



# Valley of Brattleboro

## Scottish Rite Masons



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### Brattleboro Lodge Holds Open House Sept. 25th

Brattleboro Lodge's Worshipful Master, Robert Baldauf received his original training as a Mason in Massachusetts. There they conduct two Open Houses a year. It was his desire that Brattleboro Lodge start doing them and on Saturday, September 25th Brattleboro Lodge held their first one.

Each body in the Masonic Family who is resident at the Masonic Center was asked to man an information table with brochures and general information about their particular order. Those who answered the call included the Scottish Rite Valley of Brattleboro, Bingham Chapter of the Eastern Star, Brattleboro Assembly of Rainbow Girls and the Carlos Otis Chapter of DeMolay, as well as Brattleboro Lodge itself.

Between 35 and forty people came by to visit. They were taken on a tour of the building, especially the lodge room itself. The tour included a general history of Masonry in Brattleboro and some of the prominent people in town history who were members of the Craft. A discussion of the general governance of the lodge was offered short of discussing Masonic symbolism or degree work.

The Open House was held between 9 AM and 3 PM. From 2 PM to 3 PM Brother Daryl Pillsbury, who is on the Board of Selectpersons and a part of the BCTV Public Television Board, brought a cameraman, and filmed a tour of the lodge that was shown on the local public access channel.



Clockwise: Jim Nortz and Al Parent, Jim Selleck and Jim Nortz, Palmer Martin introducing the Degree and Bros. on the sidelines



### Representatives from the Valley of Brattleboro Attend Scottish Rite of Vermont Consistory In Burlington

Consistory is the meeting of 32 degree members or Princes of the Royal Secret for Scottish Rite in Vermont and is the body that normally confers the degrees from the 19th to 32nd, meeting in the Fall and Spring of each year. Brothers Robert Fagge, Steve Farrington and Jim Nortz went to Burlington to attend the meeting on Saturday, October 23rd.

alliance of Crusading knights against an army of the Ottoman Empire providing a lesson in tolerance and respect for all those who observe it.

While Brother Steve Farrington was enjoying himself visiting Brothers in the entry hall to the Green Mt. Center he was drafted to serve as the exemplar for the degree. However, he didn't mind it one bit because he had the best seat in the house to observe the performance, which was done very well, considering that this was the first time these brothers put on the degree. It has such a significant lesson it is hoped that it will be performed again.

Following the degree the ladies of the Eastern Star put on a fantastic lunch of broccoli and potato soup, salad and various selections of sandwiches. It was a beautiful day for Masonic fellowship and we hope that brothers in the southern end of the state will join us in the future.

The purpose of this Fall's Consistory Meeting was to present the 29th Degree or Scottish Knight of St. Andrew degree, which is very seldom if ever presented. The degree was performed by a cast under the direction of Palmer Martin and Rick Rayfield. The Scottish Knights of St. Andrew were formed from among the Templar and Scottish Knights who contributed to the victory of the Scots over the British at Brannockburn as recognition for their valor and to honor future knights who would so distinguish themselves. The degree takes place following the Battle of Necopolis in Bulgaria in 1396, that pitted an

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## Jim Nortz Nominated to Receive the 33rd Degree

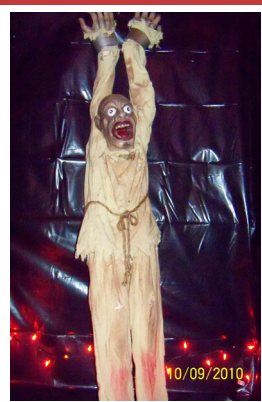
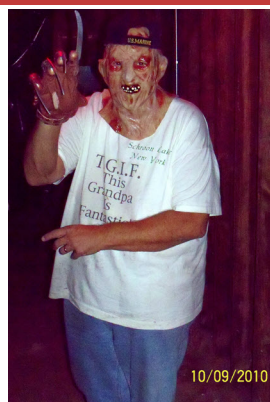
Nominated to receive the degree in Chicago in 2011, "Jim" Nortz is also one of our State's most active Masons. Past Master of Brattleboro Lodge, he is currently serving as DDGM of District 8. Jim is also a York Rite member, and is active in the Eastern Star.

In Scottish Rite, Jim has been Secretary of the Valley of Brattleboro for many years, and is chairman of the COD Secretaries committee. He has been one of the handful of faithful members who kept the Valley going even when all odds seemed against it, and still is hard at work to make it succeed.



## Robert Fagges Receives GM Award

Robert Fagge has been a member of Brattleboro Lodge for about 10 years. However, he has only just become super active including being Senior Steward of the lodge Thrice Potent Master in Scottish Rite. He has also chaired two projects in Brattleboro and started Grand Lodge's Children's Clothing Drive. For that Most Worshipful Tom Johnston awarded him the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award.



# BRATTLEBORO LODGE HOSTS A HAUNTED HOUSE FUNDRAISER



The Old Master who haunts the halls of Brattleboro Lodge invited the Brattleboro Community to join him for a scary visit at the Brattleboro Masonic Center if they dared !

Under the leadership of Co-Chairmen Mike Hebert and Phil Bailey, and with Consulting Designer Michelle Hebert, members of the Masonic Family; including Star members, Scottish Rite and Rainbow members and their families and friends became ghosts, ghouls and witches to scare the daylights out of those who traveled through the inner haunts of the

Brattleboro Lodge building. Patrons were greeted outside in the cemetery by the Old Master, then entered the Blood Cafe to dine on body parts in the Plasma Salon Dining Room. Following that they had to make their way down Horror Hall; being tormented by denizens of the night and bats. Then they descended a flight of stairs leading into the subterranean depths under the lodge to find Freddie Krueger guillotining those who fell into his clutches, an errant member being executed in the electric chair, a witches lair with boiling cauldrons, weir wolves and vampires, as well as the walking dead crawling out of their graves.

It was great fun and Brattleboro Lodge intends to do it again next year.