

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Danville

Valley Echoes

DEMOLAY IS IN DANVILLE!



We are very proud to announce that we have the start of a DeMolay Chapter with nine young men being installed! We need a total of fifteen (15) to become a full-fledged Chapter. The cost to the young men to join DeMolay is \$35 for a Life Time Membership.

We also have to establish an Adult Advisory Board for our Chapter consisting of at least three Master Masons. This board can also include non-Mason's on it as well, which the Mother and Father of one of our new DeMolay members have agreed to join this Board. We can have as many as we like and it's suggested to have in the neighborhood of 8-10, so we have some room to grow.

We are also proud to say that The Valley of Danville became the first AASR Valley in the State of Illinois to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter! We believe this is something we can all be very proud of!

What we need at this point is the following.....

We need more young men to get to that magic number of 15. This will be a process that is not achieved over night, but it only happens with an effort to do so. Do you know someone?

We need more Advisory Board members, if you are interested please let the Valley Office know and we can walk you through the process. It'll take about an hour of your time.

We need to make a commitment and show our support to the Bridgeport Chapter of DeMolay. They are in our Valley as well and deserve the same commitment that we make to the new Chapter here in Danville.

If you do not know a young man or do not want to be on the Advisory Board, that's fine we still need your support and involvement. Please consider attending our meeting on June 9 at 2:00 p.m. or the Degree Day on June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. and let these young men and DeMolay know that we support their efforts!



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MEET THE OFFICERS



Michael J. Dooley, Thrice Potent Master and past At-Large Director of the Valley of Danville. I am a life member and Past Master of St. Anne Lodge #1092 and have a dual life membership at Watseka Lodge #446.

I have served as Excellent High Priest at Champaign Chapter RAM #50 and Admiration Chapter RAM #282, as well as an honorary Member of Macon Chapter RAM #21 and a life member of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. I am a Past Excellent Grand Master of the 1st and 2nd Veil of Grand Royal Arch Mason Chapter of the State of Illinois.

I have served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Urbana Council of Cryptic Masons #19, and honorary Member of Decatur Council of Cryptic Masons Council #16 and a 2 term District Inspector for the 17th District of Illinois Grand Council of Cryptic Masons.

I served as Eminent Commander of Urbana Commandary Masonic Knights Templar #16 and an honorary member of Beaumanoir Commandery Masonic Knights Templar #9 and a Commissioned Aide to the R.E. Grand Commander Masonic Knights Templar of Illinois. I am a life member of Medinah Shrine AAONMS, A member and Past

Preeminent Governor of Eastern Illinois York Rite College #81, a Past Sovereign Master of Eastern Illinois Council #356. Allied Masonic Degrees.,

I served as Associate Patron and Past-Worthy Patron of Prospect Chapter OES #367, now merged with Delmar D. Darrah #1021 in Tolono, IL, where I served as Associate Patron and current Worthy Patron and a member of Hope Chapter OES #104. I am a life member of Knight Mason Irish Sea Council #98, a Life member of GAO Grotto MOVPER, a member of GAO Grotto Revelers, a member of the Golden Eagles Club and a member of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders.

I have been employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections, Division of Illinois Correctional Industries for 23 years and am currently a PSA/Superintendent. Previous to that I was in the heavy machinery business for 19 years. I am the father to two grown children, Robert, who is married to Michelle; and Mary Kathleen (Katie), who is married to Chad. I am the grandfather of three granddaughters - Isla, Ireland and Jayden. I currently reside in Decatur Illinois.

I am a member of the Emerald Society of the Boston Police Department and the Illinois State Society of Washington D.C. I look forward to service as TPM and the Valley of Danville.

MEET THE OFFICERS CONTINUED



Terry L. Hills , Sovereign Prince. I was introduced to Freemasonry by my father-in-law in 1986, petitioned Mattoon Lodge #260, and became a Master Mason that same year.

In 1993 I stepped away to spend time with my kids. By 2008, my oldest son, Roger, was asked to join Urbana Lodge, encouraged me to get involved again. I did, and immediately started through the

chairs, quickly becoming Master in 2011. During 2015, both Roger and I were Worshipful Masters of our Lodges simultaneously.

I am an ILCHIP Coordinator, President of the local High Twelve Club, Illinois State High Twelve Vice President, and Secretary of the local Low 12 Club. I joined the Valley of Danville in 2009 at a Traveling Degree at my home Lodge and was inspired by many local Brothers to become very active. I am now starting my second term as Sovereign Prince for the Walter A. Stevens Council.



