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The Potentate's Message

By Ryan Engle

Hello Gents and Ladies



Q: How is being at the singles bar different from going to the circus?

A: At the circus the clowns don't talk.

Though not completely true I found it hilarious.

Q: What do you call the pink goey stuff between an elephants toes?

A: Slow Clowns!!!

Sorry had to start things off on a lighter foot. Size 10-1/2 not 22.

Things are moving along swimmingly so far. The shrine is in full swing with its fundraiser for the year. We have Circus coming up in a few weeks, and The Summer Sports Raffle is moving forward. Get your tickets and Sell, Sell, Sell, We need to sell over 700 tickets to break even. This is a great ticket with over \$15,000 dollars in prizes and the prizes options are those that you and the ladies recommended. See the Flyer in this publication for more information about the Raffle.

The Golf outing will be in August and the Gun Raffle tickets will be out about the same time that the Summer Sports Raffle is done so there will be a lot of exciting things happening.

The Clowns are preparing to travel this year in the new Shrine Bus. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Circus this year. We need fezzes in the seats and at the doors saying hello to the Children and their parents reminding them of what we do and why we do it. I would like it if we could have at least 10 Shriners not including clowns to greet and march out with the colors in to the ring. It would show your community that you are there in force.

While on that subject, Please send in your circus ticket money to Ahmed. That money supports all that we do. If every noble just sent in their 36 dollars Ahmed would fundraise \$15,000. That would beat last years fundraising total by \$3000 before the money came in for the circus books. This would be a huge boost for Ahmed to

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continue to support all of the things that it does including the Transportation fund and the Hospitals.

Lastly I want you all to remember why we do what we do. Think back to all of the stories that we have heard of the Good that Shriners Children Hospitals have done for kids in your years of service. Remember that without members doing their parts and supporting the shrine we wouldn't have been able to take care of even one child let alone 22 hospitals.

Keep up the Good work my Brothers, Sisters and Friends. What we do is great work and we would be less without each and every one of you. Thank you and I am humbled by your dedication and support.

Ryan Engle, Potentate 2018

Official Call Of The Potentate

Notice is hereby given that the next scheduled Stated Session of Ahmed Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. will be held on Saturday, June 9

Stated Meeting & Dinner

"The Dock" on Garden Bay
1:00 pm Fayette Ghost Town
5:00 pm Cocktails
6:00 pm Dinner & Meeting

And the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple
By Order of Ryan Engle, Ill. Potentate
Ahmed Temple

From The Recorder

By R. Thomas Peters, Jr. P.P.

THIS – N – THAT:
Spring or not – Ahmed will be extremely busy the next several months and we need your support and participation. Lots of fun and lots of work!
Ahmed Circus time – this is a good fund raiser for Ahmed if we buy our Noble tickets and sell the program ads. If you are helping with ads we thank you for your assistance. It also is a good time for the Shrine to get some good visibility and publicity, so attend the Circuses and wear your Fez. Onions will be up soon, too. This is another good fundraiser for Ahmed to please buy and sell them. They are excellent and a good way to help the Shrine. Sportsman Raffle tickets are available at \$20.00 each. You can get books of them to sell. This is our first effort with this particular event and we are hoping that it will be well received. The drawings for the prizes will be on May 26th . Our June 9, Shrine meeting will held at the Fayette State Park with the dinner at 5:00 p.m. at "The Dock" restaurant in Garden. Asst. Rabban John M. A. Bergman is in charge of the arrangements. This should be an enjoyable day and a good dinner for Nobles and their



families. Reservations are required to John Bergman.

The Summer Ceremonial and Golf Outing is scheduled for August 10 – 11.

We already have two candidates signed up, but are anxious to have more so if you have some prospects, now is a good time to get a petition to them and have them hold the dates. Additional information and reservation forms will appear in the next issue – so save the dates.

Tickets for the annual Gun Raffle will be available soon. Again, we have 50 guns and the tickets will be \$50.00 each. The drawing party will be September 15th – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available.

More information to follow.

The MSA Summer Ceremonial and Potentate's Trip to Deadwood, SD, is August 14-21. Information on this trip was in the last issue of the Ahmedian. If you are interested, please call Ryan Engle to see if he can still get you on the travel roster.

