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The Publicist' Corner

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Valley of Rutland meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Rutland Masonic Center.

The Valley Administration Council meets at 7:00 PM, on the first Monday of the month at the Rutland Masonic Center. All are welcome.

If can offer a ride to a brother, or you need a ride, please let us know.

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We welcome your articles, comments, photos, etc.

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“Coming together was the beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.”

An Evening of Brotherhood

Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm , at the Rutland Masonic Center, the Valley of Rutland will be presenting the 4th Degree, Master Traveler, followed by the 5th Degree, Perfect Master.

The 4th Degree is the first step in a journey which spans twenty-nine degrees and a lifetime of inspiration for daily living. You become an explorer of Masonry’s time-honored wisdom in harmony with any man’s faith or creed. These are the essences of the human qualities of life, of family and of spiritual meaning that will enrich life’s journey. And remember, a good traveler enjoys the company of his fellow voyagers as much as the destination he seeks.

The 5th degree dramatizes the sin and punishment of two of the sons of Aaron who, led by greed and ambition, plotted against the peace of Israel. The lesson is of the corrupting and destroying nature of selfish thoughts and unworthy ambitions. If allowed to dwell in a man’s mind, they poison his whole being until he forgets his duty to his family, his country, and his God. Then moral and spiritual destruction overtake him. “The wages of sin is death.”

If you care to enjoy a great bowl of Elk stew, salad, dessert and beverage, join us for the 1st and 2nd of the Ineffable Degrees. Please join us for a pleasant evening of Brotherhood.

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Valley of Rutland Schedule 2011-2012

November 26...4th & 5th Degree Presentation	December 5....Admin Council Meeting
December 22...Holiday Gathering	January 2..... Admin Council Meeting
January 26.....14th Degree	February 6.....Admin Council Meeting
February 23.....16th Degree	March 5.....Admin Council Meeting
March 22.....18th Degree Rehearsal	March 24.....17 & 18th Reunion
April 22.....Admin Council Meeting	April 26.....Annual Meeting
April 28.....Consistory Reunion	May 7.....Admin Council Meeting

See your Scottish Rite Calendar for the Valley schedule:
<http://www.vermontscottishrite.com/Cal1.html>

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Who's Packing Your Parachute?

He was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. He ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when he and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're him! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" he asked.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied

He gasped in surprise and gratitude.

The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

He assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

He couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. "He kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. He wonder how many times he might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, he was a fighter pilot and the man was just a sailor."

He thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

He also thought of many kinds of parachutes he needed when his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

"Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what the need to make it through the day.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

Sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding jokes to us without writing a word. When you are very busy, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do, you forward jokes. And to let you know that you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still loved, you are still cared for, guess what you get?.... A forwarded joke.

So my brothers, next time when you get a joke, don't think that you've been sent just another forwarded joke, but that you've been thought of today and your friend on the other end of your computer wanted to send you a smile, a fiend just helping you pack your parachute.....

I am sending you this as my way of thanking you for your part in packing my parachute. And I hope you will send it on to those who have helped pack yours!!