

Around The Rite

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 29, 2018

The Committee unanimously endorsed the nomination of Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, as general chairman of the committee to bring the 2024 Supreme Council session to Ottawa, 150 years after the first Supreme Council in Canada was held here.

Other highlights:

- Ill. Bro. John Guinn has agreed to sit as TPGM in Lodge for a second year.
- Ill. Bro. Ivan Harris will again co-ordinate efforts to attract members of this year's class to officer positions and roles in degrees.
- Ill. Bro. Terry Henderson has agreed to direct the 5th degree but we need directors for the 6th and 10th.
- The Valley needs someone to co-ordinate the Swords and Lights for the 14th, 18th and 32nd degrees.
- We will pay a fraternal visit to the Valley of Kingston by journeying to Brockville Feb. 15 to see the 12th degree portrayed.
- The Valley needs a Marshal to conduct the candidates into each degree.
- Tickets sales for the Maundy Thursday banquet are now closed Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor (phone 225-0761) Your next banquet is the 30th Degree
- The Renewal Committee is planning a family dinner from AASR members to help the class celebrate reaching the 14th degree at Dunn's on Bank St. S. Feb. 5.
- Scheduling a visit to the Valley of Montreal is proving problematic and one member of the class needs to find a 14th degree in another Valley.

- Our investment fund stands at \$1,418,000, up by \$24,000, after paying management fees and withdrawing \$85,000 for operations.
- We will hold elections of officers at the AGM in April this year.
- We have dispensation to hold an open Allegory again this year, but the Supreme Council ritual committee is being asked to review that practice for future years.
- The Deputy, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, will pay his official visit April 13-14 to see the Ottawa Consistory at work.



FROM PEONS TO KINGS

Some of the cast of the 13th degree, portrayed Jan. 15. Left to right Ill Bros Guinn, Braslins, Howie, Harris, Pogue and Christie, our Executive Secretary. The three workmen put their hearts into the "unscripted grumbling" called for in the script. (Ron Taylor photo)

THE ANCIENT AND
ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

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.



OFFICERS AND THE CLASS

Officers of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, in full bib and tucker, pose with the Burt Panke class after the conferral of the 14th degree. The hard work Ill. Bro. Armin Braslins, 33°, the Director, had the officers put in showed in the excellent portrayal of the degree. Missing is our photographer, Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, who acted as Grand Captain of the Host.

Help wanted: *Marshall, Staging, Sick and Visiting*



DEGREE TEAM AT HAZELDEAN

The Scottish Rite Degree Team had another successful visit on Feb. 21, this time to Hazeldean Lodge. Shown centre (L to R) with the team are W. Bro. Bart Seaton, who was acting Master of the Lodge, the candidate Bro. Justin O'Brien and Ill. Bro. Barry Burchill, the Master of the Degree Team for the evening. (Ron Taylor photo)



FIRST VISIT OF 2018

The Valley of Ottawa's AASR degree team visited Lodge of Fidelity January 16 and conferred a Master Mason degree on Bro. George Villeneuve. Our photographer was Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, who acted at Senior Warden. He is one of several AASR members who belong to the Lodge of Fidelity. The degree went smoothly under the direction of Ill. Bro. Ivan Harris, 33°.

Attendance Numbers

Date	Degree	Candidates	33rds	Other/Visitors	TOTAL
Jan 15	13	12	14	11	37
Jan 22	14	12	12	17	41
Feb 12	15	11	13	14	38
Feb 26	17	10	13	14	37
Mar 12	18	10	15	18	43

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LET THERE BE CHILI!

Our social after the 13th degree was a hefty potful of chili, which cast, crew and class enjoyed. Unfortunately, there were only about another 10 of our members to make an audience for this degree, which included some last-minute stand-ins. That of course meant considerable room for ad-libs, especially among the rough workmen sent out by King Solomon. (Ron Taylor photo)



BON APPETITE!

The turnout for the Scottish Rite brunch January 27 was down a little from the usual number at 18, but there were still enough of us to make an impression at Hometown Heroes on Bank St. These brunches are a great opportunity to chat with family and friends of brethren we meet regularly at the Masonic Centre. The missing person was our photographer, Ill. Bo. Ivan Harris.



THE TRAVELLERS ET AL

Members of the Valley of Ottawa journeyed to Brockville Feb. 15 to see an excellent portrayal of the 12th degree. Front row second from left is Ill. Bro. Giles Loshaw, who directs the degree in both Brockville and Ottawa. On his right is the candidate, Brian Vallee. We had a good turnout of Ottawa members this year and they enjoyed the usual hospitality from their Valley of Kingston brethren. (Ivan Harris photo)



Why The Trowel?

Do you know why the trowel is a symbol of Masonry? Some Say it is intended to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation of who can best work or best agree. Only Your Attendance in Lodge, Chapter and Consistory will allow you to **use YOUR TROWEL.** **Have you used your Trowel** this month?

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LAST VISIT

The Valley's AASR degree team made its last visit this year to Mount Zion Lodge in Kemptville on March 15. Shown front row (L to R) are Ill Bros Don Mumby, Alan Arbuckle, Bro Steve Cordani the candidate, WBro Evan Thompson Master of Mt. Zion, and Barry Burchill WM of the Team. In the back L to R are Rob Clarke, Gavin Hall, Sam Kalinowsky, Jeff Christie, Bob Tate, Armin Braslins and Jim Duck. The shy guys in the very back are Harry Baker and Ivan Harris. (Ron Taylor photo)



SEVEN SEALS BROKEN

These Knights of the East and West are surrounding the Book of the Seven Seals in the 17th degree. Shown L to R are Ill Bros Wayne MacCulloch, Mark McLean and Mark Pogue. Along with the degree, which is heavily based on the Book of Revelation, we were treated to a thoughtful presentation by Ill. Bro. Don Mumby on the building of the first and second temples. (Ivan Harris photo)



CARE FOR A NOSH?

Ill Bro Jeff Noseworthy, our Valley Treasurer, stands ready to serve in another role--caterer following the 18th degree March 12. The degree required even more scrambling than usual as two family funerals, an ailing mother in South America and a sudden illness decimated the cast. Several Chapter of Rose Croix officers met the challenge by taking on extra work on short notice and the degree ran smoothly. (Ivan Harris photo)

MASONIC WAGES

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

*By Bro. Benjamin Franklin
Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1790*

Remember everywhere the lessons here learned



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