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View of the Valley

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Schedule

Saturday, July 12

Annual Ballgame/Picnic, New Britain Stadium
Rockcats v. Sea Dogs, 4:00 p.m. (double-header)
Picnic at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 17

Officer's Summer Planning Session, Gallery
Restaurant, Glastonbury, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Candidate Information Night, Fall Season. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

4th Degree, Master Traveler
13th Degree, Master of the Ninth Arch

Thursday, October 16

Portrayal of Secret Master
14th Degree, Grand Elect Mason

Thursday, October 23

15th Degree (Vignette), Knight of the East
16th Degree (Full), Princes of Jerusalem

Thursday, October 30

18th Degree, Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

Saturday, November 15

Consistory Day

30th Degree, Grand Inquisitor
32nd Degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
31st Degree, Knight Aspirant

All Thursday activities start at 7:30 p.m. unless
otherwise specified.

Pre-degree dinners on 10/2, 10/16, 10/23 and 10/30
begin at 6:00 pm.

Consistory Day Degrees begin at 9:30 a.m. with a
break at noon for a luncheon.

NOTE: Advanced reservations required for pre-degree
dinners and Consistory Day Luncheon. See forms on
page 11 & 12, or on-line at:

http://www.way2go-home.com/aasr_voh.html

This Edition's Presiding Officer



Thrice Potent Master Brother Frank Dlugoleski was born on August 15, 1951 in Hartford CT to William J. and Josephine A. Dlugoleski. Frank graduated from Wethersfield High in 1969, which in itself was a remarkable achievement.

He worked a variety of jobs, In 1971, he started as a draftsman with CA Maguire, Inc. He then worked for United Technologies as an illustrator and later with a manufacturer of airport lighting in Windsor, CT in the late 1970's where he designed approach lighting for the international airport at Taipei, Taiwan. Currently, he is self-employed as InteGreat Computer Systems, primarily serving the needs of legal professionals and has recently started a new venture, DartZ Business Solutions LLC.

Brother Frank married Brenda Marie Dyson on June 5, 1982. They are the proud parents of Deirdre Nicole Dlugoleski, currently attending Miss Porter's School in Farmington with outstanding athletic achievements as well as a truly stellar academic standing. In deciding on a name for their daughter, Frank was desirous that her initials be those of his favorite game: Dungeons & Dragons. Brenda agreed. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Brother Frank was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 27, 2001 at Frederick Lodge #14 in Plainville. He entered the line as Marshall in 2003 and advanced to the East as Worshipful Master in 2007. He is the current sitting Master for 2008. He joined Scottish Rite Masonry, Valley of Hartford in spring of 2003 Frank is also a member of York Rite bodies Chapter, Council and Commandery and now fully understands his rapidly thinning hair.

Valley of Hartford News

View of the Valley, Reservation Forms, Schedule On-Line

Copies of *View of the Valley* (in PDF format), downloadable petitions and reservation forms, as well as a schedule of Valley events is available on http://www.way2go-home.com/aasr_voh.html as a courtesy to our members. Please bookmark this page, as it is the most up-to-date reference of Valley events available.

The Valley of Hartford's Officers and Brethren...

would like to welcome our newest Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. Congratulations to the Spring Class of 2008! At least three of these brothers have already volunteered to participate in Valley degrees this fall!

Not pictured is David Simon, who finished his degrees in Norwich on May 10. Additionally, Gene Bacon, of the Fall Class 2007, finished up his degrees this spring.



Eugene Bacon



Daryl O. Byrne



Joseph Cats



Brian A. Cosker, Jr.

