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SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Greetings from Lexington.

This issue is dedicated to leadership. We are featuring the portraits of the leaders of the Grand Lodges of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction—our 15 Grand Masters. These are the dedicated men selected to move Freemasonry forward.

As with all organizational heads, leadership styles differ, but one element remains immutable across the board – the sincere dedication of these men. We salute our Grand Masters of our Grand Lodges.

The dictionary defines leadership as “the act of leading a group of people or an organization.” An entire industry has grown up around leadership in business and non-profits. A bibliography of suggested reading is provided in this issue by our Supreme Council Leadership Committee.

Are our best Scottish Rite leaders “born leaders,” or are they trained through education and experience? (I’ll let you all spend hours debating this.) What I do know through my own experience, is that basic leadership skills are learned mostly through trial and error. Those who have the courage and fortitude to try, but fail, learn valuable lessons. Many times, the path to success is found only after a series of disappointments. Thomas Edison is a perfect example as he failed, literally, thousands of times in the lab before he found success.

Our Valley leaders are sometimes thrown into their roles without the opportunity to cultivate all the experience needed for the job. This is where seasoned leaders like past presiding officers can assist the men new to positions in the Valley. They are a wealth of information and can assist our current officers greatly. Now, I am not saying they should act like the humorous vision of a Past Master: “I didn’t do it that way in my year!” I am saying that our past presiding officers can offer good advice based on solid, time-tested experience.

Communication is a key factor in leadership success.

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thoroughly, and often will gather the
support you need to succeed.”**

- David A. Glattly -

In DeMolay I was taught “there is no such thing as too much communication.” That advice stands the test of time. Communicating openly, thoroughly, and often will gather the support you need to succeed. With all of the communication tools available today, it is easier than at any time in history to communicate with our members.

When we surveyed our members two years ago, we learned that one of the major requests was more communication with the leadership. Our Supreme Council has taken action to respond to this request through much more social media content, regular email distributions, and our live stream events. I submit to you that your Valley members feel the same way about Valley leadership. Are you communicating enough with your members?

Here’s one of my favorite quotes on the subject:

“Leadership is all about people. It is not about organizations. It is not about plans. It is not about strategies. It is all about people – motivating people to get the job done. You have to be people centered.” Colin Powell

Freemasonry and Scottish Rite are all about people—our members, our Brothers. If we take good care of each other, our fraternity will remain strong. Our Brother-to-Brother calling program allows you, as Valley leaders, to keep contact with our greatest resource, our members. Our members will find value in our fraternity if our leaders truly care about them.

Communication, attention, and genuine concern about our members is what I see securing a strong and dynamic future for your Masonic fraternity and the Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,

Dave Glattly



COLLECTANEA CLOSE-UP

From the Museum & Library

The Art of American History

Since the 1700s, artists have put their versions of American history on canvas. Enterprising printers duplicated many of these painted images to sell to consumers in the marketplace, bringing these scenes to Americans. Citizens' growing interest in the United States' story led to a flowering of history painting in the mid-1800s. At the same time, advances in paper and printing technology allowed publishers to offer larger, increasingly detailed, and more affordable prints to the public.

Landing of Columbus, 1800.
Painted by Edward Savage, Philadelphia, PA.
Engraved by David Edwin, Philadelphia, PA.
Gift of Miss Ruth L. Berry.

As the United States struggled and prospered, Americans sought depictions of events that evoked national pride or reflected bravery, heroism or persistence—values they admired. Publishers responded to the public's enthusiasm for American history and its heroes by printing thousands of historical scenes. Events that artists revisited again and again included Columbus first setting foot in the New World, embarkation and arrival of the Pilgrims, and events from the formative years of the United States.

An artist and entrepreneur, Edward Savage painted Columbus's arrival in the West Indies in 1800. Savage owned a gallery in Philadelphia where he shared "a large collection of ancient & modern PAINTINGS & PRINTS" with the public for an admittance fee of 25¢ per person. Later, he ran his business in New York City, advertising that he sold engravings, including this one of Columbus, along with "many other Prints published by E. Savage."

In the mid-1800s, publishers issued a print based on Charles Lucy's 1848 painting of the Pilgrims arriving in America. The museum owns an 1868 version of the painting. Advertising for the print version touted its historical value, large size, and elegance. The publishers also declared that their enormous print run of 50,000 copies allowed them to offer the work at \$1.50 each, "within the reach of every family in the land." Americans displayed prints of these scenes and others in their homes, schools, and other venues, showing their interest in and knowledge of important events in their country's history.



The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in America, A. D. 1620, 1868. Charles Lucy. Gift of J. Robert Merrill. Photograph by David Bohl.

Today, each painting or print portraying an episode in American history tells a double story of the past—one of the event that it depicts and the other of the time that it was made. These images serve as rich sources for contemplating how previous generations thought about history-shaping events. When curators began building the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's collection in the mid-1970s, they included historic prints among their first purchases. We continue to collect them today. A selection of these prints, as well as paintings of historic scenes and related objects are on display at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in Lexington, MA, through November 23, 2019, in "The Art of American History." This exhibition offers a glimpse into the museum's collection of historic prints and the chance to consider the ways in which these images influence our understanding of the past today.

From as early as the 1770s, American engravers presented their visual interpretations of important events for sale to the public. Some of these works, produced comparatively quickly after the events they depicted, sought to influence viewers' opinions. For example, Paul Revere's engraving of the 1770 Boston Massacre was an effective piece of propaganda. Widely circulated, Paul Revere's print of the Boston Massacre spoke to a decidedly anti-British point of view. Revere based his work on a version of the conflict first engraved by his fellow Bostonian, Henry Pelham. Details, such as the name "Butcher's Hall" over the Customs House and the title "The Bloody Massacre," pointed to the British soldiers as aggressors and the unarmed civilians they fired upon as victims of their violence.



The Bloody Massacre, 1770. Paul Revere, Boston, MA. Museum purchase, in part through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Manney.

Portrayals of dramatic historic events were sometimes precipitated by unsettled times. Faced with uncertainty, some print buyers looked to the American past for inspiring examples of nation-building events. William Champney's version of the Boston Massacre is dramatic and, like Revere's earlier one, shows the British soldiers as the aggressors. Champney placed Crispus Attucks, an African American and Native American man who was killed during the Massacre, at the center of the action. During the mid-1800s, abolitionists drew attention to Attucks and lauded him – one of the first colonists killed in the events leading up to the American Revolution – as a hero.

Commemorations and national celebrations also spurred the publication of history prints. In 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, for example, saw an explosion in the numbers of illustrations of the first president's life. In anticipation of the anniversary, a group of investors commissioned 20 established American artists to design and produce etchings depicting Washington's public and domestic life. The American

Art Foundation sold these etchings in portfolios of 20 signed images. This print by Ernest David Roth illustrates Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia. Washington attended this church for many years and served as a warden and a vestryman there. Each time an artist created a new interpretation of an historical scene, be it Washington arriving at church, or the Boston Massacre, the story changed to reflect the times and goals of the artist.



Hilary Anderson Stelling



Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770, 1856. William L. Champney, Boston, MA. Special Acquisitions Fund.



Pohick Church, ca. 1932. Ernest David Roth, New York, NY. Special Acquisitions Fund.

"The Art of American History" is on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library through:

NOVEMBER 23, 2019.

BRO. BROOKE & THE BEAR

by Ill. PJ Roup, 33°

Active Member for Pennsylvania

Lee Brooke remembers the attack in vivid detail – perhaps too vivid. He also remembers waking up the next morning in the hospital. His head was immobilized, but when he scanned the room with his eyes, all three walls were covered from floor to ceiling with get well cards.

Wow. How nice, he thought and faded off back to sleep. When he woke again he was troubled. He knew that there was no way that many cards came overnight, but he was sure that his ordeal had just taken place the day before.

“What month is it?” he asked the nurse.

“November,” she smiled.

“November what?”

“November 3rd.”

It was then that it had dawned on him that a month had passed since he had met the bear.

A Typical Hunt

October 1, 2016 started out much the same as any of Lee’s previous hunts in the area. The 59-year-old Brooke, a member of the Valley of Coudersport, PA, had hunted these Wyoming mountains with the same friends for nearly 30 years, so most things just went on autopilot.

This year, the hunt went well. After a three-hour hike to his chosen spot, he paused. “I’m looking for elk, and I’m sniffing the woods, trying to smell the elk,” he says. “And I just came up out of a ravine. I popped up with the rifle, got the crosshairs on him, just touched [the trigger] and he dropped.”

It was the moment a hunter lives for: A perfect approach, an off-hand shot and a clean kill. Lee was ecstatic. It took him about 45 minutes to gut, quarter, and hang the deer. When he finished, he hung orange tape strips in the trees so that he could return the next morning with his partners and pack out the nearly 500 pounds of meat.

Complacency

On the morning of October 2nd, he and his brother-in-law, George, searched unsuccessfully for several hours for the elk, then decided to split up. Mistake number one. George had his rifle, but Lee did not since he had already gotten his elk. “It’s bear country, but we’ve never been both-



ered,” Brooke recalls. “Any time we’ve seen a bear, they’ve always gone the other direction, so we really weren’t too concerned about it.”

After they were separated, Lee spotted the familiar orange tape and approached. He decided not to call for George, knowing he was already more than a quarter mile away and that his voice would not carry that far in the thin mountain air. When he got within about 30 feet, he realized something was different. “I’m not thinking,” he says. “I’m still walking toward it when I realized it’s covered up with brush. I spun right around ‘because I knew it had been claimed by a bear, and the bears don’t leave.” It’s now theirs. “And I know that,” he added. “I’ve known that from 30 years of hunting, but I forgot for just 30 seconds, and I spun around to leave, and I saw her coming, out of my peripheral vision.”

The “her” he was referring to was a 500-pound grizzly sow along with her two cubs.

Life Changes in an Instant

“I took two steps and she was on me,” Lee recalls. “She grabbed my backpack, and I don’t remember what happened between then and when I came to.” The evidence suggests that Lee was thrown, dragged, or rolled about 40 yards down the hill through the thick brush.

