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Schedule

(see www.valleyofhartford.org/calendar.html)

Thursday, September 30, 2010

Old 4th and 14th Degrees. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

Thursday, October 21, 2010

15th (V) and 16th (F) Degrees. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

Thursday, October 28, 2010

18th Degree. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Consistory Day. 28Th, 32nd, 31st Degrees. Registration begins at 9am. *See Lunch Reservation form on page 12.*

January 28, 2011

Graduation Dinner, Fall Class. Shrine Center, 6pm social hour, 7pm dinner. *By invitation only.*

February 10, 2011

Candidate Information Night, 7:30pm Valley of Hartford auditorium.

February 24, 2011

4th and 8th Degrees. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

March 10, 2011

Old 4th and 14th Degrees. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

March 24, 2011

15th (F) and 16th (V) Degrees. Pre-Degree Dinner 6:10pm. Degrees start 7:30pm.

NOTE:

All Thursday activities start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Pre-Degree Dinners before all degrees. See the RSVP form on page 8.

Please see Valley Calendar on the website for rehearsal dates

(www.valleyofhartford.org/calendar.html)

This Edition's Presiding Officer

Aaron R. Sussman was born on April 9, 1943 in Portsmouth, N.H. An only child, he attended Portsmouth schools, graduating from Portsmouth High School in 1961.

In 1962 Ron enrolled at Northeastern University, Paul K. Lambert Institute of Transportation and Traffic Management in a Certificate program. After finishing the program in 1966, Ron was married and also called into the US Army, including a one year tour of duty in Viet Nam.

Upon his return from the Army, Ron and his wife settled in Boston, where Ron worked for Trailways as an Assistant Terminal Manager. Making a change to Greyhound in 1969, Ron's tenure with Greyhound took him to Cleveland, Ohio and then Hartford. In 1977 Ron began working with the Arrow Line in East Hartford, CT and retired from the company in 1998.

In 1998 Ron's wife passed away. In 2000 Ron married his wife Rosalie and they have been happily married for ten years.

Ron was raised a Master Mason in Wyllys Lodge #99 in 1983, having been acquainted with the fraternity after having driven many bus trips for the Valley of Hartford Family Life programs. He served as Treasurer for the Masonic Hall Association in 1989, a position he still holds today. He served as Master of Wyllys-St.Johns Lodge #4 in 2004 and 2006 and in 2004 was also appointed Associate Grand Marshall of Masonic District 6A.

Ron joined the Valley of Hartford, Scottish Rite in 1985, and began by filling in small parts. He became more involved and is currently serving as Sovereign Prince, Hartford Council of Jerusalem. Ron looks forward to continued years of enjoyment and service to the Craft.

Valley of Hartford News

View of the Valley, Reservation Forms, Calendar: All On-Line

Copies of *View of the Valley* (in PDF format), petitions and reservation forms, as well as a calendar of Valley events, are all available on the Valley's website http://www.valleyofhartford.org Please bookmark this site, as it is the most up-to-date reference of Valley events available. A common calendar of all Scottish Rite events in CT is available at http://www.ctcouncilofdeliberation.org/calendar.html

Two Valley of Hartford Brothers to Receive 33rd Degree

At the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Philadelphia last month, two Valley of Hartford brothers, Jeffery A. Flynn and Kenneth A. Barrett were nominated to receive the 33rd Degree in Chicago in 2011. The Valley would like to congratulate these brothers on this singular honor!

Learning Center Walk

The Annual Dyslexia Awareness Walk, which supports our 32º Masonic Learning Center for Children, will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 in Waterbury, CT. The two-mile walk begins at 1:00 P.M. starting behind the Masonic Temple at 531 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT next to the Learning Center. There will be a picnic lunch for all participants and their families following the walk. For more information see http://www.ctcouncilofdeliberation.org/lcwalk.html

Scottish Rite Museum Winter Hours

The Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington has announced their winter hours. Beginning on October 3, 2010 and running through May 3, 2010, the Museum will be opened Wednesday through Saturday, 10am until 4:30pm. The Museum will be closed Sunday through Tuesday. The decision to adopt these winter hours is based upon rising costs and the uncertain economic times. Please plan your visits accordingly.