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Valley of Hartford Necrology

Since the last publication of the *View of the Valley*, we have been notified of the following deaths. We mourn the passing of our fellow brethren who have been called to their eternal reward in the Paradise of the Grand Architect of the Universe:

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Passed :</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>Passed :</u>
Richard H. Aronson	02/12/2008	Robert S. Barlow	01/01/2007
Norman M. Barnard	05/07/2007	August J. Brenzinger, Jr.	02/21/2008
Leo Bugg Jr	02/18/2008	Thornton L. Carlough	04/05/2008
Harold C. Chase	02/21/2008	Allan O. Cleveland	05/02/2008
Girard O. Kevorkian	03/05/2008	Julius Kramer	03/02/2008
Charles "Bill" Kimbell III	04/12/2008	James S. Lund	03/08/2008
William L. Lyons	04/05/2008	William J. Mann	02/15/2008
Robert L. Mitton	04/06/2008	William R. Murray	02/23/2008
Robert D. Nicoll	02/28/2008	Edward Nordstrom	03/10/2008
Alexander Nweeia	03/02/2008	Willis J. Schroeder II	03/26/2008
Irving S. Starr	11/06/2007	Michael Stelmak	06/26/2007
Milton R. Turkington	04/10/2008	George H. Vogt	03/29/2008

Valley of Hartford, Summer 2008 Office Hours (Starting June 16, 2008)

CLOSED: Week of June 29-July 5, Week of August 31-September 6

MONDAYS: 8:30 a.m. - Noon. (**CLOSED:** August 4, August 25, September 8)

WEDNESDAYS: 8:30 a.m. - Noon (**CLOSED:** September 10)

FRIDAYS: **CLOSED UNTIL September 12.** Then 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Secretary can always be contacted at the numbers and email listed on page 2, and also by email at sphinxpote00@sbcglobal.net or home phone: (203) 265-1801

Scottish Rite Choir Presents 22nd Degree, Princes of Libanus

On Consistory Day, April 19, 2008, our Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite Choir, under the able direction of Brother Carl Anderson, portrayed a spectacular presentation of the 22nd Degree, Princes of Libanus. Our choir, one of the finest assets of our Valley, always does a wonderful job supporting our degrees.

It should also be mentioned that the choir is looking for members. As with all areas of our degree efforts, more hands (or in this case, voices) are always needed. If you can carry a tune, and have an enthusiasm for song, please consider joining the Scottish Rite Choir.

Please contact our Secretary Dave Blythe (sect@snet.net or sphinxpote00@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in singing!

Two Valley of Hartford Members Recognized for their Work

On Consistory Day, and at Workers Night, two stalwart brothers from the Valley of Hartford were recognized for their hard work and contributions to the successful running of the Valley of Hartford by Commander-in-Chief William E. Bohman, 33°.

On April 19, 2008, Ill. Brother Gerry Thompson, MSA, 33°, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his long-time work in directing the 4th and 14th Degrees as well as other Lodge of Perfection Degrees.

On May 8, 2008, Brother Rudy Gaydos, MSA, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his long-time work in editing and maintaining publication of *View of the Valley*.



Brother Thompson receives his certificate



Brother Gaydos receives his certificate.

Photos and Features Available On-Line

Due to space restrictions in the *View of the Valley*, we are unable to print all the pictures available from some of our events. Also, we sometimes mention links to articles or other features on various web pages. For those of you who are connected to the Internet, you can find all of our pictures and features on-line, via a link on the Valley web page.

Go to http://www.way2go-home.com/aasr_voh.html#EVLinks and click the link that interests you.

We thank you, our gentle readers, for your understanding, and encourage you to follow-up with our photo galleries and other features on-line.

Valley of Hartford Family Life Program

News

Annual Ballgame/Picnic Set for July 12, 2008

All members have been notified by US Mail and email, that the times for the ballgame picnic have changed, due to the scheduling of a double-header by the Rockcats.

Gates open at 4 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. first game start. Our picnic is at 6 p.m. (the area opens at 5:30 p.m.) and continues to 7:30 p.m. The Rockcats will play two seven-inning games, the second game commencing one half-hour after the conclusion of the first game.

For more information, see the flier available at http://www.way2go-home.com/aasr_voh.html.

