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www.aasr-spi.org*

Stated Meetings

At the Monthly Stated Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, we will be presenting a degree or special event. The 4th degree will be offered every month for any new candidates and new candidates can start any month.

This new concept allows for the new candidate to view the 4th degree and the minimum three core degrees during the course of a six-month period and then become a 32nd degree Mason at the Reunion. It is important to note that a new candidate is a member of the Scottish Rite after viewing the 4th degree and is entitled to all membership privileges except the 32nd degree designation.

PLEASE talk to your friends and any interested Masons about this new and easy way to join the Valley of Springfield Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Directors are also **VERY** interested in finding members to participate as actors in the Degrees.

Please consider getting involved in one of the upcoming degrees by calling the Valley office at (217)793-7728 to get more information and volunteer to help.

Annual Stated Meeting and Election of Officers May 5, 2015



The May Stated Meeting will be the Annual Election of Officers for the Valley of Springfield for 2015-2016.

The Sangamo Lodge of Perfection,
Springfield Council Princes of Jerusalem,
Chapter of Rose Croix,
and Springfield Consistory
will elect Presiding Officers.

The Fraternal Secretary and Treasurer of the Valley
will also be elected.



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Springfield Chapter of Rose Croix

17-18 - Conferred in a "Chapter of Rose Croix"
Senior Wardern: Steven L. Scaife
Junior Warden: David A. Kelm

Council of Princes of Jerusalem

15-16 - Conferred in a "Council of Princes of Jerusalem"
High Priest: Paul D. MacDonna
Senior Warden: Wayne Clark

Sangamo Lodge of Perfection

4-14 - Conferred in a "Lodge of Perfection"
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Dear Editor,

Because our Brethren generously gave of their time, talent and energy on behalf of disadvantaged children, The Scottish Rite will be able to help children suffering from dyslexia gain hope and change their life!

We particularly appreciate your efforts of our recent Midwest Chili Cook-Off this past February. Our hope is that our Brothers experienced joy and satisfaction as they shared their resources with others.

The Childrens Dyslexia Center services continue year-round, because we are committed to those children in need. Without your help, we would not be able to help any child.

Brothers, please know that YOUR committment is making a difference in a child's life!

Thank you!

Fraternally yours,

David MacDonna III

Chair

Board of Governors

Children's Dyslexia Center

Know someone that needs to attend?

GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

July 18, 2015

Ansar Shrine, Springfield, IL
Must have completed 1st Degree
and Exam

8:00 am Registration

9:00 am 2nd Degree starts

12:30 pm Lunch

1:15 pm 2nd Section 3rd Degree

3:30 pm Rededication of Ansar Shrine

Short Form Shrine Ceremonial

Dinner

100th Anniversary Program

Check out the latest ways to stay in touch with the Valley!!

Download the latest app for the Valley and have it right at your fingertips!

<https://valleyofspringfield.appsme.com>

Be sure to visit and like our KSA Facebook page!

Knights of St. Andrew - Valley of Springfield

Don't forget to bookmark the Valley website at: www.aasr-spi.org



DYSLEXIA CENTER NEWS!

CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER OF SPRINGFIELD

www.dyslexialearningcenter.com

Successful Annual Fundraiser

The 6th annual Chili Cook-Off was held February 22nd at the American Center. How wonderful it was to see and visit with the many people who came, ate and helped the Children's Dyslexia Center and the Shriner's Children's Hospitals raise precious funds. Our sincerest thanks go out to everyone who made this a successful event.



Have we met? Robin Armbrecht and Lelah Dodd (pictured left to right)

1 in 5. Did You Know?

That's the number of people who have dyslexia in this world! To some varying degree, these people struggle with basic reading, spelling and writing skills. Who are these brave souls who have to function in this print driven society? They are all around you, obviously, according to the statistics. Twenty percent of the population is coping daily in order to function and be successful in their daily life. Sadly, many of these people are living in this country's penal system because they have failed at school and turned to a life of crime (although we at the Dyslexia Center would argue that school has failed them). Those dyslexics that find some help during their school years can be found doing any and all types of work and leading successful lives.