When he did regain consciousness, he was lying in a fetal position on his right side. As he was trying to process what was happening and assess his injuries, he felt her whiskers on his cheek. Instinctively, he slapped at her. She clamped down on his right arm which he tried jamming farther down

her throat to trigger her gag reflex. He then took his only weapon, his knife, and started stabbing at her head until she let him go.

He got to his feet. His leg was stiff, and his vision was blurred, but he wasn't sure why. He didn't see the bear, but he saw pieces of his backpack, and to his horror, he saw his nose and moustache lying on the ground. He wanted to pick it up, but didn't want to let go of his knife. He instinctively made the decision to retreat. He was only able to flee another 40 or 50 yards through the heavy underbrush – not far enough to feel safe, but as far as he could manage with his blurred vision and as yet unknown injuries. With his back against a tree and his knife in hand, all he could think was, "Lord, I could use a little help about now." His faith kept him calm. He wasn't in any pain, but he knew he was badly injured.

The location was remote. The density of the forest, and the thin air at that elevation both keep sound from traveling. Lee recognized the futility in yelling for help, but he did anyhow.

A husband and wife hunting in the area heard his calls and went in search of him. When the terrain kept their ATV from getting close, they returned to find a game warden.

At the same time, George and Steve from Lee's group also heard the cries and headed toward Lee's position. As they approached the scene, George was in the lead. He saw the elk and immediately knew that a bear has claimed it. He quickly switches the safety on his rifle from SAFE to FIRE and yelled back to Steve, "There's a bear in the woods." Steve, having secured his kill the day before, was also unarmed, so he froze, then loudly closed on George in the hopes of keeping the bear at bay.

Lee could hear them as they approached and was trying to warn them off, without success – either he wasn't screaming as loudly as he thought, or it was deadened by his surroundings. "I was so scared for them coming down [in my] direction. I was yelling as loud as I could, 'Bear, get away!'"

George and Steve finally heard Lee's screams at about the same time that they discovered his mangled backpack. They now know without a doubt that he's been attacked. "Lee, did you cut the nose off that bear?" George hollered down to him before realizing it was his brother's nose lying on the ground. He picked up the nose and placed it in his brother's pocket.

The sight of his brother put him at ease. "My brother and I had gotten out of a lot of tight fixes, so I knew I was okay. I didn't know what I looked like. I knew I couldn't see. I knew my nose was torn off. Okay, just a little piece of flesh. I didn't know the extent of damage. I had no pain."

That in itself was a miracle given the extent of the injuries. In addition to his nose being torn off, Lee had suffered several lacerations to his face, extensive damage to the bones of his face, his shoulder was broken, and he had deep bite marks on his leg. Miraculously, he wasn't bleeding too badly from any of the wounds.

The Rescue

Despite the severity of his injuries, Lee managed to stumble almost another mile out of the woods with George's help while Steve ran the nearly two-and-a-half miles back to camp to get help. It was to be another three hours until help arrived, though.

During that time, the weather turned. A cold front hit the



mountain, bringing with it rain and the promise of unstable weather. George covered Lee's wounds with his t-shirt, and some tissue paper in an attempt to keep them clean. Lee was calm and still in remarkably little pain. He even managed to take a short nap while he waited for help to arrive.

Several rescue teams had heard the call and were converging on the mountain amid conflicting reports. One report was that he was severely injured, and another said he was walking. No one was sure what they were going to find.

The first to arrive found Lee in good spirits. When they were debating on how best to carry him to an area where the medevac chopper could land, Lee even offered to walk, a suggestion that was quickly overruled.

To Lee, yet another sign that God was playing a large part in this was that Jared, the captain of the medevac team, was on duty that night. Jared usually only flew once a month, and he was the only one on the team that had special training in facial trauma.

Jared assessed Lee's injuries and knew at once that Lee should be intubated, but he let him make a quick call to Martha before he began the procedure since Lee would be unable to speak once it was completed.

"He didn't really talk," Martha recalls. "All I got was, 'I love you.'" To her, the 1,800 miles between them seemed like a million. She told him she loved him too before handing the phone to her brother. "I can't deal with this," she told him. She felt utterly helpless.

Lee was flown by helicopter to Riverton, WY. A fixed-wing plane was on standby. When that pilot asked Jared where they should take him, Jared didn't hesitate. "Swedish," he told them (Swedish Medical Center). There were several trauma centers in the Denver area, but Jared's gut told him Swedish, and he was right.

Jared elected to make the trip to Denver with Lee, something he didn't have to do, but he was so taken with Lee's spirit that he wanted to see this mission through. When they arrived in Denver, Jared knew that his intuition had paid off. Lee was taken straight to the OR where a husband and wife team was waiting. They had only been at Swedish for three months, but they were, again by the grace of God, specialists in facial reconstruction.

After assessing Lee's injuries, they decided the best course of action was to induce a coma to increase the chances of survival. Lee was also given drugs that would cause a sort of amnesia to keep him from dreaming about the attack while he was immobilized. The induced coma also bought his medical team time to weigh their options and consult with others around the country.

Lee underwent a series of surgeries. His fibula was removed and stored for bone grafts. Some of it was used to reconstruct his cheekbone, eye socket and the bridge of his nose. A plastic "trumpet" was implanted in his face to serve as a nose. His nose and upper lip, which he wisely brought off the mountain were attached to his forearm to keep alive for attachment at a later time, and his less severe wounds were attended to as well.

Thankfully, Lee has no memory of this, nor of Martha being by his side through it all. He woke up to the room covered in get well cards, cards that she read aloud to her sleeping husband before hanging them on the wall. Ironically, Martha had just left that very day to return to Pennsylvania to attend a fundraising banquet for Lee and winterize the house before returning to Denver. She was in Nebraska when she got a phone call. The voice on the other end was familiar, but weak. "You woke up the day I left?" she joked with him.





Lee and Martha with Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33° (L), and S.G.C. David A. Glatty, 33° (R)

The Aftermath

Lee and Martha spent almost five months in Denver. Lee's progress was slow but steady. He went through hundreds of hours of surgeries and even more physical therapy. His muscles had atrophied from his time in the coma. He had to learn to use his damaged hands and arm again. Lee was frustrated with the progress he was making. He hated that he couldn't feed himself. He hated that he was so dependent on others, but it just made him more determined.

He also had lost his sense of smell from the injuries, something that was difficult for Martha. "I know how much he enjoys going out in the woods and smelling the woods or smelling the rain or snow," she said.

He began to get a little of his sense of taste back, so Martha gave him a test. She was peeling an orange and asked him to close his eyes. She held the peel in front of his nose while he inhaled. "That's an orange," Lee exclaimed.

"Yes! You have your sense of smell," she answered. They were both ecstatic.

The Road Ahead

In January, Lee began a series of operations to reconstruct the nose that has been growing on his arm for over a year. They will also make him a new lip and clean up some of the scarring. "It's going to take another year to two of surgeries to get me back to normal functioning," he notes. "I don't know if the feeling or the operation of my hands will come back like it's supposed to. That's still up in the air."

One thing is certain though, Lee will not give up hope.

A Reluctant Messenger of Hope

Throughout an ordeal that could have brought out the worst in the best of men, Lee and Martha have maintained incredibly positive attitudes. His caregivers constantly remarked on his acceptance of the situation as well as his approach toward recovery.

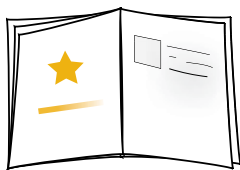
Lee can easily spot God's hand in the whole situation. Lee knows that after being stabbed, a bear protecting both her cubs and her quarry wouldn't ordinarily have left him alive. He also knows that his screams for help were heard almost two miles away. He recognizes that having the perfect helicopter pilot on the scene, and the husband and wife trauma surgeons on call were more than just coincidences.

"Lee always had a strong faith," Martha notes. But he never really shared it before. He now talks regularly and openly at churches and other events. People who don't regularly attend church have come to hear about the man who survived the grizzly attack.

The ever-humble Lee marvels at the fact that people want to hear his story. He says that if his testimony of faith speaks to someone then it is his duty to share it. "If [it] can bring just one person to church and to God, then my ordeal was worth it." Strong words of faith from a strong man.

Almoner's Fund Helps Out

The surgery involved was immense. As Bro. Brooke's medical bills piled up the Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund stepped in to lend a hand. Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Deputy for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania said "This is just one more situation where our fraternity remembered the obligation that we have taken to care for our Brethren, and with the help of our Grand Almoner's Fund we did just that."



Freemasonry's Secrets: The Theory and Practice of

Making Good Men Better

by: John White

John A. Amarillos, review

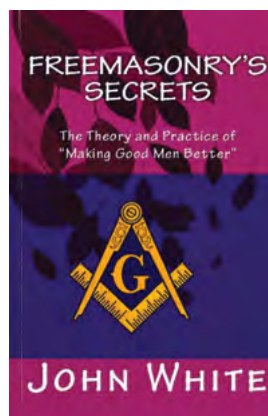
This is a diminutive, fast and easy-to-read book which lays out a guide as to what the individual's potential of the "Science of Freemasonry" is for he who undertakes a serious study of it, and applies it to his own existence. The book comprises a collection of essays, some of which were previously published in the now defunct and superseded Connecticut Grand Lodge's monthly, *The Square and Compasses*, as well as presentations at the PLR's proceedings in New Britain, and *Atlantis Rising Magazine*. To he who has eyes and ears, this book is a veritable treasure trove of revelation in terms of alluding to the individual's potential in reaching spiritual enlightenment. This process, which is not a one-time flash psychological event, but which is an ongoing process of transmutation of the individual's nature, is what is being alluded to here.

This process of moving from darkness to light is then systematically broken down into a non-linear guide explaining, firstly the physical indicia of the successful completion of the process - from Halos, Crowns, the legendary Shroud of Turin, to the Sudarium of Oviedo.

He then explains the need for an environment of personal and spiritual freedom which is required for the process to be allowed to manifest in the individual and the underlying causation for the formation of the United States of America. Clearly, one can surmise, that the founding fathers were not only astute masters of politics and philosophy, but spiritual masters who created an environment for masses of humanity "to be called" and to at least decide whether "to follow" or not, so to speak. This critical environmental element of individual freedom must exist, if the aforementioned process is to be allowed to be initiated, and then to flourish within the individual.

