

# VALLEY ECHOES

*Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Danville*

## Our Fall Reunion Class Honoree, Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33°



Illustrious Harry C. Kuchenbrod was born on May 18, 1936 in Bolivar, PA. He attended public schools in Bolivar and graduated from Laurel Valley High School in 1954. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and spent the next eight years at duty stations in Wyoming, Morocco, and Illinois. He was discharged from active duty in August 1962 and shortly thereafter, was hired as a civilian employee with the USAF from which he retired in September, 1994.

Ill. Kuchenbrod married Barbara Powers in February, 1962 and from that union came sons Ralph, Gary, Jerry, and Barry; also one daughter, Barbara; ten grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He married Zelda Niccum in September, 1982; she died in May, 2018.

Ill. Kuchenbrod received his Masonic degrees in Potomac Lodge No. 782 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 6, 1969, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1973 and 1975. He also served the Grand Lodge of Illinois as District Deputy of the Eighth Eastern District and as Area Deputy for the Eastern Area of Illinois. He is also a Life Member of Burkburnett Lodge No. 1027 in Burkburnett, TX.

Ill. Kuchenbrod received his Scottish Rite degrees in November, 1969. He was appointed Captain of the Guard in the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1971 and served as Most Wise Master in 1977. He also served Danville Consistory as Commander in Chief in 1987/88. He received his thirty-third degree in Philadelphia, PA in September, 1981. Ill. Kuchenbrod is also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Pensacola, FL.

Ill. Kuchenbrod is a member of Zelica Grotto in Pensacola, FL and is a demitted member of the York Rite Bodies and the Shrine in Pensacola.

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changes for October and November Board Meetings!  
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and other events!**



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VALLEY OF DANVILLE**



**FALL REUNION**

Harry C. Kuchenbrod, 33° Class

Tentative: 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 Steve Harrison, 33° (Red Room)
2:30 p.m.	27th Degree
4:00 p.m.	32nd Degree
5:30 p.m.	Reception



HARRY C. KUCHENBROD, 33°

**Scottish Rite: Making good men better.**

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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## Your Lodge could win and award and a cash prize! Here's how:

Starting at our Spring 2019 Reunion, The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Danville will give a certificate to the Lodge who has the most candidates from their Lodge join the Valley of Danville. The Spring 2019 certificate was awarded to Olive Branch #38, who had 4 class members in our last Reunion Class!

In the Fall, another certificate will be awarded to the Lodge who has the most candidates from their Lodge join the Valley of Danville. Also in the Fall, we will award the Lodge who had the most candidates from their Lodge join the Valley of Danville Scottish Rite in the year will receive a plaque and a \$250.00 to do with as you see fit.

Go to our website: [aasrdanville.org](http://aasrdanville.org) for a Petition for Degrees!

## Hauts Grades Academy by Chris Hathaway, Senior Warden

### The George E. Burrow Chapter of Rose Croix

I presume you joined the Scottish Rite in search of more light. Look no further, you are in the right place. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is commonly referred to as the "University of Freemasonry." The vast knowledge contained within our degrees can take a lifetime of study. A recent study showed that our member is demanding more education out of the masonic experience. If you want more information on what the study showed, you can read it in "Reclaiming the Soul of Freemasonry", by John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, NMJ.

The AASR, NMJ responded to the needs of our membership by launching the Hauts Grades Academy (HGA). This program has been widely successful, and every new class must be placed on waiting lists. This program was designed by some of the best masonic scholars in the country. Members throughout the world have been asking if they can join in on our educational program. Currently it is only available to members of the Norther Masonic Jurisdiction, and it's FREE.

So, what is the program and why should I do it? This program is a comprehensive review and self-reflection of the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite. In it you will have access to every degree ritual. You will study the history, characters, symbols, and meaning of each degree. Even if you have seen a degree 10x over, you will learn something new by

closely examining the manuscripts. There are symbols, signs, and words that you will never see in the drama of the degree but are still associated with that degree. You will be tested with a short multiple-choice quiz at the end of each degree. You can take them in any order you chose, so be sure to start with your favorite degree as a warmup.

The next section is a self-reflection of nine degrees of your choice. You will identify the core value that the degree is trying to portray. You will write about what the degree means to you and how you will apply it to your daily routine. By writing down what the degree means to you, you will be able to internalize the degree and have a better appreciation for it. If we are not learning and living out our masonic values, what are we even doing here? In your essay, you will write about other degrees that may be trying to share the same or similar message. Maybe you want more symbolism or better drama in the degree. Let them know how it would help you become a better Mason by adding your suggestions to the ritual. During this section, I would encourage you to have a copy of "The Masonic Pageant" by Ill. Frank Conway, PH.D., 33°, MSA. This book gives historical context to all our degrees. I also used "The 1783 Francken Manuscript" to better understand the original 25 degrees of the "Order of the Royal Secret" that went on to become the Scottish Rite.

The third and last section of the HGA is a 2500-word academic research paper.

