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"The Man Who Would Be King"

Upcoming events for the Valley

Tuesday July 7, 2015

Executive Council
Valley Office, Union

August 29 thru Sept 2, 2015

Supreme Council Sessions
Indianapolis, Indiana

Saturday September 12, 2015

Clifton / Valley Combined Picnic
Clifton Lodge Grounds, Clifton

Tuesday September 22, 2015

New Member Night
Stated Meeting
Clifton Lodge

Friday September 25, 2015

Valley Awards Night
Hanover Manor, East Hanover

Tuesday October 6, 2015

Executive Council
Valley Office, Union

Tuesday October 13, 2015

Valley Social Night
LTBD*

Saturday November 7, 2015

Deputy's Ball
Honoring Dave Glattly
Sea Oaks CC, Little Egg Harbor

Saturday November 3, 2015

Executive Council
Valley Office, Union

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Valley Social Night
LTBD*

*Location To Be Determined



Valley's meetings, social functions, and other events take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise noted, fourth Tuesdays are held at: Clifton Masonic Temple, 1476 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013





"Although I hold the highest civil honor in the world, I have always regarded my rank and title as a Past Grand Master of Masons the greatest honor that had ever come to me"

— Harry S. Truman



"We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfils our Masonic Obligation to care for our members"

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SP Barry Kornspam, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

Northern NJ Council Princes of Jerusalem
SP Antonio A. Abano, 32°, MSA
Sovereign Prince

Northern NJ Chapter of Rose Croix
SP Raymond Ortiz, II, 32°
Most Wise Master

New Jersey Consistory, S.P.R.S.
Ill. Charles Secallus, 33°, MSA
Commander-in-Chief

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Active Members of Supreme Council

- Ill. David A. Glattly, 33°, Deputy for New Jersey
Ill. Robert J. Sheridan, 33°Active
Ill. Daniel M. Wilson, 33°Active
Ill. Thurman C. Pace, Jr., 33°Active Emeritus
Ill. Donald D. Miller, 33°Active Emeritus

Deputy's Representative:

Ill. Robert V. Monacelli, 33°, MSA

Valley Reunion Class...

DEPUTY DAVE HONORED!

KING FOR A DAY? YOU BET!

It was a beautiful Saturday in April! On this eighteenth day of the month, the sun rays and comfortable temperature were accompanied by a starburst of a man whom we honored on this day. None other than our Illustrious Deputy for New Jersey, David A. Glattly, 33°. With calm and comfortable weather emanates a man of equal stature. When we speak of equality or even equanimity, we further reflect upon the term of leadership that Illustrious David Glattly is bringing to closure. During Dave's nine year term as Deputy, we have seen growth in our valleys and we have witnessed a new level of caring and sharing amongst our membership.

None of this happens by osmosis! It takes leadership and vision and a leader like Dave Glattly. You might say that he has been the poster child for both! When it came time for our Valley to dispose of its Real Estate holdings in a proper manner David made sure it was properly delegated. When it came time to consider a blue print for degree portrayal culminating in a one day gala Illustrious Glattly was there to see it into fruition. The streamlining of the Council of Deliberation and its operations was yet another avenue that under Dave's leadership was made more efficient.

Dave has also served his Grand Lodge with honor and respect. He was Grand Marshal in 1998 for Most Worshipful Ross Van Ness Bayer, PGM and was awarded New Jersey Grand Lodge's highest honor of the Daniel Coxe Medal in 2001. David has been around more than a while involved in Masonic circles. He began his climb to the pinnacle of New Jersey Freemasonry by first becoming heavily involved in DeMolay culminating in a term as State Master Councilor and then years later as the eventual State Executive Officer for DeMolay. David is a family man as well. Having two wonderful children in Matthew and Jessica, and his loving wife and friend to us all in Mrs. Monica Glattly. This is a true Masonic family if ever we did see one! Take a visit to Dave's home and you see this further solidified by his own personal DeMolay wall of fame which encompasses all of the Past State Master Councilors who served during Dad Galtly's terms as Executive Officer of

New Jersey for DeMolay, and a few others on their ascent to that position of leadership. At times, the refrigerator at Glattly's house stocked more Yoo-hoo and snacks for the adopted DeMolay family than food perishables! All signs of Dave's testament to his everlasting bonds of friendship and leadership on all levels.

The writer of this article as well as many others in our circles of relationships have spent countless afternoons invading Dave and Monica's abode in Hawthorne



and previous to that, in Haledon. All without question or reason to attend, and with a standing open invitation!

These are just some of the well-deserved platitudes that can be attributed to Deputy Dave. A true friend and brother for life to many of us! So on this special day, twenty-three new members of the valley were present to take part in this special class named in Dave's honor. On this special day candidates began with the fourth degree video Master Traveler, followed-up with the Eighteenth Degree, Knight of the Rose Croix. After the Eighteenth degree a resounding version of the multimedia Knight of Valor degree aka Four Chaplains Degree was performed.

