

THE VALLEY VOICE
VALLEY of MONTPELIER A.A.S.R.
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Thrice Potent Master

Greetings brothers, I hope all of you had a nice Holiday and are looking forward to a great New Year! The past year has been exceptionally busy.

The Valley of Montpelier put on several degrees, and assisted Granite and Aurora Lodges with third degrees. We just had our Valley Christmas party, which was held at Summit Lodge in Williamstown on Dec 18th. The program set up by our Illustrious Deputy, Eric Ginette was fantastic! There was an excellent turnout and fun was had by all! To top all that off, we moved the Valley to Barre in Sept. This seems to be working out well. We have presented 2 degrees there so far. The Valley will be presenting the "OLD" 4th degree, Secret Master, at Granite Lodge on the 22nd of January. This will be a breakfast degree, with breakfast at 8:00am followed by the degree at 9:00am. Practice for the degree will be held on Sunday, Jan 16th at 4:00pm. I am casting this degree and I still have several speaking and non speaking (guards) parts available. I will send an updated cast list out in a day or two. The Valley has not done this degree for several years. Time permitting we will show the newest version of the 4th degree, Master Traveler. This is on DVD and those of you, who were present for the 14th degree in November, did not get to view it due to equipment failure. This has not been viewed by our Valley and this will be the big premiere. On behalf of the Valley of Montpelier, I would like to again thank all the brothers who take time from their busy schedules to be a part of the degrees we put on. Every one of these degrees has been excellent, and well received by the candidates and visitors. I'm sure in the coming year we will only improve our skills and our efforts will increase overall interest in the Scottish Rite.

Thanks,

Steve Engel Thrice Potent Master

Dates to remember 2011

**Please note: All meetings now held at the
BARRE MASONIC TEMPLE**

Jan.16: Rehearsal for Old 4° at 4PM on Sunday

Jan.22: 4° SECRET MASTER (Legacy 4th) at 9AM Breakfast 8AM

Feb.13: 16° Rehearsal Monday 7PM Feb.19: 16° Prince of Jerusalem 9AM. Breakfast 8AM.

Feb 27: Admin Council 5:30PM Sunday

Mar.6: Rehearsal for 18° at 4PM on Sunday Mar. 12: **THIS MEETING HELD IN RUTLAND**

17° Knight of the East and West 10:00AM

Lunch at 12:00 Noon, followed by: 18° KNIGHT OF THE ROSE CROIX by the Valley of Rutland

Valley Advisor

It's the New Year. Hit the reset button!

Now we can really get going- a fresh start to a new year.

What can I as a member of my Valley do to support its leaders? Maybe attend a few more meetings. I might go to a board meeting just to catch up or give my two cents as we all know the Valley business is done at our board meetings. The degrees and social events don't just happen; they are carefully planned and sometimes rehearsed.

I might try to get to know a member that is from a different generation than I am. Being a boomer I tend to find myself interpreting to the greatest generation what little I know of the millennium kids.

My kids tell me "The game has changed Dad". How do we play a different game? We email they don't. We look things up in a phone book .They think phone books are a waste of trees.

A watch is a piece of jewelry that is worn on very special occasions for millenniums. Boomers judge a man buy the brand of watch (Rolex, TAG, Breitling) that he wears. The greatest generation actually uses it to tell time.

My wife no longer carries a laptop on business trips (too heavy) everything she needs can be done with her phone. It's called Cloud technology, but I will save that for another time.

I think our greatest challenge and our greatest asset is that our Rite is made up of different ages and our core values are attractive to all generations. I believe that it always has been this way, the difference being that the power and knowledge was in the hands of the elders of the fraternity and society. This is changing in our society and as well in our fraternity. The Millenniums now have the knowledge and power and my generation is struggling to remain relevant. If you don't think so, talk to a downsized baby boomer.

We can fight this change and lose our fraternity or we can think about it and win.

Oh yes: "the challenge". Retain our elders as they support our youth. Value our elders for what they have done and let them enjoy the energy and fun of being around the newer members of the Rite. Encourage tolerance and respect amongst the different generations.

Share the power and knowledge of Freemasonry.

Fraternally

Don Duquette

Supreme Council

January 3, 2011

Membership / Leadership / Fellowship Team Update

Happy New Year!

We hope that you enjoyed a great holiday and you're energized and ready to assist your Valley in making Scottish Rite the Preeminent Fraternity of Choice!

Special Announcement

For some time now, the Membership Team has been working to establish a new brand for the organization. Throughout the years we have used different terms and various logos to promote and describe Scottish Rite. In tackling the branding issue, the Team wanted a logo that is timeless and would be readily identifiable. Over time, the new logo will be incorporated into everything we do. Letterhead, business cards, websites, signage, publications etc.



The one thing we do best as Scottish Rite Masons, is to make Master Masons, 32° Freemasons. We often hear that my father, grandfather or uncle was a 32° Mason. They say it with a real sense of pride. The new logo incorporates the 32 and Freemasons, connecting our logo with the Masonic fraternity. One goal in brand recognition is the identification of a brand without the name of the organization present. It is our goal that when someone recognizes our logo, they readily identify that it means 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons.

The logo is now available for download on the [Membership/Leadership/Fellowship Team website](#) in both hi resolution GIF and TIFF format. Please begin to use our new logo in your Valley publications, websites and communications. This now replaces all previous logos that have been used in the past.

I.C.E.

What has your Valley been doing, or what events or activities have been hosted, that emphasize Inspiration, Convenience and Enjoyment? As you know, during the Seminars, the main request from those in attendance was to share more ideas on what is working. We would like to hear from you, to highlight the tools and ideas that are working in your Valley and how the I.C.E. strategy is being implemented.

Please send an email to membership@supremecouncil.org and we'll include what's working in your Valley in future Team Updates.

A quick word about CHANGE...

As a leader, deciding to make changes is the easy part. Getting your people on board the bus is more difficult. Why is that? Quite simply, change is an emotional process. We are all creatures of habit who usually welcome routine... and uncharted waters are scary! The truth, of course, is that change can be a wonderful gift. In fact, it is the key that unlocks the doors to growth and excitement in any organization. And, most importantly, without it... your competition will pass you by.

A big part of success, as a leader, will be your ability to inspire your team to get out of their comfort zones; to assure them that even though they are on a new path, it's the right path, for the right reasons.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

-- Ill. Brother Henry Ford, 33°

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PICTURES OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Cast



Masonic Dancers



Music



Dancers



Buffet



A Good Time Was Had By All