



# DANVILLE VALLEY ECHOES

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

## SUMMER 2022

### SPRING CLASS 2022



Class members are: Roland J. Boguszewski, Marcus A. Cook, Edward A. Derler, Seth W. Emerson, Gregrey E. Hrabak, James R. Manhart, Jacob A. Matthews, Kyle R. Meyer (Not Pictured), Chad M. Myers and Jeffrey B. Peachey.

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT 2022



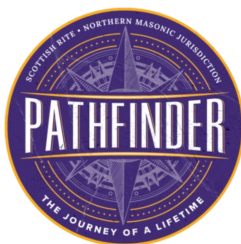
Matt Ring (pictured above) of Tuscola, IL received his Meritorious Service award in June of 2022. Many brothers of the Valley were there to help celebrate. Edwin A. Hedlin of St. Anne was also set to receive his MSA, but was unable to attend the ceremony. Brother Hedlin will receive his MSA at a later date.

## PATHFINDER PROGRAM

### CHRISTOPHER HATHAWAY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



Brethren, did you receive your Pathfinder Field Book in the mail? Are you excited to continue your



Scottish Rite journey by blazing through every path there is? Think of this as a massive treasure hunt right at your fingertips. Whether you are close to the Valley or far away, participation in this program is designed for you. We have ages from 18 all the way up to 90 years old who have completed some or all of the Pathfinder Program.

Deputy Clark has named me to a one-year term to be on the advisory board for the Pathfinder Program to represent the State of Illinois. I will be traveling to each of the nine Valleys in Illinois to promote the program and answer questions that our members might have.

In this program, you will be able to explore what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction: Organization, Self-Improvement, Valley Life, and Service & Philanthropy. This program is designed to be repeated many times as there are multiple ways to explore each path. Think of it as similar to the degree passport except now you will earn points and experience for every aspect of the fraternity and not just watching the degrees performed.

For more information and video training, go to <https://scottishritenmj.org/pathfinder>. You can always reach out to me with questions at [cjhathaway09@gmail.com](mailto:cjhathaway09@gmail.com) or call me at 217-918-2831.

I look forward to hearing your stories as you complete this field book. Please take pictures along the way and submit them to the office for future publications.

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Deputy Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Orator  
Master of Ceremonies  
Captain of the Guard

Sovereign Prince  
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Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Master of Ceremonies  
Master of Entrances

Most Wise Master  
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Captain of the Guard

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## COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER



### Brothers,

The Valley of Danville has such a long and distinguished history of improving individual Masons and

our Fraternity as a whole. I want you to know I, along with the entire officer core and each of you, will do our best to uphold the high standards exemplified in our Valley's past. Our Valley has a bright future full of opportunities. Hopefully, we have the wisdom to recognize them and the courage to act upon them.

I have four main goals for our Valley over the next few years. I want to focus as much of our attention as possible on increasing educational opportunities, helping Blue

Lodges in any way possible, increasing community projects, and having fun at each of our events. Renewed efforts in these areas should increase member satisfaction and make it easier to attract new members.

We have plans this year to hold new member orientation meetings, to discuss core values and lessons taught after each degree presented, and to hold a minimum of 6 Degree Days this year, in addition to our Reunions. These are a few of our educational opportunities. By helping Blue Lodges and doing as many community projects as possible we will be fulfilling our obligation to help our Brothers, not only in Masonry but also in the world. Probably the most important of my goals is to have fun at each of our events. If we do not enjoy the time

we spend in Masonry, we will eventually quit. Then nothing gets done and nobody benefits.

Finally, I would ask each of you for two things. First, take a half of an hour each month to think about ways we can improve Masonry or help our Brothers. Secondly, please help your Valley continue its distinguished history by donating at least a few hours of your time toward a Valley project or event.

### Fraternally,

**Your Commander in Chief,  
James W Both, 33°**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 2022—2023

### Board Appointed:

Finance and Audit	Kevin Hack
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### Head of Bodies Appointed:

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Planning	Christopher Both
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## NEWS FROM SUPREME COUNCIL

**Brian L. Pettice, 33°, Deputy's Representative**

At this writing, summer is nearly half over. But, oh what a summer it has been—filled with celebration of accomplishment and activity. In mid-June the Supreme Council announced that the Valley of Danville was one of 45 Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and 5 in Illinois to win the Valley of Excellence Award. This award is based on scoring a minimum of 90 out of 100 possible points in four categories—Membership, Service & Philanthropy, Leadership & Development, and Operations. Engaging in the activities necessary to win the award drives a Valley to be one that

serves its members and communities as it should and is in keeping with Supreme Council's focus on being a member driven organization. It is truly a team award and one that we should all take pride in.