So what makes the difference between a life of success or struggle for a dyslexic? It's pretty simple, really. The difference is someone teaching them how to read and spell in the way that is best for THEIR dyslexic brain to learn. This is the gift we give to our children every day at the Children's Dyslexia Center. What this requires is time and highly trained teachers certified in the Orton-Gillingham method of reading remediation. We see small miracles occur all the time, and it is an amazing place to be connected with.

Do you need more of the miraculous in your life? Think about finding a way to support the Children's Dyslexia Center in some way.

Right now our two greatest needs are teachers willing to be trained and monetary support to remain open. If you can help spread the word about the Center and direct potential tutors and donors our way, you are helping those miracles to happen. Thank you in advance for your help and stop by and see us in action sometime!

Thank You! Thank You!

Many thanks to Gene Gyure, who donated the five drawer file cabinet that we needed! We have also received numerous contributions of copy paper, which is an ongoing need.

Scottish Rite BBQ

Brats, Beer & Brotherhood!

Open to all members & Masons interested in Scottish Rite. Potential Masons welcome too

Friday, June 5th
5pm until ???

Courtesy of Valley of Springfield
Call (217) 793-7728 to RSVP

At Masonic Center
1020 Rickard Road, Springfield, IL

Have You Seen Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite Lately?

If you haven't been to a Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite monthly meeting lately you're missing out on some fun. I know. I know. You've been to stated meetings and the food was good but, you're looking for more intellectual nourishment and a better fraternal experience than listening to committee reports. I have good news for you.

Monthly SR meetings are getting better and more fun. You might have heard, or read in this newsletter, or attended and learned we put on degrees at monthly meetings now. Let me tell you something. It's even better than that lately.

First of all, the food is still always good and the company fantastic. We are a good group to hang out with and even a better one if you hang out with us. Come let us share some good food with you while we socialize and catch up.

Second, we've been putting on degrees following the meal for over a year now. Nothing follows a good meal better than some enlightenment. But here's the part you might not have heard or know about. Sometimes instead of a degree we put on a Masonic related activity that breaks up the routine and keeps us all refreshed.

In December we watched a Robin Hood television episode that was written to specifically hint at masonic secrets. It aired in 1957, back when you can just imagine wardens, deacons and stewards falling out of their easy chairs at so many veiled references to Lodge secrets they didn't even share with their wives. And they were right there on the TV!! I hope we show it again sometime and divide up teams to see which one can find the most masonic veiled references for a prize. Yes, there are more than any one person can count while watching. You should have seen it.

In February we were blessed with a degree not seen in the Valley of Springfield for 30 years, The DeMolay Degree, featuring Jacques de Molay's trial following his arrest as a Knight Templar in 1307. It's true history, you can look it up. After his trial he was sentenced to the stake in 1314. The cast was impressively magnificent. We must insist they perform this again sometime sooner than 30 years.

You owe it to yourself to come for a visit if you've been away for awhile. You'll get a good meal with good friends and brothers. You'll be entertained with some enlightening spiritual food whether it's a degree or an activity. And you'll go home glad you came out.

Join us soon. Join us often. Good things are happening.

John Levalley
Valley of Springfield

Scottish Rite Spring & Summer Events Calendar 2015

April

- 7 6pm Dinner
6:15pm 4th Degree
7 pm Speaker: The Lincoln Funeral Train
Stated Meeting to follow
- 21 6 pm BOD Meeting
7 pm SMC, Inc Meeting

May

- 5 6 pm Dinner
6:15pm 4th Degree
7 pm 19th Degree
Stated Meeting to follow
Annual Election of Officers
- 19 6 pm BOD Meeting
7 pm SMC, Inc. Meeting
8 pm Finance Committee

June

- 2 6pm Dinner
6:15pm 4th Degree
7 pm 7th Degree
Stated Meeting to follow
- 5 5pm Scottish Rite BBQ
- 16 6 pm BOD Meeting
7 pm SMC, Inc. Meeting

July

- 4 **Independence Day**
- 21 6 pm BOD Meeting
7 pm SMC, Inc., Meeting

August

- 4 6 pm Stated Meeting
- 18 6 pm BOD Meeting
7 pm SMC, Inc. Meeting
8 pm Finance Committee