This was met with tremendous anticipation as this version of the 23rd degree is special in its focus and overall presentation. Then to cap the degree portrayal lighted tea lights were passed amongst the crowd with instruction to illuminate during the portion of the degree when the reference as to the

men being adrift at sea and could only be seen by the illuminating red light located on their floatable safety jackets! The auditorium at central valley was illumined with the gentle effect of a literal sea of red indicator lights. A touching and poignant moment to say the least!

Following lunch the class witnessed degrees Five and Thirty-one. Namely, Perfect Master and the newly released version of "My Brother's Keeper". Combined casts from all three valleys partook in all of the

degrees being portrayed. However, before we closed for the day there was one more portrayal on tap for the day. The eleventh degree vignette was the final degree to close this wonderful day, but with a twist! Yes a twist! The degree would be portrayed (with accompanying Scripts) by the newest members of our valley's... The Candidates! Yes the Candidates! Ahhh... but we weren't done yet! We also had a special king to portray this role on this day for this little vignette. With an accompanying robe of stature as well! You guessed it! (okay I gave it away in the title article).The king was none other than our special honoree! Illustrious brother David A. Glattly! What a day! What a twist! And what an honor for us to recognize the accomplishments and the hard work of one great leader of Scottish Rite for New Jersey! None other than Deputy Dave as we affectionately call him! Thank you Dave for nine great years of growth, prosperity and most importantly... brotherhood!

Who loves you?... Baby!!

Ok...the phrase was first coined by Telly Savalas. What?? You don't remember that lollypop sucking detective portrayal in Kojak? Man... I am getting old! Never the less, the valley embarked upon its version of who loves you baby with its February Valentine bash honoring the current officers of Grand Lodge and their ladies. Every lady in attendance received a beautiful rose courtesy of the consistory line of officers from the valley. In attendance we had the Deputy Grand Master RW Anthony Montuori and his lady Roe along with numerous members of the valley who were serving on the staff of MW Gerald J. Sharpe.



Our event was held at the Russian Hall located in Signac (aka Little Falls). In the past, many of us were regular attendees to the Russian Hall for various events. Predominantly, the DeMolay Legion of Honor met their regularly for a number of years. Our guests for the evening were the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, who were invited to attend for only a buck. That's right... One US dollar only for the ladies! How could you go wrong? For a great night

of food and entertainment in the form of a Tenor voice of none other than Ill. Raymond Foose, 33° the voice of the Scottish Rite, accompanied by his wife Ginny Foose with vocal assistance. This was further enhanced by the jazzy styled attributes of SP James Chwalyk, 32° on keyboards. All tunes were of a valentine theme and included crowd favorites such as Nat King Coles legendary O"Unforgettable" and New Jersey's own Frank Sinatra's "My Valentine". Cash bar and an as-sortment of hot and cold appetizers were on hand followed by a sprawling buffet of foods including fish and various meat dishes.

Emcee for the evening Ill. David A. Glattly, 33° kept the speeches and intro's short and the fun and fellowship high. The Ill. Deputy had certificates of recognition prepared for all the ladies of the grand staff and called upon each of them in attendance to come forward to receive there certificate of appreciation for all they do to support their men of Grand Lodge. Rarely on this level do we see our ladies receive accolades for the behind the scenes work they do to ensure the success of the men involved with our Grand Lodge. They are truly deserving of this recognition and this night of celebration! So therefore, my Sublime Princes, I ask you...

Hey... who loves ya baby!

Exploding Membership Numbers! 1910 to 1921; SGC Ill. Barton Smith, 33°

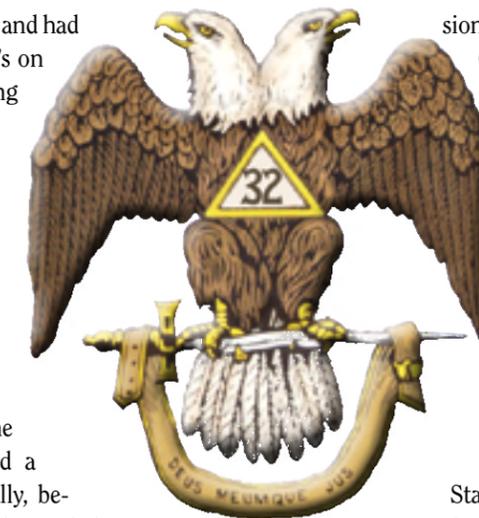
Wow! During Barton Smith's term as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, we experienced a growth spurt in membership of 29% jurisdiction wide! Our member numbers went from 61,252 to 213,518 in the time period from 1910 to 1921. It was a time of amazing growth and participation. Freemasonry in every way was becoming the "avant garde" organization to become a part of. Many reasons for this expansion were theorized. Some felt the advent of World War I played a big part, as a country torn by war will lead to unite the people in a common bond thus including fraternal relations. Others felt that the industrialization of our country was a true kickoff to expansive growth and demand in many arenas, both socially and economically. Don't forget, the first major stock crash of our times (Black Friday) took place in 1869 and had a lasting effect until at least the mid 1880's on consumer sentiments. We were just coming out of this as a nation. This was also the time whereby, the Civil War (although decades earlier) was still fresh in many minds, and the presence of reconstruction was unshackling the binds that manumission also brought with it.

