



# DANVILLE VALLEY ECHOES

The Newsletter of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of the  
Valley of Danville

FALL 2022

## Attend Your Reunion—November 4th and 5th Named in Honor of Defenders of Freedom

Friday, November 4, 2022		Saturday, November 5, 2022	
3:00 p.m.	Candidate Registration	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
4:45 p.m.	Declaration of Principles	9:00 a.m.	15th Degree
5:00 p.m.	4th Degree	10:00 a.m.	Choice of 12th, 22nd or 29th Degree DVD
5:30 p.m.	Supper and Presentations	11:00 a.m.	18th Degree
6:30 p.m.	21st Degree	Noon	Lunch and Presentations
7:30 p.m.	14th Degree	1:45 p.m.	DeMolay Degree
6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.	Cash Bar/Karaoke/Snacks	3:00 p.m.	32nd Degree & Class Presentations
		4:15 p.m.	Choice of 6th, 24th or 31st Degree DVD

### DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM, JAMES W. BOTH, 33°

Veteran's Day is one week after our Fall Reunion and always reminds us to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to keep our country free. When we look around the world, we see billions of people who do not enjoy the life that we in the United States enjoy. Our freedom has been paid for by the service and even the lives of patriots past and present.

The hope of naming the class for Defenders of Freedom is to, in a small way, show our thanks to people in the armed services as well as those in the private sector who have sacrificed to keep our country free. If we are reminded of the great sacrifices these people have endured, maybe, we will be encouraged to vote in every election, to study and follow the Constitution of the

United States of America, and to show respect to our fellow citizens with different beliefs and religions.

So, let's all say thank you to a Veteran and do our part to keep America free.

### HOW TO FIND CANDIDATES, DONALD H. GOUPIL, 32°

As we live and ponder the wonderful experiences that our Valley offers us, let us reflect on what friends and Masons before us offered us that affords us the magical Scottish Rite memories we so cherish. If not for those before us sharing their passion for Scottish Rite, we'd be missing everything we hold so dear. It's difficult to imagine our lives without our Masonic relationships and the impression made upon our lives as well as the lives of our friends and loved ones. There comes a time when we must reflect on our obligations made to other Master Masons from the past and the present. Remember, Scottish Rite and our Valley of Danville have held our standards to so high a level that we are blessed with all our members having come to us from the Masonic Lodge as you and I did. How many other organizations are

so blessed with such a high-level candidate pool? My Lodge. Your Lodge. Several local Masonic Lodges in eastern Illinois and beyond contributing to another blessed level of friendship, morality, and brotherly love. The local Masonic Lodges within the realm of the Valley of Danville offer the ultimate candidate pool for our future at all levels.

So many Master Masons among us who have yet not entered the life and experiences of our Valley. If we can't imagine our lives without Scottish Rite and the Valley of Danville, then how can we proceed knowing that we have wonderful men of all ages of whom we haven't shared our Valley with? They are out there in numbers much higher than most would imagine. We owe our fellow Brethren an opportunity to be a part of this wonderful

Scottish Rite where there is something rewarding and exciting for everyone. With such a diverse slate of activities, events, family fun, and our dedication to dyslexic learning among other satisfying endeavors, how would I feel if the Scottish Rite hadn't reached out to me when they did. I can only imagine an emptiness within. Your local Masonic Lodge and those within your district will be excited to see you and even more excited when they learn of all we have to offer at our Valley. That is a win & win for you and I but especially for those that you bring to meet all of us at Danville. Expanding their relationships and blessing ours. That's winning. And yes, that's our job. Are you doing all you can to share?

## PATHFINDER PROGRAM

### CHRISTOPHER HATHAWAY, 32°

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



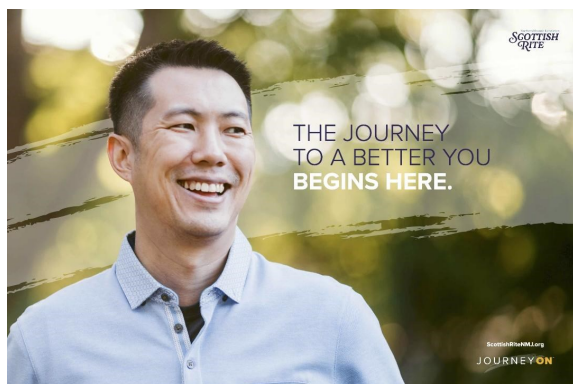
What path are you on in your Masonic journey? Where has it taken you? Are you satisfied? Did you see the 32nd Degree as the culmination of the Scottish Rite Experience? I have news for you, it is NOT.

