

Valley of Montpelier

The Valley Voice

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Scottish Rite of Vermont



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Important Events Coming up!

Jul 31, 2011	Admin Council Meeting, 7pm	Barre
Aug 28, 2011	Admin Council Meeting, 7pm	Barre
Sep 06, 2011	Rehearsal 4° 7pm Tuesday	Barre
Sep 08, 2011	4° SECRET MASTER (live) / MASTER TRAVELER (film) Thursday 7:30pm, Supper at 6:30pm	Barre
Sep 25, 2011	Admin Council Meeting, 7pm	Barre
Oct 02, 2011	Rehearsal 6° 4pm Tuesday	Barre
Oct 06, 2011	6° INTIMATE SECRETARY Thursday 7:30pm, Supper at 6:30pm	Barre
Oct 14, 2011	Steak & Cigar Night , Friday 7PM	Barre
Oct 30, 2011	Admin Council Meeting, 7pm	Barre
Nov 06, 2011	Rehearsal 13° 4pm Tuesday	Barre
Nov 10, 2011	13° MASTER OF 9th ARCH Thursday 7:30pm, Supper at 6:30pm	Barre
Nov 18, 2011	Festive Board for Couples , A Valley Rite of the Table, Friday 7PM	Barre



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From The Gavel

Greetings brothers, summer is upon us and with that we will be taking a hiatus from our degree work. The past few months have been busy, with the Valley Annual meeting on May 21st, the presentation of the 5th degree, "Perfect Master" on June 9th.

One great thing we did do, which was a first for Scottish Rite in Vermont was a 4-way conference call, between officers and some members of all the 4 Valleys in the state to go over the upcoming Valley of Montpelier 2011/2012 schedule. This was fantastic. We did not have to drive, and all the work was completed in about hour! Lets do more of these calls.



The upcoming 'Grand Masters Fair' to be held on August 21st 2011, at the Addison County Fairgrounds will feature exhibits from almost all the Blue Lodges in the state, and a presentation from the other bodies of Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite Valley of Montpelier, will present a demonstration of old time

printing, using an old number 2 Colombian Pilot press from around the 1870s. This is one of several presses I own, and I will be bringing several more. I will be giving the presentation along with several brothers from the Valley. All the type is hand set. I also have several Antique Masonic Printing blocks, which I will incorporate into the printing presentation. I plan to print until the ink runs dry. This will be a fun day, and should prove to be very interesting with the theme of the fair being Masonry.

The Valley will also be putting on a "Cigar Night" on Oct 14th 2011, at the Barre Masonic Center. This will be open to all Masons and their non mason friends. We hope to have a professional Cigar Roller, some Cigar representatives, good food and camaraderie with brothers and friends. Stay tuned for more information.

Our next degree will be on Sept 8th at the Barre Masonic Center. We will present the 4th degree "Secret Master" in costume and the 4th degree (film) "Master Traveler". This will be a Thursday Night Degree with Supper at 6:30pm and the Degree at 7:30pm. This day will be upon us before we know it, so if you know of any Blue Lodge brother who wishes to join the Scottish rite, give him a petition, and bring him to the degree.

I hope you all have a great summer! See you in September.
Steve Engel TPM

Communications Director

Welcome to the new format for the Valley of Montpelier's newsletter! We hope that you find it fun to read, informative, and inspirational.

As I assume the responsibilities of the Communications Director/Valley Publicist from Bill Shwab, I would like to thank Bill for the fine job and work that he performed. Thank you Bill.

Along with the changes starting with this newsletter's format and content, the Valley of Montpelier is pleased to announce that it has a presence on Facebook as well as on Twitter. You can receive updates about events and happenings by either of these social media sources! (Please see page 1 for details.)

NEWSLETTER Valley of Montpelier, Scottish Rite of Vermont

One neat facet for you to enjoy is the last page of this newsletter. Simply print the last page and try your hand at the Word Search. Many of the words came from the degrees that we either just performed or are coming up. Check it out!

I look forward to serving you and welcome any comments.

Thank you,

-Jeff Kahn

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Masonic Wisdom



“Urge upon your Brethren the teaching and the unostentatious practice of the morality of the Lodge, without regard to times, places, religions, or peoples.

Urge them to love one another, to be devoted to one another, to be faithful to the country, the government, and the laws: for to serve the country is to pay a dear and sacred debt:

To respect all forms of worship, to tolerate all political and religious opinions; not to blame, and still less to condemn the religion of others: not to seek to make converts; but to be content if they have the religion of Socrates; a veneration for the Creator, the religion of good works, and grateful acknowledgment of God’s blessings.”