Ill. Barton Smith was a Past Grand Master of Ohio in 1897. The son of Charles Claibourne and Corzina Smith. His post elementary education was at the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Sciences Degree and eventually, became a lawyer. Professionally, he relocated to Toledo, Ohio where he went into business and eventually became a law partner in the firm of Baker, Smith, and Baker and was originally a specialist in Real Estate Law. United States President Warren G. Harding (a fellow Freemason) honored Barton Smith with an appointment to represent the United States on an "Arbitral Commission". This commission sat at London and decided the case of "Landreau" a citizen of the US against the Republic of Peru. He was also an active member in his community by being a charter member of the Toledo Museum of Art and held many titles of association and University fraternal ties. Barton Smith was Director and Chairman of the "Toledo Blade" an important newspaper in the city of Toledo during the time period.

He was made a Master Mason in Sanford L. Collins Lodge No. 396 in 1876. This lodge still remains in existence today! He served as

Worshipful Master in 1884 and 1885. In 1881, he received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Toledo, and in 1882 he received his Thirty-Second Degree at Cincinnati, Ohio. He served as Thrice Potent Master from 1887 to 1889 and Commander in Chief from 1905 to 1907 of the newly created Toledo Consistory. In 1887, he was coroneted a Thirty-Third Degree Mason at Providence, Rhode Islands. Illustrious brother Smith also served in the various bodies of ascension for the York Rite of Freemasonry and having served as Grand Commander of Ohio in 1896.

Upon Sovereign Grand Commander Smith's appointment to be the leader of the Scottish Rite, he immediately appointed Leon Abbott as his Grand Lieutenant Commander. Thus giving Illustrious Abbott eleven years of training for the eventual ascension he would experience as the next Sovereign Grand Commander.



We are all pretty familiar with Ill. Abbott aren't we? He is the person the Abbott Scholarships are named for. Commander Smith served during a couple of historic moments of our Supreme Council. He was Grand Commander in 1913 which was our centennial year of existence as a Supreme Council.

This was observed by the Supreme Council in a low key manner. The year concluded with a short address by then Active member and Vice President of the United States Thomas Marshall. Grand Commander Smith additionally had the occasion of presiding over the Jubilee year in 1917, thus marking the Fifty year celebration of the Union of 1867. This led to all Ninety — four Valleys in the jurisdiction holding Reunions in the month of May of 1917. At the time, Supreme Council was still stationed at New York City. A gala of grand style was held to conclude the year!

During the term of Illustrious Barton Smith the Scottish Rite grew like never before. It was truly a time of great occurrence in our long and established history! Commander Smith passed away at his home from a long illness that lasted for five years. He passed to the celestial lodge on November 16, 1935. It is said that he turned to his nurse from his bedside and asked her to read to him a section of the daily newspaper like she had done before. As she turned from his bedside for a moment he relapsed into unconsciousness. Death followed a few minutes later.

Annual Installation of Significance!

Ok let's face it. Many of us have become seasoned veterans with respect to the ceremony of Installation. Still in yet, it's a special time in a Mason's life that chooses to partake in the various stations of a Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Body of Consistory officers. Add to this the average Scottish Rite Mason who has had his share of Lodge styled installations on the Blue Lodge level whence we all come from. The usual serving of installed officers followed by the proclamation from



the Marshal seals the deal with a resounding smell of freshness in the air for the body or group that the installation pertains to. We walk away with a feeling renewal that simply can't be matched!

It's "Out with the Old, and in with the New"!

Well this year for the Northern Valley, and for the first time in 23 years, there was the installation of a new secretary. This sounds like the end of a banner career of tenure in one office that was simply performed to the ultimate level of service and professionalism. To say that Illustrious J R Deissler was the absolute model of what not only a Secretary should be but more importantly, the type of man and brother we all

should strive for on a daily basis is in fact an understatement. What Bob Deissler preached and lived by in his office environment is what Bob Deissler preaches and lives by in his personal life!

Simply nothing less is tolerated! Courtesy, professionalism, and gentle advocacy all came with great war stories that were all a part of Bob's acumen and personal experience. To have had him as my personal Scottish Rite mentor has proved invaluable. But think of this... how many other lives and attitudes has Illustrious Deissler influenced in this manner? To give you a rough idea that's over 276 top three officers served. More than 60 Commander in Chiefs and other Presiding officers served, more than three Deputy's terms of service, a term as Deputy's Representative and Secretary of the Valley (simultaneously) after the position of Dep. Rep was created, and more than 400 meetings as Executive Secretary of the valley just to name a few. Whew!!!! That's a career!