You should be asking yourself these questions every day. Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite is an experience to be had over and over again. It is a school of learning, the gathering of friends, and the helping of the less fortunate.

Join me in the Pathfinder program so you can grow as a Mason. The Pathfinder Program is a Journey, set with many mile markers and paths for members of all levels. Just like in your blue lodge experience, the path may be set with Ruffians, but a Scottish Rite Mason never quits even when faced with adversity. We Journey On!

Please join the Facebook group at 'Illinois Pathfinder AASR' to learn more. You can also give me a call at 217-918-2831 or email me at [cjhathaway09@gmail.com](mailto:cjhathaway09@gmail.com) to learn more about this exciting program. It is the largest membership initiative since they rolled out the Passport program many years ago.

Last but not least, let us congratulate the FIRST member of the Valley of Danville to successfully complete the program, Past Most Wise Master, Christopher J. Both, Master of Ceremonies in the Danville Consistory. Well done! Journey ON!



## COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER, JAMES W. BOTH, 33°



I have known for many years that Blue Lodge Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry provide us with timeless ideas that help us lead useful and content lives. However, our lifestyles, occupations, scientific knowledge, and technologies have drastically changed just in the last few decades and the rate of change appears to be accelerating each year. I had vaguely connected these bits of knowledge and wondered how they interacted with each other but had not been able to coherently put them together. Then I read a short article from Supreme Council titled "Who is our Customer" and it began to click.

The article compared Masonry as a product to milk, both needed and desired products.

"Challenges begin to arise for an organization when there are customers that are interested in the product or service but not in the way it is delivered.

Home delivery services for milk and other dairy products were prominent in the United States for over one hundred years. "Milkman" now ranks on the list of jobs that no longer exist. Why? Customers demand for the product remained but not the mechanism of delivery. By the 1970s larger grocery stores began to pop up and scientific innovation had significantly extended the shelf life of milk. This made it easier for stores to stock dairy products which made them more convenient and cost-effective to purchase.

As we endeavor to identify and know our primary and secondary customers, we must continuously seek to understand their needs and

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wants. We may have a product that is both wanted and needed, but is the method of its delivery meeting the needs of our customers? Philip Kotler added to Drucker's reflections with a poignant reminder that "Our business is not to casually please everyone, but to deeply please our target customers."

Our membership has evolved. Like the dairy industry, will we continue to innovate and find new ways to deliver our products?" (source. Supreme Council, Who is our Customer)

For years we have relied almost exclusively on our Reunions to deliver our product. I feel that we need to shift the emphasis away from a twice a year event to smaller more frequent opportunities for education and socialization.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?



**William J. Hussey, 33°, Administrative Director**

We will be doing a special raffle for a custom made barrel table. Please watch the Valley Facebook page and emails for photos and info. This is made especially for the winner of the raffle. The winner can have up to 2 emblems of their choosing. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Call the Valley office or see a Valley Officer for Tickets. Drawing will be on November 5, 2022.

As Supreme Council has raised their part of the your dues our Valley has not. These fundraisers help support your Valley.



**Robert A. Gill, 33°, Executive Secretary**

It's that time of year again and we've already received dues from a good portion of our membership, which is very much appreciated! For those who still owe dues you have several payment options available.

- 1) You can pay on-line by logging into the NMJ website, go to the Membership tab which will have a drop-down menu one of which is for paying dues.
- 2) You can mail your payment in.
- 3) You can call the Valley of Danville office at 217/446-7620 and Christine can take your credit card information over the phone.
- 4) Stop by the Masonic Temple and pay in person.

If you encounter an issue while trying to make your payment, please do not hesitate to call the Valley of Danville office for assistance.

If a Brother is experiencing others issues such as health, job related, or other unforeseen problems which makes payment a financial burden, please call the office to discuss or email us.....we are here to help and assist! The main thing though is to communicate, we cannot help if we do not know.