William J. Sollers, Most Wise Master of the George E. Burrow Chapter Rose Croix. I currently reside in Danville with my wife Norma of 19 wonderful years. We have 3 children and 16 grandchildren. I have worked for Berry's Garden Center as a Landscape Construction Foreman for the last 13 years.

I am Past Master of Olive Branch Lodge #38. I am a member of the Champaign York Rite Bodies. I am

Past President of the Gao Grotto Revelers. I am currently Master of Ceremonies of the Gao Grotto.

I have been very pleased with the progress our Valley is making. Our new members are coming in and making great strides toward becoming the future leaders for the Valley. We have a great membership and I look forward to our Masonic future.



Jerry H. Askren 33° Commander In Chief. I'm looking forward to the second year of my term as Commander In Chief and Chairman of the Board of Directors. This time last year was also the start of a new banking career with Iroquois Federal of Danville and as Blount Township Supervisor. I've learned a lot in the last twelve months and see good things on the horizon for the banking career, township and especially the Valley of Danville. While the last twelve months brought several new challenges we have overcome and continue to move forward. Other good news from last year I remain married to my best friend Yvonne, and have retained my most cherished title of Grandpa Jerry.

My Masonic education began in February 2002 in Further Light Lodge in Danville where I served as Worshipful Master in 2005 to 2006. I continue to

hold dual member in Urbana Lodge #157 and Olive Branch Lodge #38. My greatest Masonic joys have been in the Scottish Rite journey that has provided fellowship across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. I was honored to serve as Thrice Potent Master 2006 to 2007 and was appointed to the Consistory Line in 2009. It was a very humbling honor to receive the 33° in Philadelphia in August 2010. I hold Masonic membership in the GAO Grotto and York Rite Bodies including Admiration Chapter No. 282 Royal Arch Masons, Champaign Chapter No. 50 Royal Arch Masons, Urbana Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons and Urbana Commandery No. 16 Knights Templar.

If you have an extra "few minutes" ask me sometime about my grandkids, my four adult step-children, or my membership in the National Rifle Association, Vermilion County Farm Bureau, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Grass Roots Club and University of Illinois Alumni Association.

MEMORIAL ROLL

The following are the Brethren reported January 1 - May 27, 2019 who have been summoned to join the Great Architect of the Universe.



Jon W. Adams	Robert L. Dennix	John W. Maddox	John C. Mitchell	Gerald E. Spenver
Earl D. Bell	Ivan F. Fender	Paul E. McConnell	Joe E. O'Dell	Donald A. Thiede
James H. Burke	Melvin D. Gregg	James C. McIntyre	Bowman Rudolph	Robert G. Varner
Ivan L. Cooper	Carl D. Hicks	Timothy W. Miller	Melvin L. Skaggs	Robert E. Waggoner
Ralph C. Cox	George E. Houmes	Marvin R. Miller	Donald G. Slater	Gary L. Waters
Freddie J. Deadmond	Stanley G. Knearem	Louis A. Miller	Hubert W. Smith	

Well done though good and faithful servants

TRAVELING BOARD MEETING



Valley of Danville Off-Site Board Meeting

July 10, 2019

Mattoon Lodge #260
116 N. 1st St, Mattoon, IL 61936
7:00 p.m. Meeting

The 4° DVD will be shown if any candidates are present. Candidates Fees are \$200.00 plus \$90.00 annual dues for a total of \$290.00 current until July 1, 2020. Payment plans available.

Come join us!
Bring your Candidates!



We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.

LEARNING CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Children's Dyslexia Center of East Central Illinois is hosting a golf cart raffle. This is Gas Powered, Street Legal and a 4 Seater Golf Cart. Drawing is July 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 310 Bryan St., Danville, IL 61832. This is open to the public and you do not need to be present to win.