-Pike, Albert Morals and Dogma

Sovereign Prince

Well I can not say we had a banner year for candidates, although not for lack of trying.

At one point we had nine candidates well I should say petitions in house and we were looking forward to a pretty good year with that many candidates starting out. That thought was short lived as most never started their degrees with one reason or another.

I am still doing a little one man skit of the 15th degree [about 15 minutes], although with annual meetings and changing of the guard at many lodges my visitations have been limited.

The presentations have been well received and I usually come away with at least one partition, getting them to come to a fourth degree is the problem, even with follow up calls they seem to find something else to do the day of the degree.

Eric asked me an interesting question at the 150th anniversary in Barton, [How many candidates do we have for the 5th degree?] Well I must admit I was taken aback by the question. We usually do a 4th degree in June and we would usually have at least a couple of candidates for the degree, but because we are doing the 5th ,I with my small brain matter visualized the degree being done for those in the Valley that have not seen it and not for new candidates.

Then I began to think, yes it really does happen once in awhile the old and getting older gray matter began churning.

I cannot be a one man show. We must all take a part in supplying fresh blood to the Rite. Maybe a poor choice of words but I am sure you get the meaning.

There are over Three hundred brothers that pay their dues every year. They must think that the Valley has some worth at the very least to them at one point in their Masonic walk or they wouldn’t be paying their dues. How do we inspire them to solicit new brethren into the Rite?

Perhaps this is turning out to be more of a message than a report. My visitation continues as I am now scheduling meetings for September.

I have asked our Grand Master for the names of all the Master Masons raised in the past two years in the central Vermont area and he has agreed to get them for me although I haven’t received them yet. They are pretty busy with Grand Lodge and the possibility of a new secretary so I will be patient. When we do have the names a letter with a personal invitation will be going out to join the Rite.

So my brethren as we return to our respective Lodges look around for a worthy brother to bring to the Valley. Perhaps one that has been raised but not seen since, the Scottish Rite might be the catalyst to spark an interest again, certainly worth a try.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Martenson, Membership Committee

Deputy VT Scottish Rite

Once each year the parent Council of all Vermont's Valleys, the VT Council of Deliberation, meets to review, legislate, present awards and have fun. This year's gathering will be at the Green Mountain Masonic Center in Williston. The theme is "Looking back to the past, ahead to the future." Using a combination of video, power point, lecture and drama, the Council will take a look at where we have come from, where Freemasonry is today in Vermont, and what sort of planning we can do now to prepare for our future. We will present the Meritorious Service awards and other awards also to some of our outstanding members. The entertainment will consist of a skit depicting an administrative council meeting of the "Valley of Confusion." The installation of Officers will be an open installation, and will be done using a quaint ceremony resurrected from the 19th Century. A separate Ladies program will be going on while the men are busy deliberating, but half the afternoon will be spent with both men and ladies together, so this is an event for the whole family. We will end up with a party going on and a delicious banquet prepared by the members of Temple Chapter of the Eastern Star. All Scottish Rite Masons and their partners are cordially invited to attend. It will be interesting, you will have fun, and you will be glad you came.

Thank you: Eric Ginette, Deputy VT Scottish Rite

Invitation to the Annual Session of the
VERMONT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION



SATURDAY JULY 9, 2011
GREEN MOUNTAIN MASONIC CENTER
87 BISHOP AVE. WILLISTON

12:30 PM: COFFEE AND SNACKS
1 PM: COUNCIL OPENS
1 PM: LADIES DEPART FOR THEIR PROGRAM
3 PM: OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
PRESENTATION OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS
4 PM: A SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL
5 PM: COCKTAIL HOUR
6 PM: BANQUET
ALL 4° MASONS WELCOME!



The Secretary's Desk



The Dues mailings have been sent out. If you haven't seen them yet, you soon will. Please be on the lookout for them.

Dues can be paid via USPS mail or you can pay online at:

www.supremecouncil.org

You can also find a link on the Vermont Scottish Rite page as well:

www.vermontscottishrite.com

If you are experiencing difficulties with the payment of your dues, please contact the Secretary at:

Valley of Montpelier A.A.S.R

ATTN: Secretary

PO Box 77

Barre 05670.