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## FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTIES

MYLES S. PATTERSON, 32°



The Danville Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is partnering with local Lodges, Shrine's, and York Rite to provide an entertaining Christmas gathering. Each event will bring together Mason's with their families for an afternoon or evening of fun and fellowship. Joining together, where we may celebrate different strengths and commonality of purpose, will help defer costs. Our Christmas Party's provide an opportunity to unite for a stronger institution.

Northern Area - December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sheldon. The meal will be catered and music is planned. It will be a great time to catch up with others in a relaxed atmosphere.

Central Area - December 10<sup>th</sup> at Danville. The meal will be provided and we ask those who attend to provide a carry in dish to share with all. Santa Claus may be there for the children. It promises to provide enjoyment for all!

Southern Area - December 10<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeport 6:00PM. Knights Templar will conduct a

Table Rite, all will enjoy the toasts. We will have a short lesson on the St. John and the Christmas Story will be read by candle light. Our meal will be potluck. Meat will be provided and we ask those who attend to provide a carry in dish or dessert.

This could be a great opportunity for each of us to invite that "prospective member" that may be interested in Masonry. Please RSVP. Your family will enjoy these events!

## KEEP A KID WARM

JAMES W. BOTH, 33°

Your Valley is making a commitment to supply as many hats and gloves as possible to the children from our area who are in need of a warm stocking hat and gloves. Our goal is to be able to supply each Lodge from our Valley, that requests them, with 30 hats and 30 gloves.

You can help in several ways!

If your Lodge would be willing to work with us in collecting hats and gloves or donations

of cash to purchase them, please call the Valley office.

If your Lodge would like to receive hats and gloves to be distributed as the Lodge sees fit, please contact the Valley office and we will add your Lodge to our list of those receiving hats and gloves sometime in mid-November. Many school districts do an excellent job of discretely helping children in need and can be a good way to distribute these hats and gloves.

If you as an individual would like to donate hats and gloves or cash please send them to the Valley of Danville 109 W North, Danville, IL 61832. Hats and gloves can be purchased in bulk for approximately \$4 per set. We will also establish collection sites at all Valley events from now through the Fall Reunion.

With your help the Valley of Danville will be able to help keep the children in our Valley a little bit warmer this winter.

## WIDOWS HELP DAY

JAMES W. BOTH, 33°

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We all took an oath to help our Brothers, their widows and orphans.

Your Valley is going to help any widows in our area with outdoor clean up on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Each team will set their own meeting time and place. We hope to have at least 4 teams of 4 to help our widows with projects they can not do on their own. We may need various tools as well, such as shovels, rakes, brooms, chainsaws, blowers, trucks, trailers and more depending on the requests we receive. Please call the Valley office to sign up or we will have a sign-up sheet at any Valley events from now thru the Fall Reunion.

Please spread the word about this program to any widows you might know of who would benefit from the program.

## BUILDING REPORT, MICHAEL J. PUHR, 33°, BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



A great deal has been going on behind the scenes this summer. Sprucing up entry areas, stair wells, and other walls with fresh paint. The kitchen now has hot water at the dishwasher sink and spray wand, which has been lacking for years. All new appliances are installed and operating. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor bathroom has been decommissioned with the sink and stool removed and sewer pipes capped. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor women's bathroom has had the urinal removed and pipe capped, this should eliminate much of the odor. In

the bathroom behind the stage a new ADA toilet has been installed, to replace one that was leaking.

Projects still in progress are: Security cameras throughout the building and an additional keypad at the kitchen alley door. Getting the exterior sign powered and hopefully the beacon. Replacing the light socket in the preceptory house light. Repairing and replacing lights in the office with LED. Continued cleaning up wiring in certain areas. There are always other issues that come up and we will address those as they happen.

## CORE VALUES, JAMES D. PELOW, II, 32°



Scottish Rite is a fraternity of Freemasons that promotes philanthropy, brotherhood, and self-improvement. Members of the Scottish Rite often take part in charitable activities and events, and some also use their skills and knowledge to help others in their community. Some people join the Scottish Rite simply for the social aspects, while others are attracted to the organization for its charitable work or its focus on personal growth. Regardless of the reason for joining, the building blocks of this organization are its core values. Core values are a set of beliefs or principles that guide an individual or organization. They serve as a foundation upon which people can make decisions, build relationships, and achieve their goals. Core values are often described as those things that are most important to an individual or group. Core values are important because they reflect what is important to us as individuals and as an organization. They guide our decisions and actions, and help us to stay focused on what is most important to us. There are six core values that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite believes in, Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, and Service to Humanity.

