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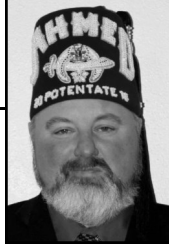
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The Potentate's Message

By Ryan Engle

Hello Gents and Ladies



It has been a busy year so far. Sarah and I have spent a lot of time traveling for the Shrine and Daughters of the Nile. We have worked with and met some great people that have the same beliefs that we all have that Shriner's Hospital for Children is the greatest Philanthropy in the world.

This journey has been interesting, not because of the places that we have been but because of the people that we have met. It has reminded me of the reason that we work hard to raise dollars and build membership. We do this for the kids. We do this to support and take care of children that can not afford to or whose families would be burdened by the cost of treatment. We are heroes in their eyes. Remember that you as a member of this great fraternity are a hero to over 1 million patients across the world and over 300 hundred children in the Upper Peninsula.

We have several in our ranks now as adults having fun and helping kids themselves. They have now become the heroes like you were for them. Don't forget the reason that we are here.

With that we do have challenges ahead. With membership dropping as it has been, we find ourselves in a position of financial hardship. It has been stated for years that the building is the problem and that we pay too much in rent and its too big etc. I have heard most if not all of the reasoning that the building is killing Ahmed Shrine.

What I realized after taking the time to reset from the day to day and look at the hard truths is Ahmed's struggling because we the members of Ahmed Shrine are not growing our ranks. We are not bringing our friends and neighbors as we once did to lodge and the Shrine, Without membership my friends, our fraternity goes away the history of what and how we are dims. The philanthropy that we have all worked for becomes no longer Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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I can tell you the Hospitals are changing their direction already. They are going to close four hospitals because they are not getting enough inpatients and the membership across all of the Shrine International is dropping. The systems will change to clinics in the areas that are closing and be associated with other hospitals in their areas. Twin Cities is one of the four hospitals that will be closing. They will still have outpatient surgeries and rehab for our patients and the joint boards are working out the best way to take care of our kids with the new option.

The Upper Peninsula Masonic Center is doing well this year. We are on task to break even or maybe make a few dollars this year. Though it hasn't always been that way when memberships were better the cost could be absorbed.

Circus Profits are down as we have less and less members even sending in monies for their circus tickets. Raffle fundraiser sales have plateaued as the amount of members that sell tickets has gone down. Golf, onions, wreaths, or any fundraiser that we have and done brings in less monies for Ahmed and ultimately for the Transportation fund and the Hospitals. My point is Membership drive everything. This is not a doomsday message it is a wake up call. We have the opportunity to save our Fraternity. We have an opportunity to save the hospital system as a whole.

The Upper Peninsula Masonic Center will have a meeting on September 15th 2018, at 6pm after the gun raffle. The Board will have a presentation for you discussing the options that we see for the building long term.

It is our intention to create a long term option that supports all of the Masonic Family

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible that day to support the Gun Raffle and see the options that the Upper Peninsula Masonic Board is looking at to create those options.

- Ryan Engle, Potentate 2018

Official Call Of The Potentate

**Notice is hereby given that the
next scheduled Stated Sessions
of Ahmed Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.**

Stated Meetings

**Friday, September 14 - Marquette
Dinner 6:30 pm - Meeting 7:30 pm**

**Friday, October 5 - Bethel Lodge, Sault
Dinner 6:30 pm - Meeting 7:30 pm**

**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:

Our Summer Ceremonial was a huge success. Thanks to the Nobles and ladies who attended and helped to make the weekend memorable. We created three new Nobles for AHMED: Erik K. Booth – Ironwood; Dan I. Hammerberg – Spalding; and Trevor S. Salewsky – Menominee.

The initiation ceremony was conducted by PP Charlie Simons and the Arch Degree was presented under the direction of PP Ron Hill. We had several visitors from Mocha Shriners. Our next big event will be the Gun Raffle drawing which will be held on Saturday, September 15. Tickets are \$50 and there are some available for purchase in the Office or you can get some to sell to your friends and neighbors. Festivities begin at noon and will conclude about 5:00 p.m. Nobles, ladies and all ticket holders are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Following the Gun Raffle on September 15, there will be a TOWN HALL MEETNG hosted by the UP Masonic Association beginning at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to bring you up-to-date on our facility,



what our challenges are, and what our future holds. Your best thoughts will be important to the Association as they chart a course for our future. Please plan to attend.