Frederick H. Lorenson, 33º, Active Emeritus

It is with regret that we announce the passing of our Active Emeritus, Frederick H. Lorenson, 33º, on August 26, 2010. Illustrious Brother Fred was also a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut. We will miss Fred's wit and laughter, and most of all his wonderful talent of knowing just the right prayer for every occasion.

Ill. James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33º Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Ill. Brother James R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33º, was presented the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze by Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Buck, Jr, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, at a communication of Center Lodge #97 in Meriden. The Valley of Hartford wishes to extend our heartiest congratulations to Ill. Brother Jim on this high honor.

Valley of Hartford Necrology

Since the last publication of the *View of the Valley*, we have been notified of the following deaths: (*50 year members designated by* ***italics****)*

	Home Blue Lodge	Passed away on:
Clayton A. Adams	***Sequin-Level Lodge #140***	***8/6/2010***
Joseph E. Arborio	***Hospitality Lodge #127***	***6/3/2010***
J. Ross Arbuckle	Hudson Lodge, Nova Scotia	8/23/2010
James H. Ferris	Sequin-Level Lodge #140	7/20/2010
Frederick H. Lorenson, 33º	Shepherd-Salem Lodge #78	8/26/2010
Frank T. Parisi	Estuary Lodge #43	5/9/2010
Norman R. Strong	Fayette Lodge #69	6/2/2010
John A. Waterhouse	Solar Lodge #131	9/6/2010
Normand F. Roberge	Orient Lodge #62	9/6/2010

Valley of Hartford Ambassador Program

The Valley of Hartford Ambassador Program seeks to identify brothers who are active in Scottish Rite and active and well-known in their Blue Lodge. These brothers are then given the opportunity to be the liaison between the Valley and the Lodge, helping to coordinate schedules, help the Valley help the Blue Lodge in any mutually agreeable way and also to help recruit for our Valley.

Ill. Brother Ric Manner, 33º , with the assistance of Ill. Brother Rich Jones, 33º, is heading up the program and is looking for any brother who might be interested. If you are interested, please contact Ill. Brother Ric via email at ric@sandshark2.com.

21st Degree In Spring 2010

Brethren, we are planning on portraying the 21st degree in the spring. This degree has not been portrayed in some years and requires a large cast. There are many different types of parts, ranging from non-speaking to much larger parts. We hope to portray an excellent degree. We are asking all of you to consider volunteering for a part. The good news is that Ill. Brothers Chuck Fowler, 33º and Tony Keegan, 33º, are reprising their roles as the main characters in this highly entertaining degree!

Valley of Hartford Family Life Program News

Valley Bus Trip

The Valley is putting the finishing touches on a bus trip to the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington on Saturday October 23, 2010. The trip will depart at approximately 8am from the Valley, stop at Quincy Market in Boston in the morning for shopping and then lunch (on your own). In the early afternoon, the bus will depart from Quincy Market and head to the Museum. The Museum will include viewing of the public exhibits but also a special "Scottish Rite" tour that the public never sees, of the collections housed in the downstairs areas of the Museum. After the museum there will be dinner at the Colonial Inn in Concord, Mass. Return should be approximately 8:45pm.

The cost will be $41 per person (includes the dinner and other charges). A flier is available on http:www.valleyofhartford.org/forms/FallBusTrip2010.pdf We will also be sending out a copy via email.

If you are not on the Constant Contact email list, notify our Secretary (sect@snet.net or 860-666-0712) to be put on the list. If you do not use email, leave a phone message with the Secretary (860-666-0712) to make arrangements to have a flier sent to you via US Mail.

UCONN Football

Tickets for the UCONN Football game are nearly gone. The game, on October 2 against Vanderbilt promises to be a great time. If you have not had the opportunity to attend this game, watch for this event again next year. A small core group of brothers and families who attend this event is growing, and it promises to keep growing. Watch for our emails next summer.

Goodspeed Opera House Trip

There are still a few tickets available for the Goodspeed Opera House trip on October 24, 2010. The show is *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.* The seats are center orchestra and cost $47 per ticket. The start time is 6:30pm. Remember, this is a "travel on your own" event. Also, many brothers and their friends and family gather for dinner before to make an evening of it.

