



# SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

## SPRING 2007



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### SPRING REUNION

The 2007 Spring Reunion will be held Saturday, March 31, 2007. This date was selected as it is the 5th Saturday of the month and hopefully there will be few conflicts with other Masonic activities. Registration will begin at 7am and the degree work will start at 8am. We will be presenting some of the new Pike Degrees and will also serve lunch.

The candidate fee will remain at \$100, but will likely increase this fall. This is a good opportunity to get your candidate's petition before the fee increase. If the office can be of assistance please let us know.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting	1st Thursday	7pm
DeMolay Meetings	1st & 3rd Mondays	7pm
UCP Chili Cook Challenge	March 4, Civic Arena	
Kansas City Reunion St.	March 2 & 3	March 31
Joseph Reunion DeMolay	March	31
Installation Symposium/St.	May	3-5
Louis Moila Shrine	May	4-5
Ceremonial		

### NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome our new members. Please go to our website for their photos.

Ronald G Bailey	Daniel J Brown
Jon N Carter	Virgil L Davison
Robert A Gentry	Gary E Gilgour
Jeffrey L Read	Michael K Simpson
Willie D Stewart Jr.	Robert L Stover
Andy Trout	

Ill. Robert W. Cockerham, 33<sup>4</sup>  
Appointed Deputy, Orient of Missouri

Grand Commander Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33<sup>4</sup> has appointed Robert W. Cockerham, 33<sup>4</sup> as Deputy in Missouri to succeed Ill. Earl K. Dille, 33<sup>4</sup> SGIG, who has retired. Brother Cockerham also serves as Executive Officer of DeMolay in Missouri.

We welcome Brother Cockerham, his wife, Stacy, and their seven children.

### UCP CHILI CHALLENGE

The 21st ANNUAL UCP CHILI CHALLENGE will be held on March 4, at the Civic Arena. The Valley of St. Joseph will co-sponsor the 'Boys Are Back' booth. Brother Bill Swope KCCH, along time participate and supporter of the event will be one of the cooks and sponsors for the 'Boys Are Back' booth.

This is a fun filled event for the entire family and you can support UCP on behalf of the Valley by making a donation at the 'Boys Are Back' booth or by sending a contribution to the Valley Office. All contributions should be payable to UCP and received in the Valley office no later than March 1st.

Your donations will also help support the 'Boys Are Back' for the 'People's Choice Award'.

## RITE CARE

Our pancake breakfast was one of our most successful to date. As a result of your donations we were able to raise \$5000 for the benefit of the Speech Therapy Department of UCP. Special thanks to all our volunteers, DeMolay, and to our membership for your support and donations.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

We have not yet sent a date for our next Community Blood Drive, but we encourage you to support the Community Blood Center by your donation of blood. The Center is located at 3122 Frederick, 816-232-6791.

## DEMOLAY

Mochila Chapter will hold their Installation after the Spring Reunion on the evening of March 31st. This will be an open Installation and the public is invited. Please show your support and plan on attending.

The Mochila Chapter meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7pm, at the Scottish Rite Temple. All Master Masons are invited to the meetings and we encourage your attendance. Also, if you know a young man you would like to recommend, please contact the Valley office for further information.

Congratulations to the jurisdiction of Missouri which lead the world with 197 new initiates in 2006.

## PRESERVATION NEWS

The exterior repairs have been started but have been slowed by the weather. We anticipate the repairs will be completed by early spring.

## Gary's Corner

Brethren, Time passes very quickly and our Spring Reunion fast approaches. We hope to have several more degrees converted to the new ritual. My thanks to the Degree Masters and their cast for implementing these changes. Since we have not performed them before, our running times may not quite agree with the scheduled times in our Reunion Program. We ask that you bear with us until we can iron out the quirks which may occur.

Our regular meetings continue to be well attended and I appreciate your response and enthusiasm for, after all, this is your Valley and **COLLECTIVELY** we must work together for our success. Please plan to attend the next regular meeting and share in our fellowship.

