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VALLEY OF SALINA
ORIENT OF KANSAS

Calendar of Event

3/13 to 16/2013

Grand Lodge in Salina

3/16/13 **Book Club:** 3rd Saturday of the Month, 8:00 AM at Mocha's on Santa Fe in Salina

3/19/13 **Remembrance & Renewal**
7:00 PM 3rd Floor
Followed by pie & coffee in the Dining room

3/30/13 **Last Saturday Breakfast**
Cost: Donation 8:00 AM
5th Floor Classroom

4/6/13 **Spring Reunion**
See article inside

4/16/13 **Kids & Grandkids Night**
6:30 PM in Dining room

4/20/13 **Book Club** 3rd Saturday of the Month, 8:00 AM at Mocha's on Santa Fe

4/27/13 **Last Saturday Breakfast**
Cost: Donation 8:00 AM
5th Floor Classroom

5/18/13 **Book Club** 3rd Saturday of the Month, 8:00 AM at Mocha on Santa Fe

5/21/13 **Stated Meeting - Stag**

02/25/13 **Last Saturday Breakfast**
Cost: Donation 8:00 AM 5th Floor Classroom

Message from the Personal Representative



Ill.: Donald F. Hamilton, 33°

Brainstorming – Looking in to a Crystal Ball

We need to look into the future of the Valley of Salina. I asked Brother Donley Jones, 33°, to ask 4 or 5 people to set with him, on a committee to “start the ball rolling”. His report is on page 3. Look at it and let us know your ideals.

Do you get the idea that we are trying to involve the entire Valley of Salina? We really need your help. Contact me to begin plans for the future.

Ill.: Hugh W. Gill, III, S.G.I.G., Orient of Kansas, listed our areas of concentration as: Membership, Rite Care, Education, Leadership and Public Image, consider these 5 areas and see what you can develop. Collectively, we can have useful and beneficial Programs.

At the last stated meeting we decided to raise the initiation fee to \$150.00 per candidate regardless of age. Briefly it cost us \$98.00 per candidates over 30 years of age. Thus we exceeded our cost by \$2.00. For candidates 30 or under we receive \$50.00 in fees and our cost is \$89.00. Thus we are going in the red by \$39.00.

As of January 1, 2013 our membership is at an all time low of 870. That is a drop from 937 in 2012. We need to have all of our membership working on bring in candidates for the upcoming Spring Reunion.



**Important News Bullets inside:
Website
New Petition**

Please retain this Newsletter in its entirety, for the period covered.

Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

We have 2 Reunions a year, spring and fall, with practices in between. The time goes by so quickly. We took in seven new Scottish Rite Masons last reunion. It was great, let's see if we can reach out once again and get a high number of candidates. I would like to see Valley of Salina become the number one location for being a Scottish Rite Mason. I want to commend Rex Boatman, 33°, and the Manhattan Scottish Rite brothers forgoing out and recruiting members. They brought in 4 of the 7 members at the fall reunion. They have all assumed cast rolls. We are very grateful for their participation. Attend your Blue Lodge and recruit new members for the Scottish Rite.

Rodney Denholm, 32° and Darrell, 32°, are going to be the new back up for the sound system. As of this writing all the cast parts are filled, however we can always use alternates and stage crew members. Please encourage Scottish Rite members to come and see a reunion, we need the side liners.

Any Scottish Rite Mason is welcome to view the practices. The spring reunion will be April 6th. Hope to see everyone there and remember to wear your Scottish Rite caps.

We are going to do something new this year. We want to recognize one member who has excelled in Masonry and community service at each reunion, starting with the fall reunion. Send the name and if possible a picture along with the article about his accomplishments to the office at P.O. Box 1274, Salina, Ks 67402-1274, by the 1st of September.

Don Hamilton, 33°, our Personal Representative to the SGIG of Kansas, works many hours to make the Valley of Salina the best in Kansas while doing the Secretary's job. When you see Don Thank him for his dedication.

Please keep Nadine Gable, office secretary, informed of all address and email changes.

Quotation of the Month: **Good examples have twice the value of good advice.**

Remember our military here and abroad and keep them in your prayers.

James R. Winn, 32° KCCH
Director of the Work

Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony

The Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights and the Ceremony of Relighting the Lights will be observed on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Masonic Center in Salina, Kansas, 3rd floor auditorium. All Members, family and friends are welcome to attend.

You will recognize the following verse that always appears with the list of Members that we have lost due to death. Take the time to read it once more, It has a great deal of meaning if you take the time to think about it.

“As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep, So one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep; As one by one, the rose burst into the morning light, So one by one, your soul shall wake again beyond the night.”

This is the time when we all need to honor our Brothers that have passed on to be with their God.

This is a very impressive ceremony. Do you know the widow or family member of any of our fallen Brothers, if so make it a point to invite them to attend, or better yet make a point of getting them here so they can see that their loved one is not forgotten.