In this you will work with a member of the Supreme Council to write a paper on topics such as history, ritual, or the philosophy of the degrees. It must add to the collection of the Scottish Rite. Your contribution will be unique and be the first of its kind. You will have a mentor to guide you through this process. Maybe you aren't a writer and this task seems daunting. I would encourage you to at least take the first two steps of this program. By the time you get to the end, you will have studied all 29 degrees and written 9 reflection essays. You will have MORE LIGHT in the fraternity. Not only will you know our core values, you will also be able to act on them and speak intelligently of them to brother Masons. They are: Reverence for God, Justice, Toleration, Devotion to Country, Service to Humanity, and Integrity.

Lastly, the NMJ sees this program as an important element of what we have to offer to our membership. Our new candidates are begging for moral and philosophical education that they cannot get outside of these walls. If you complete the program, you will have a new signature block. The importance is being placed so high in our jurisdiction that you will sign your name at all Scottish Rite functions with HGA after your last name. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me for help along the way. I can be reached at [cjhathaway09@gmail.com](mailto:cjhathaway09@gmail.com). I am currently working through Level 2. A certificate & HGA Jewel will be awarded upon completion.

To join the program, please visit <https://scottishritenmj.org/hauts-grades-academy>.

## Congratulations to Brother Bo Cook, 33°



The Valley of Danville was pleased and honored at the 207th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council AASR to have Brother Bo Cook conferred the 33rd Degree in full ceremonial form in Milwaukee, WI. Illustrious Brother Cook was one of ten from the State of Illinois and a total of more than

200 for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Also at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in Cleveland

in August 2021 there will be five more 33rd Degree candidates from the State of Illinois with four from the Valley of Chicago and one from the Valley of Bloomington. The Valley of Danville has twelve months to continue our forward movement toward earning 33rd Candidates for the August 2021 Cleveland Supreme Council. Additional Candidates for the State of Illinois will be named at the Executive Session of the Supreme Council in August 2020.

Brother Bo and his Wife, Abbi live in Albion, Illinois. Bo is a past Sovereign Prince of the Valley of Danville.

## Ancient Craft Degree Team

The Degree Team conducted a 3rd Degree for Manteno Lodge. Brother Chris Handley was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2019. Lapel pins were presented by Commander in Chief Jerry H. Askren, 33° to Bro. Handley and to Bro. Joel Porter, who was made a Master Mason on Thursday, Sept. 12th, 2019.

The Degree Team is also looking for extra supplies for putting on 3rd Degrees. If you have any extras to donate, please call Brad Cronk at 217-621-2514. He is looking for a Setting Maul, 24" Gauge, 4 Gavels, a Junior Warden's Jewel, a Trowel and a Square.



## Christmas Party

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Danville in conjunction with the Gao Grotto and the Eastern Illinois Shriners invite the Lodges of the Seventh and Eighth Eastern District to an area wide Christmas Party on December the 1st 2019 at the Masonic Temple from 1:00 PM until approximately 4:00 PM. The Valley of Danville, Gao Grotto and Eastern IL Shiner's will provide the meat for the meal and ask those whom attend to provide a carry in dish to share with all. Santa Claus will also be

there for the children and will provide each child with a small present for their enjoyment.

The idea behind this event is to bring Master Mason's with their families together for one day, enjoy fellowship, meet Brother Master Masons and their families that they may have not meet otherwise and in a small way help defer costs that the Lodges incur in putting a Christmas Party on their own.

We are asking that your Lodge to provide a head

count for all whom are attending the event and including how many children will be in that count, by no later than November the 16th 2019, so we have enough time to plan for the proper amount of food and presents. Head counts can be provided by e-mail to [gaogrottosecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gaogrottosecretary@gmail.com) or [execsec@aasrdanville.org](mailto:execsec@aasrdanville.org). Questions regarding the event can also be directed to these e-mail addresses as well.

## Riggs Brewing Company Outing



Join us on November 16, 2019 at Riggs Brewing Company, 1901 S. High Cross Rd., Urbana, IL 61802. Starts at 4:00 p.m.. Take a tour or sit and visit. Food truck will be onsite. Let us know if you can join! Call the Valley office at 217-446-7620.



## An 1820 Past Master's Jewel from London

Hilary Anderson Stelling, Director of Collections and Exhibitions  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Massachusetts



Past Master's Jewel Made for  
Robert Scholl, 1819-1820.  
Probably London, England.  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum  
& Library, Museum Purchase,  
97.025.1. Photograph by David  
Bohl.

From the late 1700s through the present day, many American Masonic lodges have followed the tradition of acknowledging the contributions of a lodge master by presenting him with a personalized jewel to mark the conclusion of his term. Over time and place these jewels, called Past Master's jewels, have been made of different met-

als and have come in many sizes and shapes, depending on the jurisdiction, local taste and the issuing lodge's budget. Historically, the lodge commissioned an engraver to inscribe Past Master's jewels with the recipient's name, lodge, and the dates of his term. Past Master jewels presented in America in the early 1800s often featured the Masonic symbols of a sun within compasses with a quadrant connecting the legs of the compasses. These jewels, usually made of silver, were often cut from a flat sheet of metal. Researchers have observed that this style of Past Master jewel design was likely inspired by jewels used by Scottish Freemasons in the 1700s. The jewel pictured here was executed in an entirely different style. A jeweler made it for London Freemason Robert Scholl (ca. 1781-1832) and it was presented to him in 1820.