Ill. Bob casts a large shadow. It is doubtful his accomplishments in office will be matched. You might say, he's the Babe Ruth of New Jersey Valley secretaries! Plus... he's got the numbers to prove it! All prior to the steroid era too! (just kidding) This is the house that Bob built when it comes to being the Valley Secretary!

So on this special evening of



installation whereby, we see sublime princes Ray Ortiz II, Tony Abano, Barry Kornspan, and Illustrious brother Charles Secallus all be elevated as rulers of the Scottish Rite it is with similitude we celebrate Illustrious Deissler's career as Secretary which comes to a close. This further marked the occasion of Bob's 55 year membership certificate presentation and a plaque from the Council of Deliberation celebrating Bob's tenure as Secretary. Our Grand Master MW Anthony Montuori, GM assisted by Scottish Rite Deputy for New Jersey Ill. David A. Glattly, 33° presented Illustrious Deissler with these two well-deserved awards and honors. The brethren responded with a resounding applause of affection. Nothing less could be expected

for a Prince of a Man in Bob Deissler! Hey Bob... don't go anywhere too far! We need your wise counsel! At least a little bit?!

Cheers to you and a sincere thank you from all of us!

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

That's the way I feel about BOB DEISSLER. Yes, I'm Happy BOB is finally going to take it easy. I can't find words to express how much he did for me while in my position as Treasurer. Words alone don't do the job, You may be sure BOB and Jean are constantly in my prayers.

SP HERBERT R. BECHER, 32°, MSA

Valley Recreates Radio Play...Live!!!

Some time ago, each of the valleys of New Jersey were tasked to come up with some version of a public play format that could be performed regularly for all to enjoy both inside and outside of Scottish Rite. The Valley of Northern New Jersey came up with an inventive concept known as a public radio play! The concept of seeing such a project into fruition takes keen insight and inventiveness to come up with a plyable format to be put into operation. After much consideration and at the suggestion of Deputy's Representative Robert Monacelli, the apropos play would be based on the radio play created by Henry Fisk Carlton and known as: "Washington Crossing the Delaware". Valley members who took part now transformed themselves into becoming "Radio Players".

A devised a set-up conducive to a radio play performed from the late 1920's was the objective. Our Grandparents (in some cases Parents) could relate to us the days of old huddled around a fireplace or some designated area of the home where the newly invented self-contained radio (the first home Theatre of its time) would be tuned in to enjoy hallmark programs such as; The Shadow Knows, War of the Worlds, or maybe even Soap Operas of the time which were really the first serial half hour radio plays. Since soap companies sponsored most of these plays, hence the name "Soap Operas" was coined!

Actors took positions around the microphone in a studio set-up with scripts in hand. From there, the listening radio audience could conjure up in their own minds scenarios which played out. It was the first use of imagination based creation on what someone heard being communicated through a transitional device such as the radio!

To further enhance the experience of the listener, what eventually came into being was the incorporation of sound effects to more vividly paint that mental picture. A man named Jack Donovan Foley was the pioneer of sound effects innovation during the silent film era of movies. Jack was the creator of the first recorded set of staged sound effects to be produced over radio. For his efforts, the craft of recreating sound



effects via radio and screen was named after Jack Foley. Therefore, all providers of these intricate recreations on stage are known as "Foley Artists". Illustrious Harry Worstell, 33°, MSA served as our Foley artist for the radio styled production of the play performed by the newly created Northern Valley Radio Players.

In doing so, Harry created many props that could be used for sound effects. Items such as a slamming door prop to emulate the effect of same, a bag of cereal to recreate the sound of footsteps, and a tin sheet to reproduce the sound of lightning effects were some of the items recreated by our crafty 33rd degree Mason and former head of sound and stage for the Lincoln Park location!

Illustrious Gilbert Maymon, 33° took on the all encompassing task of director for this new and innovative production. This was no small task! His cast of radio players included eleven members under Gil's direction!

They were as follows: Sublime Princes Michael Kinigstein, Roger Benedict, Peter Maris, John Healy, William Franklin, Daniel Santos, and Richard Jackson. Illustrious brothers Harry Worstell, Martin Spacht, and Donald Porter all played roles in the production and Sublime Prince James

Chywalyk created the accompanying musical arrangements. The location was Peninsula Lodge building located in Bayonne, New Jersey. What added to this location was the performance of the play from the stage area located on the first floor of the building. In an interesting way this added to the uniqueness of the venue. It was just fitting to see this old world radio play being performed on a traditional stage and in a traditional setting of a building also built in a different era and created to be a lodge building by design.

The event was represented as a calendar meeting of the Valley Line of officers for the Council Princes of Jerusalem. Therefore, Sovereign Prince Emilio Bermudez, and his officers assisted with food and items of hospitality for our guests in attendance. The radio play under the leadership of Ill. Gilbert Maymon, 33° certainly has a future in the valley scheme of things going forward! Special kudos to Gil and Harry Worstell for being the chief architects that put together this supporting cast and the innovative twists as to prop production which were some of the memorable moments that highlighted this event! This is a play that can easily be taken on the road to different locations to be performed.

