



Thrice Potent Master

Greetings Brothers,

It has been awhile since our last newsletter. A lot has taken place in the Valley since the end of August. I have been sending out e-mails to keep everyone as up to date with Valley business as possible. If you do not receive e-mails from me, or get this newsletter By e-mail from our publicist Bill Shwab, it means we probably do not have an up to date e-mail for you. To remedy this, if you would, please send me e-mail at engel@mt-mansfield.com and I will change what we have in our file so you can receive current Valley information.

As many of you may already know, we have moved the Valley, lock stock and barrel to the Masonic Center in Barre, home of Granite Lodge. There were absolutely no problems with our accommodations or brothers in Montpelier. The move was based on finances only. An offer was made, with reduced rent, for the Valley to move to Barre. After several meetings with the Masonic center in Montpelier and Barre we accepted Barre's offer. Our portfolio, like millions of others, lost money in the current financial meltdown. This will take a long time to recover. So a move at a reduced rental rate made sense to us.

The move, which took place Sept 27th, went very smoothly. We rented 2 U-Haul trucks and were able to move everything in one trip. There was an excellent turnout to help with the move, including Mikhael Yowe's wife Sylvia, who helped load in Montpelier. Special thanks to Barry Duquette and Mikhael Yowe who rented the trucks, Bob Herdling who directed where things should go once we made it to Barre and Lee Martenson, who met us in Barre with a large order of much appreciated hamburgers and french fries. Thanks also to our Deputy, Eric Ginette, our Active Don Duquette, Rick Rayfield, John Kish, the master of Granite Lodge and one of our newest candidates, Mark Tatro, Bill Shwab, Dean Preston and many more who helped make the move a success.

The black marble bench donated by Barry Duquette, to be auctioned off Nov 18th at our 14th Degree, was moved in Lee Martenson's van.

The last degree presented in Montpelier Sept 11th the 4th Master Traveler went very well. We had 3 candidates from Our Valley and one from Rutland. The 12th degree, Master of Mercy, was our first presented in Barre and was well attended and although there were several cast member cancellations due to work conflicts, funerals and family issues, the last minute stand ins handled their parts very well and the degree was well received. Our upcoming degree the 14th Grand Elect Mason will be held Thursday Nov 18th at 7:30pm in Barre. There will be an excellent baked ham dinner at 6:30pm cooked by the Barre Square and Compass Club. Practice for this degree will be at 4:00pm Nov 14th in Barre. This will end our Lodge of Perfection Degrees for 2010.

The Valley Christmas Party will be held Sunday Dec 12th at 2:00pm in Barre. Look forward to some great holiday events including, BERKSHIRE MUMMERS PLAY, MIDNIGHT CAPERS SWORD TEAM and MUSIC BY STEVE AND KATE DAVIES. This event will also include a potluck dinner. There will be no admission charge for this event. Come out of hibernation and enjoy an afternoon of fun and cheer with brother's friends and family.

Our schedule, for 2011 should remain the same; with the exception that all events previously held in Montpelier will now be held in Barre.

Congratulations again to our newest candidates. If you are a candidate and have not witnessed the 4th degree, please let me know before we present the 14th degree and I will make arrangements for you to receive the 4th Degree obligation.

Thank you, Thrice Potent Master
Steve Engel

Sovereign Prince

Dear brothers just a few words from your Sovereign Prince. It has been a very good summer and I hope you all got to enjoy it. It looks like it will be a very busy fall; we just did the fourth degree which went off with out a hitch. I attended a building committee meeting to see if we would stay in Montpelier, or move to Barre. As we all know now, the Valley has moved to Barre. Our next degree will be the fourteenth degree, Master of Mercy. I Hope you will come out to see this degree, this is not one we do very often! It will be held on November eighteenth. My favorite time of the year is here, hunting season so I might be distracted just a little or missing in action completely, but will do my best to help you all. Thank You

Barry Duquette

VERMONT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION NEWS

Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love, was a most appropriate setting of this year's Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. From August 26th to the 31st the magnificent spectacle unfolded under cloudless skies. Seven Vermonters joined some 1500 other 33° Masons and their wives together with 164 candidates for Honorary membership in our Supreme Council, the largest class in several years.

Four happy Brothers of the Rite celebrate at the Vermont Supper following the conferral of the 33rd degree.