Listed as a "gentlemen" in membership records, Scholl worked as a Navy agent, with chambers at Clement's Inn, in the early 1830s. He was initiated at the Lodge of Union No. 275 in 1814 and served as Master of his lodge before 1820. To thank him for his service in that role, Scholl's brethren at

the Lodge of Union commissioned this gold and enamel jewel. They had Scholl's jewel inscribed on the back with a heartfelt message, noting that the elegant badge was, "...a testimony of their fraternal Regard—their Personal attachment and the Sense entertained by them of his exertions for the Benefit of the Lodge." Scholl's jewel is like a watch or locket in that the decoration on the front is protected by a glass bezel. The bezel covers elements cut from gold in the shape of a square and compasses and a sun. A border of leaves, likely laurel, surrounds the symbols. All of the gold elements are detailed with engraving to give them depth and definition. The symbols appear to float over a background patterned by engine turning and enameled dark blue. The deep color contrasts with the bright gold symbols. Using the pin on the back, Scholl would have worn this jewel on his coat.

What extraordinary service Scholl may have undertaken for his lodge is not known, but this handsome jewel suggests how highly the brothers at the Lodge of Union valued his contributions.

### SPECIAL NOTICE!

**Our October Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 so that we do not have our meeting on Yom Kippur. The October meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our November Board Meeting will be a traveling meeting, held on November 13, 2019 at Bridgeport Lodge #386, 201 Washington St, Bridgeport, IL at 7:00 p.m.**



## **Please join us on November 1 & 2, 2019 for our Scottish Rite Ladies Program!**

**Friday night, we will meet at the Valley of Danville Masonic Center, 109 W. North Street, Danville, IL 61832 at 6:00 p.m. and go to The Heron for dinner at 34 North Vermilion, Danville, IL 61832. (This is within walking distance).**

**On Saturday morning, we will meet back at the Temple at 9:30 and travel to Champaign/Urbana to spend the day. We will start the morning at Prairie Gardens, 3000 W. Springfield, Champaign. This is a beautiful garden with home décor and a boutique.**

**We will leave from there and go to lunch at Sunsinger Restaurant, Wine and Spirits, 1115 W. Windsor Rd., Champaign, IL.**

**After lunch, we will go to the Chris Cringle Arts and Crafts Show at the Wyndham Hotel, 1001 W. Killarney St., Urbana, IL.**

**The Scottish Rite Reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**To make a reservation for Friday, Saturday or both, please call Christine at 217-446-7620.**

**Our candidates wives meals are compliments of the Valley. All others are Dutch treat.**

# Children's Dyslexia Center of East Central Illinois

Presents:

COMEDIAN JEREMY NUNES

**Front Porch Comedy**  
**Who's with me?**

With Special guest Larry Smith



**November 8 & 9, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

**Knights of Columbus, 310 Bryan, Danville, IL**

\$20 per person Tickets available at the Learning Center (446-9377)

Or the Masonic Center (446-7620)

## Memorial Roll

The following is a list of our Brethren who have passed on to the House not made with human hands, reported May 28, 2019—September 19, 2019.

William E. Alwerdt	Clarence W. Brown, Jr.	Thomas I. Henderson	Donald T. Mills	Max E. Shanholtzer
Robert D. Asherman	Jack W. Cary	Theodore E. Hulett	Charles F. Morgan	Jack C. Springer
Donald F. Blessman	Ralph C. Cox	William J. Hussey, Sr.	Frederick E. Nusbaum	Wayne M. Steen
Benny D. Bourland	Lowell M. Davis	Walter R. Ingram	Fred W. Penrod	Elvis R. Ward
Stanley C. Braden	Delbert D. Dunn	Robert L. Jacobs	Harrold D. Rardin	Phillip R. Weaver
Darren R. Brewster	William W. Gray	Charles A. Kemp	Chet N. Ring	George L. Whitlow
Billy T. Brock	James E. Hathaway	Edward E. Kizer	Glen W. Schultz	

Well done though good and faithful servant.



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## Office Corner

### Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 10, 2019—Board Meeting, Masonic Center, Danville, IL 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, November 1 & 2, 2019 —Fall Reunion, Masonic Center, Danville, IL

Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9, 2019— L.C. Fundraiser, Comedian Jeremy Nunes, Knights of Columbus, Danville, IL 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, Traveling Board Meeting, Bridgeport Lodge, Bridgeport, IL 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16, 2019—Riggs Brewing Company Outing, Champaign, IL 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 2019—Seventh and Eighth Eastern District Christmas Party, Masonic Center, Danville, IL 1:00 p.m.

**Watch our Website and Facebook page for more events including DVD  
Nights and Lunch Gatherings**