THEATRE NEWINGTON-*On Stage* To Premier “Noodles”

As we've previously mentioned, THEATRE NEWINGTON-*On Stage*, the community theater of Newington, will be premiering “Noodles”, a family oriented comedy about a truly dysfunctional family, on August 2 and 3, 2008.

Our Valley Family Life Program has been very supportive of TNOS since they first approached us about producing their performances in the Valley auditorium. One of the tasks of the Family Life Program is to help enrich the community, and we feel this is an excellent way to do that. Further, we will be exposing our community to Masonry in general, and the Scottish Rite in particular.

So, please come out and support TNOS and attend a performance. Times and ticket prices and a bit about “Noodles” can be found on page 10 of this issue. Remember, a portion of every ticket price goes to support a Scottish Rite Charity of the Valley's choice!

Fall Bus Trip Still Being Decided

The destination of the Fall Bus trip is still being decided at this time. The proposed trip to West Point has been rescheduled for the spring time, as a spring trip would afford us more possibilities for touring West Point and seeing a full military review on “The Plain.”

At this point, a trip to Mystic Seaport, with a meal at Seaman's Inn, is strongly being considered.

In the meantime, ideas from brethren and their families are starting to come in, and we thank you for them. We will consider each one carefully. Please keep sending them in!

Museum of National Heritage Blog is an Interesting Place to Visit!

With the price of gas close to \$4.50/gallon early this summer you might not be able to afford a trip to Lexington to visit the Museum of National Heritage. Take heart! The Museum of National Heritage in Lexington has a new “blog” on their website. (Blog is short for “weblog” and is an ever growing page of articles). There are some extremely interesting articles to check out on all sorts of subjects. Point your browsers to:

http://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com/library_and_archives/

and enjoy some refreshing knowledge!

Constitution Corner

By Matthew Forrest Esq. 32°



Is there a Constitutional right to run for office?

With the National and Connecticut elections close at hand you may wonder how did we get these candidates. Let's look at some old Jewish lore for the answer; consider it a fifth question at a Seder table. A Jewish child might ask this year, "How are these elections different than all other elections." The corresponding sage would reply, "because this year [in Connecticut] we have publicly financed campaigns which can give access to a wide variety of candidates we have not seen in quite a while." The child responds, "You mean there are others besides Republicans and Democrats?" The sage replies, "Of course, but it can be difficult to not only run a successful campaign but in some cases difficult to merely get on the ballot."

And so the question arises, does the Constitution give a citizen a right to run for office? There is no general constitutional right to run for office-at least no one has ever recognized the need for one, since no state has ever banned elections. But historically states have severely handicapped minor-party candidates' access to the ballot, despite an obligation under the equal protection clause to treat candidates equally. Defining "equal" is the principal problem. The states are entitled to reasonably limit the number of names on a ballot, but not by conditioning access solely on whether a candidate can afford a filing fee. Nor can states condition access on race. For example, a Louisiana ballot listing candidates by race was held unconstitutional.

Some policies, reasonably employed, may be unacceptable-such as residency requirements and party affiliation. But one major impediment to inclusion on a ballot is the requirement that the candidate demonstrate a degree of popular support. Laws that provide automatic placement on the ballot to major-party candidates and require lesser-party candidates to file petitions may be upheld if reasonable. For example, the Supreme Court upheld a Georgia law requiring all candidates who wish to run in a general election but who did not win a primary election to file petitions from registered voters equal in number to 5 percent of those who voted in the previous election. Candidates from parties receiving more than 20 percent of the vote in the previous election are excused from having to gather petitions.