Additionally, if you are receiving this paper newsletter, it means we do not have your email address. Please send an email to me at mikhael.yowe@gmail.com or to the Thrice Potent Master at engelsew@gmail.com with this vital piece of information!

Fraternally,

Mikhael Yowe

Active's Report Summer 2011

Let the summer begin!! I hope this is the end of the wet and cold and on to the warm, dry and sunny.

We still have a few Scottish Rite and Masonic events that I will get to later but I would like you to take time and reset. Enjoy family time. Suck up the sounds and smells of summer. Recharge the Masonic Batteries.

I watched my neighbor George Woodard get in his first cutting of hay and the smell brought back the Memories of when we used to go to Gramps farm when I was a kid. That smell. My dad would work all day at his 9-5 job and come home, grab us kids and go to the hayfield. My aunts drove the tedder and hay truck. A model AA 1 ton. My Uncles and Dad threw bales. Gramps drove the ford tractor with the baler ratcheting out the bails. Cha chunk, Cha chunk. Kids threw bales for a while or chased down the broken ones. Whatever we did the adults did not have to do and they were appreciative.

After the hay was in the barn a six-pack came out with a church key and the day was done. We all had a small part in something much bigger than ourselves and enjoyed the work along the way. I still cherish the sounds and smells some 50 years later.

You know where I am going with this. There are many small moving parts to a Scottish Rite Valley. Work to be enjoyed and shared. Come be a part of us.

Things that are happening this summer:

On July 9th we will be holding our Council of Deliberation. Come join us for a short business meeting and day of socializing.

The other event that you should make note of is the Grand Masters Fair on August 21. This will be something new to the State of Vermont and will be a chance for all Masons especially our Scottish Rite Scholars to inform the public about the fraternity in a Country Fair Setting. The valley of Montpelier is doing a printing demonstration Headed up by our own Ben Franklin /Steve Engel. You can contact Steve at engelsew@gmail.com if you would like to be his apprentice for the day.

Have a great summer, Don Duquette Active for VT

Valley of Montpelier

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Deputy, State of VT	Ill\ Eric Ginette 33°
Active, State of VT	Ill\ Donald G Duquette 33°
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Membership Chairman	Lee Martenson
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Education Officer	Ill\ Eric Ginette 33°

Drama Director

FIFTH DEGREE IN JUNE- PERFECT MASTER

“Labour is prayer that never goes unanswered.”

It was a hot June night, after great BBQ chicken dinner topped with homemade strawberry shortcake. The stage in the Barre Lodge was transformed into a gold and wooden tabernacle for the Ark of the Covenant, with a sacred flame on the altar. Set out on the desert before the building of Solomon’s Temple. By the time of the Spirit of God flashed through carved screens of the tabernacle, with Barry Duquette at the light-board, most of the cast were dripping with sweat in their costumes. By God’s grace, we forgot to load down Moses (Steve Engel) with his wig and beard. For their labor building the tabernacle, Moses appointed two men as Perfect Masters, played by Bryan Palmer and Don Duquette. High Priest Aaron (Rick Rayfield) had two good sons (Gary Bombard and John Ekrote) and two rebellious sons (Bill Morse and Vince Robinson). The rebels protested their perceived dilution of status by the elevation of the Perfect Masters. Prayer, and flames, and incense, and chaos ensued, including thunder and lightning provided by Bob Herdling. Candidates Brent Adams and Jeff Kahn and Guard Jay Morgan- who also delivered the Prologue- witnessed the degree, and served as “the people” when commanded by Moses. “None are more worthy to stand in this holy place than they who have worked with diligent.”

Nice work, brothers. We learned more about sound and lighting in the cavernous Barre lodge room. We held our stated meeting, under Steve Engel’s capable gavel, using the East, which required speaking up, and we tested a set of curtains to cut the light which often pours in from the upper windows. (My wife has insulated window shades at \$120 each. The eight drapes for the lunette windows in Barre were put together for under \$5 each.) I hope the costumes dry out! We have two new brass censers, and a pretty good looking artificial flame with a variable controller. Barry and Bob pulled out all the stops in setting up the tabernacle and props to enrich the degree with sight and smell.

Looking good Ark, looking good. Glad Brother Jones raided you out of that government warehouse in Indiana.

The degree was presented on the 11th anniversary of the passing of my father-in-law, Louis Kane, who founded the Au Bon Pain and Panera restaurant chains. Though not a mason, Louis suffused his business and charitable work with a familial sense of brotherhood. His uncle Charlie was active in AASR and Shrine, and his father, George Kane, was an inactive Boston mason, who passed away at age 104 in 2009. The censers and flame are given to the Valley in their honor. “The favor of the Lord is also invoked by sweat of the brow, by strenuous service, and brotherly ministry.” Thank you brothers for a great degree.

