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SCOTTISH RITE NEWS SPRING 2006

VALLEY WEBSITE

Thanks to Brother Steve Harrison 32° we now have our website up and running. Please visit at <http://www.scottishrite-stjo.org>. We will be updating the calendar and also posting information in regard to meetings and activities. We would like your comments and suggestions.

SPRING REUNION

The Spring Reunion will be held, Saturday, April 1, 2006. We will be presenting the 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees. Registration will begin at 7PM, 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

March 16th ROTC Scottish Rite Presentation Awards 5PM at Lafayette High School.

March 23rd Northwest Missouri Masonic Smoker 6PM at the Scottish Rite Temple. The event is open to all Masonic Bodies. Cost for dinner \$10. Please call or e-mail the Valley for your reservation.

March 29th Table Lodge Brotherhood Lodge #269. Dinner at 6:30 PM cost \$10 and a roll of quarters. Contact RWB Dennis Bonjour for reservations.

April 1st, Scottish Rite Reunion

April 8th, Molia Shrine Circus

April 22nd, DeMolay Mochila Chapter Installation and Dance Scottish Rite Temple 6PM.

May 6th, Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting, Columbia. Molia Shrine Ceremonial.

RITE CARE

As a result of your support we were able to present UCP of Northwest Missouri a check for \$3500 for the Speech & Therapy Department. We have also received over \$1000 in donations in memory of Clyde Bryan KCCH. Donations may be sent to the Valley.

PRESERVATION NEWS

The sidewalk project is now complete. We were able to qualify under the city sidewalk program and received almost 50% reimbursement of the cost from the city.

We plan on taking bids for the additional exterior repairs in the next few months and hope to have the projects completed by fall.

NEW MEMBERS

Bob Hiatt	F. Wayne Dugan
Jeffrey Jones	Less Ross
	Scott Schrewsbury

NEW 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Charles Beaty 32°	Robert Decker 32°
Clark Hampton 32°	Robert Haught 32°
Norman Jefferies 33°	Lawrence Justice Sr 32°
Thomas Neel 33°	Lloyd Nunn 32°
Calvin Schmille 32°	Lorene Schneider 32°
Guy Vestal 32°	Donald Whited 32°
John Zook 32°	Robert Helms Jr 32°
Wilbur Liecti 32°	Edsel Reed 32°

IN MEMORIAM

Everett Angler Jr.	William Mazvinsky	Corliss Donahoo	James Paden	John Kapp	Ray Lancey
Robert Kellogg	Edward Yeakley	Justin Williamson Jr.	Gerald McKee	William Absher	Rex Evans
Mark Black	Bob Perry	Robert Canter	Kenneth Browne	Clifton Shivers	Warren Chelline
Benjamin Riles	Melvin Smith	Kenneth Correll	Frank Fletcher	Earl Moran	Clyde Bryan

MESSAGE FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Time passes very quickly as my newsletter is running late and our Spring Reunion is soon to be held on April 1st. I don't mean to belabor a point but we do need petitions. To date we only have five which is far short of what we need to cover the losses due to deaths. We have several Lodges in the area that are very active in their degree work and I urge you to seek out these newly raised Master Masons, explain to them the work the Scottish Rite does and invite them to join us this Spring. Plan to attend this reunion as it is an excellent way to see what the Valley is doing while you reminisce with members and enjoy a home cooked meal. The candidates and the Cast appreciate seeing people in the auditorium enjoying our degrees. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!!!**

There is a Leadership Conference scheduled in Houston, Texas March 17 and 18. It will cost about \$1000 per person to attend, a cost the Valley can't really afford but we are required to have a Representative present. I plan to attend and will give a report about the Conference at our Valley Meeting on April 6th.

The Valley of Joplin will host a one day Reunion at Waynesville on Saturday, September 9. They have asked each Valley to bring a candidate and they would like to have some help with the degrees. We will have more details later.

Several months ago we voted to Co-sponsor a DeMolay Chapter with Moila Shrine Temple. The meetings are set up for the first and third Mondays of each month to be held at 7:30 pm at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. DeMolay is open to all young men between the ages of 12 and 21. They must believe in a Supreme Being and strive to be a good person. They had an excellent response at their first meeting on January 16th and I was impressed with their Ritualistic talents. If you have a son or grandson in this age bracket you need to try to get them involved today.

January 28th I was invited to attend a Job's Daughters meeting at Brotherhood Lodge. The event was held to explore interest in establishing a Bethel at St. Joe. It was well attended and very well received. Their ritual was beautiful, impressive and very well executed. It demonstrated the zeal and dedication the leaders and members have for their Organization. They demonstrated their poise and confidence to speak in front of a large group of people. This organization wants and deserves our support. The Order is open to girls between 10 and 20 years old and prospective members must have a Mason in their family to be eligible to join. They must have a minimum of 15 members to establish the Bethel. They also need about \$4000.00 for robes and Lodge paraphernalia. This really isn't too much for an investment in their Masonic future. I would be willing to pledge \$100 towards establishing a Bethel in St. Joe. This leaves only 39 more like pledges to provide these deserving young people with their necessary equipment to start up. Would you be willing to help? A pledge is just a pledge. No cash is required until the formation of the Bethel is finalized. Our future depends on our support of today's youth. We must give them the support and encouragement they need and let them know we are confident of their ability to lead us into the future.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone for their support of me in exercising the duties as your Valley Representative. It is an Honor I will always cherish and a pleasure to work with the best. May your Masonic thoughts always comfort you.

Gary