The book provides a brushstroke outline for understanding the link between many seemingly unrelated topics, including but not limited to our system of government, the sinister nature of the NWO movement and its fundamental antithesis to Freemasonry and the individual freedom it espouses, which it has attempted to discredit, by propagandizing a fallacious association therewith. It tackles the suppression of the Templars, the Grail mystery and a number of others.

What this book is not, is a "how-to" book. What it will do is give you an understanding of the scope of the work and its various manifestations in our society. The "how to" is left to the seeker, who would be, perhaps, well served by selectively delving into the traditional literature of Freemasonry and its appendant bodies and/or by judiciously finding a competent and knowledgeable mentor.



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Espionage, Diplomacy and the Lodge: Charles Delafaye and The Secret Department of the Post Office

by: Richard Berman

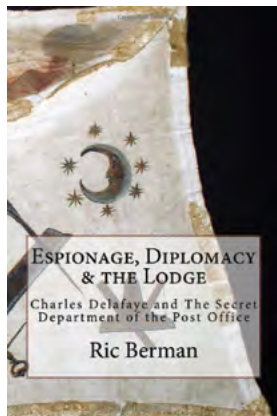
Caleb William Haines, review

Recently, when researching Huguenot and Masonic history, after spending several years frequenting the picturesque and rugged Cévennes, I stumbled upon this marvelous work and am glad I did. Why? *Espionage, Diplomacy and the Lodge* by Prestonian Lecturer, academic, and author Richard Berman raises the bar for serious scholarly Masonic research with most worthy erudition. Verily, Berman, a leading scholar on Masonry, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Life Fellow of the Huguenot Society, and Doctorate in history from the University of Exeter was well equipped for this job. Berman's use of the English language is eloquent and logical throughout and the work is filled with scrupulous citation, attention to detail and is most entertaining. I enjoyed the read.

As to the subject matter, there is a general focus on pivotal figures of the UGLE, the Horn Tavern and a handful of French Huguenot lodges in England, however the work predominately conflates Freemasonry and the Huguenot diaspora to British intelligence services and diplomacy in the first half of the 18th century. The first chapter commences with a biography of Charles Delafaye and his connections to the English establishment. It then explores the early formation of British intelligence, how Freemasonry was used as part of the intelligence gathering process, and the role Huguenot lodges and their members played. The final chapters review Freemasonry in the context of European diplomacy and Intelligence gathering with a focus on Anglo-Austrian diplomacy and in respect to the advancement of British foreign policy objectives.

In conclusion, Berman's analysis and approach are refined in their survey of early British intelligence networks, Jacobism, the Whigs, and the general ingenuity and tumult of the ever-changing Masonic landscape presenting compelling evidence. Although I had not anticipated

finding this depth of study during my initial research, I was pleasantly surprised that this book had me enamored as the preface established a page-turning complex and close relationship between French Huguenot and British history and delivered on what it promised and may be significant as further Masonic research unfolds. I recommend you pick it up and gain further light as a result of Berman's commendable effort, for inside true tales and insight into the formative years of the craft and amazing Brethren await you.



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Of Errors & Truth Or Man Restored to the Universal Principle of Knowledge

by: Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin
Robert W. Bruneau, review

In reviewing this book I feel it is important to set a broad background for the writings and what may or may not have prompted it. This book was written in 1775, and in the writer's native language of French. Consider the previous 100-150 years of chaos in Europe and the Catholic Church, of which he was a communicate and also a Freemason.

In 1517, Luther posted his condemnation of Rome.

In 1534, Henry VIII established Anglicanism.

In 1560, John Knox followed suit in Scotland with Presbyterianism.

In 1739, John Wesley established Methodism.

And in 1717, the Grand Lodge of England was formed by Hanoverian followers of the crown while the Jacobites were exiled in France.

So we have those who practice Freemasonry, or the active practice of methods by which man is searching for a way to communicate with higher power and those who practice the Way, which we can consider close to Christian contemplation.

France, as was the case in that era, being often at war with England was very susceptible to seek Masonic and/or Chivalric Orders, thanks to Ramsay's oration, from other than England. It eagerly embraced Scottish - Ecosaise - in French. Thus the term Scottish Rite or Rite Ecosaise meant most Masonic Orders in France at that time.

Saint-Martin's teacher, Martinez de Pasqually, estab-

lished an order called the "Order of Elect Cohen of the Universe" and claimed authority from a charter issued to his father by Prince Charles Edward Stuart or Bonnie Prince Charlie, who was the self-declared Grand Master of Masons in Scotland. Its degrees were based on the early lodge of perfection. So Saint-Martin became secretary to Pasqually and assisted in writing several documents that were given to members of this order who had reached the exalted order of Reaux Crois.

This period of Saint-Martin's life was a major part of his views on theurgy and this peculiarly Gnostic approach to Christianity. After Pasqually sailed to St. Domingo, Saint-Martin met another Freemason and with him first penned, *Of Errors and Truth*, his effort to explain the comment he made to Pasqually about the ritual of the Elus Cohen, "Master, can all this be needed to find God."

This book is to those who were tired of Science placing everything into categorized boxes and negating the mysteries and hidden knowledge he had received.

In Saint-Martin's point of view, there is only one truth, but many ways to err, and in his work he describes man as being physically separated from truth rather than merely conceptually.

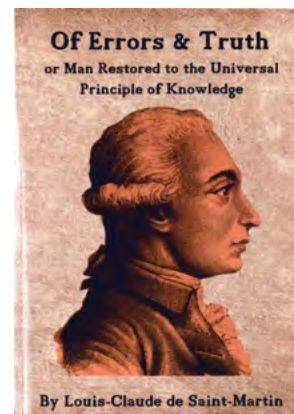
He touches first on the philosophy, describing the principles as good and evil. Then after explaining all the many facets in which man errs he goes to the body, which he refers to as the envelope, which is the source of errors. Then he discusses nature and it's laws, the physical spirit and the Intellectual Soul and their connection.

Then he was on to religion and the various institutions, false religions and truth independent of man. Unity in worship and the error in the origin of religion. He goes on to elaborate on the various and sundry problems of politics and law and details his beliefs extensively.

The two final chapters devolve into examining the principles of mathematics and geometry along with language and art.

I found this book to be extremely detailed in the beliefs of Saint-Martin and archaic in its description of the path to evidence, about the origin of good and evil, man, nature, the sciences and language and the arts.

I think the reader would do well to remember the time window in which this was written in order to place it in its context.



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MEMBERSHIP: A TURN IN THE RITE DIRECTION

by George T. Taylor, IV

The momentum from *The Path Forward* initiative is starting to take hold in our symbolic lodges. Many lodges have capitalized on the “Not Just A Man. A Mason.” campaign and are using it to promote membership at the local level. And it’s working. For instance, in Maine, every lodge in the state has three marketing posters hanging in their buildings. This has proven to be a large part of the success the lodges in Maine are having in terms of member growth. Connecticut is also using a similar model. The Grand Lodge of Ohio has taken it a step further and expanded on the campaign to develop “This is Ohio Freemasonry.” These initiatives are in their infancy, but one thing that it has done already is created the conversation starter.

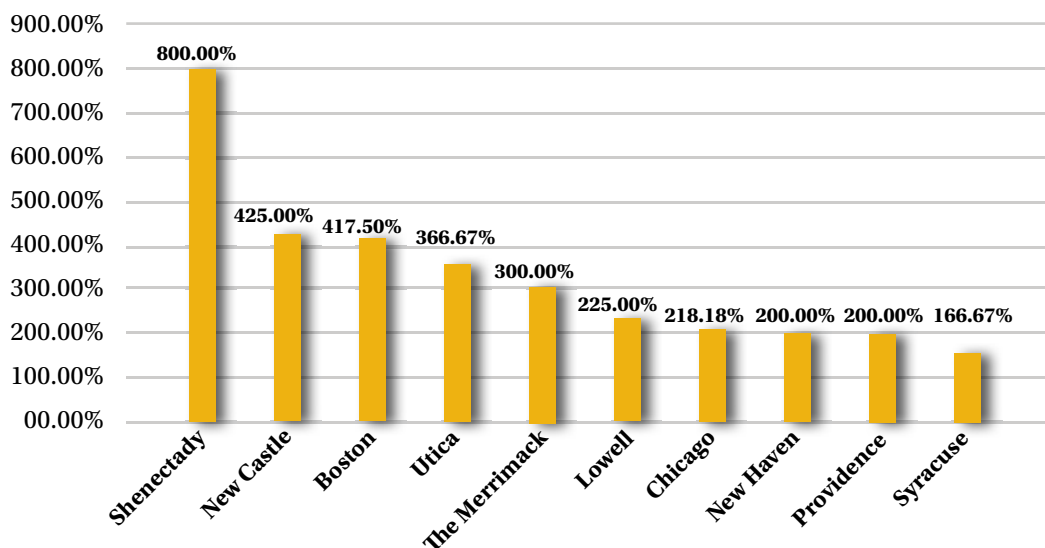
While symbolic lodges are showing signs of movement, we must use our resources to support that growth as we are able. With the increase in activity and conversation around Freemasonry, we are starting to see that translate into positive news for our Valleys. In a year-over-year look at new members joining the Scottish Rite, NMJ we have already seen a 40% increase in initiations. So how does that break down by state? Here is a look at where each state compares by total of last census year (June 16, 2017-June 15, 2018) and where they ended on December 1, 2018. (Percentages are new members this year compared to last year’s total number)

CONNECTICUT	45 (70%)	DELAWARE	7 (37%)
ILLINOIS	198 (106%)	INDIANA	75 (40%)
MAINE	12 (32%)	MASSACHUSETTS	212 (290%)
MICHIGAN	19 (26%)	NEW HAMPSHIRE	7 (70%)
NEW JERSEY	32 (44%)	NEW YORK	102 (82%)
OHIO	147 (33%)	PENNSYLVANIA	156 (46%)
RHODE ISLAND	30 (200%)	VERMONT	5 (63%)
WISCONSIN	25 (48%)		

As you can see Illinois, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island have already brought in more new members this year than last year, with New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut not far behind. One may ask, “What changed?” The simple answer is a doubling down on the member experience. Each of these states, and the Valleys within them, started hosting events that display the Scottish Rite motto of Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment. These Valleys got out of their comfort zone (and in some cases their buildings), invited other Master Masons to join them, and tried new things.