On a very serious note, the Imperial Shrine is looking at different ways to provide care to our Shrine Hospital patients. The concept of using telehealth initiatives with doctors, clinics and hospitals is being carefully considered. It is a way of delivering the care needed to our

patients with less disruption to patients and their families while reducing travel time and travel costs.

We want to make sure that we can continue the excellent care provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children. More information will be forthcoming as the plan is developed for presentation to the representatives at the Imperial Shrine Session in Daytona Beach.

Some thoughts for today:

“Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

“ The way to get started is to stop talking and start doing.” – Walt Disney

“ The freedom to be your best means nothing unless you are willing to do your best.” - Colin Powell

“ Never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.” - Winston Churchill

“ Good friends” are rare jewels of lifedifficult to find and impossible to replace.” - anon

Yours in the sunshine of the Shrine ! *R. Tom Peters*

Assistant Rabban
By John M.A. Bergman



Ladies and Nobles:
This is my first time writing after coming back from Assistant Rabban School in Tampa Bay, and I am excited about the things that are going on in Shriners' International. We are indeed the world's greatest philanthropy, and we are doing everything we can to keep it going strong.
There are a lot of things are doing, and going to continue doing in Ahmed Shrine.
However, we can do more. We want to bring more members into Ahmed to keep our shrine going. This is something we can all work on. If you've got a friend or family member who would make a good Shriner, bring him along.
Which brings me to my next point, our meeting in June. On June 9th, we are going to be in the Delta County area for a bit of fun. We're planning on having a trip to historic Fayette State Park starting at 1:00 pm. Fayette was a large iron smelting community in Delta County that is now a ghost town and State Park. Then at 5:00 pm, we are going to "The Dock" Restaurant on Garden Bay. Cocktail hour starts at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. The entrée choices are Whitefish,

Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Parmesan, or Braised Pork. This come with salad bar and choice of potato. Dinner cost is \$20 per person.

Please let me know if you plan to attend. It should be a fun time.

John Bergman (906) 241-2257

Oriental Guide
By Travis Freeman



Greetings from your Ahmed Shrine Oriental Guide. In the March-April edition of the Ahmedian I was getting ready to attend the Oriental Guide Leadership Conference in Tampa. It was a terrific experience, from the classes to meeting my counterparts from all over North America.



However the highlight was meeting Bella, Shriners Hospitals for Children National Ambassador. Doctors had all but given up on her, as she suffered from a rare cleft palate impairment on the

roof of her mouth that kept her from speaking normally. Other kids teased and ridiculed her. She came to Shriners Hospitals for Children and the surgeons not only figured out her condition but were able to fix it! She is one heck of a singer now. There was not a dry eye in the room as she told her story and then sang for us. Bella is amazing!
Of course we had some fun, because, after all we're all about having fun and helping kids.



Here's my Lady Sarah, Princess Paige and me at the Beach Party! There was even a wedding, a first at a Shriners International event. Talk about fun! The Potentates of 2022 are ready to bring the Shrine into the next generation! And it was a pleasure to visit and tour Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa.

Contest update: in the March-April edition of the Ahmedian, there was a contest in my report... who wrote it: "I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane". Past Potentate Mike Hill was the first one with the correct answer, Tim Marshbanks was a close second. The song was written by John Denver in 1966 and most famously recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary. Thanks for reading and playing along!

It's circus season, put on your Fez, and get out to support this major fundraiser. I'll see you in Sault Ste. Marie on May 13th at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

While in Tampa, they stressed the importance of signing up and visiting Shriners Village. A great way to stay up to date with what's going on with Shriners International. There are many

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other tools including the I AM Committed Now RU initiative. You can also pay your dues online. To sign up on www.shrinersvillage.com. Look forward to seeing you soon! Warm Regards in the Sunshine of Ahmed Shrine,

Travis Freeman

Ahmedian Editor's Column
By Bill LeVeque



I shouldn't have to be looking at snow on the ground this time of year. While rummaging around for all of my Clown regalia to decide if I would attend the Circus as "Cash-U" the Clown, it is a sad commentary to admit that I am contemplating how many pairs of Long Johns I have to put on to avoid hypothermia while out making the Children smile. Maybe this year I should hand out hand warmers instead of pictures, lol. Nobles, I am always looking for interesting articles about you. We all have a story to tell, and this is a fantastic way to share our experiences. Please don't be shy about sharing yours. On May 24th the Honor Flight will fly to Washington, D.C., a unique experience for U.P. Veterans who have served our country to visit our Nations Capitol for a day and

see the memorials and visit with leaders, will be in the air once again. They Fly out of Escanaba. Do you know a Veteran who has been chosen to make the journey ?

