



Valley of St. Joseph
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 Office Hours: 8am-12pm Monday-Thursday
 Regular Meeting Night 1st Thursday of the Month, 7pm

FALL REUNION

The Fall Reunion will be held, Saturday, October 28, 2006.
 We will be presenting the 4th, 8th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees. Registration will begin at 7AM, we will also be serving lunch. Please get your candidate's petition in as soon as possible. If the office can be of assistance please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orient Reunion-Waynesville	September 8-9, 2006
Pancake Breakfast -----	September 16, 2006
Grand Lodge-----	September 24-26, 2006
CHIPS Program-----	October 7, 2006
DeMolay, Breakfast Fundraiser-----	October 14, 200
Fall Reunion-----	October 28, 2006
Grand Master's Area Meeting	November 3, 2006
Moila Ceremonial, Chillicothe-----	November 18, 2006
Foundation Meeting-----	November 11, 2006
Annual Elections-----	December 7, 2006
Installation-----	January 4, 2007
Cathedral & Preservation Meetings-----	January 4, 2007

NEW BY-LAWS

All the Valleys in the Orient of Missouri have adopted new By-law's effective September 1, 2006. Changes were necessary to ensure all the Valley's are in compliance with Supreme Council Statues.

The new by-laws and Valley's financial statements are available for any member to review at the office.

NEW MEMBERS

Spring Candidates:

Chad Anthony Arnold	Anthony Joseph Battaglia
Joseph Scott Dodson	Jim Dale Edwards
Ronald Lee Ellis, II	Jerry Dean Galloway
Nathan Ward Jones	Brian Kelly Kennedy
David Martin Lundin	Ralph Franklin Ray
James Elmer Read	Kenneth Arlan Russell Jay Gary Vermillion

Affiliations:

Doug H. Reese	Tim David Munday
Brian Dean Harris	Charles Henry Brown

IN MEMORIAM

James W Macy	Dennis Frank Bottorff
Charles Edward Becraft	Sheldon Keith Smith
Robert Dean Hines	Andrew Smith Glaze
Charles Edward Pettijohn	Robert Barnett Meyer
William Rex Beavers	Morris C Walton
Elbert L Rouse	Raymond Dean Highnight
Harold Daniel Brunner	Jerry Dean LaFollette
Charles Carroll Adkins	Thomas E Gumbert
Doyle Lavern	Davis Hal Edgar

RITE CARE/ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the Temple from 7am-10am. Last year we were able to contribute \$3500 to the Speech and Therapy Department of UCP.

ROTC AWARDS

Special thanks to brother Frank Flesher for presenting the Junior ROTC Awards. The recipients were Stephen Anderson, Cameron Rock and Cody Redmond.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We received 8 scholarships this year from the Scottish Rite Foundation. All the recipients have been notified. The scholarships were increased from \$1600 to \$2000.

DEMOLAY

The Valley of St. Joseph is proud to be co-sponsor of The Mochila Chapter of DeMolay International. The Chapter meets at 7 PM the 1st & 3rd Mondays at the Temple.

The Chapter is one of the fastest growing Chapters in the world and has already received several awards. We encourage your attendance at a meeting to show your support, as these young men represent the future of Freemasonry. Any Master Mason may attend a meeting. Mochila Chapter will have a sausage and biscuit breakfast at the Masonic Temple on October 14, 2006.

PRESERVATION NEWS

The Scottish Rite Foundation recently approved an allocation for the Preservation Association. At this time we are in the process of obtaining bids for the exterior repairs needed for the Temple. We hope to have the work completed by the end of the year.

RESTORATION

The Valley is participating in the Supreme Council Restoration Program, which allowed us to restore 250 members, which had previously been suspended for non- payment of dues. All members are important to the Valley and we hope our newly restored members will continue with their membership.

2007 DUES

We will be mailing the 2007 dues statements in October. Dues will remain at \$60 and life membership will be \$700 (\$325 for members 75 and older). We currently have 190 life members.

Brethren, your dues are very important to ensure the continued operation of the Valley. We have made progress the last 2 years, however, the cost of utilities and insurance continue to escalate. If 100% of our current members would pay dues we could almost break even in 2007.

Your dues and membership are also important to continue the Rite Care and Scholarship Programs. When you receive your statement please forward your dues promptly as 2nd notices and reminders add additional costs to our already strained budget.

BLOOD DRIVES

The valley has sponsored 2 blood drives this past year and have collected a total of 31 units for the Community Blood Bank. Special thanks to the brethren which donated their blood and/or time. We anticipate we will have another blood drive this winter. We encourage your participation as it cost nothing but 30 minutes of your time and could help save a life. It is also an excellent way to make the Scottish Rite visible in the community.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

I'm hoping all of you had a wonderful summer and I am sure everyone is anxious to get back in the upcoming Valley activities which Dick has listed in the opening of the newsletter.

As usual we are always looking for candidates and most of The Blue Lodges in our jurisdiction have been quite active throughout the year. I ask each of you to visit with your local Masonic brethren and offer them the opportunity to attend our Reunion this Fall. I can't stress enough the importance of increasing membership. The future of our Valley depends on our ability to attract new members and keep them active.

The time frame for 2007 Honors has been moved this year. We will receive the number of 33^o and KCCH nominations around February 15th and all nominations must be returned to the Supreme Council by March 15th. If you have a Brother in mind that you deem worthy, be prepared to make your recommendation in February.

I encourage everyone to visit our Web Site. We try to keep it current and filled with items of interest. From time to time we are forced to change the date of an event and the Web Site is the best way to keep our members informed of last minute changes.

I remind each of you that as Masons, we are the Stewards of the past and the Architects of the future. May we all endeavor to act accordingly. May all your Masonic thoughts be pleasant. Please plan to attend our upcoming events.

God Bless,

Gary