The Children's Dyslexia Center of East Central Illinois is a Scottish Rite Charity and provides one on one tutoring for children diagnosed with Dyslexia at no charge to the parents.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Dyslexia Center at 217-446-9377 or by calling the Valley Office at 217-446-7620.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

Peyton Beck	Ryne Krueger
Ashlee Davis	Dawson Labaw
Kyle Krueger	Rebecca Manzo
Rebecca Lewis	Hayler Medsker
Chase Trainor	Calleigh Miller
Angus Beabout	Regina Miller
Kaycee Bates	Alexis Moran
Tamar Brookins	Michelle Naanes
Shelby Burgin	Jacob Neill
Connor Call	Brittany Niemann
Quinn Camfield	Ellen Rice
Layla Castro	Nathan Ripley
Haley Clark	Cade Robinson
Bailey Coleman	Nariah Romero-Rudy
Morgan Drennan	Abby Schmidt
Lauren Ellis	Kerrigan Shafer
Lauren Ferris	Kate Sheppard
Alexis Flores	Cassandra Sheridan
Brianna Franzen	Cassandra Sheridan
Kyle Freehill	Regan Smith
Sydni Gust	Kendall Spicer
Ainsley Jessup	Robert Stavins
Erin Jessup	Kylee Summers
Abbey Johnson	Amelia Vaughn
Paige Kahaler	Rachel Wallis
Breeze Kepky	Emma Warfel
Alana Kleiner	Mikayla Wilson
Rachel Klimas	Isaac Wood

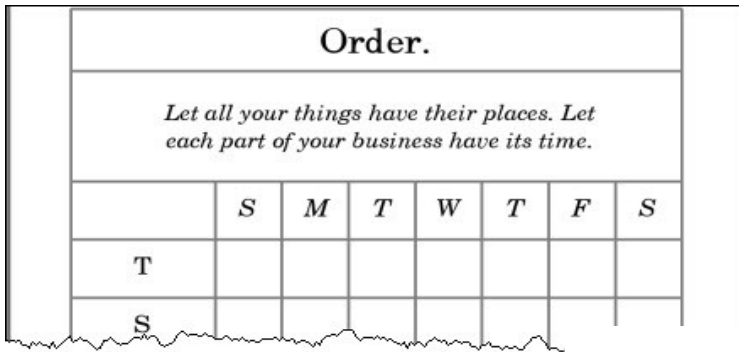
Scholarship applications are due by March 1 each year. Go to our website, aasrdanville.org for an application!

Vermillion County License #19-031 - Champaign County License #809
WIN an EZGO Golf Cart!!!
Tickets
\$20 ea. or 3 for \$50



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AMERICA'S FIRST SELF-IMPROVEMENT GURU?

by Todd E. Creason, 33°



Benjamin Franklin had a particular practice that he established in his 20s and continued to practice throughout the course of his lifetime. He made a list of 13 virtues, printed them on little cards that he kept in his pocket, and each week he focused his efforts on improving himself in one virtue. Each day he kept track of how he did on that week's virtue on his scorecards, and after he'd cycled through his list he started all over again. Franklin's 13 "virtues" were temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility.

These are frequently hailed as "Franklin's 13 Virtues" . . . but that's not exactly what they represent. It's true that all thirteen of these traits are virtues, however, if you read about Benjamin Franklin, you'll quickly come to realize that these aren't Franklin's virtues—this list represents his vices! After a long look in the mirror, Franklin realized at some point in his youth that his character was in bad need of improvement. He didn't make a list of virtues he possessed, he made a list of virtues that he needed to work on. And that's what he did. What's most remarkable is that he continued working on these for the rest of his life.

Change is hard, and personal improvement and character development is even harder. As we learn from Franklin's example, it's a lifelong pursuit with a goal we never reach. It's hard because it requires us to look in that mirror and be honest with ourselves. We have to be able to see ourselves as we really are, and recognize where we need work. And there are no shortcuts to building character. It's very hard work. It requires dedication. It requires sustained determination. It requires self-discipline and self-control.

But as Masons, that's what we signed on for—to learn subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. In other words, to learn self-control and self-discipline and begin down the path of becoming a true and up-right Mason. To begin seriously working on that ashlar, knocking off all those rough and superfluous parts of our character.

I challenge you to do as Franklin did . . . reflect honestly on yourself, make a list of areas that need improvement, and start down that path to a better you.

~TEC

OTHER NEWS

New Women's Restroom on the first floor is completed. Look for more building improvements soon.



Congratulations to Don Wagoner of Palestine, IL, winner of the Decanter Set.