One way to practice reverence for God is to be more mindful of your words and actions. Throughout the day, take a moment to check in with yourself and see how you are treating others. Are you speaking kindly? Are you behaving with integrity? Are you respecting others' beliefs and opinions, even if they differ from your own? These are just a few things to consider as you go about your day. By taking a moment to be more mindful, you can help to

create a more positive and respectful world for everyone. There are many ways to practice reverence for God. It is up to each individual to find what works best for them. However, taking even just a few moments each day to be silent and still or to be more mindful of your words and actions can help to create a more loving and respectful world for all.

It is my belief that a life lived with integrity is a life worth living. To me, integrity means being honest and truthful in all aspects of my life. It also means being fair and just, and treating others with respect. I strive to live my life with integrity because I believe it is the right thing to do. Living a life of integrity requires courage. It is not always easy to do the right thing, but it is always worth it. I am grateful to have a strong moral compass that guides me in making decisions that are in line with my values. I know that living with integrity is not always easy, but it is always worth it.

What is justice? The simple answer is that it is the quality of being just or fair. But what does that mean? Is it giving everyone the same thing? Is it treating people the way they deserve to be treated? Justice is often thought of as a moral principle that everyone should follow. It is the quality of being just or fair. That means that it is the quality of being right or good. It is also the quality of being legal. So, when we talk about justice, we are talking about doing what is right, and doing what is good.

Tolerance is the willingness to accept behavior or beliefs that are different from your own. It is important to remember that tolerance is a two-way street. Just as you should be tolerant of others, they should also be tolerant of

you. When we as Masons display toleration, we are not only promoting the Masonic principles of brotherly love and peace, but we are also helping to build a more tolerant society as a whole.

In the United States, patriotism is considered a positive quality. People who love their country are said to be patriotic. Those who put their country's interests above their own are also considered patriotic. Devotion to one's country is a loyalty or allegiance to the government and its laws. It also includes a willingness to defend the country against its enemies. Masons are some of the most patriotic citizens in the United States. They are devoted to their country and its citizens. They are also willing to hold their leaders accountable to the ideals of the founding fathers. As a Mason, you can help others from all walks of life share in the pride that comes from standing together as one.

One of the best things we can do to serve our community is to be a good example. As Masons, we are held to a high standard, and we should always strive to live up to that standard. People are watching us, and we never know when we might have the chance to make a positive impact on someone's life. It's also important to remember that service is not just about giving of our time and talents. It is also about giving of ourselves. We should always be looking for ways to help our Brothers and our community, and we should never hesitate to lend a hand. Service is one of the most important values of Freemasonry, and it is something that we should all strive to live up to. By serving our community and our Brotherhood, we make the world a better place.

## MEMBERS TO RECEIVE 33° AND MSA, ROBERT A. GILL, 33°

Please congratulate Brother Rick Strebing who will be receiving the Meritorious Service Award on June 24, 2023 at ICOD. Brother Strebing will be joined by Brother Edward Hedlin who was one of our 2022 MSA recipients but was unable to attend last year's event.

Also congratulations are in order for Brothers Phillip Green MSA, Cody Oakwood and Ronald Wall who will be receiving the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Award at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY on August 29, 2023.

All of these Brothers go above and beyond for the Valley of Danville and exemplify what being a Scottish Rite Mason is all about and we couldn't be happier for their selections!

If you would like to drop any of these Brothers a congratulatory card or note, please contact the Valley of Office for their address.



Rick Strebing



Ed Hedlin



Phil Green



Cody Oakwood



Ron Wall

## FUN, JAMES W. BOTH, 33°

Fun is not mentioned in our Vision Statement nor in our Core Values. However, I would make the argument that without fun we cannot achieve our Vision Statement nor live by our Core Values. Fun is a must if we are to succeed throughout the next century.

Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Masonry are both volunteer organizations dependent on their members volunteering their time and money to achieve their goals. We may be motivated to

help for many reasons but if we do not enjoy the time we spend at Lodge with our Brothers we will not stick around for more than a year or two. That is why it is so important for us to schedule some events just for fun so we can get to know each other as well as design our programs so that we may enjoy the time we spend together even if that time is spent doing hard or physical work.

When we get to the point that we are one big group of friends it becomes much easier to be

inspired, by the example of a friend, to live by our Core Values. We can all support each other but we need those fun events to help us become and stay friends and to get to know each other's families.

In short, without fun, no one sticks around long enough to get anything accomplished. It is time to have fun, together we can accomplish so much more than we can apart.

## SUPREME COUNCIL, BRIAN L. PETTICE, 33°



The news out of Supreme Council in recent weeks has been very positive for the Valley of Danville. First, as was mentioned earlier in this publication, we were pleased to hear that Brothers Phillip L. Green, MSA, Cody

A. Oakwood, and Ronald E. Wall II have been nominated to receive the Thirty-third Degree next August in Louisville, KY. We were also pleased to learn that Past Most Wise Master, Christopher J. Hathaway, was appointed to represent Illinois on the Supreme Council Pathfinder Advisory Board charged with promoting the Pathfinder program. Brother Hathaway has created a Facebook group specifically

for *Illinois Scottish Rite Masons* called "*Illinois Pathfinder AASR*". Brother Hathaway, who was a key driving force behind Danville winning last year's Valley of Excellence Award, will also travel to headquarters in Lexington Massachusetts to represent the Valley at the Supreme Council's VOE Awards Night on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

As the seasons move into fall and winter, several ongoing Supreme Council programs will continue. The Valley of Excellence Award has begun anew and among this year's changes is the opportunity to achieve 5 points if 70% or more of the Valley's members have given the Supreme Council a verifiable email address.

The Valley is very close to achieving this as over 1000 members have already done so. If you have not, you can do so by logging onto My Member Center or by calling the Valley Office. The Blue Envelope Appeal is underway or will be shortly offering everyone a chance to support our charities. The annual Giving Tuesday live Stream Telethon will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The monthly Pathfinder and Leadership Seminars will continue and with the start of the New Year, Thursday Night at the Rite will open a new season with some exciting changes.

As you can see the news out of Supreme Council has given us cause to celebrate and reason to look forward to good things ahead.



Richard R. Gray, 32°  
Degree  
Production  
Chairman

**We need your help!**  
**Are you coming to reunion?**

Please consider helping out with stage crew for one or two degrees. Report to the 3rd Floor, ask for Richard Gray and find out how you can help!

Help with stage crew helps earn points towards your black cap.

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# AASR VALLEY OF DANVILLE CALENDAR

October 12, 2022	Keep a Kid Warm Program Kick-off
November 4 & 5, 2022	Fall Reunion, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL
November 5, 2022	Barrel Table Raffle Drawing
November 9, 2022	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
November 10, 2022	New Member Orientation via Zoom
November 12, 2022	Widows Help Day (around the Valley)
November 19, 2022	Flat Rock Degree Day, Flat Rock Lodge, Flat Rock, IL
December 3, 2022	Holiday Party, Sheldon, IL
December 10, 2022	Holiday Party, Danville, IL
December 10, 2022	Holiday Party, Bridgeport, IL
December 14, 2022	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
January 6, 2023	Indianapolis Cathedral Tour and Dinner, Indianapolis, IN
January 11, 2023	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
February 8, 2023	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
February 11, 2023	Degree Day, Tuscola, IL
March 8, 2023	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
March 24 & 25, 2023	Spring Reunion, Danville, IL
April 2, 2023	Feast of the Paschal Lamb

More events are always being planned. If your Lodge would like to host a Degree Day, a Meet a Mason Day or partner with the Valley of Danville for an event, give us a call.

Watch our website, [aasrdanville.org](http://aasrdanville.org) for Masonic and Fellowship events!