So far there are 25 Valleys that have met or exceeded last year’s new member totals already, and 21 Valleys that are less than 5 new members away from hitting last year’s total. Here are the top ten by percentage growth in new members:

% Growth 2017-18 vs. Fall 2018





One-Day Class of the Valley of Boston and Partner Valleys in November

These Valleys have made use of the new online petition, formed great relationships with the leaders in the local lodges, are communicating with prospective members, and engaging their members more in ways that leave a positive impact which encourages conversation. It is also worth noting that two Valleys which had zero new members last year, have already brought in new members this year.

Congratulations to all our Valleys for the work to make the Fall reunions memorable for each candidate, and especially to the Valleys listed above for the exceptional growth. The challenge to each of our members is still out there. This is just the beginning. Become more active in your symbolic lodge, talk about the benefits of Scottish Rite membership, invite prospective members to the next Valley event. We need more men who share our values and our vision. You have the ability to shape the next generation of Scottish Rite members. Will you make the call?

***New 32° Member Kits
being prepared for
shipment to the Valleys***



There's a narrative out there about who Freemasons are. But there's a better way to tell the story from our perspective, not letting the world decide who we are and what we are.



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The Path Forward

New Pride Videos in the Works: A Sneak Peek Behind the Scenes

Part of the mission of *The Path Forward* is to reignite a sense of pride in the men of Freemasonry. Men who have chosen a life devoted to integrity, honor, and service should always feel connected to the greater good they are serving. Our Path Forward initiative is, in part, designed to honor the men we call Brothers, and touch that special part of our own hearts.

You can look forward to a new pride video in February 2019. (And another later in the year) Here's a look at how the story is unfolding, the men who will tell it, and the spirit it ignites.

In our video series, it is our hope to make Freemasons proud and remember why we joined this great institution.



*Our campaign is a call to arms.
Be a Mason in society today. Be who you are.
Live the values. Be the beacon and the force
for good in the world.*

As Masons, we know there's something bigger we're supposed to be working toward. What better imagery than this to show how big we can be if we really try.



SCOTTISH RITE MONTH: A GREAT SUCCESS

by George T. Taylor, IV

All that can be said is WOW! Who knew how much our members could do in 30 days? The month of November saw a tremendous amount of activity on all levels throughout the jurisdiction. When Grand Commander Glattly issued the proclamation that the NMJ would focus its efforts for a whole month on our values, our members, and our communities, no one had an idea of what that might look like. Here is just a snippet of what 15 states, 102 Valleys, dozens of events, hundreds of members, and thousands of positive member experiences looks like.



Veterans Day at Overseas Lodge No. 40, Pawtucket, RI. Providence Valley Secretary, Ill. Thomas Yeaw, 33° and Grand Master, M.W. Glenn Carlson, take part in the wreath laying ceremony.



George Taylor, Associate Director of Membership, poses with Ill. A. Norman Johnson, 33°, and Scotty the Eagle.



The Valley of Detroit with Shelby the therapy dog, at the Michigan Masonic Home.

There was a state-wide degree exemplification for the first time in Indiana which brought together all six Valleys and consecrated more than 150 new 32° Freemasons. There were multi-Valley degree performances in Eastern New York, and the Valley of Pittsburgh hosted the Steel City Invitational which included degrees from Northern, Southern, and Prince Hall Scottish Rite. Many Valleys hosted candidate nights, member appreciation/celebration events, and veterans' recognition ceremonies. Also during the month were some unique community and Masonic relations events such as the FEZtival of Trees hosted by the Valley of Eau Claire together with the local Shrine and blue lodges. The Valley of Detroit facilitated the adoption and donation of a therapy dog, Shelby, to the residents of the Michigan Masonic Home. The New Jersey State Legislature declared November Scottish Rite Month in the state and several counties and municipalities followed suit.

"The energy that has swept through our membership in the last year was turned up another level during Scottish Rite Month, and there are no signs of it waning. Our members are excited, proud, and ready to be ambassadors for what it means to be a Scottish Rite Freemason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction," commented Grand Commander Glattly. He continued, "It was great to see the activities our Valleys held and to watch our members come together. I am excited to see how this propels us as we move forward into spring and beyond."

The two jurisdictional initiatives of "Scotty" the Scottish Rite Month mascot,* and the Giving Tuesday Telethon to benefit our charities, were also huge hits with our members. You can read more about the success of Giving Tuesday in another article featured in this issue.

The culmination of the efforts through our Valleys to hold these events is just the latest example of our focus on the member experience. The result will be more member engagement, more Masonic awareness, and more Scottish Rite Freemasons. Scottish Rite Month 2019 is fast approaching. What is your Valley going to do to top 2018?

***You can still purchase "Scotty" through our online store at www.TheMasonicMarketplace.com**

Grand Masters across the Jurisdiction



M.W. Mark E. Rustin was raised in 1985, in St. George Lodge, in Warren, ME. Additionally, he served as Master of Seminary Hill Daylight Lodge in 2015-16. At Grand Lodge Bro. Rustin was Assistant Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary, and Deputy Grand Master before becoming Grand Master in 2018.



M.W. John E. Lobdell joined Freemasonry at Morning Star Lodge No. 17, in Wolfeboro, NH, where he became Worshipful Master in 1999 and again in 2001. At Grand Lodge he received the Major General John Sullivan Medal for Distinguished Service. Bro. Lobdell joined Scottish Rite in the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion Honor.



M. W. Victor J. Stone was raised in MacDonough (now Mt. Mansfield) Lodge No. 26, in Jericho and was Master in 2000. In Scottish Rite Bro. Stone belongs to the Valley of Burlington. He was awarded the John Barney Medal in 2013. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



M. W. Paul F. Gleason is in the middle of a three-year term. In 2003, he was recipient of the Henry Price Medal, and in 2001 he was awarded the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal. He is a member of William Parkman Lodge where he was Master in 1975-76. Also, he is a member of the Masters Lodge. In Scottish Rite he is a member of the Valley of Boston. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



M.W. Glenn S. Carlson began his Masonic journey at Manchester Lodge No. 12, and was its Worshipful Master in 2000. Bro. Carlson was named Mason of the year twice. He holds additional membership in St. John's Lodge No. 1 in Providence and is an honorary member in Moriah Lodge No. 15. He joined Scottish Rite in the Valley of Providence. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



M.W. Marshall K. Robinson was raised a Master Mason in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, and served there as Worshipful Master in 1982 and again in 1991. Also, he is a member of Harmony Lodge No. 42 and served as Master there in 2004. In Scottish Rite he belongs to the Valley of Waterbury.



M.W. William M. Sardone is a Past Master of Equality Lodge in the Bronx, NY, and Composite Lodge in the 1st Manhattan District. He is a Past Executive Officer of New York DeMolay and a Past Grand Master of the Global Organization of DeMolay International. He is a member of the Valley of New York City Scottish Rite. Bro. Sardone is a Senior DeMolay, a PSMC, Chevalier, and a Member of the Legion of Honor.



M.W. Roger B. Quintana joined Freemasonry in Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric No. 35, where he served as Master. Also, he has dual lodge affiliations with several other lodges. He is a member of the Valley of Northern New Jersey. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



R.W. - S. Eugene Herritt is a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315. He has been a member of the Masonic Village's Board of Directors, 2011-present, and a Trustee of the Masonic Charities Fund and Director of the Masonic Library. Bro. Herritt is a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, and he is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



M. W. Donald E. Rosenberry was installed in 2018. His mother lodge is Brandywine No. 33, where he served as Master six times. Also, he was an affiliated Master of Washington Lodge No. 1. He was twice awarded Master of the Year, and in 2008, was awarded the prestigious Gunning Bedford Jr. Medal of Honor. Bro. Rosenberry is a member of the Valley of Wilmington.



M.W. Jess N. Raines was raised a Master Mason in Valley Lodge No. 145, Malta, OH where he served as Worshipful Master. Bro. Raines also is an Honorary Member of several lodges. He is a member of the Valley of Cambridge as well as a plural member of the Valley of the Firelands. He is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



M. W. David M. Hill was raised in Stoney Creek Lodge No. 5, where he was Worshipful Master in 1995-96, and again in 2005-06. At his lodge he served as Secretary for seven years. He is a member of the Valley of Detroit. Bro. Hill is a Senior DeMolay and Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



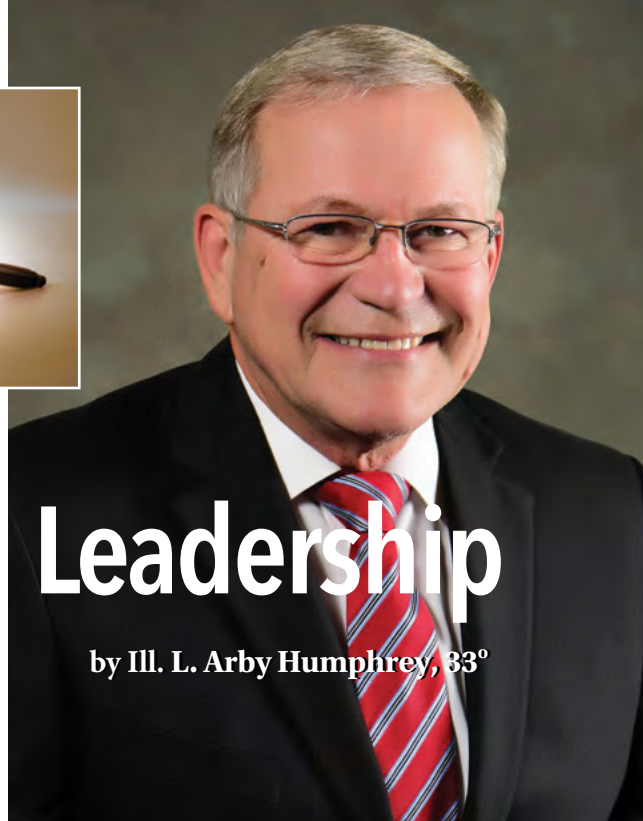
M. W. Carl E. Culmann was raised in Prospect Lodge No. 714. Later, he transferred his membership to Frank S. Land Lodge No. 758, as the charter Junior Warden, and served as Master in 1987 and 2004. He is the charter Master of the newly formed Noble Lodge No. 772. He is a member of the Valley of Indianapolis. Bro. Culmann is a Senior DeMolay, member of the Legion of Honor, PSMC, and Chevalier.