Our stated meeting for September will be held on Friday, September 14 – with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The SHRINER OF THE YEAR nominations are now open. The nominations should be sent in to the Shrine Office no later than October 26, 2018. The presentation will take place during our Noble Appreciation event – November 9, 2018. Nominate a Noble who you feel has made some outstanding contributions to the Shrine through work in the local Shrine Clubs, Units, or at Shrine meetings and events as well as being a good representative of the Shrine in the community.

Our October meeting will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, on Friday, October 5. The Valley of Marquette Scottish Rite Reunion will also be in the Sault on Saturday, October 6. Details on these events will come out later – but save the dates.

You probably have already received notice from Imperial for your 2019 Shrine dues.

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If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, that, too, will be reflected in your dues statement. Certainly pay your 2018 dues first. Our membership is just above 400 at this time, so your participation is critical to our future and that of the children we serve.



Joel Krause is looking for drivers for their Li'l Indy Unit of the Hiawatha Shrine Club in Manistique. You do not have to live in the area to be a driver – but be willing to attend their parades and drive on of the cars. If you are interested in joining that Unit or learning more about it, please contact Joel - @ 701 Arbutus Ave., Manistique, MI 49854. Joel is also involved in a paper sale which supports our Shriners Hospitals. He can use help, so if you are so moved, contact him on that as well.

Some thoughts for today:

“ I forget what I was taught, I only remember what I have learnt.” - Patrick White

“ All progress takes place outside

the comfort zone.” - Michael John Bohak

“ What one does is what counts and not what one had the intention of doing.” – Pablo Picasso

“ Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours, and you will drift in that direction.” - Warren Buffett

And finally,

“ We find joy in thinking, doing and discovering – in improving people’s lives and catalyzing positive change in the world.” - Robert Smith

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

Assistant Rabban
By John M.A. Bergman



Ladies and Nobles:
Greetings from Sioux Falls SD. It's been an eventful year for Ahmed Shrine, and things just continue to get more exciting. Summer Ceremonial has come and gone, but it was a great time. Three new Nobles were made and fun was had by all. I was especially happy to see that our new Nobles came from Ironwood, Menominee, and Escanaba.

(Continued on Page 7) The Shrine encompasses the entire peninsula, and it's good to see that we're getting back to traveling and having fun in the Shrine. Which brings me to why I'm writing to you from Sioux Falls. Right now, there's a group of us heading out to Deadwood, SD for the summer session of Midwest Shrine Association. This is the fun session of MSA, but it serves a specific purpose, fellowship. Shriners get a chance to get together to have fun and meet Shriners from all over the midwest.

At the winter business meeting of MSA, I had the pleasure of meeting my fellow Assistant Rabbans. At Assistant Rabban School in March, I had more opportunity to bond with them, and get to know their spouses. I'm excited to spend more time with these Nobles, as we will be Potentates of our respective Shrines in 2020.

What do these things have in common? Shriners traveling, coming together, and enjoying good fellowship. I encourage you all to get out and come to our Ceremonials, and come to MSA meetings. Ahmed has great membership. By getting out and coming to not only our meetings, and MSA meetings, we can only become a better Shrine and

encourage good fellowship with each other.

- John Bergman

Oriental Guide

By Travis Freeman



Greetings from Newberry. It was very nice to see all the Nobles at the annual Don G. Stiles, Sr. Memorial Golf Fund Raiser and Summer Ceremonial. Our Newberry Shrine Club golf team took second place in golf...and I think first place in fun which made me think about our slogan, "Having Fun and Helping Kids". That's exactly what being a Shriner is all about. If you're not a golfer it's still fun to be part of the day by volunteering at a hole challenge during the golf tournament or during registration.



Pictured left to right:
Jack L. Yoak, PM, Travis T. Freeman, PM,
Michael Maki, Nic Greenwood, PM

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I would like to thank Nobles Lawrence Vincent, WM of McMillan #400 and James Taylor also of McMillan #400 for volunteering. If you didn't make it this year consider attending next year for a really nice time with your fellow Nobles. A very nice job done by all for a smooth and successful event.