However, sometimes the legal scheme is so complicated that it keeps all but two major parties off the ballot. The Supreme Court struck down such an Ohio scheme, and it voided an Illinois law requiring independent candidates to obtain 25 thousand voters statewide; these petitions had to include at least 200 voters from 50 of the state's 102 counties. (Sound familiar to a recent Kenyan election?) The court noted that the effect of this law was that voters in the 49 most populous counties, containing almost 94 percent of the voters, could not form a new party under the law. The Court also struck down another Ohio law that required an independent candidate for president to file public notice of his candidacy eight months before the general election, whereas the major-party candidates did not have to do so for several more months. The law was aimed at keeping off the ballot third-party candidates such as John Anderson, who ran against Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan in 1980. On the other hand the Supreme Court upheld a Washington State law that kept from the ballot any minor-party candidate who had not received at least 1 percent of the primary votes.

Connecticut's new campaign finance law allows State representatives to access public financing if they raise \$5,000 with at least 150 individuals of \$5 and State senators must raise \$15,000 with 300 individual contributions over \$5. If they meet these requirements they will then have access to a much larger pool of money to run campaigns and present varying ideas. Constitutional, only the Supreme Court knows for sure? Time will tell if we see more candidates from more parties on the ballot in 2008.

If you have any questions about the Constitution that you would like discussed in future editions please send an email to matthewforrest@cox.net.

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Robert T. Brautigam



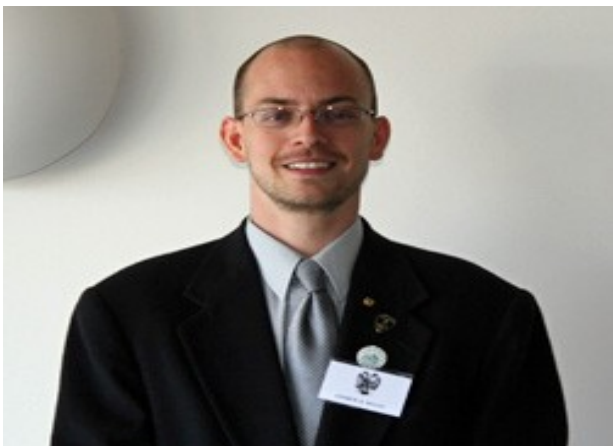
Paul Cross



Matthew Forrest



James McNamara



Andrew B. Mulle



Craig M. Phelon

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THEATRE NEWINGTON-*On Stage*

As we previously reported, THEATRE NEWINGTON-*On Stage* is once again residing in Newington, at our building, and will be putting on their first full-fledged play in Newington in quite some time this August.

Let's make sure we get out and support these fine folks who are enriching our community through their art!

Here is a letter we received from Bonnie Keizer, their publicity chairperson:

Dear Frank:

Well, it's finally here! Rehearsals for **NOODLES** have begun, and **THEATRE NEWINGTON-*OnStage*** is in full production mode. We have assembled a wonderful cast of characters (and believe me, characters would be the operative word) and a crackerjack team to produce, direct, stage manage and do all of the necessary things that make a show happen.

We are very excited about performing in the Scottish Rite auditorium in August, and there has already been a good deal of "buzz" generated throughout the community. We would like to officially invite your membership and their families and friends to the **NOODLES** experience. Spend some time with a rather unusual family whose lovable and quirky traits might bear more than a passing resemblance to those of your own "kinfolk."

This two-act contemporary comedy will be presented on Saturday evening, August 2nd at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30). A Sunday matinee on August 3rd finds the curtain going up at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30).

Tickets will be sold at the door, and are priced as follows:

DONATION	\$15.00*
STUDENTS (18 & under) / SENIORS (62 & over)	\$13.00*
GROUP DISCOUNTS (TEN OR MORE)	\$12.00* PER PERSON

* A PORTION OF EACH TICKET WILL BE DONATED TOWARDS A SCOTTISH RITE CHARITY, OF THE VALLEY'S CHOICE.

THERE IS A NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE POLICY (INCLUDING WATER) THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. REFRESHMENTS WILL NOT BE SOLD DURING INTERMISSION.

So why not gather up the relatives and friends and spend a pleasant afternoon or evening with the affable and slightly daffy Boodle family and their cohorts? You'll be glad you did!