Grand Commander **McNaughton** Receives New Jerseys Highest Honor! The Daniel **Coxe Medal!**

It was the occasion of the Annual communication of Grand Lodge here in New Jersey. Most Worshipful Gerald J. Sharpe was bringing to a close his year of growth and prosperity for New Jersey Freemasonry. Usually, this is also a time of year whereby, medals and certificates of recognition of lodge brethren takes place in earnest. This year was no different. Our retiring Grand Master procured the necessary awards and recognition to be bestowed upon New Jersey brethren. Yet, there was one special award awaiting our regular visitor to our great jurisdiction of Grand lodge. This individual is a great friend to Freemasonry and in particular, of New Jersey Freemasonry itself.



He thanks every Grand Master for their support and efforts on behalf of Scottish Rite every year. However this was the occasion of our turn here in New Jersey to thank him for all he has done with unselfish pride. Therefore, MW Gerald Sharpe called to the stage none other than Illustrious Commander John William Mc Naughton 33° and Sovereign Grand Commander of our cherished Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite. This occasion was for the awarding of New Jersey's Highest Masonic honor! None other than the Daniel Coxe Medal!

Commander Mc Naughton was truly humbled by the experience and thanked New Jersey Grand Master Sharpe (and the brethren at large) for this special honor. Allow me to provide you a thumbnail sketch of who exactly Daniel Coxe was.

The Coxe family traced their lineage to a Daniel Coxe who lived in Somersetshire, England in the 13th century and obtained a doctor of medicine degree from Salerno University. Daniel Coxe's father was also called Daniel Coxe. He was from Stoke Newington, London and died in 1686. Daniel Coxe was born in London, the oldest of thirteen children, and was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge where he became a doctor of medicine in 1669. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the Royal College of Physicians. Coxe was appointed a physician to the court of King Charles II of England and later to that of Queen Anne. Colonel Daniel Coxe settled first in Burlington, New Jersey, but later relocated to Trenton. At the time of his arrival it was said that he, next to William Penn, was the largest single shareholder in the new province. Colonel Coxe actively administered his family's lands, and authored a pamphlet entitled "A Description of the Province of Carolana..." to encourage settlers to inhabit that area. In 1730, Col. Daniel Coxe was appointed the first Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Commander McNaughton we congratulate you on this honor and award you the grand honors taking time from our Grand Master! Truly well deserved!

Jersey City Valley

A BRIEF PERSPECTIVE

Prior to 1863, New Jersey had no place to call home for the conferral of Scottish Rite Degrees from 4 to 32. If a New Jersey Mason sought the higher degrees of Scottish Rite he typically had to travel to either New York City or Philadelphia or maybe to some location further out of state to become a Thirty- Second Degree Mason. Think about the travel arrangements back in 1863? You think today going to South Jersey is like entering a different territory, how about being transported via horse and buggy or some other arduous method of transport? Moreover, take into account that the first mass produced gasoline powered vehicle was not until 1886. Railways had already been around for over 80 years but, these are not the railways we are



familiar with today in terms of comfort and speed.

The need to create the Scottish Rite bodies in New Jersey was necessary. This caused the chartering of the first New

Jersey Lodge of Perfection chartered at Trenton, thus enabling the conferral of degrees Four to Fourteen. Just three years later in 1866, Mercer Council Princes of Jerusalem was chartered at Trenton. Now the ability to confer degrees Sixteen and Seventeen became possible. Then, in June of 1868 Trenton Chapter of Rose Croix came into being, and then on May 16, 1867 New Jersey Consistory was chartered and organized at Taylor's Hotel in Jersey City at the address of 15 Exchange Place. Today this area of Jersey City identifies more closely with being the financial centers heartbeat serving both New York City and New Jersey.

In 1866 the first chartered Lodge of Perfection took place at Jersey City satisfying the demand of eager North Jersey and some New York City bound Masons to become Scottish Rite brothers. Eventually, this led to the establishment of a Chapter, Council, and Consistory to take root all in Jersey City. By 1871 all four bodies were established. Valleys experiencing success in terms of membership growth and activity often establish heartfelt nicknames by its membership. The Jersey City valley was proudly known as "The Valley of Good Cheer and Friendly Brotherhood".

The Temple at 17 Park Street in Jersey City was a "rendezvous of Men of Good-Will-Souls of Good Cheer" according to Ill. James W. McCarthy, 33° one of its most prominent members and Most Wise Master for the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1908. The Temple building at Jersey City was one of grand space and accommodation. It opened its doors to Scottish Rite in May of 1907. There were 250 candidates on hand to open the new building! Fees to join the Valley of Jersey City were an astounding \$40. As part of this perspective, a portion of the program from the 1908 Reunion is detailed in this article affixed. Yet another example of a great era for Scottish Rite Freemasonry in New Jersey! Are you an original Valley of Jersey City member? We would love to hear from you!