Next we turn our thoughts to the 2018 Sportsman's Raffle on Saturday September 15th .

We'll once again giveaway 50 guns so consider getting your winning ticket soon. The giveaway party will run from Noon until 5pm at the Upper Peninsula Masonic Center.

Warm Regards in the Sunshine of Ahmed Shrine,

Travis Freeman

Membership Director

By Chris Hokenson, HPP



My message is threefold.

Communication, Experience, Motivation

Communication

We can now get the news from Facebook and Twitter. We can watch Netflix and YouTube instead of television. Most of us do not have a newspaper

subscription or have no home phone. We now use to getting our news from the internet. We discover new activities and events on the internet. We connect and share ideas with others using internet based communications.

We do our banking online.

We order pizza and pay for it over the internet all while tracking its delivery in real time. We are a

connected membership that

expects information to be

available when we want it. We

now use a Smartphone to

consume knowledge and

information. We connect to our

social network within minutes

of waking and remain connected

until minutes before going to

sleep at night. We need be more

connected to our members with

information of value, using

whatever communication

technology is available. We need

to connect often and more

transparently.. If we are not

where our customers are, we will

not reach them.

Experience

Men join expecting a certain

experience based on standards,

substance, and solidarity and

what they get is something far, far

less than what they expected.

I firmly believe that there is

nothing with Shrine and Masonry

as a whole that can't be solved by

starting in our own Blue Lodges and getting Masons back to being Masons and Lodges back to being sacred and exceptional places. Shrine education at the Blue Lodge level teaching our members what it means to be a Shriner and what we do. Doing that in itself I believe would do a great service the Shrine.

Motivation

We need to give or new members something to strive for something to do. just asking them to show up is not enough, let's give them a reason. Because I have seen what a few motivated Masons can accomplish. I've seen how the inspired and industrious Mason can bring new energy into a Masonic Body. There's a whole Masonic Body that would be gone today if it weren't for those Brothers stubborn determination to save it. They couldn't even get enough of their members there to have a meeting, and weren't too many meetings away from losing their charter. They dug in their heels in and fought a hard battle for it--and they won. One new member, then three, then five . . . Today, it's on the track to being one of the healthiest Bodies in our area, with a small but enthusiastic membership.

- *Chris Hokenson*

Chief Rabban

By Corey Cain



Good afternoon Nobles and Ladies, Alas summer is coming to a close, the tell tail winds of autumn will be shortly cooling the summer sun. Vacations are coming to an end and schools are once again in session, for those of us that are lucky enough to still have children in school, we will be able to finally catch a breath, before the fall sports season begins. There are many things brewing on the horizon this fall, just to name a few; the possible sale of the Iron Mountain Masonic Lodge, a new secretary for the Interstate Shrine Club, a town hall meeting to discuss the future of the Upper Peninsula Masonic Lodge in Marquette and The Iron Mountain Masonic Lodge's Fall Membership initiative. As many of you may already know the Iron Mountain Masonic Lodge has had its building up for sale for about a year now, there has been a ton of speculation as to why we are selling our building. Let me start by setting the record straight, at this point in time we are not under any financial difficulty, nor is there anything wrong with our building.

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Chief Rabban

By Corey Cain



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The truth of the matter is, it's just too large of a building for us to maintain. When the building was built back in 1953, there was almost 400 members now we have less than 75. We spend on average \$28,000 and 300+ man hours each year just to maintain the building. We felt that it would be more financially and Masonically responsible to move to a small location that would allow us to refocus our time and money toward our membership. I'm very proud to announce that



the Interstate Shrine Club has a new secretary, Noble Lance Malburg from Iron Mountain. Lance is currently the 1st Ceremonial Master for the appointed Divan, the Senior Deacon for the Iron Mountain Masonic Lodge and the President

of the Iron Mountain Masonic Temple Association. Lance is a graduate of Michigan Technological University and is currently working as the Engineer for the Dickinson County Road Commission.