Later in June, the Illinois Council of Deliberation conferred the Meritorious Service Award on Brother Matt Ring at its annual meeting and banquet. Valley of Danville members present were thrilled to hear the Deputy for Illinois, Illustrious Greg Clark, 33°, announce that Brother Rick Strebing is the Valley's nominee to receive the MSA at the ICOD meeting next summer.

There is still summer to go, though,

and the Supreme Council's new Pathfinder program is a great way for you to continue your quest for self-improvement in the Scottish Rite. The program offers ways to immerse yourself in the Scottish Rite and to connect with more of your Brethren. You should have received a Field Book from Supreme Council late last spring. To learn more about the program and download everything you need, visit the Supreme Council website at <https://scottishrittenmj.org/pathfinder>. I look forward to seeing you on your journey.

## 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 \$1.80 each. 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.



## MASONS TRAVELING THE WORLD

What I did on my Summer Vacation, Pete Eisenmenger, 33°

This story starts about two years ago when my oldest

daughter decided that she wanted to study abroad for a semester. I did not put too much thought into it at the time because like most other 18 year-olds, big plans tend to die on the vine rather quickly. Well the joke was on me because that girl scrimped, saved and planned and the next thing I knew I was putting her on a plane to Italy in January. As soon as things started to get real that we were going to have a kid in Italy, my wife started planning our trip there to "go see her," and in April we boarded a plan for Rome to go on a tour of "Italy's Great Cities," taking my mother-in-law and her best friend along for good measure. Luckily we had separate rooms in the hotels so my wife and I were not kept up all night with their constant partying. After a 9 hour flight and losing another 7 hours due to the time change, we landed in Rome. The adrenaline rush of being in a different country and promise of great food and wine kept us all awake that first day and I gotta say that the food and hospitality did not disappoint. We also met some really great people who were also on the tour. The next day our very jet-lagged and slightly hung over tour group of 24 or so people went on a walking tour of Rome. Our tour guide, Francesco, took us all over the ancient city. Being a good mason, I tried to find either Masonic symbols or at least Masonic influences in the Roman architecture. What I discovered are what I be-



lieve are influences on early Masonry. One of the more impressive sites was the Pantheon, an ancient Roman temple to the Gods that was repurposed by the early Christian Church. The dome of the building is the widest of any of the domes built in the ancient world or middle ages and was constructed of concrete. Our tour guide told us that it had to be constructed in a very short period of time because concrete tends to harden when it dries. The fact that Bronze Age men figured out how to construct a 142 foot wide dome that did not collapse in on itself is impressive and was a feat that could not be duplicated until over a thousand years later.

I was struck by the sheer history I observed over the entire length of the 10 day tour. In Rome, I saw Egyptian obelisks that were ancient when the Romans brought them to adorn their

streets, ancient Roman buildings, temples and statues and cathedrals from the Middle Ages and Renaissance... all within blocks of each other. I was also able to drink from a "water fountain" that was fed by a Roman aqueduct that still provides the city with fresh water. Finishing up day 1 was a visit to the Coliseum. My buddy Francesco informed us, before going in, that there were three different styles of columns adorning the outside of the coliseum, one on each level; Ionic, Doric and Corinthian. I guess the builders of the Coliseum did not have much use for the Tuscan and Composite either.

You cannot do a tour of Italy without seeing some of the most influential art in history and Michelangelo did not disappoint. The Sistine Chapel was very impressive but I was blown away by the statue of David in Florence and the Pieta in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Michelangelo saw sculpture as art in its purest form and two tour guides (including my buddy Francesco) noted that Michelangelo did not believe that he was creating a sculpture from the marble, only breaking off the "rough and superfluous parts of the stone" to reveal the beauty that was already there. I could go on about this trip for several more pages but will stop here. I encourage anyone who already has not done so, to step out of your comfort zone and travel to a different country. You get to experience a different culture, meet interesting people and maybe even appreciate what we have in our own country a little more.

## NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

William J. Hussey, 33°



### Valley Fundraiser Results

We have had a very successful fundraiser. Three members and two wives

went to Lynchburg, TN to personally pick out a very unique barrel of Whiskey. Five of us along with two Jack Daniels Employees who are experts in which tastes we were looking for helped us select from three different barrels.