Rick Rayfield, Degree Director 6-9-11



In Memoriam



William Louis Myer 33°
James Kelley 32°
Clarence Arthur Prevo 32°
James S. Brown 32°
Edward C. Rhodes 32°

Stanley H. Schumacher Jr. 32°
Jack B. Sloan 32°

Masonic Education

THE ROAD BEHIND

Most of the time I'm looking ahead, but it's interesting to look behind sometimes and ask how we got here. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite came early to the Northland, to Albany N.Y. in 1767 where the Dutchman Henry Andrew Francken opened Ineffable Lodge of Perfection. However, it was to be another Century before our Rite was established here in Vermont.

On January 7, 1868 nine brethren from Burlington journeyed to Boston and received all of the grades, from the Fourth to the Thirty-second. Returning to Vermont, they petitioned the Supreme Council for a Charter, and on February 4, 1871 Haswell Lodge of Perfection was erected in Burlington, the first Scottish Rite Body in our State.

This Lodge did not thrive at once. However, they did initiate brother George O. Tyler, the man who was to be called the "Father of the Rite" here in Vermont. Within a year of his becoming Thrice Potent Master, 60 new Masons had joined Haswell. Under Bro. George's sure hand, the Supreme Council was petitioned for dispensation to form the other two Bodies. And so it was that on July 10, 1873, these Bodies were formed. The officers were installed by a new, and the first, Deputy for Vermont: Illustrious Brother Phineas D. Ballou. It was Brother Ballou who formed the idea and organized that fateful trip to Boston of the nine first Vermonters of our Rite. He remained Deputy until he journeyed "out west" to Nebraska in 1873. It was only natural that his position was filled by the crowning of Bro. Tyler (what a great Masonic name!) as a 33rd degree Mason and Deputy for Vermont. The first act of the new Deputy

was to constitute Joseph W. Roby Council and Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, himself serving as the first Most Wise Master of Delta Chapter. Two years later, on January 8, 1875, he constituted our own Vermont Consistory and was the first Commander in Chief of that Body.

While these initial Bodies were being erected, lively interest in the Rite was stirring throughout our State. Thus it was that the second Lodge was created on March 10, 1874: the Windsor Lodge of Perfection. A third was added later that year, when Gamaliel Washburn Lodge of Montpelier was begun on December 22nd.

On January 11, 1875 Illustrious Brother Tyler issued the following famous summons:

"In accordance with Article 36 of the Constitution (1873) of the Supreme Council referring to "District Meetings" I hereby summon you to attend a "Council of Deliberation" to be held at the Asylum of Burlington Commandery #2 K.T. on the 20th day of the Shebat, A.M. 5635, corresponding to Tuesday, January 26, 1875, at ten o'clock AM to take into consideration all such matters as pertain to the welfare of the Rite in this jurisdiction."

Thus it was that our beloved Rite took seed and grew upon our native soil. May we continue to honor these great men who brought our Rite to Vermont and labored long that we might enjoy today the fruits of their industry.

Eric Ginette



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Scottish Rite Word Search

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Elect	Y	N	W	V	T	Y	S	Y	N	E	Z	D	N	A	R	G
Grand	X	T	E	R	A	E	A	W	R	S	A	S	Q	I	V	U
Inspector	Q	T	H	L	V	M	N	C	L	P	P	C	P	U	A	A
Intendant	X	N	P	G	D	N	E	D	O	Q	B	E	C	U	L	S
Knight	T	A	E	X	I	S	U	N	A	B	I	L	C	Q	O	W
Libanus	C	R	R	I	N	N	T	Q	C	N	E	G	J	T	R	A
Master	E	I	F	Q	S	I	K	P	T	H	T	C	C	W	O	I
Mercy	L	P	E	Y	F	T	R	E	L	E	V	A	R	T	R	R
Patriarch	E	S	C	F	T	R	U	K	N	F	T	Q	A	A	X	N
Perfect	M	A	T	E	M	X	C	P	R	I	N	C	E	R	I	E
Pontiff	E	Y	K	F	U	W	R	N	W	Z	U	B	Z	W	I	T
Prince	R	R	D	B	D	P	A	T	R	I	A	R	C	H	P	S
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