Lance and his wife Sharon have a wonderful family with 4 children, Erin, Brandon, Trevor and Amanda. Sharon is also a member of the Daughters of the Nile. As you can see they are a very active Masonic family and I know that we will see many great things from them.

On September 15th at 6 pm directly following the Ahmed Shrine Gun Raffle (noon to 5 pm) get your tickets now before they are all gone, there will be a town hall meeting to discuss the future of the Upper Peninsula Masonic Lodge in Marquette. I would like to encourage everyone to make this time and date available on your schedule and plan to attend. This will be the most important meeting we will have in the Upper Peninsula this year, please remember that this is your building and every members input is so important. The future of Masonry, Shrinedom, Scottish Rite Masonry, York Rite Masonry, Daughters of Nile, Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters and all the other appendant bodies of the Upper Peninsula will rest upon the

decisions that are made at that meeting. Spread the word and make it your priority to see that everyone from your area can and will attend.

To help foster Masonic membership in the Upper Peninsula, the Iron Mountain Masonic Lodge has voted to suspend all initiation fees and dues for the remainder of 2018. We feel it is our duty as well as our honor help our communities by spreading the values and virtues of our fraternity, every good man can be a Mason and that will help him towards being a better Man for both his family and his community. Thank you,
- J "Corey" Cain

1st Ceremonial Master

By Lance Malburg



Nobles of Ahmed, Greetings from rainy Deadwood, site of Midwest Shrine Association's summer meeting. What a meeting it was ! The parades are over, the contests and judging done, awards have been given out. Nobles are traveling home with hearts and minds full of memories. Old friendships renewed and new friendships

made.

Such was MSA. A great time was had by all. If you were there, you know what I mean. If you weren't, you really missed out.

It did not rain on our parade or any part of MSA. It started raining a few hours after the last parade, after lunch was done and all were packed and out of Spearfish. I like to think that we have favor with our creator., who looked down and smiled at all the Shriners, and held off the rain for us.

Unlike many of you who took part in the Marquette Shrine parades in 2016, These were my first shrine MSA parades. (I was not made a noble until after the Marquette MSA.)

Hundreds of shiners taking to the street in every kind of vehicle imaginable. Old cars, new cars, race cars, and of course little cars. Motorcycles, mini bikes, and drift trikes. Even airplanes were in the parades.

There were various bands and chanters and singers. And of course, my favorite, the clowns. There's nothing like being in a parade and seeing a kid in the crowd with a walker smiling at you and hearing his mom yell "thanks for all you do."

Thanks for all you do. I had heard these words before. In the Iron Mountain- Kingsford July 4th Parade I heard it,

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at the various circuses I heard it. Even on vacation wearing a shine shirt I have been approached and told thank you for all you do. Every time it hits you hard, right in the heart.

Those words were not just for me, but you too. As a noble your part of the best group that ever existed, Shriners International.

Built on the principles of freemasonry for the purpose of fun, and in support of the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

There is nothing more noble or honorable than helping those that cannot help themselves, like children with disabilities. That is one good reason to be proud to be a Shriner. There is nothing better than making people smile, laugh and forget themselves for a few minutes. One good reason I'm a clown.

So remember those words "thank you for all you do ". Whatever you think your part is big or small, you are a part of something big.

Something awesome. Something that is changing lives.

You are an important part of our Shrine temple. Thank you for what you do.

In fraternity, fellowship, and fun.

- Lance Malburg
"Knot" the Clown



Ahmedian Editor's Column

By Bill LeVeque, PGM



The Children have headed back to school, we have started to put away the camping gear, and recreational fun stuff, it is time to turn our thoughts to the changing season to fall. It has been a great summer, not enough time with family and friends. Many of our Masonic Organizations take a "break" for summer, and will be heading back into the meeting schedule. As Nobles, it is our responsibility to attend the local Lodge and let them know of the fellowship and fun that exists in the Shrine. Take a night each month and visit a Masonic Lodge, get to know the Young Lodge members, their wives and families and who they really are. We belong to a Fraternity, one which cares for its members.