We ended up with 258 bottles from our barrel. We used these bottles with a special sleeve designed for us as a free gift for those over 21 who donated at least \$85 to the Building/Learning Center. As of this article we only have 35 left for adoption. Our board decided to wait until the fall 22 reunion to make sure if any candidates want a chance at one before we offer them to the public.



## VALLEY OF EXCELLENCE

**Christopher J. Hathaway,**  
**Membership and Fraternal Relations Chairman**

Congratulations! You did it. We did it! We ARE a Valley of Excellence. We know we have been doing the right things for many years but in the 2021-2022 Scottish Rite year, we were able to put our accomplishments on paper and win this prestigious award. This is only the second year of its existence. The Valley of Danville was one of five Valleys to win this year's award in Illinois. This award will bring home a fantastic trophy which will be displayed at the Masonic Temple. This award also earns the Valley of Danville one additional 33rd Degree selection where they will be coronated at the 2023 Supreme Council Session

in Louisville.

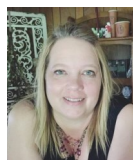
In order to qualify for this award, we had to bring in new members, participate in service & philanthropy events, send our members to leadership & development opportunities, and connect with our members through many different channels such as newsletters, Facebook, email, and phone calls. This was no easy task but our Valley stayed organized, gave back to the community, and had fun doing it. We are off to a great start for the 2022-2023 award. This is not a one-and-done award, we plan to execute and win it every year it's available. We aren't just after the

award, we are after the member's experience. We want to offer you everything the Scottish Rite has available right here in the Valley of Danville. Every member that contributed through their time, efforts, blue envelope giving, phone calls, and so much more, THANK YOU.

Thank you for helping the Valley grow and living up to our mission of being a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

## VALLEY OFFICE

**Christine Baird, Administrative Assistant**



Christine Baird is the Administrative Assistant at the Valley of Danville. If you have called the Valley in the past twelve years, she is the one you talked to.

Christine lives in Westville with her husband, Porter. She has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Call the Valley Office for address changes, dues balances or payments, copies of petitions, event RSVPs, to report deaths or any questions that you may have. If Christine doesn't know the answer, she will find out.

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



Reminder: Dues are due! Your dues statement will be sent out by Supreme Council very soon. You can pay directly to the Valley Office, or go to :<https://scottishritenmj.org>.

Have you registered with Supreme Council yet? If not, please log on to the website above and do so! On the website, you can update your contact information, look at and update your passport and so many other things.

The Valley is here to help you with anything you may need. Our Office hours are: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Lunch from noon to 1:00) and Fridays 8:00 to Noon.

## VALLEY PROMOTIONS

**William J. Hussey, 33°**

Special drawing at the Fall reunion. A specially made barrel table with any two emblems the winner wants. On the photo it shows a Kansas City Chiefs emblem. You may want a cubs emblem on the top and the barrel or

Cubs and Bears. Other ideas include Cards/Illini or Blue Lodge. Anything you want! Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Just call the office and get your tickets now.

This item is made by the same company who

makes items for several distilleries in Kentucky and Tennessee. Their business is in the millions and have made several barrel heads for Valley members. This is something special for our members. Tell your friends!



**Brotherhood Fellowship Event**  
**Big Thorn Farm**  
**14274 E. 600 North Rd.,**  
**Georgetown, IL**  
**August 20, 2022—4:00 p.m.**  
**Food Trucks, Drinks, Bar and**  
**Family Fun**

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## AASR VALLEY OF DANVILLE CALENDAR

August 10, 2022	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St, Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
August 13, 2022	Meet a Mason Day, 400 E. Main, Allendale, IL
August 20, 2022	Social Event at Big Thorn, Georgetown, IL
September 14, 2022	32 Club Dinner, 109 W. North, Danville, IL
September 14, 2022	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
September 17, 2022	Founder's Day and Feast of Tishri, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL
September 24, 2022	Watseka Degree Day, 2125 E. 1730 North Rd., Watseka, IL
October 12, 2022	Valley Board Meeting, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL (also available via Zoom)
October 12, 2022	Keep a Kid Warm Program Kick-off
November 4 & 5, 2022	Fall Reunion, 109 W. North St., Danville, IL
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)

### MEET A MASON

Do you have a friend who is interested in becoming a Freemason?