M.W. Gregory L. Clark was raised in Bloomington Lodge No. 43, and in 1983 became its Master. He joined Scottish Rite in the Valley of Bloomington and received the Illinois COD Distinguished Service Award. Bro. Clark is an Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Illinois. Also, he is a Senior DeMolay, member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and Chevalier.



M. W. Scott E. Pedley was raised in Amicitia Lodge No. 25 and served as its Master four times. He has plural membership in Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, where he was Master twice, as well as in Melody Lodge No. 2, Evening Star Lodge No. 64, and Montello Lodge No. 141. He is a member of the Valley of Madison. Bro. Pedley is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.



Exceptional Leadership

by Ill. L. Arby Humphrey, 33°

We all find ourselves in a leadership role at one time or another. It may be at work, at home, or in our leisure hours. We may lead a company, a group of people, a team, an organization, our families, friends, or just ourselves. Whether or not you are officially in charge, we are all leaders. The question is: what makes a good “leader” and how can we become the best leader that we can be?

Good leaders continually work on improving their skills and leadership styles as theories continue to evolve. Fortunately, leadership is a popular topic, and there is no shortage of information on the topic. Amazon offers over 100,000 books on leadership, and at any given time there are hundreds of leadership courses and seminars available. Members of the Scottish Rite, NMJ, Supreme Council Leadership Committee have assembled a list of outstanding books on leadership for your consideration. That list appears elsewhere in this publication.

As someone who spent most of his life in one type of leadership position or another, I’ve read countless books and articles, attended several thousands of hours of leadership training, and taken numerous leadership seminars. All that said, some of the best leadership lessons I learned in lodge, and I find the Scottish Rite core values to be essential guiding principles for anyone who endeavors to be an exceptional leader.

In our ritual we discover critical traits; not only of good Masons, but also of great leaders. Masonic virtues, such as truth, fortitude, prudence, and justice, are also highly respected leadership qualities. In our ritual we learn that we should judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice. That’s outstanding advice for any leader.

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As Masons, we learn that it is important to put people to work and give them proper instruction. Idleness and wasted time creates dissatisfaction and leads to unrest. People who are busy and have direction are happier because work brings an increased sense of self-worth. Productive work helps us contribute to the world in which we live and gives people a sense of worth and satisfaction.

Our Masonic ritual uses the example of the beehive to promote industry and cooperative labor. Each time we open and close a lodge, the Senior Warden stresses that harmony is the strength and support of all institutions. We know how easily discord can creep into an organization. Ar-

guments and power struggles cause discontent and will quickly weaken and destroy an organization. Disagreement and debate will occur, but Masonry promotes a positive atmosphere where these discussions occur without resorting to personal attacks or derailments. “Peace and Harmony” should always prevail. Whether or not an agreement on the issue is reached, the option to agree or disagree amicably should always remain.

The instructive tongue receives the sound from the attentive ear is another very important leadership lesson. It teaches us that it is essential to understand first, and then to be understood. Listening is a powerful leadership and communication skill. When we listen with the intent to understand, rather than with the intent to reply, we begin the process of true communication and relationship building. Listening with an attentive ear requires skill and patience but it leads to understanding and earns trust. Once we truly understand another’s point of view, we can then seek to be understood by the skillful use of grammar, rhetoric, and logic. Leaders with an attentive ear gain high admiration and respect.

Our symbolic Masonic tools are perfect additions to any leader’s toolbox. Our level reminds us to stay genuine, straight, and true. The plumb keeps us honorable and upstanding, moral and ethical while the square reminds us to stay fair and honest, squaring our actions on the square of

virtue. The compasses keep us within due bounds, freely choosing to do the right thing, thereby setting a good example.

The Core Values of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction include Integrity, Toleration, Justice, Service, Reverence for God and Devotion to Country. They are founded upon Masonic principles and are exemplified in our Scottish Rite degrees. The same values are fundamental to leadership excellence. Practicing these values in our daily lives not only makes us a better man and Mason, they also help us become exceptional leaders.

INTEGRITY is defined as, “adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.” Our Scottish Rite degrees stress that integrity and honor are essential to a happy life. It should come as no surprise that in survey after survey on leadership we find that integrity is consistently rated as one of the most important character traits of a respected leader. People want to follow a leader who acts with integrity because they know that leader is honest and will treat them right.

Operating under the principles of integrity means we do what we say we will do. It is all too common to overpromise because it is easier to say “yes” than it is to say “no.” However, when we fail to follow through, we disappoint and lose face. When we operate with integrity, we gain the confidence of others. This is crucial, especially in positions of leadership. When others see you as dependable and accountable for your actions, trust develops, and you gain loyalty and influence.

Good leaders hold themselves accountable and make sure they treat everyone fairly, regardless of a person’s standing. Integrity is the trademark of an exceptional leader.

TOLERANCE is the ability or willingness to endure something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with. Tolerance is the foundation for mutual respect, understanding, cooperation and cohesion. Through tolerance we are able to appreciate the differences we have with others and real tolerance is a fundamental key to effective leadership. Embracing diversity brings a world of benefit to us individually and to our organizations as we strive in harmony to do our best work. Intolerance will drive groups apart, creating a sense of permanent separation between them.

What can you do as a leader to be a role model for tolerance? Treat all others “on the level” and with respect. Champion diversity and appreciate different working styles and approaches. Remember the lesson of the attentive ear and put the urge to judge on hold. Make a point to listen and consider different perspectives. Freely share information and don’t allow bigoted comments by others to go unchallenged. Be intolerant with intolerance.

“Justice is not the right of the stronger but the effective harmony of the whole.”

In Masonry we learn that Justice is that standard, or boundary of right, which enables us to render to every person his or her just due, without distinction. Justice symbolizes equality. We learn that we should judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice. Justice is defined as the practice of being fair and consistent. A just person gives consideration to each side of a situation and bases rewards or punishments on merit not favoritism. Several of our Scottish Rite degrees stress the importance of justice, truth, and equality.

Plato said that it “is not mere strength, but it is a harmonious strength. Justice is not the right of the stronger but the effective harmony of the whole.” As Masons we recognize that harmony is the strength and support of all institutions. A good leader is just, fair, and merciful.

SERVICE is a Scottish Rite core value that is another important leadership attribute. Leadership involves service and commitment. Leadership is not about telling people what to do. Showing the people around you that you care about them and that you’re willing to put them first, is the mark of a true leader. In so doing, you earn respect and loyalty. Those who share power, puts the needs of others first, and help people develop and perform are referred to as servant leaders.

Servant leadership is a classic concept. Servant leaders understand the importance of being humble and grateful. They know that without everyone’s effort, they simply won’t succeed. The servant leader persuades others with inspiration, not force. Coercing may get you what you want in the short term, but it

will not inspire loyalty. A title doesn’t make you an exceptional leader - the ability to influence, and inspire does.

REVERENCE FOR GOD is a core value of the Scottish Rite, NMJ and is vital as we strive to be exceptional leaders. Too often, we plunge into an endeavor without asking God’s blessings, and we rely solely on the plans we’ve made on our own. The other extreme is to ignore planning altogether because you trust that God will “make it all come together.” Both extremes are contrary to good leadership. Trust in God, but use the resources God has given you. God has blessed us with intellect, the ability to plan ahead, and to work hard.

Finally, all who have heard the charge at the end of the 32° will recognize why **DEVOTION TO COUNTRY** is a worthy leadership trait. We learn that “patriotism which will express itself in loyal obedience to his country’s laws as well as in response to his country’s needs. It is not given to all men to bear arms for the nation’s defense, but every man may cherish his country’s flag with a devoted love, may support his country’s laws with a willing obedience, and may so live day by day that the commonwealth shall be prospered through his industry, established through his fidelity, and honored through his integrity.” Leaders who endeavor to live up to that charge are worthy of our respect and admiration.

As we consider the virtues and core values championed in Freemasonry it comes as no great surprise that so many exceptional leaders have been, and are, Freemasons. When you find yourself in a position of leadership responsibility, remember to practice Masonic virtues and values. I guarantee that they won’t fail you.



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The following books are available through your local library or, for your own collection, from online vendors such Amazon.com, Bookfinder.com, Ebay.com and others, as well as a book store near you.

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by Ill. Mark C. Roth, 33°

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Giving Tuesday Telethon an Amazing Success

Day five after Thanksgiving is known as “Giving Tuesday” and you, the Scottish Rite Masons, sure did just that. In our first ever Giving Tuesday Telethon, seen on our web page and Facebook live that evening, we not only surpassed our goal but we had fun doing it.



Michael C. Russell, 32°



SGC David A. Glattly with First Lady Monica Glattly as she takes to the phones.

Bro. Michael C. Russell, the Supreme Council vice president of charities, headed up the program and it was produced in-house by Ill. James O. Dill, 33° and his staff.

Russell says, of those directly involved and those at home watching, “You took part in a great event of huge success. Together we raised more than just our goal, we raised more than \$238,000 to support our Scottish Rite Charities. Wow. I couldn’t be prouder of our work together.

You supported all of our Scottish Rite Charities on Giving Tuesday: The Scottish Rite Grand Almoner’s Fund, the Children’s Dyslexia Centers, our Masonic Museum & Library, and the Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund. You tuned in to interviews with great people; live music from musician Bro. Joey Dougherty; you tuned in to the magic of the M.W. Grand

Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, Bill Sardone, and you tuned in to a tremendous collective success.”