A Parade would be no fun if we were in it alone. A dinner is no fun when there is no one to share it with. A degree is difficult to portray when you stand in the Lodge room alone. The World's Greatest Philanthropy can only stand by the merits of its individual members, yet, it is only recognized by its vast size and value to mankind as a whole.

- Bill

Ahmed Shriners trip to
Midwest Shrine Association (MSA)
Deadwood, South Dakota
Parades, Fun, Fellowship.... and a little traveling





Sault Shrine Club—Quilt Raffle

Above: Jim Sumner, Dave Knowles, Bob Erickson, President Jim Gray, Vice President Carl Dosenbach, Immediate Past President Arlen Bennett.

Below: Noble Carl Doenbach, Vice-President selling circus adds at a local barber shop.

Sault Shrine Club

Above: Quilt made by Pat Dosenbach, In the picture above Noble Bob Erickson, Pat Dosenbach and Mara Moro-Gray. Mara picked the winning ticket which belonged to Bob Erickson. Proceeds of the quilt draw go toward our Kids Christmas



MSA Trip to Deadwood, SD

Do you know a Mason who would Enjoy the Sunshine of the Shrine?
 Why not ask him to Join today.
 Ask a Friend to dinner at your Local Lodge this Month.



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\$1,000 Jackpot!



Over \$2,200 in prizes every Wednesday.

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





September 2018

- 3 - Monday Labor Day
- 3 - Monday Lake Superior Lodge 67
- 3 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 4 - Tuesday Teal Lake Lodge 202
- 5 - Wednesday Iron Mountain Lodge 388
- 5 - Wednesday Queen of the North OES
- 6 - Thursday Sault Shrine Club
- 6 - Thursday ..Crystal Falls-Iron River Lodge 385
- 6 - Thursday Gladstone Lodge 396
- 6 - Thursday Munising OES 424
- 6 - Thursday Negaunee OES
- 6 - Thursday Marquette Bethel #16
- 8 - Saturday St. Ignace Shrine Club
- 10 - Monday Marquette York Rite
- 11 - Tuesday Manistique RAM
- 11 - Tuesday Negaunee Chapter RAM
- 11 - Tuesday L'Anse Lodge 547
- 11 - Tuesday Bethel Lodge 358
- 11 - Tuesday .. Escanaba/Gladstone Bethel #9
- 11 - Tuesday Munising Bethel #43
- 12 - Wednesday Copper Country Lodge 135
- 12 - Wednesday Norway Lodge 362
- 12 - Wednesday Grand Island Lodge 422
- 12 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel #39
- 12 - Wednesday McMillan Lodge 400
- 13 - Thursday Ironwood Lodge 389
- 13 - Thursday Les Cheneaux Lodge 590
- 13 - Thursday Marquette OES
- 13 - Thursday Delta Lodge 195
- 14 - Friday Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Friday Temple Meeting 7:30 pm
- 15 - Saturday **Shrine Gun Raffle**
- 17 - Monday Scottish Rite Meeting
- 17 - Monday Lakeside Lodge #371
- 17 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 18 - Tuesday Marquette Lodge 101
- 18 - Tuesday Menominee #269
- 19 - Wednesday St. Ignace Lodge #369
- 19 - Wednesday Delta Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Interstate Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Munising Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Marquette Bethel # 16
- 24 - Monday Hiawatha Shrine Club
- 25 - Tuesday .. Escanaba/Gladstone Bethel #9
- 25 - Tuesday Munising Bethel #43
- 26 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel #39
- 27 - Thursday Keweenaw-Bay Shrine Club
- 27 - Thursday .. Escanaba Commandery No. 47
- 27 - Thursday Tri-City Shrine Club



October 2018

- 1 - Monday Lake Superior Lodge 67
- 1 - Monday Menominee Bethel #18
- 2 - Tuesday Teal Lake Lodge 202
- 3 - Wednesday Iron Mountain Lodge 388
- 3 - Wednesday Queen of the North OES
- 4 - Thursday Sault Shrine Club
- 4 - Thursday ..Crystal Falls-Iron River Lodge 385
- 4 - Thursday Gladstone Lodge 396
- 4 - Thursday Munising OES 424
- 4 - Thursday Negaunee OES
- 4 - Thursday Marquette Bethel #16
- 5 - Ahmed Meeting.....Sault Ste Marie**
- 6 - Saturday Scottish Rite Fall Reunion**
 - Sault Ste Marie
- 8 - Monday Marquette York Rite
- 9 - Tuesday Manistique RAM
- 9 - Tuesday Negaunee Chapter RAM
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- 11 - Thursday Marquette OES
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189th Reunion Schedule (Times & Degrees Tentative) Class honoring Brother Robert N. Erickson, MSA