On behalf of TNOS, we express our gratitude to you, Frank, as well as all of your brethren, in particular John Kessler and Bill Bohman. The collaboration between our two organizations has made this production come to fruition, and we look forward to a fun "run" in early August!

Best regards,

Bonnie

Bonnie L. Keizer, Publicity Chair

THEATRE NEWINGTON-*OnStage*

Valley of Hartford
Pre-Degree Dinner Reservation Form



DATES: October 2, October 16, October 23, October 30 (all Thursdays)

We will once again be offering pre-degree dinners for Brethren who plan on attending the Valley Degrees that evening. Dinner will be over in time for cast and support members to fulfill their duties and prepare for the evening's degrees.

Dinner is ***Buffet Style*** with Beef or Pork, Chicken, Pasta, Salad and Bread/Rolls (menu will vary, but will usually contain those types of dishes). Dessert and Coffee will be served ***after*** the degree work.

Reservations and Payment are required *IN ADVANCE* (return the form below)

Reservation Deadline: 12 noon on the Monday prior to each degree

Price: \$12 per meal -or- all four (4) for \$40

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sphinx Shrine Dining Room

Make checks payable to: Valley of Hartford, AASR

Mail To: Valley of Hartford, PO Box 310198, Newington CT 06131-0198

Name: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Please sign me up for the following meals:

() October 2 @ \$12.00 per meal
() October 16 @ \$12.00 per meal
() October 23 @ \$12.00 per meal
() October 30 @ \$12.00 per meal

Please sign me up for the 4 meal package: () All 4 meals @ \$10.00 per meal

NOTE: This form is not used for the Consistory Luncheon (Sat. November 16). Please use the Consistory Luncheon form.

(If reservations are made without advance payment, and the member is a no-show, a bill will be issued in the amount of \$18.00, the cost of the dinner)

Valley of Hartford Consistory Day Luncheon Reservation Form

On Saturday, November 15, 2008, Nathan Hale Consistory will be concluding the 2008 Fall Class Degrees with the conferral of the 30th, 32nd and 31st Degrees.

The day's schedule is *approximately* as follows:

8:30 am – 9:30 am:	Registration
9:30 am – 10:30 am:	Opening & Portrayal of the 30 th Degree, Grand Inquisitor
10:30 am – 11 am	Intermission
11 am – Noon	Portrayal of the 32 nd Degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
12:15 pm (approx)	Lunch at Sphinx Shrine Dining Room
1:30 pm – 1:50 pm	Introduction and Reception of Dignitaries
1:50 pm – 3 pm (approx)	Portrayal of the 31 st Degree, Knight Aspirant

A prime rib luncheon will be served. Reservations are required and must be in to the Valley Secretary **no later than November 10, 2008. Payment MUST be included with reservation.**

Luncheon Price: \$15.00 to Valley of Hartford Members, \$25.00 to Non-Valley members of AASR or if reservation is returned after deadline.

Please Include Your Payment With This Reservation Form

Mail to: David R. Blythe, Sr., Secretary
Valley of Hartford, AASR
PO Box 310198
Newington, CT 60131-0198

Make Checks Payable To: Valley of Hartford, AASR

Please reserve () Luncheon ticket @ \$15.00 each

Enclosed is a check in the amount of (\$ _____), -or- a cash payment of (\$ _____)
in the name of: _____
(Please PRINT)

Email Address: _____

Tickets will be available for pick-up at the sign-in desk on November 15th, starting at 9:00 am.

Supreme Council 33^o Leon M. Abbott Scholarship And A.A.S. R. Valley of Hartford Scholarship Award Winners

As a result of our current members' contributions to the Supreme Council's Blue Envelope Appeal, and other support of the Scottish Rite Charities, this year the Valley of Hartford was awarded five Leon M. Abbott \$1000 Scholarships to assist the children and/or grandchildren of Valley of Hartford Scottish Rite Masons in furthering their education.