CLIFTON LODGE NO. 203

Presents the Roast of

RW David Alan Glattly



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1496 Van Houten Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013

Saturday, June 20, 2015 6:00pm

Catered By Nightingale's

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**Roast Master for the evening will be
MW Daniel McNeil Wilson**

Cost is \$50/person



IS OUR ICEBERG MELTING?

HAVE YOU HEARD or seen this well told tale of organizational pitfall? It is all too common in today's business world or for any major corporation to consider. We all see the signs or elements we believe to be signs of a faltering team effort. All too often, we are stuck in the same mold cast from years past. We especially see this happening through our organizational culture. It's easy to get stuck in the mode of "how it used to be" isn't it?

How many times have we heard about the old past masters row at our lodge, or the cavalcade of white caps that used to always attend the Reunions and meeting of their respective valley at no matter the cost or arduous task at plotting and rearranging schedules in order to make it on a regular interval. Seriously brethren, I have witnessed some of my fellow mates who plan their family vacations around lodge or valley nights! The effort is truly appreciated and shows signs of a strong level of loyalty and commitment. Hallmark attributes of any Masons character. But is it all worth it to have placed on your tombstone? Essentially, one might ask if it's all worth it to tear down family relationships or friendships outside of the craft? Of course not! Yet, these sentiments can lead to the melting of the iceberg along with many other similar events in a man's journey through Freemasonry. The parable of the Melting Iceberg is lamented through a book entitled "Our Iceberg is Melting" by authors John Kotter and Holger Rathberger.

It's a story of a colony of Emperor Penguins stationed in the frigid Antarctic. A curious and observant penguin named Fred is the progenitor of the colony who is often seen but not heard from. He prefers to take notes and pay close observation. He began to fill a briefcase worth of information on his theory that the iceberg (home to his colony of penguins) was in fact, melting at a rate much faster than normal or expected for that matter. An iceberg which eventually collapses would be a disaster beyond proportions! Much like one might think proper if it were their lodge or valley faced with the same type of concern of breaking up. What Fred noticed was that nobody started to pay attention to their little dilemma. He knew he had to do something! However, he was not one of the leaders of his colony.



As the story goes, Fred also remembered when another penguin had tried once before to call attention to the scenario of the melting Iceberg. It was met with little concern. Everyone thought his fellow penguin's observation was fascinating. The Colony had a leadership council led by the head penguin. Alice (as the story goes) was one of ten heads of the council. She had a reputation for getting things done. Yet another great observation we can draw from here! How many people can we identify as leaders of our council of leadership in our Masonic organizations? Probably about the same number in our chosen groups wouldn't you say?

So Fred knew he could go to Alice for honest advice and support. He took her to the depths of the ocean to witness the underside of the iceberg, and to pay close attention to the collapsing inner structure of the ice formation as evidenced by the ever widening pool of water at the sidewall of the iceberg. For those of you who don't know, you only see about 10 to 20% of an iceberg at the water level and above. However, below that water level, is the remaining 80 to 90% of the icy mass! Just check the story of the fateful voyage of the Titanic!

Both Fred and Alice (led by Fred) swam into the deep ocean and into the ice to arrive at a large cave filled with water. When they returned to the surface, Fred explained (in detail) to Alice what had just been witnessed. Fred explained that; the bergs can have cracks inside called canals that can lead to air bubbles called caves! This was an alarming scenario now coming to life for Alice! Fred continued... as the temperature draws lower, the water in the caves freeze. This freezing liquid expands the volume thus,

leading to an iceberg breaking into hundreds of pieces!

So to this point, we see the similarity to Freemasonry don't we? Who is paying attention to the Masonic icebergs of stale thoughts and ideas that only attract the past and not the future? What ponds of "ritual only" thought processes and same old events after events, with no stimulation or change in patterns so doggedly attached to the calendar? We see this happen all too often. These are just some of the reasons why (in my opinion) we lose sight of the newly created brethren whether young or old. We all need to change and listen to our base and give them more of what they want, and need to stay active and have a reason to attend functions. As our story of the Melting iceberg progresses, and eventually through the diligent efforts of Fred and Alice, along with the recruitment of some of the other Penguins in the colony, the Emperor Penguins begin to witness success by virtue of changing their culture. They come up with an eventual solution to become persistent travelers. Going from Iceberg to Iceberg to suit their needs. To keep the Colony thriving and ever-changing to levels of sustainability. They picked only the best feeding spots in the ocean and the most secure icebergs to house their growing colony of penguins and for generations to come! More importantly, they did this by studying and analyzing the vast selection of choices available to them. They created their own scenarios and good fortune by having an open and active mind and based upon proper mentoring and knowledge provided by Fred and Alice.