Bring them to Allendale Lodge, 400 E. Main, Allendale Lodge on August 13, 2022, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Guests will learn about Masonry through a short video and hear inspiring stories about what Freemasonry means to them.

### WIDOWS DAY

The Valley of Danville will assist widows of Scottish Rite Masons with their Fall yard cleanup. Please call the Valley Office at 217-446-7620 to signup to work or to schedule help for a widow in your area.

## BLUE LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Masonic Founders' Day, Open House and Feast of Tishri by Brian L. Pettice, 33°

Save the Date! On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Valley of Danville and Olive Branch Lodge No. 38 will partner together, through the Valley's Fraternal Outreach Program, to bring everyone a day dedicated to celebrating our Masonic history, visiting with the members of our Masonic Family, and rededicating ourselves to Masonic Principles.

The day will begin at Temple Plaza, down the street from the Masonic Center, at 10:00 am as Olive Branch Lodge 38 will conduct a Founders' Day Celebration. Temple Plaza, now a downtown park, is the site of the former Temple Building—the first structure in Danville built by Masons and with Masonic purposes specifically in mind. It is now the site of a beautiful sculpture depicting and celebrating several notable citizens of Danville as well as others that represent, “the various trades, professions, talents, and contributions of everyday citizens.” The Plaza retains the arched entry of the old Temple and features a series of plaques explaining the park and sculpture. One of the plaques identifies fourteen of the citizens whose likenesses are depicted and identified in the sculpture.

Three of those citizens identified were members of Olive Branch Lodge— long-time Congressman and Speaker of the U.S. House, Joseph G. “Uncle Joe” Cannon; Danville's first Mayor, Jasper C. Winslow; and Civil War Congression-

al Medal of Honor Winner and famed attorney, William Perkins Black. The Founders' Day Celebration will feature presentations by current lodge members on the stories of each of these brethren as well as on the story of the lodge itself. While it is difficult to be sure what part their association with Freemasonry played in shaping these good men, it is easy to see the part each of these men played in shaping our world. The lodge looks forward to sharing their stories, honoring their accomplishments, and celebrating the values and principles they exemplified in their lives—values and principles lodge members strive to live by to this day.

At 10:30 am the Valley will host an Open House at the Danville Masonic Center, 109 W. North Street. All Masons, their families and friends, as well as the public are invited to visit the Masonic Center at this time. Visitors may take self-guided tours of the building where they can see the grandeur of the different rooms in the building and where they will meet representatives of the various organizations that reside in the building. Among these organizations are the Valley itself, Masonic Blue Lodges, the Order of the Eastern Star, the DeMolay for Boys, and the Children's Learning Center. Additionally several local and regional Masonic organizations will be invited to set-up informational tables so that all may learn the variety of organizations within the Masonic fraternity and what

they have to offer and how they serve individuals and their communities.

The Open House will wrap up at 11:45 am and at noon the Valley will serve lunch. The meal will consist of fare the Valley has traditionally served with its celebration of the Feast of Tishri. The public is invited to join us for the lunch, however reservations are required. Reservations can be made by calling the Valley office at 217-446-7620. There is no charge for lunch, but there will be an opportunity to make a free will donation that day.

Following lunch, everyone is invited to experience the Valley's annual observance of the Feast of Tishri—a Masonic celebration of thanksgiving, unity, and rededication. This Feast is conducted by the officers of the Valley's Lodge of Perfection. It encourages us to give thanks for all that has been provided us during the past year, to strive for the unity that should exist among people, and to rededicate ourselves to living according to the principles that will best enable us to keep our duties to our God, to our Country, to our families, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.

We hope that you will join us on this day.

#### DEMOLAY WANTS YOU!

Do you have a son, grandson or great grandson ages 12—21? If so, would you like to get them involved in Masonry?

The L.L. Lockard Chapter of DeMolay (Danville Area) would like for you to contact: Brian Pettice at [aasmason@gmail.com](mailto:aasmason@gmail.com)

The Highlander Chapter of DeMolay (Bridgeport) would like for you to contact Karissa Anderson at [andersonk@iecc.edu](mailto:andersonk@iecc.edu)

#### FALL REUNION 2022

November 4 & 5, 2022

Defenders of Freedom Class

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## MEMORIAL ROLL

The following is a list of our Brethren who have passed on to the House not made with human hands, reported January 1 to July 1, 2022.

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Joseph E. Franklin	William E. Knight	Norman R. Spear	

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