189th Reunion Saturday October 6th, 2018

Bethel Lodge
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

8:00-9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am	Orientation for Candidates
9:30 am	4th Degree - Master Traveler
10:30 am	14th Degree Perfect Master
11:00 am	15th Degree - Prince of the East and West
12:00 pm	Noon Banquet (Ladies Welcome)
2:00 pm	23rd Degree - Knight of Valor (DVD)
3:00 pm	32nd Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

Be sure to bring your Scottish Rite Passport!



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**STRATEGIC PLAN
(Update)**

I am pleased to report that the Valley of Marquette (VOM) officers and strategic planning committee is now in the process of implementing our Strategic Plan.

The actionable portion of the plan focuses on 5 overarching goals and the objectives to accomplish these goals to:

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 and Innovation.

The financial and fraternal wellbeing 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.

Please consider joining with us to make this a successful endeavor! Your Valley and Scottish Rite depends on it!

**SUPREME COUNCIL BRINGING YOUR
SCOTTISH RITE INTO THE 21 ST
CENTURY (Update)**

Your Supreme Council has been very busy creating opportunities to enhance your Scottish Rite member experience and bring us into the 21 st Century!

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the latest Northern Light where you can read about all the cool initiatives that are being rolled out to enhance your membership experience. There is a good article on what your Path Forward Team has accomplished since September. You will also want to go to the new Supreme Council Website scottishritenmj.org. This is a new dynamic member website filled with lots of information and services for you. Be sure to watch the videos that have been professionally produced and provided for your enjoyment. Also check out the all of the new additions to the site and learn about the exciting things that are available to you. Make sure you sign in at the member center. It is very easy! More than 5,000 of your brothers have already registered. Check it out and learn what "NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON." is all about.

Deputy's Rep

Jake Hayrynen, 33°



BROTHERS OF THE RITE (Update)

Our Brothers of the Rite, Scottish Rite Club continues to grow rapidly and is surpassing all expectations. By the time you read this we will have 127 members state wide including several in other states. On August 18 the Valley of Grand Rapids for the first time put on the dirge with their own team putting through 10 new members. A few us from the VOM travelled down to help support our Brothers. After the Dirge, the reception continued on to the Knickerbocker, New Holland Brewery where we enjoyed good food and Dragon's Milk.

We are once again travelling down to the Valley of Detroit on November 3rd, 2018 and putting on the first ever Brothers of the Rite Statewide Event! This will be in honor of Scottish Rite Month. Brothers from all over the state will be coming together to put on the Dirge in "The Man Cave" (one of our favorite venues). The Valley of Detroit is putting together the final touches on the plans. Keep watch for the final details. If you haven't joined BOR yet, this may be the time! It will be a totally different and fun

experience!

On a recent trip to Supreme Council Headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts, we met some SR Brothers from the Valley of Milwaukee and we are now in the planning stages of bringing BOR to Wisconsin. We discussed the possibility of having the Dirge in the catacombs under the Miller Brewery in Milwaukee. This is supposed to be an amazing venue. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the details on this one on the horizon in 2019!

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. BOR Brothers had a fun time volunteering to help the Dead River Derby ladies put on one of their bouts this summer at the Lakeview Arena. We also helped the Exchange club pour beer again at the International Food Fest at Mattson lower harbor park which

is an annual celebration around the 4th of July.

We are putting together a schedule for some upcoming fun events so keep “an all seeing eye out!”

THE GRAND ALMONER’S FUND (Update)

Since September, our Grand Almoner’s Fund distributed over \$1,000,000 to take care of your Bothers, their families, and widows that were in need! We are truly the fraternity that fulfills our obligation to care for our members! We thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Grand Almoner’s Fund!