Even now, months later, you can still enjoy the excitement of that evening by visiting:

[LiveStream.com/accounts/18281764/events/8464066](https://www.livestream.com/accounts/18281764/events/8464066)

Also, as Bro. Russell points out, “**You can call throughout the year and give a donation over the phone (800) 814-1432 or donate online anytime at [DonateRite.org](https://www.DonateRite.org).**”



M. W. William Sardone asks for more callers.



VP of Charities Michael C. Russell interviews Lancaster Dyslexia Center Director Ms. Heather Hinkel.



Avery Brinkley, DeMolay International Master Councilor, Ill. Dick Heldman, 33°, and Ill. George Nakonetschny, 33°, take calls live throughout the telethon.



Ill. Russell Baker, 33°, takes calls live on air.



Bro. Joey Dougherty, during his performance at the Giving Tuesday Telethon.

THE GRAND COMMANDER'S TRIPS TO ARIZONA AND FLORIDA

The Scottish Rite NMJ is hosting receptions for any Brother or Masonic family member choosing to attend events in these two states.

It may be too late for the Arizona portion, depending on when you receive your magazine, but all of the Florida dates are open. To register, visit ScottishRiteNMJ.org/TourRegistration. Every dollar collected for these receptions goes directly to the Scottish Rite Benevolent Foundation. You will even receive a special gift from the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Included on the Florida tour are visits to Port St. Lucie, Boca Raton, Bonita Springs, Sarasota, The Villages, and Tampa.

If you have questions contact MaryAnn Bichajian at (781) 465-3326 or email MBichajian@srnmj.org.



Ill. Norman Ray Buecker, 33°

1925-2018

Ill. Norman R. Buecker, 33°, an Active Emeritus Member of this Supreme Council. Died on Oct. 1, 2018.

Raised a Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge No. 333, in Springfield, IL on Feb. 23, 1949.

On February 10, 1951, he was united in marriage to La Dean Spence.

For a complete baluster on the life of Norman R. Buecker, 33°, visit the Member Center at ScottishRiteNMJ.org

CHILDREN AND COLDS: IT'S INEVITABLE

Parents won't be surprised to hear that children catch colds five to seven times a year. The annoying thing is that nothing can really be done about it. According to WebMD, children are more susceptible to colds because their immune systems haven't fully developed. Also, because kids are kids who touch everything, wash their hands infrequently and sneeze or cough with abandon. Plus, they are around others who do the same. There isn't much parents can do besides treat symptoms. Saline sprays keep noses moisturized. Acetaminophen or ibuprofen, administered in small doses, relieve body aches. Sometimes a warm bath does the same. Try petroleum jelly to soothe raw noses. Perhaps the second most common problem with little ones is gastroenteritis, more commonly known as the stomach bug. As with the cold, the best medicine is rest and fluids to prevent dehydration. Avoid sugary drinks such as sports drinks or juice. Once the symptoms pass, introduce easy-to-digest foods such as bananas, rice, applesauce, and toast.

NEW TOOL COULD SAVE EYESIGHT OF MILLIONS OF DIABETICS

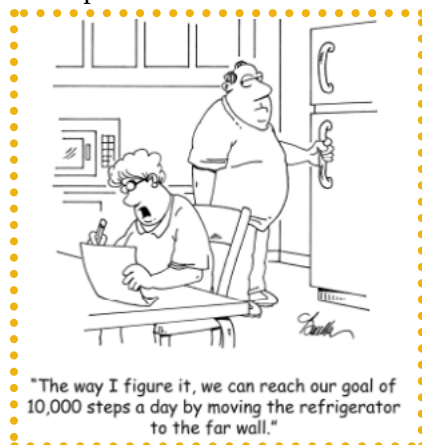
If discovered early, diabetic eye disease can be treated before it leads to blindness. Now Google is developing an artificial intelligence diagnostic tool that can be used in a primary care physician's office. The AI tool is capable of rapidly reviewing eye scans and sorting out which patients need treatment for diabetic retinopathy. Worldwide, about 415 million people are at risk for diabetic retinopathy. In a country such as India, with 70 million diabetics, many patients in rural areas don't have access to specialists. The new AI tool could identify the risk at their physician's office, before they are in danger of losing eyesight. The Google team hopes diagnosing diabetic eye disease will one day be as easy as taking a temperature.

THINK THIN: IMAGERY AND WEIGHT LOSS

People lose five times more weight when they imagine themselves thin, according to a September 2018 study reported in *Science*. The technique called Functional Imagery Training (FIT) teaches people how to use their own mental imagery of why they might like to change; how it would look to them; how it would

feel and how it might be achieved. The study was by Dr. Linda Solbrig from the School of Psychology at the University of Plymouth in the UK in conjunction with Queensland University in Australia.

In the study, 141 participants were divided into either FIT or motivation interviewing (MI). MI is a technique that uses counselors to support people to develop and focus on their need for change and reasons for wanting to change. FIT takes the idea one step further, teaching people to use rich sensory imagination to develop their own imagery. After six months, the people who used FIT lost ten pounds as opposed to the MI group that lost one pound. After 12 months, the FIT group continued to lose weight, losing 14 pounds as opposed to the MI group that lost just over a pound and a half.



The FIT technique assumes people agree that eating less and exercising more can help them lose weight. But it encourages them to think about their own life and imagine how a change in weight might feel. One exercise to begin the process is imagining a lemon. People thought about seeing, touching and squeezing a lemon. They thought about juicing a lemon and how it would feel if some of the juice accidentally squirted in their eye. From those simple beginning imageries, people then were encouraged to use all their senses to ask how would losing weight look, sound, smell, and feel.

One successful client went from 196 pounds to 170 pounds by incorporating personal motivations and imagery. Her mother died at age 60, and the client had now reached age 59. She thought of her daughter and how she wanted to live for her. She thought of how she wanted to see her graduate. She imagined the dress she might wear to the graduation and pictured how she might feel being healthier and slimmer.

SUPER-SHOT FOR FLU READY FOR SENIORS

Flu shot specially made for seniors combines high doses of immune stimulating antigens, targeted at three flu strains. The shot, available for those over 65, was formulated with seniors in mind. According to the Mayo Clinic, older people produce 50 to 75 percent fewer antibodies than younger adults. In one study, seniors who took the high-dose flu vaccine had 25 percent fewer cases of influenza than those who took the standard dose. However, three clinical studies have also found that high-dose vaccine recipients were more likely to develop fever and soreness at the injection site a week after vaccination. More than 90 percent of deaths from flu happen to people over the age of 65.

NEW WAYS TO HELP TREAT GLAUCOMA

After a prolonged standstill in glaucoma treatment, a new drug has been released that has been shown to dramatically improve treatment, according to The Glaucoma Research Foundation. Glaucoma is caused when the pressure inside the eye becomes too high and slowly damages the optic nerve, leading to total blindness over time. While treatment options include lasers and surgery, more than 95 percent of patients are initially treated with eye drops.

The new drug, Vyzulta, is the first new class of eye drops to be released since 2001. It combines traditional drops with a new ingredient that dramatically reduces pressure in the eye. Because the ingredients are combined into a single, once-a-day drop, patients have shown much higher rates of adherence which is essential to stopping the progression of the disease over time. Since the 1990s, prostaglandin analogs (PGAs) have been the primary ingredient in glaucoma eye drop treatment. Glaucoma is currently the second leading cause of blindness globally. Researchers estimate that the number of Americans afflicted is more than three million but only half are aware they have the disease. Unfortunately, most people do not submit to the dilated eye exam which is the best way to detect early signs of glaucoma and begin treatment. Another new drug became available in January 2019. Rhopressa works by decreasing the resistance to fluid drainage and, in that way, reducing eye pressure.



Four Musical Wise Men

If you found yourself singing along to some Christmas classics this past season, you should know that more than a few of your favorite holiday hits come to us courtesy of some well-beloved Masons.

Gene Autry



Known by many as the “Christmas Cowboy,” Orvon Grover “Gene” Autry was a star of immense magnitude. In 1946, Gene

Autry rode his famous horse Champion in the Hollywood Santa Claus Lane parade, immediately ahead of Santa’s sleigh. As Gene rode by, he could hear thousands of children calling out “Here Comes Santa Claus!” The event became the inspiration for Gene’s 1947 song “Here comes Santa Claus (right down Santa Claus Lane).”

Two years later, Gene cemented his status as a holiday icon with a number-one hit, which almost didn’t get recorded. It was a song that told the story of a Christmas character originally created for the Montgomery Ward Department Store chain. Autry rejected the song, but his wife liked the character and convinced him to record it. Nearly two million copies of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” were sold during the Christmas season of 1949, and the song was still number one on January 1, giving Gene (and Rudolph) the first number-one hit of the 1950s.

Bro. Gene was raised in 1927, in Ca-toosa Lodge No. 185, received the 33° in

1983, and the Grand Cross in 1989.

Burl Ives



Illustrious Brother Burl Ives’s voice gives life to Sam the Snowman, the narrator of the celebrated 1964

Rankin/Bass *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer TV Special*. His first Christmas recording was a 1950 version of “Twelve Days of Christmas.” However, his most celebrated recordings all came from the *Rudolph TV Special*, which included Burl’s vocals on “Silver & Gold,” “Holly Jolly Christmas,” and, of course, the title track. The endurance of those songs has made the name “Burl Ives” synonymous with Yuletide cheer.

Bro. Burl was raised in Magnolia Lodge No. 242 in Santa Barbara, California, received the 32° in 1977, in the Valley of Santa Barbara and in 1993, the Grand Cross.

Irving Berlin



Wherever you live, it’s likely that you dream of a traditional snow-covered Christmas; and when you’re having that dream, it’s a certainty that the melody drifting through your mind is Bro. Irving Berlin’s 1940 classic “White Christmas,” originally written for the Bing Crosby movie

Holiday Inn.

The Oscar-winning song also holds the distinction of being one of the most recorded songs, and the original Bing Crosby recording is believed to be the best-selling single-recording of all time. Bro. Irving Berlin was raised in 1910, in Munn Lodge No. 190, in New York City, was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of New York, and a member of Mecca Shriners.