Does this next level of comparison in this story sound familiar sublime princes? Isn't that what your Valley is doing right now? Selecting from location to location until we find the best and most secure icebergs (if you will) to call home? Moreover, to further add to that sequence of thoughts... are we not all penguins in a sense anyway? We are highly sociable and survivors of the arctic cold for the growth of our own colony of brothers! Just try to avoid the Killer Whales! (The non-change agents) They love feeding on our species! Cheers to finding your "valley icebergs" of growth!

"Be the change that you want to be, not the change you are forced to be"

Rose Croix Chapter Social Night

A Hit!

On Tuesday January 13, 2015 the valley kicked off its new year of meetings with a bang! The Valley Chapter of Rose Croix held a successful social night at the location of Cafe Z in Union Township! Most Wise Master Mohamad Yatim and his officers, made sukopre all enjoyed themselves outside of the parameters of a typical Scottish Rite meeting night, for this had a very distinct twist as to what the Valley had been used to. The membership assembled for an evening of good fun and fellowship that was extremely light on formality and very high on sociability!

Attendees enjoyed a Pasta Rigatoni in Vodka sauce, and an assortment of appetizers followed by main course choices of Veal Normandy, Salmon Florentine, or Chicken Savoy. The guest speaker for the evening was an established brother from our sister jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. None other than Illustrious Matthew D. Dupee, 33°. Illustrious brother Dupee has an extensive Masonic resume. To highlight some of Matthew's accomplishments would include: Past Most Wise Master of Philadelphia Chapter of Rose Croix, Deputy Grand Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, Past Sovereign Grand Master of Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA, and Senior Grand Warden of the Royal Order of Scotland, USA to name a few! Matthew is also an attorney by profession and serves many of the Masonic Bodies as legal counsel.

His topic of presentation: "What does Dan Brown Know About Freemasonry" followed a theorem of just how extensive Dan Brown's knowledge may or may not be based on his recent writings about the various topics of Freemasonry from his own perspective. The lecture was intriguing and thought provoking. It left many with some of the same questions Matthew had raised for consideration by our attendees. The evening ended with Coffee and Dessert assortments. A good time was had by all!

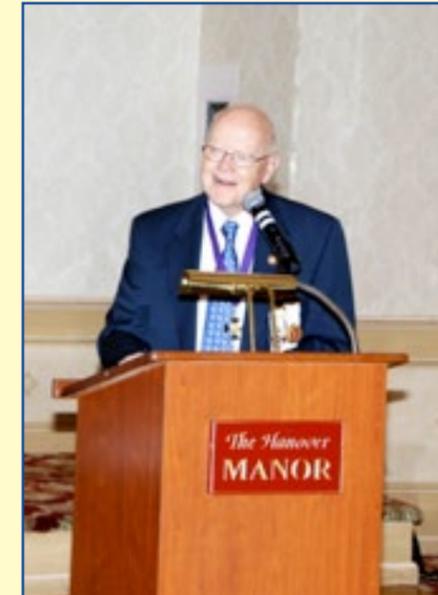
The Valley demonstrated for the first time that the social night concept taken outside of a Masonic setting has tremendous benefits to all. It also lessens the burden of a having a set-up or clean-up crews to handle events. That is a plus within itself and less of a burden on the officer line or selected members provided to assist. Café Z is styled as an Italian-American Cuisine focus with a functioning bar area available for all to partake in at their own cost. The Valley has more of these styled events on tap going forward. Stay tuned!



THE VALLEY OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Honors

Illustrious J. Robert Deissler, 33°



Tuesday June 23, 2015

The Hanover Manor

16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ

\$40 Per Person RSVP to Northern Valley

908-688-7483 or Valynnj@aol.com

RSVP Deadline June 16, 2015

5:30PM Social, Open to all, Business Casual Dress

Payments made to: Valley of NNJ

Join us as we celebrate Bob's 23 plus years of service
to the Valley as its Executive Secretary!

Do you have a Mentor?

We are all mentors in some form or fashion. Think about it? On our path to Masonic knowledge we all need guidance. Make a quick list of those brothers you see and who have been where you want to be, or who are experiencing the same type of experiences you might like to see yourself associated with. This is the greatest motivator to seek scholarship and guidance towards your path of enlightenment! No matter how large or small it might be.

I can remember back to my time as the Chairman of the New Jersey Masonic Leadership Conference. Of the many new or fairly new brothers I would meet, one of the questions I would frequently ask is; Do you have a mentor? This often leads to a conversation around the benefits of such, given the answer is rarely a yes. Most great business leaders have enjoyed the benefits of a great mentor; and here are a few reasons why.

Accountability: You may already be aware of the advice they are giving you, it is easy to procrastinate until you have shared your goals with them, making it more likely that you will actually stick to your decisions. Don't be afraid. Feel comfortable. That's one of the keys in finding the right mentor. A mentor will take an organic approach to your goals and ensure your daily and weekly decisions are always in line with your long term objectives.

Confidence: A good mentor has been in your shoes before and will almost always appreciate your obstacles and any major stumbling blocks you might face. They would have had the same experiences and will be able to provide you with sage to make you feel at ease with any challenges you may face.