- *Jake Hayrynen*

**Commander-in-Chief
Art Hubler, MSA**



Brothers as we prepare for the fall reunion let us reflect on what makes are Valley exceptional. The Brother to Brother program touches every brother in our Valley. The B.O.R. promotes what the order stands for service to man and this group membership is spreading be a part of it .The Supreme Council has a program for aid to a needy. A Brother’s funds can arrive in 24

hours. This is a small synopsis of what the Valley of Marquette has to offer. Come visit your reunion to find out what we can do for you. Watch for e-blasts with the time and location.

Commander in Chief, Art Hubler



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 Secretary at (906) 362-1961 and pay by Credit Card

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

Treasurers Report

By Mike Hill, 33°



As I write this, I have just returned from a couple of days of education at our Scottish Rite Supreme Council Headquarters in Lexington, MA. The occasion was the Secretaries' and Treasurers' meeting. While there has been a Secretaries' meeting each year "forever", this was the first time the Treasurers were included in the 205 years the Supreme Council has existed. It was my first time in Lexington, as well as Massachusetts. I will be back. We were given presentations on many financial topics, such as the rules and regulations of the Scottish Rite and IRS, the duties and responsibilities of the Valley Treasurer, and QuickBooks. Although not much of this was new to me (I think I have been doing this for 12 years now), it was an excellent review and update. It was also interesting to learn how other Valleys are operating. Some do things better than we do here, others maybe not so much. Perhaps even more valuable than the presentations were the connections made. I met many of my fellow Treasurers from throughout the Jurisdiction -

about half of them were present. I was the only Treasurer from Michigan (out of five Valleys). The only others present from Michigan were Tim Marshbanks, the Secretary from the Valley of Detroit, and our Deputy's Representative, Jake Hayrynen, who was there as our Council of Deliberation Membership person. As a side note, all three of us belong to Ahmed Shriners! It was also great to finally meet some of the people from the staff of the Supreme Council, who I have dealt with through phone calls and emails over the years. It is always very helpful, to me at least, to put a face to the name. The entire event was very well coordinated. Even when timing threatened to mess things up, they were on top of it. A good example is how they arranged for every participant who flew in to be picked up at the airport and brought to the hotel. Wouldn't you know it, my connecting flight out of Detroit was delayed by almost 2 hours. I was a bit worried about getting a ride to the hotel. But I had an email address and while I was waiting in Detroit I shot an email off to Sara Wyatt, who was organizing all this, letting her know I would be in at about 11:50 instead of 10:00 Thursday night.

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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 Illustrust 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.



We are charged to conduct a survey in this issue of the 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: _____



**Noon Banquet
Saturday Menu**

**Ribs/Pasta
Salad
Dessert**

**\$20.00 Per Person
Ladies Invited
Meal Reservations
are required**

**Fall Reunion
Bethel Lodge
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan
It's not too late to invite a
Brother Master Mason to**

**Become a 32°
Mason**



See petition on
page 28 or have
them fill it out
online!
Scottishritenmj.org

**Our Membership
depends on YOU.
Give a petition to a
Brother Mason and help
him fill it out.**

**RESERVATION FORM - 189th Reunion
Valley of Marquette
Bethel Lodge - Sault Ste Marie, Michigan
October 6, 2018**

Name _____

Reserve _____ Saturday Reunion Noon Banquet

(Men & Ladies) @ \$20.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**You MUST have Reservations for the Catered Lunch.
Deadline for Reservations is September 15, 2018.
Reservations can also be made by calling (906) 225-1157 or
e-mail: aasrmqt@gmail.com**

The Fine Print: No R.S.V.P.? Bring your own chair and a sandwich. ©

Since September 2017 we have:



- NOTJUSTAMAN.ORG
- Not Just a Man, A Mason initiative.
- Hauts Grades Academy of Learning.
- Created “Path Forward” plan for success.
- Redesigned Northern Light Magazine.
- Now you can apply for membership online.
- Contributed over 1 Million Dollars in relief from the Grand Almoner’s Fund.

Stay tuned for more exciting developments in the months ahead

Online Scottish Rite Petition

Ask your Masonic Brothers to Join the Valley of Marquette
www.scottishritenmj.org/membership-application/

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 Brother whose death has been reported since the last publication of the Salute.