TENTATIVE FALL REUNION FLYER

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF DANVILLE



FALL REUNION

Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33° Class

Friday, November 1, 2019	
3:30 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m.	4th Degree
5:45 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 p.m.	11th Degree
8:15 p.m.	14th Degree
Saturday, November 2, 2019	
7:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
8:00 a.m.	Class Photos
9:00 a.m.	10th Degree (Red Room)
10:00 a.m.	18th Degree
11:30 a.m.	15th Degree
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Guest Speaker (TBA) (Red Room)
2:30 p.m.	27th Degree
4:00 p.m.	32nd Degree
5:30 p.m.	Reception



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Candidate Fees are \$200.00 plus \$90.00 dues current until July 1, 2020. Payment plans are available. Call the Valley Office for more information.

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32 Club Steak Dinner

(Steak, Baked Potato, Salad and Roll)

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple, 109 W. North Street, Danville, IL 61832

All 32 Club Members are Compliments of the Valley

What is the 32 Club?

The 32 Club is by Members, For Members, For our Future. A member pledges .32 cents a day for a year (Annual cost of \$116.80) This can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Money will go towards upkeep and maintenance of the building.

Do you want to join us for dinner, but aren't a member of the 32 Club? Here is all you need to do:

1. Fill out a 32 Club Pledge Form (Forms will be available at the dinner)
2. Make out a check for \$116.80 OR sign up for credit card payments for your payment to be taken out in any increment that works for you.
3. Come hungry to the dinner on August 14, 2019

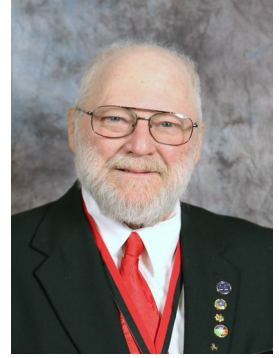
Please R.S.V.P. by August 9, 2019.

All members are welcome to stay for the Valley Stated Board Meeting following dinner.

MSA'S



C., James Hegg



J. Bruce Thompson

Congratulations to our MSA Nominees C. James Hegg of Covington, Indiana and J. Bruce Thompson of Robinson, Illinois Both will receive their MSA (Meritorious Service Award) on June 22, 2019 in Springfield, Illinois. Two more nominees will be read at that time!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

aasrdanville.org

Save the Date

AASR, Valley of Danville Picnic July 13, 2019

Gao Grotto, 2400 Demmark. Rd, Danville, IL 61832

Noon to 3:00 p.m.

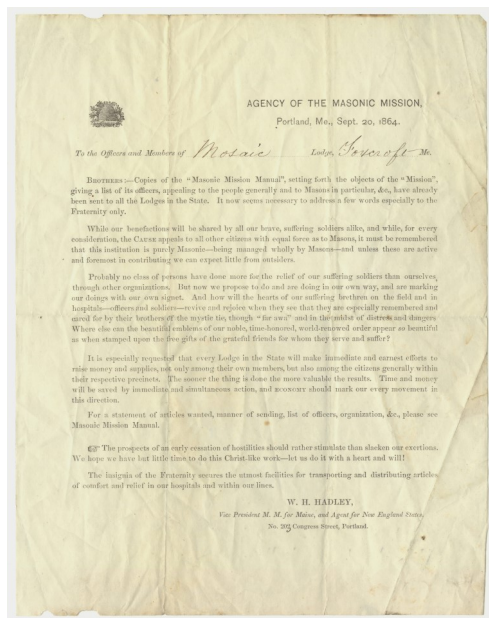
**All Scottish Rite Members, Master Masons, Ladies,
Guests and Children Welcome.**

The Valley of Danville will provide meat (hamburgers and hotdogs), chips, ice tea, lemonade and table service.

Please bring: Lawn chairs and a side dish to share.

There will be a cash bar.

Bring the kids! The Ladies Auxiliary is putting together face painting, games and there are rumors of a dunk tank...



As many readers may know, the support and care of sick and wounded soldiers throughout the Civil War was carried out by private relief agencies and not by the federal government. The most well-known of these private agencies was the United States Sanitary Commission, created by an act of federal legislation in 1861 and responsible for the set-up, staffing, and management of almost all Union hospitals during the war. However, research related to an 1864 letter from William Hadley (1804-1868), the Vice President for the Masonic Mission for Maine, reveals the Fraternity's efforts to also create a special unit of Union Army nurses funded and managed "wholly by Masons." Two years before this letter was published, as Union losses continued to mount, the Sanitary Commission found it increasingly difficult to meet the Army's demand for female nurses. On April 11, 1863, as the North's resolve waned, Hadley also reported to a colleague that anti-Republican sentiment permeated the areas he had previously canvassed for help.