Nat King Cole



If any song rivals “White Christmas” for the title of “Greatest Christmas Song,” it must be Mel Tormé’s “The Christmas Song”—per-

haps better known by the colloquial title, “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire.” The definitive version comes by way of the 1961 recording by Nat King Cole.

In 1960, Bro. Cole released his *The Magic of Christmas* album, a collection of traditional carols. The album was well received, but when it was reissued in 1963, with the inclusion of “The Christmas Song,” sales took off like a rocket, and it became the best-selling Christmas album of the 1960s.

Nat King Cole was raised as a Master Mason in 1944, in Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, PHA, in California. The lodge was named for fellow jazzman “Fats” Waller.

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America's uncivil society

“Use no Reproachful Language against any one; neither Curse nor Revile.” ~ Rule 49, George Washington's Rules of Civility; “If you can't say something nice, don't say any-thing at all.” ~ Rule 1, Moms' Rules of Civility. Remember civility? What happened to it?

Of course, incivility has been around since Adam and Eve were booted from the Garden of Eden. Unlike most bouts of incivility (the 1960s come to mind), this particularly virulent round has become incredibly personal, impacting all aspects of daily life.

City councils, school boards, planning commissions, and other public meetings may quickly devolve into shouting matches. Perceived slights may elicit hostile and even violent reactions. Expressing a personal point of view to which someone takes exception may spark an angry response. Write or say something that is non-PC at your own peril.

Sadly, it is apparent a great many people no longer are able to exercise self control, or perhaps they are just unwilling to do so. There are those who believe their values and points of view are correct and thus no others may be tolerated. There are plenty who believe the First Amendment only protects their speech, not that of those who differ. And plenty of folks seem to go out of their way to be offended.

To paraphrase William F. Buckley, Jr.: Many people claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then are shocked and offended to discover there are other views.

As regular readers of this column know, no one will ever mistake me for a fan of social media. It can strip away personal privacy, compromise personal security, and serve as a conduit for misinformation and outright lies. As *Wall Street Journal* columnist Jason Gay aptly put it, social media “is like stepping into a trash bag of angry bees.”

While I must acknowledge social media has served some useful purposes, there can be no doubt that social media and the rest of the electronic communication highway aids and abets incivility.

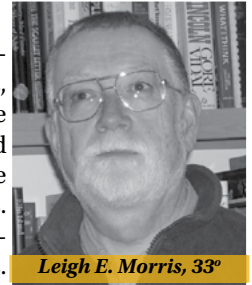
But why?

Looking back, I believe the current rise of incivility began with the advent of email. An old fashioned way of communicating involved using a pen, pencil or typewriter to put one's thoughts on paper. That takes time, allowing the writer the opportunity to carefully select the words to convey accurate meaning.

On the other hand, dashing off an email message is quick but potentially hazardous. Users can and do send messages without much thought to content or grammar, which may lead to misunderstandings and worse.

Incivility grew with the advent of newsgroups in the

'90s. Since participants were not engaged in face to face conversations, the newsgroup experience became impersonal. Many users expressed their points of view while paying little or no attention to the views of others. It didn't take long for postings to become electronic shouting matches. The angry bees were gathering.



Leigh E. Morris, 33°

Since then – and with the help of tablets and smartphones – social media has blossomed with the introduction of Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Pinterest, and others. While a few social media sites are mostly benign, a great many are fraught with danger.

Besides annoying moms everywhere, does acting bad on social media really matter?

Indeed it does. The way people behave on social media often carries over to the way they behave in public, at play, at work, and even at home. Excessive time being spent on tablets and smartphones has damaged interpersonal skills. Thus, it should come as no surprise that incivility has spread as social media engagement has increased. According to Pew Research, nearly 80 percent of American adults own a smartphone and 69 percent of American adults now use social media. A whopping 77 percent of American adults go online daily, and 26 percent told Pew they are online “almost constantly.”

Incivility is more than boorish behavior. It may lead to all sorts of bad outcomes. Instead of collaboration and compromise, we have confrontation, obstruction, and gridlock.

While incivility at the national level captures the headlines, more localized incivility is equally corrosive. No doubt you have witnessed your share of such behavior.

Perhaps it is asking too much, but it is my hope every Master Mason heeds both Bro. Washington's and mom's advice and always act with civility. I hope their wives follow suit. I hope they teach their children and grandchildren to be civil. In all aspects of your life, set the example for others to follow. And for heaven's sake, don't get sucked into that trash bag of angry bees.

And here's a really novel idea. Cut down on your online time. Ban smartphones and tablet from the dining room table. Avoid using smartphones and tablets at least one hour before going to bed (if nothing else, you'll sleep better).

Consider following the advice offered by marketing guru Guy Kawasaki:

“Just be nice, take genuine interest in the people you meet, and keep in touch with people you like.”

If you have specific questions or just want to make a comment, send them to me at cpstlrr@gmail.com and I will reply as promptly as possible.



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TODAY'S FAMILY

MOVING AGING PARENTS INTO YOUR HOME

Aging parents are more likely to live with the children today than they were 70 years ago, according to research. Living arrangements that include elderly parents have been on the rise during the past 15 years after a precipitous fall starting in the 1940s, according to Pew Research Group.

Among those Americans aged 55 to 64, 24 percent live in multigenerational households. That number declines a bit among those aged 65 and older when about 21 percent live in such households. The trend is most pronounced among Asian and Hispanic families.

DECISIONS ON MERGING HOUSEHOLDS

Merging households can be a big step that can impact relationships, finances, and living arrangements, according to AARP. The first step to take before moving parents into your home is to make an honest evaluation of their current relationship with you, your children, and spouse. Unresolved personal issues, bad habits, like smoking, or unwanted pets will likely create problems down the road. Medical issues such as chronic illness or physical limitations, can stress every family member, and you must discuss ahead of time who will be responsible for pitching in to help. Even under ideal conditions, families have to prepare for health changes that affect mobility and behavior. Making room for someone new in the house might also mean children will end up sharing a room or even necessitating costly changes such as grab bars in the bathroom, wheelchair ramps, and railings. Take time up front to discuss the costs as well as who will be responsible for paying for them.

COMMON WAYS TO GET DISCOUNTS ON HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

The average homeowners should expect to pay nearly \$1,100 per year for their home insurance and, although it is a necessary expense, there are several ways to reduce these costs with or without spending money on improvements, according to "Nerd Wallet." Some of the simplest reductions, such as bundling the home insurance with auto insurance through the same company or improving your credit score, won't cost a penny and will likely only require a short phone call. Similarly, raising the amount of the deductible on a policy or lowering the maximum payout for possessions can reduce the rate without any up-

front cost. According to "Bankrate," you can also receive discounts between 1-20 percent for being a non-smoker, over the age of 55, part of a homeowner's association, and not having filed a claim in many years. For those looking to spend money on home upgrades and renovations, there may be discounts available to help offset some of that spending if the changes make the home safer or more durable. Many older homes, for instance, have older wiring that poses a significant risk of catching fire and causing property damage that insurance companies will often grant a ten percent reduction in premiums to avoid the potential payoff.



THE LOCAL NEWS FEATURING YOU

Did you ever harbor a secret wish to anchor the TV news? You might not be on a major news network, but you could become the newscaster for your apartment building, senior center, or neighborhood. You can do that just using your smartphone video and you can add fancier equipment, like a good microphone, as you go along. One thing you should think about early on is where you will post your completed videos. There are many places these days to do that. You could post your videos on your Facebook page or on YouTube, for example. The best short newscast is about 22 minutes. You can do interviews with local people and tell the stories of their lives. It can help people get to know each other. Here is the basic format for a short newscast or podcast:

Show intro (who you are, what you're going to talk about): 30-60 seconds
Intro music, if you want to get fancy:

30-60 seconds

Topic 1: 3 min.

Topic 2: 3 min.

Interlude (music or break): 30 sec.

Topic 3: 3 min.

Topic 4: 3 min.

Closing remarks (thank audience,

thank guests, talk about the next show): 2 min.

Closing music (suggest same as Intro music jingle): 2 min.

There's no reason why you can't just plan your show and do it with your smartphone. As you get more experienced, you'll definitely want to be able to edit the video.

CHORES HELP CHILDREN BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL, EXPERT SAYS

Children who do regular household chores grow up more responsible and successful, a researcher says. Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of *How to Raise an Adult*, said children who don't have chores don't learn that work must be done, it won't be done for you, and each member of a family has to contribute to getting it done. The problem is that at least one study says most parents don't require chores. In a Braun Research poll of 1,001 parents commissioned by Whirlpool, the appliance manufacturer, 82 percent of parents said they grew up doing chores themselves, but only 28 percent said they regularly assign chores to their kids. Lythcott-Haims says that letting kids skip chores because they are busy or have a lot of homework is tempting, but it won't help them once they are out in the world. At some point, everyone has to work late, but they still have to shop, clean up the kitchen and tend to personal affairs. Skipping chores in childhood may just lead to skipping chores in adulthood. Research tends to support Lythcott-Haims' ideas. A University of Minnesota study found that the best predictor of future success in education, careers and relationships was whether or not a child started doing chores as early as age 3 or 4. In fact, the earlier you start having children help out, the greater the benefits. When they are young, children love to help you do things. As they grow, they lose interest, so take advantage of childhood enthusiasm. Despite the advantages, getting kids started with chores can be a challenge that can be overcome with a few strategies, according to *Parents* magazine. Inject fun into the process by playing music and singing or doing chores while playing a funny character. As the novelty wears off, switch up the routine by doing a different task or make the normal ones more interesting by adding a time challenge or making it more difficult. Over time, they might gravitate towards specific areas like taking care of the dog's food, water, and bedding because they love animals which is a great way to let them help while exploring their interests.



New Acquisition: 1750 Masonic Ritual “Exposure”

Through a recent gift, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library acquired the very rare book pictured here, Samuel Prichard’s *Masonry Dissected*. It is one of only three copies of the 1750 edition of a famous Masonic ritual exposure that are known to exist. Generously donated by Carolyn Keith Silvia, the granddaughter of Roger Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1948-50, this 32-page pamphlet is a 1750 reprint of a Masonic ritual exposure originally printed in London in 1730. London publishers reprinted the book several times between 1730 and 1750, but this is the first American edition of the book. The book, collected by Past Grand Master Keith many years ago, is an exciting addition to the Library & Archives collection.