They are Fred Jackson, Don Duquette, newly coroneted "Sandy" Karstens, and our Grand Master Tom Johnston



IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth E. Frizzell, Jr.
Roland J. Smith

East Charleston, Vermont
Williston, Vermont

02 / 09 / 1954
10 / 24 / 2010

08 / 30 / 2009
08 / 24 / 2010

From the Secretary's Desk:

This month brought an influx of bad addresses and temporary away stickers. These returned mailings cost the valley money that could be better spent in other places. I am trying to find and replace as many of these as I can but I am afraid that there are a few "lost Brothers" out there. For those brothers who are snowbirds please let me know your schedule so that I can get your Trestle Board to you or better yet send me an e-mail. An e-mail will guarantee that you get your newsletter no matter where you may be. Bill Shwab (the Publicist) and I have been working on making the Trestle Board better with more graphics and some pictures. This is proving to be expensive to print and mail so we are asking every brother to help us by sending us an e-mail address. This cuts down on printing and postage. I know there has not been much contact to you all out there from the secretary's desk. I am hoping to change that. Any news you wish to share with me and/or the brothers, please let me know and I will endeavor to get it out to everyone.

In Brotherhood,

Mikhael Yowe, secretary

32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children with "Dyslexia" closes

It is true that the center has closed, it will no longer be open to children and families at no cost-free, and who are unable to afford tutoring for their children with this speech disorder. Our last day of tutoring was August 12th after the summer session had ended. This is a real sad day for all who supported the center and most all for the children who were helped so much to be able to cope with this disorder, and of course our Board of Governors, who over the Seven years of operation have struggled with various setbacks to keep the center open. When the center opened it really needed funds to create an Endowment large enough to produce earnings that would finance our center when the Supreme Council in Lexington, Massachusetts would start to cut back our funding, we would then be able to continue on our own. With the lack of this resource we were unable to raise money to keep going when the funds from Lexington became less than we needed to meet our budget.

This last year we tried very hard to raise those funds by trying to make our Public more aware of this very damaging speech disorder, that actually effects 15% to 20% of our children throughout our country. We held a very elegant Black Tie Affair, the "Dyslexia Awareness Ball" on April 24, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel in South Burlington with our Governor "The Honorable James (Jim) Douglas" as our main speaker where he also signed a proclamation, making April as Dyslexia Awareness Month for Vermont. A very delicious Banquet and a Wine Auction that all together brought in \$3,800.00 toward our cause, and in our quest to earn more dollars we took on the job of parking cars and selling tickets to the Stowe Antique Car Meet which was a three day session from 6:00 A.M. straight through to 5:00 P.M. where with the dedicated help of some of our people who worked all of the three days and others who were able to give a day or even a few hours to help us pull this commitment off, we raised \$5,500.00 toward our center. We also had other plans for fund raising in the works, such as a Poker Tournament, and a Golf Tournament. But, the fact still remains that raising money this way was a full time job for those who were taking part in these projects and the real fact that even though there are members and citizens that supported the center they were few and far between.

At the Head Quarters in Lexington, our center has what is called a (Board restricted funds) of \$ 29,813.96 which belongs to our center, but could never come to us, but, could be used to pay off a deficit which we owe, we could use some, or all of these funds for a one time withdrawal of which we will use to pay off our debt of approximately \$15,000.00 when all is said and done. That is why we have been told we could keep the money earned at the car show in Stowe on the 13th, 14th and 15th of August here in Vermont. So, to be fair we will keep the money here and divide it between the two Scottish Rite Valley's of Burlington and Montpelier on a point scale of the number of people divided into the amount of money after expenses are paid. This will generate for each Valley approximately \$80.00 plus per person who worked the car show.

The materials and furnishings will now go to another center, such as the one in Rhode Island.

As the Chair of the Board of Governors, I want to say a very genuine and meaningful THANK YOU to our Board Members and to all who have supported this very needed and worthwhile project of our Scottish Rite 32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children with” Dyslexia”.