Agency of the Masonic Mission. Portland, Me., Sept. 20, 1864.

To the Officers and Members of Mosaic Lodge, Foxcroft Me.

Brothers:—Copies of the "Masonic Mission Manual," setting forth the objects of the "Mission," giving a list of its officers, appealing to the people generally and to Masons in particular, &c., have already been sent to all

Freemasonry and the Growth of Nursing during the Civil War: A Letter from the Collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

Lodges in the State. It now seems necessary to address a few words especially to the Fraternity only.

While our benefactions will be shared by all our brave, suffering soldiers alike, and while, for every consideration the Cause appeals to all other citizens with equal force as to Masons, it must be remembered that this institution is purely Masonic—being managed wholly by Masons—and unless these are active and foremost in contributing we can expect little from outsiders.

Probably no class of persons have done more for the relief of our suffering soldiers than ourselves through other organizations. But now we propose to do and are doing in our own way, and are making our doings with our own signet. And how will the hearts of our suffering brethren on the field and in hospitals—officers and soldiers—revive and rejoice when they see that they are especially remembered and cared for by their brothers of the mystic tie, though "far away" and in the midst of distress and dangers. Where else can the beautiful emblems of our noble, time-honored, world-renowned [sic] order appear so beautiful as when stamped upon the free gifts of the grateful friends for whom they serve and suffer?

It is especially requested that every Lodge in the State will make immediate and earnest efforts to raise money and supplies, not only among their own members, but also among the citizens generally within their respective precincts. The sooner the thing is done the more valuable the results. Time and money will be saved by immediate and simultaneous action, and ECONOMY should mark our every movement in this direction.

For a statement of articles wanted, manner of sending, list of officers, organization, &c., please see the Masonic Mission Manual.

→The prospects of an early cessation of hostilities should rather stimulate than slacken our exertions. We hope we have but little time to

do this Christ-like work—let us do it with a hear and will!

The insignia of the Fraternity secures the utmost facilities for transporting and distributing articles of comfort and relief in our hospitals and within our lines.

W.H. Hadley,

Vice President M.M. for Maine and Agent for the New England States.

No. 202 Congress Street, Portland.

During this same time, Sarah P. Edson (1818-1871), a volunteer nurse, and possibly a holder of all the Adoptive Degrees, sought to address the growing need for Army nurses. Undeterred, Edson sought the help of New York State Freemasons, after her first attempt to create a training school was met with opposition. In response to her plea, the Army Nurses Association, the predecessor to the Masonic Mission, "was formed . . . and commenced work under the auspices of the Masons" in the winter of 1862.

After a brief period of success, clashes with the Sanitary Commission and the failure to pay its female nurses, led to the demise of the Masonic Mission as a school for Army nurses. The Mission would refocus its efforts on aiding the North's poor who were hit especially hard by the rising cost of coal and flour. Sarah P. Edson's ambitious plan to create an Army-based school for nursing would have to wait until Congress officially established the United States Army Nurse Corps in 1901 and Navy Nurse Corps in 1908.

By John Coelho, Archivist Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

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Upcoming Events:

- June 23, 2019 - DeMolay Degree - 2:00 p.m. - Masonic Temple, Danville, Illinois
- July 10, 2019 - Traveling Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Mattoon Lodge #260. Mattoon, Illinois
- July 13, 2019 - Valley of Danville Picnic - Noon - GAO Grotto, Danville, Illinois
- July 24, 2019 - Learning Center EZ Go Golf Cart Drawing - 7:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Hall. Danville, Illinois
- August 14, 2019 - 32 Club Dinner (6:00 p.m.) and Valley Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.) - Masonic Temple, Danville, Illinois
- September 28, 2019 - Tentative Outdoor Degree - watch for details on our website, aasrdanville.org
- Valley Board Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Masonic Temple unless noted otherwise. *Note - The July Board Meeting will be at Mattoon Lodge #260.
- DeMolay meetings are the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 2:00 p.m.

DeMolay



Somebody said we use to have a DeMolay Chapter.
Someone said we should have somebody get a Chapter again.
Some people said there is nothing for our Youth.
Look what we did.... We reached our 5 member step with 7 new members today. That gives us 9 DeMolay members with 15 needed for our Charter.
Pictured are our new members, State DeMolay members and Valley of Danville members