Pie and coffee will be served in the 1st floor dining room following the Ceremonies. This is a good time to get reacquainted and visit with the other Member of Scottish Rite.

R.S.V.P. by March 15, 2013. 785-827-9006. If you don't get us called, please come anyway.



Leadership Training

Leadership – One of our main goals.

Chet Peterson, 32° KCCH attended our Orient Meeting recently to familiarize the Members with Leadership training techniques. We will start this program in January. Anyone interested in doing this can contact Don at 785-827-9006 or cell phone 785-822-5168.

Putting it Together

Report presented by Donley Jones, 33°

I was asked to summarize the “Survival Brainstorming Meeting” held recently. This seems to me to be a difficult task because of the interrelatedness of the various suggestions. Instead of summarizing the results I will list some of the suggestions made and some of the comments made.

The suggestions are as follows:

Get members.

Do fund raising.

Reach out to members in our service area.

Attend Blue Lodge meeting.

Do Chocolate and Champagne Festivals.

If we have meals at meetings, make them good

Meals or no meal at all.

Do a better job with our publicity.

Meet in a place that people can hear what is being said.

Do fellowship excursions.

Entertain people at meetings.

Educate people.

Keep on being philanthropic.

Encourage small groups.

Give more autonomy to outlying members.

Have Reunions.

Put in as much effort towards the above ideas as we do towards our Reunions.

Following are some of the comments of the members of the Brainstorming Group:

Attend Blue Lodge:

As the young trap shooter said to the old guy on the Firing line---:”Sir, how are you able to break a hundred straight?” The old gent replies, “Sonny, one at a time.” And that, my friend, is how we build our membership. Are you active in your Blue Lodge? If so, you are to be commended because that is the only source of Scottish Rite membership.

Establish a PR program:

Immediately after the reunion provide not only the “Salina Journal” but also the largest half-dozen or

so newspapers in our Valley with a news release and photograph(s) showing and naming those in the photographs.

We have a summer picnic? News release and photograph(s). We have members selected for KCCH or 33°, news release and photograph(s). We have members going to Hays? News release and photograph(s). Bottom line: Anything even remotely newsworthy deserves attention in the press. And, the cost is so minimal the exposure is essentially free. It would be good if Chester Peterson headed up our PR efforts.

Education and Entertainment:

I’m convinced that to get people—“volunteers”—to attend meetings of any sort, that they need to feel that they’re being informed, educated, and/or entertained. That’s absolutely not what happens in dry business-only meetings.

Give More Autonomy to Outlying Members:

It would be good if we could come up with a way to get people in our organization without them having to come to Salina or without us having to trek out “there”. My idea is as follows: The senior member of the Valley available could initiate a person into the Scottish Rite by giving him an overview of the purpose and organization of the Scottish Rite. The initiate would have full membership privileges at that point. Becoming a “Craftsman” would require sitting through the 5 mandatory degrees, sitting through a discussion on the 5 mandatory degrees, completing the 5 degrees on line or completing the Master Craftsman I course.

Fund Raising

The time has come to begin fundraising. Expenses have risen to the level that dues no longer finance them. We have arrived at a time that we must decide whether to “get out” or “get with it”.

As previously stated this is an organization driven by its members: not vice versa. Your response is eagerly anticipated, but make sure it is something that you know about or have done before. We are open to new ideas. We may be contacted at the office at 785-825-5155. We are in the office Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Fort Hays State University
Hays, Kansas



See the joy in Arthur eyes and the smile on his face, as he shows off what he has made.

We would like to introduce you to Arthur. Arthur is now six years old and in Kindergarten. Arthur began receiving services at the Herndon Clinic as a preschooler. His mother reported that her son has had health problems while growing up. Arthur has acid reflux and will vomit if he gets overly excited or anxious. He also has food allergies. She also felt that Arthur has attention and language problems. Arthur loves books and pretends to read. He also loves to play with trains, super heroes, and dinosaurs.

Arthur began receiving services at the Herndon Clinic in the summer of 2011. He joined a summer language group and had a good experience with other little boys. The goals of the group were to help all the children listen and take turns, learn new vocabulary words through the use of storybooks, and follow directions while creating art projects. Arthur made noticeable progress.

Arthur continues to come to the Clinic at the current time because his mother knows the extra help is making a difference for her son. Arthur's mother is a single mom and also goes to school.

Summer Language Group

She is so thankful for the scholarship from the Scottish Rite Foundation. She commented that “without the Herndon Clinic Arthur would not be where he is today!” “Arthur is comfortable at the Clinic and that helps him learn.” Arthur is just like any other child but just needs extra help to be successful in school.

The students who have been Arthur's clinicians have learned so much about helping a child develop listening, attention, vocabulary, early reading, and conversation skills. Arthur is another example of how the generosity of the Scottish Rite Foundation in Kansas is helping young children, one at a time, be competent, successful communicators in school and at home!