Fraternally

F. Randall Cary Chair Board of Governors
32^o Masonic Learning Center for Children
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Masonic History

How often have we heard non Masons say when you introduce yourself as a Mason, or they know you are a Mason, “my grandfather, uncle, brother, father, cousin or a close friend or other relative was or is a mason” but they themselves are not. It may be that this person who knows someone who is or was a mason is very famous. The person they know may also be very prominent in the public eye, but their Masonic life is overshadowed by their public notoriety. Here in Vermont, there are or were plenty of movers and shakers who were or are masons. One of these men was Dr. Henry Jackson of Barre a 33rd degree mason. His nephew, a non-Mason, was Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson of Burlington. I will be as brief as I can about what made these two men famous. Horatio Nelson Jackson became world famous in 1903 by making a fifty dollar bet with a gentleman in San Francisco California, where he was on vacation with his wife Bertha, from Vermont. The bet was made over whether Dr Jackson could make a road trip across the US in an automobile. Horatio said he could do it. He bought a slightly used 1903 Winton on the advice of his road trip companion Sewall K Crocker. He set out with his dog “Bud” and Sewall from San Francisco to New York on May 23, 1903. There were no service stations or highways, very little gasoline, and no accurate road maps. He kept a meticulous diary of the events he encountered while on his journey, breakdowns, broken parts, getting lost, floods and information on folks he met along the way. Despite all his hardships, he arrived in New York 63 days later. He became an international sensation and won the \$50 dollar bet! Many articles were written about the trip and the book Horatio’s Drive was written about the daring adventure. Ken Burns the famous film documentarian made a film about the trip, with the same name as the book, “Horatio’s Drive” for PBS in 2003 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the famous trip. The 1903 Winton which Horatio drove around Burlington for several years after the trip, and even received a ticket for going over the 6 mph speed limit, is displayed in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC.

Now we can talk about Horatio’s uncle who was also prominent, but in the medical, community and political fields. His name was Henry Jackson MD. He was born in Brome Canada, April 19 1844. His family moved to the US when he was in his teens. They settled in Barre Vermont. Here he received his education at the Barre Academy under Dr. Spaulding. He entered the Medical department of UVM and in 1865 graduated as an MD. He took a postgraduate course at McGill University in Montreal from 1868 to 1869. His first practice was in Stockholm NY from 1865 to 1868. He then went to Montpelier for a short period and then to Barre where he had a prominent practice from 1870 until his death in 1907. He was appointed professor of physiology at UVM in 1882, where he held that chair for 25 years. From UVM he also received the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1884. In 1890, he was a delegate from the University of British Medical Association and to the Medical Congress of Berlin, Germany. In Politics he was a Democrat and represented Barre in the Vt Legislature in 1878. He was a Democratic candidate for Governor in 1896, and Mayor of Barre in 1903, the same year his nephew made his famous road trip. He was the President and Director of the Barre Savings and Trust from its inception until his passing. He was a member and president of the county and state medical societies and a member of the American Medical Association. He was very influential during his time in the legislature for granting the Village Charter, and influential incorporating the Barre Water Works in 1886. Dr Jackson was a member of the Odd Fellows, Clan Gordon of OSC and most importantly, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Freemason. He was Past Master of Granite Lodge for many years and RWDD for 5 years. At the annual session of Supreme Council, SGIGNMJ, held in Boston September 18th 1888, the 33rd and last degree was conferred upon him in full form and he was received, welcomed and proclaimed SGIG of the ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and enrolled as an honorary member of the Supreme Council for Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He and his wife made their home on South Main Street in Barre. His nephew Horatio Jackson made his mark upon history in 63 days. True to Masonic form, Henry Jackson made his mark throughout his life.

Photos from 12th Degree



The Cast

The Candidates



CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHANGED DATE & PLACE

Saturday DECEMBER 18TH

WILLIAMSTOWN MASONIC CENTER

111 BRUSH HILL RD

ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME AT NO CHARGE

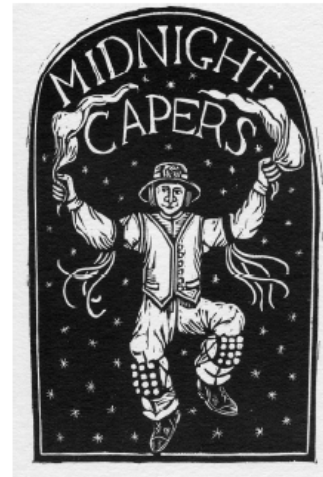
2PM: MUMMERS PLAY

Performed by the Valley's players and
MIDNIGHT CAPERS SWORD

followed by a POT LUCK FEAST- BYOB

Then the wonderful music of

FIFTH BUSINESS



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