's class honoree, is flanked by the 12 members of this year's newest Scottish Rite Masons. The class began its journey to the 32nd degree on Oct. 23 as we picked up the story immediately following the death of our Grand Master, Hiram Abif. The 4th and 5th degrees were effectively portrayed, to the relief of the directors, Ill. Bros. Ivan Harris and Fadi Sabbagh. (Ivan Harris photo)

HUNGRY AND HAPPY



We had 21 turn out for our first AASR brunch of the year on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Hometown Heroes on Bank Street. The crowd included some new faces, which was gratifying. Service was a bit slow this time, but once it arrived the food was great and if you got bored talking to the people you were sitting with, you could turn your attention to soccer, hockey, baseball, etc. on the surrounding TVs! (Ivan Harris photo)

CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS



Two researchers at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute received cheques of \$35,000 each from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation in October for their work in solving the "puzzles of the mind". Pictured left-to-right are Ill. Bro. Steve Thomson, our SRCF representative in the Valley of Ottawa, Dr. Sebastien Lacoste, Dr. Jing Wang, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, our Deputy for Ontario. (Ivan Harris photo)

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