Warmest Regards, *Bill LeVeque*

Treasurer
By Ron Hill, P.P.



I want to express my sincere thank you to our Hospital Representative, Business Managers, assistant Hospital Chairman, all of our local Hospital Chairman and all of the Nobles and their ladies who have helped with our patients and potential patients, and programs over the last 16 years that I have served as Hospital Chairman for Ahmed Shrine.

Over these years we have experienced many changes covering patient care, methods of delivering that care, concerns about closing the Twin Cities Unit, and ways to get patients admitted. Patient care has improved tremendously over these years and the length of stay in the hospitals has been greatly reduced. We have seen innovations that are very beneficial in the treatment of burns and other crippling disease. The Hospitals have streamlined

the procedures for getting the patients admitted for treatment, making for more rapid attention to the children's needs. This has led to fewer screening clinics, of the type we held in the past. We can expect changes with our hospitals dealing with efficiency and how they can best provide for the needs of the children. We need to be opened minded as our leaders work and do their best in making the necessary recommendations for the future operations of our hospitals. At the next Imperial Session there will likely be proposals to make some changes. Some we may agree with, some we may not, but we must keep in mind that our leaders have the future of the Shrine and the children as their top priority when making these recommendations. We need to look at what is happening on our local scene. The new hospital in Marquette will have fewer beds than the old hospital. Out patient is becoming the "big thing". New treatments, new medical breakthroughs, etc. These are changes for the better and are also happening at our Shriners Hospitals for Children. The hospitals desire is for us to provide more education to those that might become aware of patients in need who we may be able to help. This would be

nurses, teachers, Doctors, etc. People who come in contact with the children. If we can make them aware of what we offer, they will be in a better position to recommend the Shriners Hospitals for treatment.

Congratulations to Gerald Girard, who has been appointed as our new Hospital Chairman. Any questions, thoughts, ideas for hospital programs, etc. should now be directed to him. I expect his journey in this endeavor will be as rewarding as mine have been. To be able to help a child, to receive the appreciation expressed by the parents or grandparents are as heartwarming an experience as one can ever receive. I am sure many of you have experienced this with your activities in the past. It makes it all worthwhile.

Again, thank you all, and continue your dedicated support for the Hospitals, and our patients.

Ron Hill, Past Hospital Chairman



Shrine Hospital Chairman

By Gerald Girard, P.P.



It was announced recently that we are evaluating alternative options for overnight medical (inpatient care unit) services at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities. This action is in concert with the national trends in healthcare toward more outpatient-oriented care while the need for overnight medical (inpatient) care declines. At present, only a small part of our service involves overnight stays. A recent news story, together with recent discussions at the winter MSA meeting, has created uncertainty, many questions and a slew of rumors, both for the nobility and for our staff. You should know that a complete plan has not been reviewed or approved by the SHC-TWI Board of Governors. We do know that our system and local staff are working to develop a plan that would create a path for the transition away from overnight stays, and at the same time, set forth a path to expand our outreach efforts in the seven-state area that our hospital supports. The SHC-TWI Board of Governors does want to make some things very clear, and end

some rumors; We ARE NOT closing the Twin Cities Hospital! Our kids will continue to get the greatest care available to them just as they always have. The vast majority of our work is in an outpatient environment and none of that is changing. The only change is for the inpatient procedures, in which case we will shift them to other partnering facilities just as we are currently doing for some cases. And again, the plan for that change has not been fully developed or vetted. As a Board, we want you to know that we are fully engaged in this change process and are committed to giving you and your nobility valid information about any changes. We are also committed to ensuring any changes are done in a proper and well planned out format that not only creates "logical" business sense, but also remembers the human element of all involved, both our wonderful staff, our patients and their families. Last Friday at our regular meeting, the board voted unanimously to communicate our expectations to the Joint Boards to make the picture clearer for all staff members, patients and the nobility. We have communicated to our patient families the intent to move away from inpatient (overnight) services. It was

explained in a letter that there is no need for patient families to take any action or change any plans. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Twin Cities will provide all other services at the current location without disruption. If your Temple receives questions from families, please put them in touch with the hospital and the appropriate staff will assist in answering their concerns. We will need your help and support as these changes unfold. We commit to communicating information to you, as we garner it, so that you can share it with your Temples. We truly appreciate your support and will do all we can to grow the efforts of helping our kids through the greatest philanthropy in the world.