The Valley of Hartford is awarding twelve additional \$500 Scholarships to those applicants who met the eligibility requirements of the Abbott Scholarship but did not receive them.

Both scholarships are awarded based on merit, meeting the proper requirements and their relative maintaining good standing in the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Valley of Hartford, Scottish Rite 2008 Abbott Scholarship Awards granted to:

1. Drew M. Blythe, Sophomore, Central Connecticut State University, Major: Teaching/History
2. Leighton C. Conley, Sophomore, University of Hartford, Major: Finance/Accounting
3. Mallory M. Musante, Junior, Bryant University, Major: Marketing
4. Erica L. Willoughby, Senior, University of Wyoming, Major: Elementary Education
5. Jessie S. Willoughby, 2nd Year Graduate Student, NC State University, Major: MBA

Valley of Hartford, Scottish Rite 2008 Scholarship Awards granted to:

1. Kristen D. Becher, Sophomore, Central Connecticut State University, Major: Political Science
2. Karen A. Blasé, Sophomore, Eastern Connecticut State University, Major: Bio/Pre-physical Therapy
3. Heather L. Burton, Senior, Cal State – Channel Islands, Major: Environmental Science
4. Brent L. Coleman, Junior, Manchester Community College, Major: General Studies
5. Peter C. Fox, Senior, Central Connecticut State College, Major: Communications
6. Elizabeth C. George, Freshman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Major: Electrical Engineering
7. Kelly B. Griffin, Sophomore, Castleton State College, Major: Art and Education
8. Kristina H. Grossomanides, Junior, Framingham State College, Major: Business Administration
9. Stephanie L. Harris, Junior, Central Connecticut State College, Major: Elementary Education
10. Jamie B. Lombardo, Senior, New York School of Interior Design, Major: Interior Design
11. Sean S. Werkhoven, Senior, Eastern Connecticut State College, Major: Digital Art & Design
12. Andrew C. Work, Senior, Western New England College, Major: Business Management

Congratulations to all our Scholarship recipients!

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Kenneth D. Roach



Steve Shoopak



T. Donovan Scroggs

Tie Your Own Bow Tie

Tying your own bow-tie is a skill many men no longer possess. Yet, knowing this essential skill will set you apart as a gentlemen. The picture at right was taken from a web article at Esquire.com called *The 75 Skills Every Man Should Master* by Tom Chiarella.

Check it out at this URL:

<http://www.esquire.com/features/essential-skills-0508>

(See our web page for a link as well.)

Every Valley officer should learn this skill – it is as easy as tying your shoes, and really makes a difference.



Help Keep Our Membership Records Up-To-Date

We need your assistance to keep our membership records up to date. Please notify the Valley Secretary of any address, email address or phone number changes. If you know of the passing of a Scottish Rite brother, please pass that information along to the Secretary as well.

Personal Info Change (please print):

Name: _____

Old Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Passing of a Brother: (please print):

Name: _____ Date of death: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Mail To: Valley of Hartford, PO Box 310198, Newington, CT 06131-0198

A Final Word from the Editor.....

Brethren, Family and Friends,

We have a few minor changes with this issue. We've added some different pictures of valleys for our covers (all public domain) and some different color schemes. Thus, future July issues will always be yellow, October will be orange, January will be blue (as we have been so far) and April will be green.

One brother took me up on my request to write an article, which appears on page 8. Brother Matt Forrest, an attorney, has provided an insight into elections and the US Constitution. Future articles by Brother Forrest (Spring Class '08 by the way) will appear from time to time to enlighten and educate us.

Enjoy the summer, remember to use sun screen and to give the keys to a designated driver. Stay well hydrated, and don't dive into shallow water. Read a good book, or go to a good concert! We'll be back at labor before you know it, so enjoy this little break!

Lastly, remember that the latest and greatest Valley of Hartford calendar can always be found on

http://www.way2go-home.com/aasr_voh.html

Have a GREAT summer!

Fraternally,

Brother Francis G. Way, MSA



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