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2016 SCOTTISH RITE WORKSHOPS
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AREA #7: PHILANTHROPHY

- Valley of Joplin
- Valley of Richmond

7. PHILANTHROPHY

☐ The Valley Conducts fundraising programs for Orient or Valley specific charities (i.e. scholarships, RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, etc.), and

Accomplish ANY two (2) of the following:

A. ☐ The Valley participates in the Celebrating the Craft webcast.
B. ☐ The Valley maintains a donor recognition program for Orient and Valley-specific charities.
C. ☐ A report on Valley philanthropies is given at a minimum of one stated meeting per year.
D. ☐ A presentation on Valley philanthropies is given to new members at during each reunion.
Golf Challenges
Separate Flight for Women
Men's/Women's Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin

Additional Opportunities

50/50 pot
($5 contribution to enter each)

Make checks payable to:
Joplin Scottish RiteCare, Inc.
501-C3

Mail Entries to:
David Collignon
1600 E. Windridge, Ozark, MO 65721-7332

Hole Sponsorships are tax-deductible

Helping children with speech-language disorders and learning disabilities is a priority mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

RiteCare Memorial Golf Tournament
To Benefit Joplin Scottish RiteCare
Saturday, Sept 19th, 2015
In memory of
H. Joe Anderson
and
Peter S. Christodoulou

Open to All Golfers!
Changing Lives with the Power of Speech
Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Richmond present scholarships and teachers of the year awards.

Monday, June 22, 2015 the Richmond Valley of Scottish Rite Masons presented Teacher of the Year Awards for the City of Richmond, Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico. A check was presented to their schools in their honor. Selected were Ms. Catherine M. Marchetti – City of Richmond, Ms. Erin D. Sturgis – Hanover, Mr. Christopher A. Averill – Chesterfield, and Ms. Kecia S. Howell – Henrico. Mr. Averill was unable to attend tonight as he was grading Advanced Placement Test.

Pictured L-R
Ms. Catherine M. Marchetti, Mrs. Erin D. Sturgis, and Ms. Kecia S. Howell.
AREA #8: PUBLIC IMAGE

- Valley of Richmond
- Valley of Joplin

8. PUBLIC IMAGE

I. ☐ The Valley submits at least one news item for inclusion in Supreme Council publications annually.

II. ☐ The Valley participates in at least one public service project per year, and

Accomplish ANY two (2) of the following:

A. ☐ The Valley participates in a JROTC/ROTC award program.

B. ☐ The Valley holds a community recognition program for teachers, first responders, veterans, etc. (who are not necessarily members).

C. ☐ The Valley offers to provide a Degree Team to assist Blue Lodge ritual ceremonies upon invitation.

D. ☐ The Valley submits information on events or philanthropies to local news organizations at least once a year.

E. ☐ The Valley creates a video on Scottish Rite history, philanthropies, or other interest item at least once a year for use in recruitment of new members, fundraisers, and/or member engagement.
Local residents receive Scottish Rite honors

Education Night recognizes teachers, awards scholarships to county students

Contributed Report news@mechlocal.com

Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Richmond recently presented awards, including scholarships, to Hanover County residents.

The Richmond Scottish Rite Masons celebrated Education Night on Monday, recognizing teachers.

Scholarships were awarded to 13 deserving students.

In the past 28 years, Richmond Scottish Rite Masons have awarded over 200 scholarships amounting to approximately $225,000.

Erin D. Sturgis was selected Teacher of the Year from Hanover.

The Richmond Scottish Rite Masons presented each of the selected teachers a $250 check to use for their students.

Three Hanover County students were awarded scholarships this year.

They are:

- Sarah E. Bowles, graduate of Lee-Davis High School, who will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.
- Adam S. Farnsworth, graduate of Hanover High School, who will attend James Madison University in the fall.
- Cole S. Farnsworth, graduate of Hanover High School, who will attend Christopher Newport University in the fall.

Among those taking part in the Richmond Scottish Rite Masons’ Education Night awards presentation were, from left, Richard Tyler McGrath, Erin D. Sturgis, Justin Roerink and Col. V. Stuart Cook. McGrath, 33rd degree IGH, serves as president, Scottish Rite Library and Scholarship Fund; Sturgis, Teacher of the Year Hanover County, who teaches at the Hanover Center for Trades and Technology; Justin Roerink is principal at The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology; Melissa L. Semones is coordinator of Human Resources and Staff Development for Hanover County Public Schools; and Col. Cook, 33rd degree IGH-elect, is chief operations officer for the Scottish Rite Richmond Valley and a former sheriff of Hanover County.
Saturday, September 19th, 2015
Deer Lake Course
10:00 am Shot Gun Start
4-person Scramble

Entry Fee: $90 per player
Flight Prizes
Fee Includes Per Player: Green Fees
Golf Cart
One Mulligan
Post-Tourney Lunch & Awards Ceremony
Goodie Bag
Additional Mulligans available
First In/First Off with AB Flights
Separate Flight for Women Lunch Catered by: Abou Ben Adhem Greeters Cook Crew
Beverages will be available for purchase from Deer Lake Course