Gerald

**Membership
Director**

By Chris Hokenson



As members of the Shrine, we have all come together for a common cause to support Shriners Hospitals which help children and their families. Though we know what we do and why we do it, many times we lose the personal insight of truly what impact we make and why what we do is so

important.

Last month while I was in Tampa for the Oriental Guide School, I had the privilege to meet and hear the story of a past Shriner Hospital patient told by her and her mother. I can tell you that after hearing the story, I have had my eyes reopened and now better understand the impact each of us collectively have in the lives of so many we do not even know and may never meet. In this world that is filled with stories of tragedy, it warms the heart to know that the smallest of thing that we can do for someone in need, can make the greatest impact and change a life forever. Think back for a minute with me on how you became a Mason and a Shriner. You were probably influenced by someone in your community or maybe, by men in your family. Many of those men that influenced us in the past are now gone. I'm a only a couple of years into my Masonic journey and I often read about how our great fraternity has been in the past. The Shrine makes me think of a saying that "a wise man plants a tree he'll never be able to sit under". Brothers and Nobles that is us, this is our seed to plant. Freemasonry and the Shrine have survived for generations for many reasons but one of the main

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reasons is long term vision. Maybe that's one reasons we are all here, because of the vision and work of men before us but guess what? It's our turn, actually our obligation, to help build the solid foundation for Ahmed Shrine to prosper. Not for us but for those who come after us. *Chris Hobenson*



Parents can now check their child's spine for possible signs of scoliosis with the new app **SpineScreen** developed by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Available for free on the App Store and Google Play, **SpineScreen** detects curves as the cell phone is moved along a child's back, giving parents a quick, informal way to regularly monitor their child's spine. Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that can restrict movement and in some cases lead to other serious medical conditions. It is most commonly diagnosed between 10 and 15 years of age, when children grow rapidly. Some cases, however, can go undetected. At this point in a child's life, fewer vaccinations are required, so they may see a doctor less often. Since

early detection is crucial, Shriners Hospitals physicians encourage parents to download the free **SpineScreen** app and check kids as part of their back-to-school routine each year.

"Because there is often no known cause, monitoring for scoliosis is an important part of a child's ongoing health care," says Amer Samdani, M.D., chief of surgery for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He adds, "It is a progressive condition, so early detection is key. At Shriners Hospitals, our care ranges from routine monitoring to some of the most advanced treatments for scoliosis. The earlier we see a child, the more options we have available."

Shriners Hospitals created the app as part of a broader initiative to highlight the importance of regular screenings and to educate parents on the signs of scoliosis and treatment options.

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Sales 5:45 p.m. - Bingo starts at 6:45 p.m.



\$1,000 Jackpot!



Over \$2,200 in prizes every Wednesday.

New to Bingo? We will help you get started!
Great Fun !