2nd Annual 5K Road Race

Despite the heat and high humidity, the 2nd Annual 5K Road Race to benefit the Learning Center was a huge success. We had 109 stalwart runners and used almost 750 bottles of water. There were a good number of brothers and family members who volunteered to help and things went very smoothly during set up and while the runners were on the course. While we had less runners, we were able to donate over $8,800.00 to the Learning Center, almost double last year's amount.

Watch for more information on next year's race coming in the Spring. We'll need volunteers and sponsors to continue his highly successful event!

SCOTTISH RITE MEDAL FOR MASONIC SERVICE AWARDED

by Illustrious Jarmes R. Spencer, Jr., MSA, 33°, Deputy for Connecticut

On Tuesday evening, July 27th, a group of brothers, including our Grand Master, Ill. & Most Worshipful Charles A. Buck, Jr., gathered at the home of Brother Robert J. DiPasquale. The purpose of this meeting was to present Brother Bob with the newly commissioned Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service.

Unlike other medals and awards presented to worthy brothers for exemplary service to the Scottish Rite or to the country or community, the Medal for Masonic Service may be awarded to a Brother Mason who fully embodies the tenets of the Masonic fraternity even if he is not a member of Scottish Rite.

This award is generated at the local level and is based on the recommendation of **three** of the Brother's peers, and approval of the State Deputy and the Supreme Council.

Ill. & R.W. Brother Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of CT., Ill. & Right Eminent Grand Commander Jack H. Stevens, and Past Master Robert A. Simon from Meridian Lodge #77 were honored to recommend brother DiPasquale for the medal and wrote glowing reports about Bob.

#1) "Bob is the type of individual who is always willing to do whatever is necessary to get the job done. He has been a tireless worker in the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Blue Lodge. He typifies the example of a good and true Mason. He has shown his love of the fraternity by consistently going above and beyond the call of duty, even while dealing with radiation and chemotherapy, often leaving his treatment sessions to drive to a meeting of the fraternity either to take part in the ritual or cook a banquet."

#2) "I have known and served on committees with Brother Bob for the past ten plus years. If there is a need for work and/or ideas for a Masonic project, Bob has been at the front of the line not only to do his share, but to oversee and do the project. He has always been a true and loyal Mason, but also a great friend. He is more than qualified to receive this medal, as he has served as the head/leader of many Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. He is a great example of what a true Mason should be."

#3) "Bob DiPasquale has given generously of his time and talents to Freemasonry in Connecticut. He is a Past Master, twice, of Meridian Lodge #77. He is a Scottish Rite MSA, and served the Valley of New Haven in numerous positions. Bob is the past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of CT, in addition to being in the York Rite College and having served in numerous positions of authority in the York Rite bodies in Meriden.

Most notable is Bob's dedication to the principles of Freemasonry. He has always been an active participant in Lodge and with Masonic affiliates; cooking at events, offering advise and counsel at meetings, active with the Temple Foundation relative to repairs and building administration, selling at fund-raisers, and generally being a welcoming friendly, and intelligent Brother always there to help. He is just one of those Masons who always seems to have time to lend a hand, without controversy or expectation of reward. In fact, he will probably dismiss recognition with this medal, noting that he was 'just doing the right thing'."

In attendance on July 27th, in addition to our Grand Master, was Vincent Cowie, Northeast Department Commander, York Rite, Ill. James Spencer, Deputy for CT Scottish Rite, his peer recommenders, Corrine Stevens, Bob's sister Carmella, and his wife Joan.

Brother Bob was extremely grateful, but as was expected, he said that everything he did was because of his love for the fraternity.

We were all humbled and honored to be able to be present to recognize this hardworking and faithful worker in the vineyards of Masonry.

Valley of Hartford

Pre-Degree Dinner Reservation Form

DATES: September 23, September 30, October 21, October 28 (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:

( ) Sept 23 @ $12.00 per meal
( ) Sept 30 @ $12.00 per meal
( ) Oct 21 @ $12.00 per meal
( ) Oct 28 @ $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 Meal (Sat. Nov 13). 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)

Why This Issue is Shorter and Why This Page Was Almost Left Blank

by Francis G. Way, MSA, 33°

You might have noticed that this issue is only twelve pages (including front and back cover) instead of the normal sixteen pages.