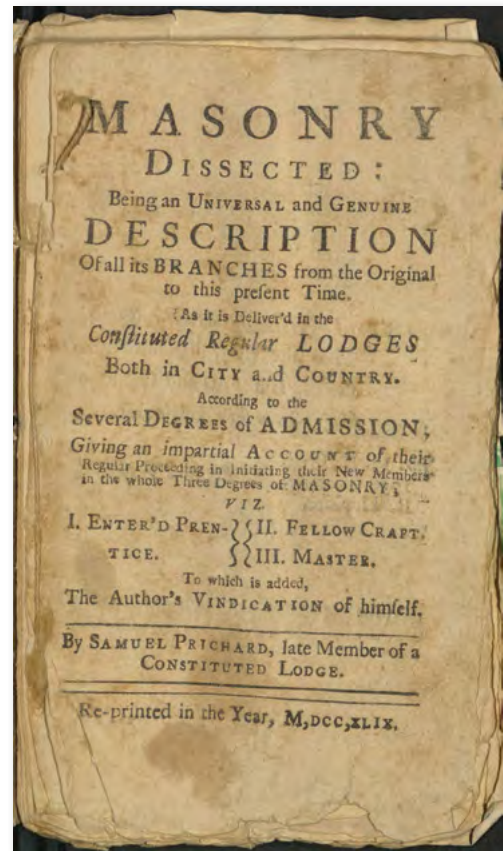
The title page does not say where or by whom the book was printed, noting only that it was done in 1749. Masonic bibliographer Kent Walgren explains the discrepancy between the publication date and the quotation from the 1750 Brockwell sermon by noting that, “prior to 1752 the legal year began on Annunciation Day, March 25. [The book was therefore] probably printed between 1 Jan. and 25 Mar. 1749/50.” Walgren makes a case for this book having been printed at Newport, Rhode Island, by Ann Smith Franklin, Benjamin Franklin’s sister-in-law, and a printer in her own right.

Although printed as a ritual exposure, *Masonry Dissected* was likely intended as an aide-mémoire for Freemasons, not as an anti-Masonic publication. In his essay “Ritual Books versus Exposures,” J.A.M. Snoek makes the point that early exposures, starting with Samuel Prichard’s 1730 London publication of *Masonry Dissected*, “are in fact ‘pseudo-exposures,’ written by Freemasons for Freemasons as ritual books from which one could learn the ritual for practising it in the lodge...” He further explains that few of the so-called exposures actually say anything negative about Freemasonry. He suggests that, “in order to ‘play the game’ that the interdiction [i.e. prohibition] in the oath was still honoured, these publications were presented as ‘exposures,’ published by shameless persons, who had been members, but had left, and now betrayed, the Order. These claims have long been believed, but in fact the number of real exposures is extremely limited.” Harry Carr makes a similar observation, noting that Prichard’s work appears to have been used as printed ritual. He writes that, after its first appearance in 1730, “there were at least nineteen further editions [of *Masonry Dissected*] up to 1760,” and that “indeed, there are simply no records of new developments in English ritual during the 30-year gap, from 1730 to 1760 and throughout that period Prichard’s

work held the field.” Kent Walgren also suggests that this 1750 ritual “exposure” may have been printed for the use of the members of Newport’s first Masonic lodge, St. John’s Lodge, chartered by the Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston on Dec. 24, 1749. Further research may shed light on who produced and used this book. In the meantime, Ms. Silvia’s gift to the library has found a suitable and highly appreciative home.



Jeffrey Croteau



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Do you have a rare book that you’d like to donate? We’d love to hear from you! Send us an e-mail at library@srmmml.org and tell us more.

This article appeared in a slightly different form on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library’s blog. Find more at <http://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com>. The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is located in Lexington, MA, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, and is open to the public 10-4, Wed.-Sat. Have questions? Drop us a line at library@srmmml.org or give us a call at 781-457-4109.

MASONIC MOMENTS



In August 2016, my wife and I were vacationing at Niagara Falls. At Ripley's Believe It or Not I got a photo with Bro. Robert Pershing Wadlow, Franklin Lodge No. 25 - Alton, IL, the World's Tallest Man.

Joe Eby

Valley of Springfield, IL

Picture of Mozart Museum (his house) in Vienna Austria and the Magic Flute diorama in the museum.

Ill. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, 33rd,
Past Grand Master
Valleys of Boston,
The Merrimack,
The Androscoggin,
Portland



Statue outside Masonic building in Bamberg, Germany. "Ecce Angus Dei", or "Behold the Lamb of God"

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QUOTABLES

Anything you can't control is teaching you how to let go.

- Jackson Kiddard

It's not a matter of letting go - you would if you could. Instead of let it go we should probably say let it be.

- Jon Kabat-Zinn

Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energy moving forward together towards an answer.

- Denis Waitley

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for extraordinary destiny.

- C.S. Lewis

If you have learned how to disagree without being disagreeable, then you have discovered the secret of getting along whether it be business, family relations, or life itself.

- Bernard Meltzer

Family is not an important thing. It's everything.

- Michael J. Fox

To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.

- Barbara Bush

In every conceivable manner, family is our link to the past, bridge to our future.

- Alex Haley

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.

- Robert Green Ingersoll

Being brave means to know something is scary, difficult, and dangerous, and doing it anyway, because the possibility of winning the fight is worth the chance of losing it.

- Emilie Autumn

Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

I'd like to live as a poor man with lots of money.

- Pablo Picasso

When we meet real tragedy in life, we can react in two ways - either by losing hope and falling into self-destructive habits, or by using the challenge to find our inner strength.

- Dalai Lama

A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning.

- Billie Jean King

A Grand Master, as Well

In the November issue of TNL we reported on new Active Member, Ill. James F. Easterling Jr., 33°. Among other accomplishments we noted that he was District Deputy Grand Master. We have since been informed that he also served as Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Oops

Packaged with the November issue was a document called “2018 Impact Report” published by our Charities Department. On page 22 in a list of top ten Valleys in Membership participation percentage, one of the line items referenced the Valley of Nashua, VT. Of course, it was meant to say Nashua, NH.

Ricky L. Swalm

Somehow our new Active Member, Bro. Swalm, ended up in our last edition with a middle name that doesn't belong to him. Rather than repeating the mistake, we wish to make it clear that we have him listed in our records as Ill. Ricky L. Swalm, 33°.

New Deputy for Maine

Ill. Alan R. Heath, 33°, resigned as Deputy for Maine, effective Jan. 1, 2019, although he remains as an Active Member. Grand Commander Glatly thanked him for his six years in the position. Also effective on that date, Ill. Jeffry A. Simonton, 33°, stepped into the role. New Deputy, Bro. Simonton commented that he is “excited to meet the challenges.” He also serves as chairman of the State of the Rite/Strategic Planning Committee.



TNL Themes

You may have noticed that in the past year we have begun to give each issue a theme. This time around it is “Leadership.” In May, as we help celebrate its centennial year, we feature DeMolay International. Watch for stories highlighting the deep connection between that organization and Scottish Rite. In future issues watch for special stories on “Veterans and First Responders,” “Our Charities,” and the “Family of Freemasonry.”

Blogs, Blogs

Are you in the mood for some quick reads concerning Scottish Rite Freemasonry? You now have two blog sites at which to do it. For more than a decade the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has hosted a site at srmml.org/interact/social-media. It covers a wide range of subjects such as “Masonic Imposters,” “Life Aboard the U.S.S. Delaware,” “Grant Wood's Shrine Quartet,” and much more. Joining the museum is a new site found at the revamped web page of the jurisdiction. Check out ScottishRiteNMJ.org under “Blog” on the top navigation bar. You will read about “The Mason's Lady: A Woman's Journey to Freemasonry,” the ribbon cutting of the Square & Com-

passes studio, “George Washington: President & Freemason,” and it includes abridged versions of selected articles from *The Northern Light*.

And, Speaking of *The Northern Light*

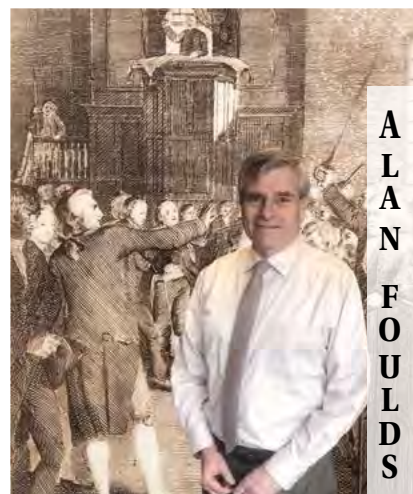
Can't get enough of the current issue. You read an article a while back that you would like to find again? You want to do a little research? Keep in mind that all issues of *The Northern Light* since its inception in 1970 can be found online at ScottishRiteNMJ.org under the “Resources tab.”

When Changing Addresses

If you have moved and *The Northern Light* (and other Scottish Rite material) is still going to your old address, you can fix that problem quite easily. Go to the Member section of ScottishRiteNMJ.org, and sign in. To create a login ID, you just need your member number and your birth date. A “Welcome” page pops up with your name. On the left side, click on “Edit Personal Information.” Once there, you can make the necessary changes. If you don't want to do it yourself, you can still contact your local Valley Secretary. If you don't know who that is or how to reach him, visit ScottishRiteNMJ.org, then click on “Valleys” at the top left, just under the double eagle. The secretary will be glad to help you get your information updated.

Pay Your Dues Online

Paying your dues has never been easier. Just have your Scottish Rite member number handy, together with your address associated with your membership, and visit our ScottishRiteNMJ.org. Follow the simple instructions and you will be all paid up in no time.



EDITOR

The editor in front of a painting titled “Town Meeting – 1795” by Elkanah Tisdale. It hangs in the Carpenter Room of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library. Bro. Foulds is currently Town Meeting Moderator in his home town.

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