May 2018

- 1 - TuesdayTeal Lake Lodge #202
- 2 - Wednesday Iron Mountain Lodge #388
- 2 - Wednesday Queen of the North OES
- 3 - Thursday Sault Shrine Club
- 3 - Thursday Patrol Meeting
- 3 - Thursday Crystal Falls Lodge #385
- 3 - Thursday Gladstone Lodge #396
- 3 - Thursday Munising OES #424
- 3 - Thursday Negaunee OES
- 3 - Thursday Marquette Bethel #16
- 7 - Monday Lake Superior Lodge #67
- 7 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 8 - Tuesday Manistique York Rite
- 8 - Tuesday Negaunee Chapter RAM
- 8 - Tuesday L'Anse Lodge #547
- 8 - Tuesday Bethel Lodge #358
- 8 - Tuesday Escanaba/Gladstone Bethel #9
- 8 - Tuesday Munising Bethel #43
- 9 - Wednesday.....Copper Country Lodge #135
- 9 - Wednesday.....Norway Lodge #362
- 9 - Wednesday Grand Island Lodge #422
- 9 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel #39
- 9 - Wednesday.....McMillan Lodge #400
- 10 - ThursdayIronwood Lodge #389
- 10 - ThursdayLes Cheneaux Lodge #590
- 10 - Thursday Marquette OES
- 10 - ThursdayDelta Lodge #195
- 12 - Saturday St. Ignace Shrine Club
- 14 - Monday Marquette York Rite
- 15 - Tuesday.....Marquette Lodge #101
- 15 - Tuesday Menominee #269
- 16 - Wednesday St. Ignace Lodge #369
- 16 - Wednesday Delta Shrine Club
- 17 - ThursdayInterstate Shrine Club
- 17 - Thursday Munising Shrine Club
- 17 - Thursday Marquette Bethel # 16
- 21 - Monday Scottish Rite Meeting
- 21 - Monday Lakeside Lodge #371
- 21 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 22 - Tuesday Escanaba/Gladstone Bethel #9
- 22 - Tuesday Munising Bethel #43
- 23 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel #39
- 24 - Thursday Keweenaw-Bay Shrine Club
- 24 - Thursday Escanaba Commandery #47
- 24 - ThursdayTri-City Shrine Club
- 28 - Monday Hiawatha Shrine Club



June 2018

- 4 - Monday.....Lake Superior Lodge #67
- 4 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 5 - Tuesday.....Teal Lake Lodge #202
- 5 - Wednesday..... Iron Mountain Lodge #388
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- 20 - Wednesday Delta Shrine Club
- 21 - Thursday Interstate Shrine Club
- 21 - Thursday Munising Shrine Club
- 21 - Thursday Marquette Bethel # 16
- 25 - Monday Hiawatha Shrine Club
- 26 - Tuesday Escanaba/Gladstone Bethel #9
- 26 - Tuesday Munising Bethel #43
- 27 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel #39
- 28 - Thursday Keweenaw-Bay Shrine Club
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188th Reunion Schedule (Times & Degrees Tentative) Class honoring Brother Richard W. Nebel, MSA



188th Reunion Saturday May 19, 2018

Masonic Center
Marquette, Michigan

8:00-9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am	Orientation for Candidates
9:30 am	4th Degree - Master Traveler
10:30 am	13th Degree Vignette - Master of the 9th Arch
11:00 am	16th Degree - Prince of Jerusalem
12:00 pm	Noon Banquet (Ladies Welcome)
2:00 pm	26th Degree - Friend and Brother Eternal
3:30 pm	32th Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

Be sure to bring your Scottish Rite Passport!



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STRATEGIC PLAN

I am pleased to report that the Valley of Marquette (VOM) officers and strategic planning committee has just put the finishing touches on our Strategic Plan. The planning process began with an interactive presentation and joint exercise called the “VALLEY OF EXCELLENCE”, conducted in October 2017 by our Deputy III. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, with over 25 of our Valley Brothers participating. The result was the identification of 5 Overarching Goals to focus on (5 Pillars):

1. Increase Membership and improve membership satisfaction in the VOM
2. Strengthen the leadership and provide leadership opportunities for our members
3. Improve VOM's financial position
4. Improve the operational efficiency with the Valley
5. In all of our endeavors focus on Growth & Innovation

We also began the process of identifying objectives to accomplish these goals. In a series of monthly meetings thereafter we were able to assemble a high level Strategic Plan that outlines our:

- Overarching Goals
- Vision
- Mission
- Core Values
- Business Summary
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
- Competitors & Strategic Partners
- Strategic Goals & Objectives
- Supporting Documents

The Strategic Goals and Objectives section will be the actionable part of the plan that is divided into 5 Overarching Goals. Each Goal will have its owners that will develop more detailed plans on objectives and tactics to reach their respective goals set forth in the plan both short term (1 year) and long term (5-10 years).

We will also continue to evaluate the success and effectiveness and look for continuous improvement.

The financial and fraternal well being of the Valley of Marquette is of utmost importance to our members, to the Michigan COD and to the Supreme Council of the NMJ.