Frederick Moore 7/9/2018

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 _____

Treasurers Report

By Mike Hill, 33°



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She responded back less than an hour later (apologizing for taking so long!) saying I was all set - she had confirmed with the driver that he would be there. And sure enough, when I walked out of the airport in Boston, there was a limo waiting for me.

All in all, it was a great (but too short) trip. Well worthwhile. We were promised that the Treasurers would be included again next year. I will mark my calendar as soon as I find out the date. I know the Valley will benefit from it. And best yet, the whole trip is at no cost to the Valley -

Supreme Council pays for almost everything. The small amount I paid is my contribution. So, yes, we do directly benefit from our dues.

Enough about my trip. We need to turn to membership matters. There are two items of critical importance for you this month. First, we need candidates for our October Reunion. Talk to the members of your Masonic Lodge. Let them know how much the Scottish Rite means to you. Guide them in the "Rite" direction! Secondly is the matter of dues.

Brothers, we have an enormous amount of dues that have not been paid, more than a single year in a lot of cases. When we set our budget each year (and really, that is how our dues rates are set as well), we base the numbers on every dues paying member paying his dues - every year, and on a timely basis. If you don't pay your dues, our Valley (and thus, every member) suffers. We are struggling to meet our financial obligations. We need your help. If everybody paid the dues he owes, we would be on a fairly strong ground. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

And please be aware that we are here to help. If you are in some kind of bind financially, please let us know. The information will be kept in the strictest confidence. We will do our absolute best to help you out. Nobody should face suspension because of financial difficulties. Don't forget our Vision: We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members. But we can only help if we know you need help. Help us to help you, by letting us know your situation.

I hope to see you at the October Reunion!

Fraternally,

Mike Hill, Valley Treasurer

Supreme Council, A.A.S.R

Keeping it together in
the early years 1826-1861

In the wake of the Morgan Affair in 1826, Freemasonry in America, and particularly the Northeast, came to an abrupt standstill. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was most fortunate, nevertheless, to have Gourgas as its Grand Secretary General, for his organizational abilities and attention to detail were to serve as the sole deciding factor in the preservation of the Scottish Rite. The records and rituals of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction were lost in a fire that destroyed their headquarters in 1819. Gourgas came to the rescue and restored all that was needed for continued operation. Although publicly, Masonry seemed to all but vanish, Gourgas maintained records and correspondence, and even effected a territorial agreement with the Southern Jurisdiction in 1827 regarding the sovereignty of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction over the then 14 states situated east of the Mississippi and north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Wisconsin was not yet a state, but part of Michigan. During this time, Gourgas would guide the jurisdiction through the passing of its first two Grand Commanders, Tompkins and Simson, until becoming Sovereign Grand Commander himself in 1832. Urged by his ardent cohort, Giles F. Yates, Gourgas resumed the active business of the Supreme Council in 1843, and, over the next eight years, the Scottish Rite

once again began to flourish. In 1846, the Supreme Council (NMJ) established the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England by chartering that country's first Supreme Council under the leadership of founder Illustrious Robert Thomas Crucefix, 33° as the first Sovereign Grand Commander.

In 1851, after almost 50 years at the helm of the Supreme Council, Grand Commander Gourgas resigned at the age of 74. He named Illustrious Giles F. Yates, 33°, as his successor, who, though only 53 years old, resigned in a matter of days. His inaugural address was also to be his farewell address, and in it, he stated clearly why he was not accepting office. Among the reasons he stated were his many years of service, that he did not wish to obstruct the advancement of others, that he wished to serve as an example of how to let go of power, and his inability to reside near the jurisdiction's headquarters. During that very brief tenure, the Grand East was moved from New York to Boston, with records kept at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts building. To succeed him as Grand Commander, Yates appointed Illustrious Edward Asa Raymond, 33°, a past Grand Master of Massachusetts and Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Council. Raymond was considered to be a most worthy successor, with a Masonic resumé that few Masons, if any, have ever equaled, and for the next 10 years, harmony reigned in the Supreme Council.

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