Major Donors
$10,000 Hole-in-One sponsored by David N. Appleby P.C.
Printco
Lou Christodoulou
PSC Accounting
Rosenbaum Jewelers
Select Jewelers, LLC

Event Hole Sponsors
Coast to Coast Legal Referrals
Brown Professional Services
Adams and Eve
Jeff Gamble
Tagge Insurance
Don Johnson's Tobacco World
ACIS Computers

Team Sign-Up:
$90.00 Per Person
Player 1: __________________________
Phone __________________________
Player 2: __________________________
Phone __________________________
Player 3: __________________________
Phone __________________________
Player 4: __________________________
Phone __________________________

Hole Sponsor Sign-Up:
$150.00
Name: __________________________
Business: ________________________
Phone __________________________
Hole #: ________________________
Challenge: ______________________
Deadline to enter is Sept. 2, 2015
AREA # 9: DEGREE
CONFERRAL PROFICIENCY

• Valley of Joplin
9. DEGREE CONFERRAL PROFICIENCY

☐ The Valley performs at least five (5) of the Degrees from the 4th through the 32nd in a stage or Lodge setting each year with accuracy and effectiveness, and

Accomplish ANY seven (7) of the following:

A. ☐ Add one new Degree per year to the Reunion

B. ☐ The Valley performs a minimum of twelve (12) Degrees of the Rite each year with accuracy and effectiveness.

C. ☐ The Valley performs a minimum of eighteen (18) Degrees of the Rite each year with accuracy and effectiveness.

D. ☐ The Valley performs all twenty-nine (29) Degrees of the Rite each year with accuracy and effectiveness.

E. ☐ The Degree production program has a Valley Supernumerary Department providing volunteers for a range of non-speaking parts (guards, knights, crowds, etc.) in Degrees.

F. ☐ Degrees not conferred are communicated either by memory or are delivered extemporaneously by Brethren well studied in the lessons of the Degrees.

G. ☐ The Degree production program includes a Valley Wardrobe Department whose purpose is to keep the paraphernalia properly stored, in good repair, and replaced as needed.

H. ☐ Acting classes are offered to Degree participants.

I. ☐ The Degree production program includes a vocal and instrumental music department that provides a range of appropriate music for Degree conferral and offers a volunteer pool for talented Members.

J. ☐ A Valley Technology Department exists or is created that provides for quality sound, lighting, and equipment upgrades as needed for the enhancement of the Degrees.

K. ☐ All character parts exemplified in Degrees conferred by the Valley are memorized and/or augmented by audio recordings (e.g. prologues, ancient law givers, charges, etc. may be amplified off stage).

L. ☐ An individual Blue Lodge or Valley Organization has formed a Degree Team for a non-performed degree and performed it in the last 12 months.

M. ☐ The Valley has a special recognition program for outstanding degree support and/or performance.
October 17, 2015

Good Morning Candidate:

You have a homework assignment that is due at check-in, before rituals/classes begin, on October 24, 2015.

Please be sure to PRINT your name at the top of your paper and return it in THIS envelope when you check in, on Saturday morning, October 24, 2015. You may use a word processor for your answers or put them on lined paper, whichever is easier for you. Please write legibly.

Remember to sign your name at the bottom of the last page.

Please give some thought to your essay answers, as your paper MAY be read aloud in front of the group.

1) What is the purpose of Knights in general?

2) What was the purpose of the Knights Templar? (If you know).

3) What are the virtues of Knighthood? (Please list & describe each one with examples)

4) What does each virtue mean to you personally?

5) Which virtues are relevant today – which ones are not? (Why or why not)?

6) Who in the last 100 years reminds you of Jacques DeMolay? Why?

Fraternally,

Br. Jeff Pick, 32°
AREA #10: OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Valley of Tampa
- Valley of Richmond

10. OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES & ENGAGEMENT

☐ The Presiding Officers of all Valley Bodies officially open their respective Bodies at each Reunion, and

Accomplish ANY five (5) of the following:

A. ☐ The Valley maintains a list of duties, job descriptions and expectations for each elected officer.
B. ☐ The Valley maintains a list of duties, job descriptions and expectations for each appointed officer.
C. ☐ The Valley Officers plan and conduct the statutorily required annual Feast of Tishri.
D. ☐ The Valley Officers plan and conduct the statutorily required annual Feast of Remembrance & Renewal.
E. ☐ The Valley Officers plan and conduct the statutorily required annual Feast of Kadosh.
F. ☐ The Valley Officers plan and conduct the statutorily required Feast of Consistory.
G. ☐ The Valley Officers perform the statutorily required ritual openings as stated in the Statutes for all Valley Bodies.
WHY?
JOB DUTIES For ELECTED OFFICERS OF ALL FOUR BODIES

Master of Kadosh:
The Master of Kadosh is the chief officer of the Valley. As most of the business of the Valley is conducted in the 32nd Degree, it is the province of the Master of Kadosh to preside at such meetings. The Master of Kadosh is responsible for the appointment of the appointed officers of the Consistory, and for appointment of pro-tem officers in the absence of that officer. The Master of Kadosh is a member of the Executive Committee, and is entitled to specific time to address the Executive Committee on subjects of his choosing. As the chief officer, the Master of Kadosh presides at all functions not specifically assigned to another officer, including Reunion and special functions. The Master of Kadosh is, by definition, a member of all the Committees of the Valley.