With membership numbers of our fraternity continuing to slide and deteriorating financial health we are faced with the huge challenge of setting the path forward and the implementation of actions that will reverse the downward spiral and lead us into a strong and sustainable future. Pursuant to this endeavor the VOM has prepared and will now implement this Strategic Plan.

SUPREME COUNCIL BRINGING YOUR SCOTTISH RITE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Your Supreme Council has been very busy creating opportunities to enhance your Scottish Rite member experience and bring us into the 21st Century! If you haven't already, go to their website scottishritenmj.org and check out the all of the new additions to the site and learn about the exciting things that are available to you. Be sure to sign in the member center. Check it out!

Deputy's Rep
Jake Hayrynen, 33°



BROTHERS OF THE RITE

Our Brothers of the Rite Scottish Rite Club has grown rapidly and is surpassing all expectations. We now have 89 members state wide with several in other states. We once again travelled down to the Valley of Detroit on April 27 and putting on the Dirge in "The Man Cave" for an additional 25 new candidates. We also attended their Spring Reunion the next day.

Our next BOR event in Marquette is coming up on May 18 th at the UP Masonic Center the night before our Spring Reunion. For those interested in taking part and becoming a Brother of the Rite, or would like to learn more about it, you will need to email jakehayrynen@jmlongyear.com or call (906) 250- 5284 to get a copy of the list of Scottish Rite names for you to choose from as your BOR name and to reserve it for you.

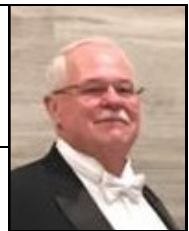
There are no dues and boring meetings for this club! It is interesting with fun events and purely a benefit of being a 32nd Degree Mason! All you need to do is buy a shirt and participate in a short, fun, and unique ceremony. You will need to order your shirt as soon as possible to be sure to have it for the ceremony! It Takes time to get the shirts and then have them embroidered with the logo! The drop dead date for ordering your shirt will be 2 weeks before the event! This fun event will begin at 7:00 pm est. (candidates need to be there by 6:30) and we will go out to celebrate afterwards. This is the night before

our Spring Reunion so it will be convenient for those coming to the reunion.

We look forward to seeing the members of BOR at our third UP event and to help the new candidates "Experience the Dirge". Let us know if you will be attending so we will have plenty of refreshments.

We are putting together a schedule for some upcoming fun events so keep "an all seeing eye out!" *Jake*

Commander-in-Chief
Clarence Grant, 33°



Greetings Brothers, Our Spring Reunion is fast approaching and make sure to mark your calendars for May 19th, 2018 as we will be having the 188th Reunion. I hope this finds all in good health as we are trying to contact each Brother during the month of your birthday and wish you a happy Birthday and ask "How your doing, and if there anything the Scottish Rite can do for you?" As with last Fall, the Reunion Banquet will be during the Noon meal, and then we will resume the Degrees in the afternoon, ending around 5:00 pm It seemed to work out well last year. This will allow Brothers from distant Towns to enjoy the Reunion and drive home at a reasonable hour. If you decide to stay longer, we will have a social hour and light snacks afterwards. The Brothers of the Rite will be having an induction ceremony on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 pm, the day before the Reunion. We will be having Election of Officers

at our May Regular Meeting, so if you are interested in serving, let one of the current Officers know. This will be my Last Reunion as your "Commander-in-Chief". As my term is over, I wish to thank officers and every member of the Valley of Marquette for their support during the past 2 years. It was an honor and a privilege to serve the Valley of Marquette. Brothers we need your support for the Scottish Rite and I hope to see you on May 19th

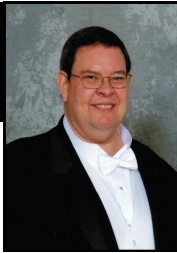
- James Elder (50)
- Bruce Elmlad (65)
- Gary Epple (50)
- Joe Fountain (50)
- Tom McNabb (60)
- Charles Nebel (50)
- Tom Nordine (70)
- Gary Petrick (65)
- John Ruona (65)
- Perry Shulstad (60)
- James Smeberg(65)
- Frank Stimac (50)
- Robert Trout (50)
- Don Veale (65)

Fraternally Yours, *Clarence Grant*

Secretaries

Report

By Bill LeVeque



The 7th annual AASR Valley of Marquette the date for the annual Kayak and Canoe

Trip, Campout & BBQ, Saturday, July 14, 2018. We'll be camping Friday and Saturday in the Autrain area. As in previous years we'll meet at the second bridge heading south from M-28 on Autrain Forest Lake Road at 10:30am Eastern. We'll be on the river from 11:30am until about 3pm. There will be a potluck and BBQ following our river adventure. This will once again be held at the beautiful Deer Lake Roadside Park on M-28 in Shelter Bay. Those not wanting to navigate the river can come for the BBQ and Potluck.