What you won't notice now is that this page was almost left blank, without even the benefit of a "This page intentionally left blank" notice to inform you of that fact.

You may or may not ask yourself why. But I am going to explain anyway.

While putting together the *View of the Valley* has always been a labor of love, it has never really been an easy task. While some recurring features (the calendar of events, the featured presiding officer, and the news and Family Life news sections) make it a bit easier, there are still usually ten other pages to try to fill with relevant, informative,and sometimes entertaining content. Pulling together enough content to fill ten blank pages can be a tall order. Add to that fact the quarterly schedule (with deadlines of March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10), that's a lot of content for one person to try to generate.

You may often hear the officers asking for brethren to come and and help with degree work, with other work in the Valley and to just be supportive of those who are working by attending the degrees. You often hear me asking for articles and information to add to the *View of the Valley.*

The reason we ask is because when you come right down to it, there are a very few brothers who are advancing most of the work of the Valley. There's an old adage about "many hands making light work," and it certainly would hold true in the Valley of Hartford. However, right now there are very few hands taking on a large amount of the work load in the Valley and to be brutally frank, those of us who are could really use some help.

The wonderful part is that for those who wish to participate, there is ample room to make a niche, to fill that niche, and to really enjoy being a part of the great and good work that takes place in our Valley. All a brother needs to do is to say to any officer, the Valley Secretary, or any degree cast member, "Hey, I think I'd like to try that...."

So, once again, I will put out the call: if you're interested in participating more fully in our Valley, we surely could use the help! Do you like to sing? Join the choir. Do you like to write? Send me an article – a page is roughly 600 words. Do you want to see how well you can carry a spear? Volunteer for a non-speaking part. Do you want to quench that desire to strut and fret your hour upon the stage? Take on a speaking role.

Yes, if you do help in the degrees, in the end, you and your lady get invited to a wonderful banquet, but even more so, you will begin to feel the satisfaction of helping to make our Valley a strong, vibrant, wonderful place, where brotherhood really does reign supreme, and laughter mingles with light, and friendships formed are truly lifelong, lasting bonds.

So, in closing, this space not intentionally left blank, but we do have a blank space each of you can fill!

Valley of Hartford Consistory Day
Luncheon Reservation Form

On Saturday, November 13, 2010, Nathan Hale Consistory will be concluding the 2010 Fall Class Degrees with the conferral of the 28th, 32nd and 31st Degrees.

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

9:00 am – 10:00 am:	Registration
10:00 am – 10:45 am:	Opening & Portrayal of the 28th Degree
10:45 am – 11 am	Intermission
11 am – Noon	Portrayal of the 32nd 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 31st 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 8, 2010. Payment MUST be included with reservation.**

Luncheon Price: $15.00 for Valley of Hartford Members, $25.00 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(s) @ $15.00 each

Please reserve ( ) Luncheon ticket(s) @ $25.00 each (past deadline)

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 13th , starting at 9:00 am.

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. (This can also be done on-line by clicking on "Contact Us" in the navigation bar at www.valleyofhartford.org).

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.....

By the time you've received this issue of *View of the Valley* I'm sure the leaves will be well into their spectacular fall foliage show and the air will have turned cooler and crisper. Before you know it the children will be out trick or treating, we'll be thinking of Thanksgiving turkey, and hopefully we will not be waiting until the very last minute to do our Christmas shopping.

Fall is a busy time and as beautiful as it is, it goes by just as quickly. Don't forgot to stop and enjoy these days, these last wonderful gifts before the world turns grey and the snow begins to fall.

As the Blue Lodge year wraps up don't forget to mention Scottish Rite to your brethren. It may be that the brother already belongs, but had not been to the Valley in a long while. It may be a new brother who wants to seek more light but doesn't know how. All are opportunities to let them know how much fun we have in the Valley, and how strong and heartwarming our fellowship is.

Finally, although it is early, I wish you all a wonderful fall and holiday season. May your family and friends be blessed with good times, warm friendship, and all the happiness possible.

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