Commander of the Council of Kadosh:
The Commander of the Council of Kadosh is the chief officer of the Council of Kadosh, and as such is responsible for the appointment of all appointed officers of the Council. The Commander of the Council is a member of the Executive Committee and is entitled to sit in the East together with the other Masters of the bodies at regular meetings.

The Commander of the Council of Kadosh is responsible for addressing the candidates during the Degrees of the Council of Kadosh. He has ultimate responsibility for the Degrees of the Council of Kadosh. As with the Master of Kadosh, the Commander is responsible for appointments of competent Brothers to the appointed positions of the body.

Wise Master of Rose Croix
The Wise Master of Rose Croix is the chief officer of the Chapter of Rose Croix, and as such is responsible for the appointment of all appointed officers of the Chapter. The Wise Master is a member of the Executive Committee and is entitled to sit in the East together with the other Masters of the bodies at regular meetings. The Wise Master is responsible for addressing the candidates during the Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He has ultimate responsibility for the Degrees of the Chapter.

Among the responsibilities of the Wise Master is the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. The Chapter of Rose Croix may be called upon for the purpose of providing Funeral/Memorial Services for our fallen members when asked, and the Wise Master is ultimately responsible, although the actual ceremony would normally be a function of a proficient Funeral/Memorial Team.

As with the Council of Kadosh the Master is responsible for appointments of competent Brothers to the appointed positions of the body.
AREA #11: VALLEY ORGANIZATIONS

• Valley of Dallas
11. VALLEY ORGANIZATIONS

☐ The Valley has a minimum number of the following organizations in place and working based upon the following Valley membership sizes: <50 members = 3; 50–100 members = 5; 101–250 members = 10; 251–350 members = 15; >351 members = 20:

☐ Banquets & Dining
☐ Blue Lodge Degree Team
☐ Buildings & Grounds
☐ Business & Professional Men’s Group
☐ Call a Brother (Brother to Brother)
☐ Childcare During Reunions
☐ Cigar Club & Events
☐ Class Reunions for Prior Classes
☐ Class Roll Directors
☐ College Fraternity Liaison
☐ College Music Clubs
☐ College of the Consistory Campus
☐ Credential & Registration
☐ Degree Communications
☐ DeMolay Scottish Rite Chapter Dads
☐ Education and Rite Nite Committee
☐ Masonic & Scottish Rite Education
☐ Entertainment
☐ Esotericists/Esoteric Forum
☐ Estate Planning
☐ Friends & Family Entertainment
☐ Golf Clubs/Sponsored Tournaments
☐ Hobby Nights
☐ Hunting Clubs
☐ Innkeepers
☐ Internet Club
☐ Knights of St. Andrew
☐ Spouse’s Association
☐ Library Committee/Volunteers
☐ Lodge Representatives
☐ Makeup
☐ Masonic Music/Musicians Club
☐ Masonic Youth Group Sponsor/Liaison
☐ Media Production
☐ Membership

☐ Military Veterans Liaison
☐ Motorcycle Club
☐ Museum & Archives
☐ Peer-to-Peer Contact/Mentoring
☐ Personnel & Records
☐ Photography
☐ Public Relations/Public Image/Valley Brand Management
☐ Reunion Transportation
☐ Rose Croix Memorial & Remembrance
☐ Scottish Rite Clubs
☐ Service Knights
☐ Skeet/Trap Shooting Club
☐ Sojourners Contact Group
☐ Speaker’s Bureau
☐ Special Productions
☐ Stage & Properties
☐ Supernumerary
☐ Temple Greeters
☐ Top Line Signers Club
☐ Tour Guides
☐ Wardrobe
☐ Web/Podcasting
☐ Widow’s Outreach
☐ Knights of the Double Eagle
☐ Tough Mudder Team(s)
☐ Grand Commander’s Fellows
☐ Other:


Dallas Scottish Rite Gun Club

On Saturday May 16th, members of the Dallas Scottish Rite Gun Club, traveled to Winona Texas to participate in the Starr Masonic Lodge #118’s Spring Clay Shoot. This year we had 5 Shooters make the journey to East Texas to support the Fraternity there. All represented the Dallas Scottish Rite and visited with local members.

Pictured left to right are Billy Davidson, Mark Travis, Jake Davidson, Gordon Carlisle, and Larry Lane.

The next Event is Saturday August 29th for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Annual “Dallas Sporting Clay Shoot”. More details to follow.

The Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum Ballroom ready for a wedding Reception
TO PONDER

• How has VMAP changed your Valley?
• Do you feel that anything could be added or adjusted in VMAP?
• How can any single program suggested in VMAP work for any-size Valley?
TO PONDER

- Are there programs that are better for smaller or larger Valleys, rural or urban Valleys?
- What could help VMAP work better for you?
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