**Charity is action and the
Chief virtue and first Law of a
Mason.**

Retirement of Amy Finch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Amy Finch, whom is the Chair and Professor, Speech-Language Pathology at FHSU will be retiring at the end of this school year. Amy has been very instrumental in helping the Valley of Salina become more aware of the ways in which we can help the Herndon Clinic since it became a RiteCare Clinic in 2008. We at the office have enjoyed working with her and wish her the best in her retirement.



Presentation of certificate of Appreciation

Ill.: Donald F. Hamilton, 33°, Personal Rep. to S.G.I.G., Timothy A. Fowler, 32°, former Secretary, Valley of Salina, Ill.: Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, S.G.I.G. Orient of Kansas,

Ladies Night

February 19, 2013 the Scottish Rite, Valley of Salina, Orient of Kansas held their ladies night meeting at Western Sizzlin. Ladies night is held to show how much, we as members appreciate the ladies support through out the year. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by the members and guests.

The meeting was called to order by the Venerable Master Steven K. Miles, 32°. Invocation was given by Kenneth R. Leander, 33° the Prelate.

Steve introduced Ill.: Donald F. Hamilton, 33°, Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. Don talked about the making of a video that was about the Temple. We hope to have it placed on our new website when we get it up and going in the very near future.

Don Introduced Ill.: Hugh W. Gill, III, 33° S.G.I.G of the Orient of Kansas. Hugh talked a little about the future of the Scottish Rite in this changing world. Our values have not changed but the world around us is constantly changing. How do we make the younger generation interested in what we have to offer them?

Timothy A. Fowler (former secretary of the Valley of Salina) was asked to come forward. Hugh presented him with a letter of appreciation from William G. Sizemore, 33°, G.: C.:, of the Supreme Council, from Washington D.C.

The Valley of Salina presented Tim with a framed certificate of Appreciation. Although Tim's time with us was short, he accomplished a lot. He established an open line of communication with the Rite Care Clinic at FHSU. This has resulted in a lot of activities involving the Scottish Rite and the members of the Herndon Clinic, which is located in our Valley. Marla Staab and Jackie Jacob of the clinic attended this meeting to show their appreciation for the work that Tim has done. Tim will continue to work with the clinic as an active member of the Scottish Rite.

The newest member, Brett Weis, 32° and his lady, Sarah were present. Also Herbert Summers, 32° who recently transferred his membership back to the Salina Valley after moving back to Salina was present.

We want to thank the social committee, which consist of Larry Anderson, 32° and wife Norma and James Winn, 32° KCCH and wife Carol. They made the arrangements and did the decorating. It was wonderful and all who attended had a good time. We will be considering doing this again.

WE NEED MORE RUBBER BANDS

With permission from the Valley of Tucson Arizona

A lot of us are like wheelbarrows, not much good unless pushed. Some of us are like canoes, we need to be paddled. Others of us are like kites, if not kept on a string, we fly away. Some of us are like balloons, filled with hot air and ready to blow at any minute. Then there are those of us who are like footballs, you never know which way we'll bounce. Some are even like trailers, we need to be pulled to every meeting, every project. Many of us are like neon lights; we keep going on and off. Others of us are like rubber bands, we give all we can, stretch our time accordingly, hold things together, and bounce back to help even more.

We need more Rubber Bands!

We can find more rubber bands in the membership of the Craft. You can all be rubber bands. You can stretch your time and help out in your fraternity; even volunteering for one small task will help tremendously.

Just think about all the different things a rubber band can do and all the different sizes and colors they come in. We all have unique talents and abilities we can share.

Volunteer!

Share your Talents!! Be a rubber band!!!

Newest addition to the
Masonic Center
Kitchen 4 Hirer
Now Open

In Memorandum

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Roderick B. Bentley	02/15/2013
Joseph W. Brewer	07/17/2010
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Gary D. Henderson	01/27/2013
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Jones M. Mason	07/14/2012
George M. Mc Kee	01/05/2013
James J. Mitten	01/29/2013
John P. Myers	10/20/2012
Marvin Unruh	01/27/2013

New Website

Under Construction

We are in the process of developing a new website for the purpose of outreach and the development of new members. Your contributions are welcome. High resolution photographs, stories, activity and event information are especially interesting as well as your ideas, comments, and suggestions.

The website will feature:

A Google Calendar to enable content sharing—you can combine your family calendar with your Scottish Rite calendar at the touch of a button.

A newsletter section: allowing you to view recent newsletters on the website and sign up on line to start receiving newsletters to your email box.

A Rite Care section, identifying our interest in the Herndon Clinic, and the services our support helps them to provide.

Several contact forms: one creates a PDF of a request for Initiation and Membership, another is for renting the building.

A link where you can pay dues to Supreme Council on line, (scottishrite.org), and much more.

Web Master: Mile Rogers, 32° KCCH
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