Sage Advice: Advice comes from all angles. A solid mentor will give it to straight. Nobeating around the proverbial Masonic bush! This is key in making sure you are in full awareness of the situation, thus enabling a clearer picture of your end goal.

Where can I get one?!

There are several ways to find a good mentor. Remember, it is important to ensure they are someone you look up to and can envisage talking with regularly. Think of fellow valley members whom you respect as a first step. If you are in the role of being a mentor, remember the attributes for which you were selected. You are a treasure trove of knowledge to the newly made Scottish Rite brother! He will need guidance in our practices and forms of meeting and recognition, which you can provide via your associations.

Ask your fellow Valley or Lodge Brothers for advice:

Check back within your networks. Start by asking your close brothers and friends if there is someone they recommend. Then, see if you can arrange an informal get together to see if there is a potential match; the worst thing that can happen is that you have gained another brother to contact within your network.

Proactively find someone: It is important not to ask complete strangers to be your mentor. Someone you do not know will rarely be prepared to invest their time and energy in a person they have never worked with before. For those you haven't met, make yourself noticed. If they are active on social media then share their posts, and make comments. Become someone they notice and show

them you can be of value to them. When you feel it is time to drop them a call to ask their advice or opinion on something, do so directly and gauge their level of interest; you'll be surprised by how open they are to hearing from you! Make it Epic! The **E·P·I·C** approach!

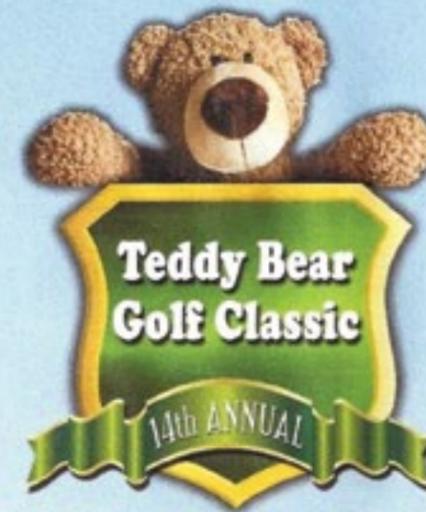
Enthusiasm, Preparation, Intuitiveness, and Commonality!

Enthusiasm: Make sure you are focused and driven to succeed. A good mentor will want to help someone who they genuinely believe wants their help. If you are not serious about listening and taking their advice, don't expect them to waste their valuable time with you!

Preparation: Make the most of the time you spend with your relationship. You don't want this to feel like an interview, so keep it simple. Be prepared to talk about areas of common interest. Value their time spent with you and appreciate the significance of your role!

Intuitiveness: To be "intuitive" is to be tuned in to what you can offer to a new member as a mentor or mentee. It works both ways brethren! The beauty and chemistry of the mentor-mentee roles. Let your good intentioned intentions be the intuition you need!

Commonality: If you were a mentor think of the type of person you would want to help? What are those areas of education and enlightenment that you share in common? The commonality of your placement will help to make his journey one of enjoyment and anticipation!



For the benefit of
The Children's Dyslexia Centers
of New Jersey

Monday, September 28, 2015

Burlington Country Club

Burrs Road, Westampton (Mt. Holly), New Jersey

10:00 AM REGISTRATION Free Gifts. Complimentary warm-up at driving range.

11:00 AM LUNCH Hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea & lemonade.

12:00 PM SHOTGUN TEE-OFF (Best ball) scramble format. Ladies & seniors over "60" may play from the forward tees (except prize holes).

HOLE-N-ONE On selected par 3 wins you \$5,000 & \$5,000 for Learning Centers.

AFTER-GOLF APPETIZERS, CASH BAR

PRIME RIB DINNER

DRAWING For chance to hit for One Million Dollars.

Limited to first 100 players with full payment of \$165.00. Ladies are welcome.

Make checks payable and mail to: Valley of Central Jersey-Golf, 103 Dunns Mills Rd., Bordentown, NJ 08505.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

OTHERS IN FOURSOME: (Please fill in name & address).

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

SPONSORSHIPS: HOLE SPONSORS: Platinum - \$5,000 (includes all the days amenities for (4) golfers plus proper signage indicating their support of the event); **Titanium - \$2,500** (includes all the days amenities for (2) golfers plus proper signage indicating their support of the event); **Gold - \$1,000; Silver - \$500; Bronze - \$150.** (May purchase more than one). **MILLION DOLLAR SHOOTOUT - \$2,500.** **LUNCH SPONSOR - \$2,000. BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$1,500. CLOSEST TO PIN - \$750.** All sponsorships to be recognized at event.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

DIRECTIONS: Exit NJ Turnpike at Exit 5, right on Rt. 541 approx. 1 mile to Burrs Rd., left to Country Club. From I-295 Exit 43B, south to Burrs Rd., left to Club. From Rt. 130 - at Burlington take Rt. 541 south to Burrs Rd., left to Club. **Need directions please call: 609-267-1887.**