We Congratulate the following Brothers on Reaching their many Years of Scottish Rite membership and service to the craft:

There are several ways to pay your Annual membership Dues:

- Go online to ScottishRiteNMJ.org and pay online.

- Mail a Check to the Valley of Marquette, 128 W. Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855

- Call the Valley Office at (906) 225-1157 and pay by Credit Card

- Call the Valley Secretary at (906) 464-6422 and pay by Credit Card

If you have changed your address or phone number in the past year, we would like to keep our records updated, notify the Sec'y of any changes.

Please check your dues statement to make sure the information is correct. Updated information can be sent to:

Bill LeVeque, Valley Secretary
 128 W. Washington Street
 Email: aasrmqt@gmail.com
 Phone or Text: (906) 464-6422

Upcoming Valley Events:

May 4-5 Grand Rapids Reunion

May 18th 6:00 pm - Brother of the Rite (BOR) will meet Friday at the Marquette Masonic Center

May 19th 9:00 am - Valley of Marquette Reunion at Marquette Masonic Center

May 21st 7:30 pm - Valley of Marquette Monthly Meeting at Marquette Masonic Center

June 9th 9:00 am - Council of Deliberation, Masonic Pathways - Alma, MI

July 14th - Annual Au Train River Canoe / Kayak / Camping and BBQ; Visit website for details

October 13 - Valley of Marquette Fall Reunion - Visit website for details

SUPREME COUNCIL, N.M.J. Hauts Grades Academy

You asked for it, and it's here!

The *Hauts Grades Academy* (HGA) is open with its first class of registrants. This class is full, but new students will be admitted soon.

HGA is a program designed to promote the education, knowledge, and engagement of members in the Scottish Rite, NMJ. The Scottish Rite was known as the *Hauts Grades* in its early beginnings.

The program is made up of three challenging levels:

Level One – The candidate will delve into the ritual of all twenty-nine Scottish Rite, NMJ degrees

Level Two – The essay portion of the curriculum will allow for self-reflection and review of Scottish Rite degrees selected personally by the candidate.

Level Three – A written research paper on a topic of the candidate's choice, which will be pre-approved and reviewed by the HGA committee. Research topics can vary between history, ritual, and the philosophy of the Scottish Rite.

At full completion, the graduate will earn the honor of becoming a *Hauts Grades Academic*, and will be entitled to include the letters HGA after his name. A certificate and HGA jewel will be awarded upon completion, but an enriching educational experience is the overall goal.

HGA is free to all Scottish Rite, NMJ members in good standing. New registration will open as soon as possible. Watch the Supreme Council Website, scottishritenmj.org and we will keep you up to date.



Take Five minutes to take our Survey— Help us help you

The Valley of Marquette AASR is looking to improve on how we communicate with you, our valued member. The way we communicate is changing rapidly and with a limited budget we're looking to see how we can communicate efficiently and effectively. Information listed below is from a recent program, "5 Pillars of Excellence", presented by Illustrious Brother Walt Wheeler, 33° PGM, Deputy of Michigan Scottish Rite. In our Strategic Planning for 2018 and Valley of Marquette AASR Evaluation Comparison from 2012 to 2017 Key Findings we identified opportunities for communication improvement. Although we added many methods to communicate to membership we have identified that our frequency and effectiveness has dropped. We feel that as we got more into social media we are being less effective with the "older members" and "those who don't use computers or smart devices". However I'm pleased to report the Valley of Marquette AASR is well ahead of other Valleys but we're always looking to improve.



I was charged to conduct a survey in this issue of the Ahmedian/Salute Newsletter specifically asking about your preferred method communications. Below is all of our Communication Methods for the Valley of Marquette AASR. Will you please rank them 1-10 with 1 being a preferred form of communication and 10 least likely used.