## A BEAUTIFUL DAY: OLIVE BRANCH 38 FOUNDERS DAY AND VALLEY OF DANVILLE OPEN HOUSE

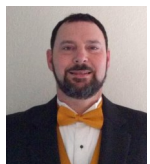
BRIAN L. PETTICE, 33°

On Saturday September 17, 2022, Olive Branch Lodge 38 and the Valley of Danville teamed up for the Lodge's Founders' Day Celebration at Temple Plaza and an Open House at the Masonic Temple. Members of both organizations gathered at the Temple before 9:30 to set up and make preparations for the day's events. At 10:00 am, Brother Ron Vadeboncoeur, a Past Master of the lodge and an active member of the Valley, welcomed everyone to Temple Plaza, invoked the blessing of Deity, and gave a brief history of the lodge and Temple Plaza. He then introduced Brother's Cody Oakwood, Brian Pet-

tice, 33°, and Jerry Askren, 33° who delivered speeches on our past Brethren, Joseph "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Jasper C. Winslow, and William P. Black. It was a beautiful day and several of those in attendance remarked that the presentations were educational and enjoyable.

After the Founders' Day Celebration, the Valley welcomed all to an Open House at the Masonic Temple. The Valley had invited several Masonic bodies and related bodies to set up informational tables at the Open House to meet and educate anyone that attended the Open House. Ten

organizations including the Rainbow for Girls, the DeMolay for Boys, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Shriners, the York Rite, the Lodge, the Valley and our Learning Center, as well as a couple of the Grand Lodge Charities attended and set up tables. Several people, Masons and members of the public, came and met with these representatives and took tours of the building. The Open House was a tribute to Masonic teamwork and unity. We enjoyed each other's company and learned lessons for future gatherings. It was a job well done by everyone involved.



The Feast of Tishri is a celebration of thanksgiving, unity, and rededication observed by the Lodge of Perfection. The Feast was observed

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful, newly renovated Valley of Danville Temple dining hall. Members of the Lodge of Perfection gave a presentation on the history and meaning of the Feast of Tishri and led those assembled in the nine Toasts of Obligations. An excellent Thanksgiving style meal was served, and an afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by the many Masons and their families who were present. Thank you to all who attended and made the Feast a successful event.

The Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri traces its roots to the Jewish festival of Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Booths or Feast of Tabernacles.

The Hebrew word *sukkōt* is the plural of *sukkah*, which translates to "booth" or "tabernacle". God commanded the Hebrews for all generations to observe a seven day harvest festival, in the Jewish month of Tishri, during which they should eat all of their meals outside in their sukkah.

In the book of Leviticus, Chapter 23, God commanded the Israelites, "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast

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of the Lord seven days. And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generation may know that I made the People of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." It was also during this Feast that King Solomon dedicated the First Temple, the Temple he built to be the Dwelling Place, the House of the Lord.

The Feast of Tishri is illustrated to be one of thanksgiving. The mention of the bounty of their harvests and the symbolism of the booths is intended to remind the Israelites and future generations of God's care and provision for them. When the Israelites wandered the desert after the exodus from Egypt, God provided for their every need. When they were thirsty, he provided water. When they were hungry, he provided food. When they needed shelter, he provided the temporary shelters for them to dwell in.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we should heed the lessons of the Israelites and be thankful for all the blessings God has bestowed on us and take comfort in the faith that, whatever our need, God will

know it and provide for it.

The Feast is also to be a celebration of unity. In Leviticus, the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook can be taken to represent the many and varied types of people God has created. In many Jewish celebrations, the four types of branches are bound into one representing that all should celebrate the feast together as one with each other in the presence of the Lord.

In Masonry, and especially in the Scottish Rite, many and varied types of men are bound together as brothers who share a common goal of working towards moral perfection. The Feast for us is a celebration of our Unity in that pursuit.

By choosing this Feast as the time to dedicate the House of the Lord, King Solomon recognized the lessons of rededication implicit in this Feast. The Temple of Solomon symbolized the collective effort of the Israelites to give thanks to and rededicate themselves to God by building for him a physical place to dwell among his people.

We as Scottish Rite Masons can truly give thanks and rededicate ourselves to God by rededicating ourselves to joining with one another to perfect the Spiritual Temple within each of our hearts as a dwelling place for the Lord.



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*Thus ends the record of a Just and Upright Mason.  
Well done thou good and faithful Servant.*

## BROTHER TO BROTHER

Would you like to connect with your Masonic Brothers? With the Brother to Brother program, you can call your brothers and check on them, make sure we have correct contact information and connect with your brother.

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