- E-Mail / E-Blasts
- Newsletter (Salute)
- Facebook (Scottish Rite: AASR of Marquette)
- Website (<http://www.marquettescottishrite.org>)
- Audio Conferencing (for Monthly Meetings added 2012)
- Twitter (@ValleyofMQT)
- Phone Call ("Brother to Brother Program" since 2012)



Please list any suggestions of how we can communicate better in the space below. Return results to travis@sovcomm.net, inbox message on Facebook, text or call 906-420-1065 or mail PO Box 252 Newberry Michigan 49868. Please keep in mind we need at least 100 replies to get a good survey sampling.

In a forthcoming issue I will present the results and action plan for even better Communications from the Valley of Marquette AASR.

Thanks for your time in helping us improve our communications to you, our valued member.

Suggestions: _____



**Spring Reunion
Masonic Center**

Marquette, Michigan

**It's not too late to invite a
Brother Master Mason to**

**Become a 32°
Mason**



See petition on back
page or download a
petition from our
web site.

**Our membership depends
on YOU.**

**Noon Banquet
Saturday Menu**

**Baked Chicken / Ham
Steamed Vegetables
Baby Roasted Potatoes
Apple Pie**

\$20.00 each

**Meal Reservations
Are Required**

**RESERVATION FORM - 188th Reunion
Valley of Marquette
Masonic Center - Marquette, Michigan
May 19, 2018**

Name _____

Reserve _____ Saturday Reunion Noon Banquet (Men & Ladies)

@ \$20.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**You MUST have Reservations for the Banquet.
Deadline for reservations is May 12, 2018.
Reservations can also be made by calling (906) 225-1157
or e-mail: aasrmqt@gmail.com**

2018 Scholarship Recipients:

\$ 1,000 Abbott Scholarship

- Erin Malburg– Iron Mountain
Entering WMU for Speech Pathology



\$ 1,000 Michigan Scottish Rite Scholarship

- Emily Faccin - Crystal Falls
Attending MSU for Optometry
- Logan Muljo - Lake Linden
Entering NMU for Radiography

\$ 500 Valley of Marquette Scholarship

- Geoffrey Holloway– Marquette
Graduate Student Keiser University
School of Chiropractic Medicine



2018 ROTC Award Recipient:

- 1st Lt. Janna L. Clement – MTU
- CDT Collin Mitchell—MTU

Scottish Rite, N.M.J. Vision

*“We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our
Masonic Obligation to Care for our Members !”*

IN MEMORIAM

The Valley of Marquette remembers with respect the following Brethren whose deaths have been reported since the last publication of the Salute.

Niron Virch	10/28/2017	George Maule	11/17/2017
Robert Morrell	11/21/2017	Arthur Allert, 33°	12/2/2017
Robert Calderwood	12/16/2017	John Stephenson	1/6/2018
Lyle Rutgers	1/11/2018	Raymond Pajula	1/27/2018

ATTENTION SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY

Please remember if you are or know of a Scottish Rite member who is on active military duty, the Supreme Council has an assessment exemption program. You only need to inform the office of your active duty status, and your membership fees for that year or years will be waived.

Thank you for your service to our Great Nation !

Valley of Marquette - Application for Scottish Rite Degrees

VISION

We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.



MISSION

Provide inspiration for our members through meaningful programs and degrees.

Provide convenient opportunities for our members to enhance their lives

Provide enjoyable programs and fellowship activities for our members.

I respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member in the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and request that I may be received among you, and that I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Mailing Address _____ Name of Spouse (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____ City or Town: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home E-mail: _____ Profession or Occupation: _____

I am a Master Mason in good standing in:

Lodge Name: _____ Located at: _____

Have you ever before petitioned for any Degrees in the Scottish Rite and been accepted or rejected? Yes No

Recommended by a member of Scottish Rite:

Full Name: _____ Full Name: _____

Membership No.: _____ Membership No.: _____

14° \$ _____ 16° \$ _____ 18° \$ _____ 32° \$ _____
TOTAL INITIATION FEES: \$ _____

In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable Body, I subscribe to the following:

Oath of Fealty

"I do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance, and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees.

That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my Brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen."

Signature _____