We have a new communication system for our Stage and Paraphernalia crew which we are anxious to try out. The old radios simply wore out and were in need of replacement. My thanks to David Lancey, 33° for his research in this matter. The radios were provided at no cost to the Valley.

Ill. Brother Robert W. Cockerham, 33°, our newly appointed SGIG has been invited to attend our Spring Reunion. Let's have a big turnout to welcome him and showcase our Valley. The Lodges in northwest Missouri have been very active so bring a newly raised brother and we will continue his Masonic education by making him a Master of the Royal Secret.

May all your Masonic thoughts be pleasant ..... Go

Gary M Hinderks

## SCOTTISH RITE JOURNAL

We are pleased to announce that Brother Steve Harrison 32° will have an article in an upcoming edition of the Scottish Rite Journal. The article will be about Jimmy McClure who was one of his Chapter Dads in DeMolay and was of the greatest American ping pong players. Congratulations to Brother Harrison.

Brother Harrison is also editor of the Missouri Freemason and maintains the Valley website.

## OFFICERS 2007

Curt Malotte KCCH	Venerable Master
Larry chambers KCCH	Wise Master
Jack Vernon KCCH	Commander
Jack Mayo	Master of Kadosh

## FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

We are please to announce the following brethren became 50 year members in 2006:

Jordan F Bushman	William J Chaney
Jack W Clayton	Robert C Crouse
Norman R Daniel	Richard C Fisher
Charles E Goodson	Allan H Lowenberg
James Pettijohn Jr.	Wendell A Sisk
Carl G Spainhower	Harvey E Springer

## MEMBERSHIP RESTORATION

We are pleased that over 30 members that qualified for the restoration program in 2006 have paid their 2007 dues. We thank you for your support.

If you have not yet taken advantage of the restoration program we encourage you to reconsider.

## DUES/DONATIONS

Special thanks to the to the 79 members who sent donations in the amount of \$1830 for the benefit of the Valley. The donations are greatly appreciated and will help with the Valley expenses.

We thank the members that have paid their 2007 dues, however, we still have over 500 members that have not yet paid 2007 dues. and 50 that have not paid 2006 dues. This represents over \$30,000

Brethren, 2 years ago we were unsure we would still have a Valley operating in St. Joseph. We have made progress in a lot of areas and continue to work on reducing expenses. However, the bottom line is no matter how much progress we make, we cannot afford a \$30,000 loss of revenue. If you have not yet paid your 2006 and/or 2007 dues please reconsider and forward payment.

If you have a health or financial issue please contact the office.

## SCOTTISH RITE/NASCAR

On January 4, 2007 the Supreme Council announced the Scottish Rite Racing Team which will participate on the 2007 NASCAR circuit. The vehicle will be part of the Frank Cicci Racing Team and will compete in the Bush Series. The vehicle will be driven by Brother Brian Conz 32°.

The vehicle may be available for special events and we will look in to the possibility of hosting an event with the Scottish Rite Racing Team.

Additional information can be obtained on the following website, <http://www.brianconz.com>. We also have a link set up on the Valley website.

## IN MEMORIAM

Since our last newsletter we have lost the following Brethren:

Norman Jefferies 33°	William E Bartles 32°
Lloyd E Webb 32° Lloyd	Robert A Stanton* 32°
Dowden 32° 32 <sup>4</sup> William H	Carrol Q Goslee Robert
Buckallew 32° 32°Robert M	B Helms* Logan A
Rouse* 32° 32 <sup>4</sup> Larry A Lee 32 <sup>4</sup>	Duke* Leo D Wright
Bob Hiatt 32° -'	32° James S Smith 32 <sup>9</sup>
Gene M Wampler 32 <sup>4</sup> Elliot	Arthur Dilbeck 32p
Zide1132g Carl M Graham	William D Clark 32°
32° Corbert H Fasching* 32°	Harold Fare* 32 <sup>4</sup> Carl
Frederick S Bangeter* 32°	0 Mackey 32 <sup>4</sup> Warren
Frank J Jones Jr* 32 <sup>4</sup> Glenn W	K Lewis* 32° Ronald E
Stephens* 32° Rex T Horn*	Thomas 32 <sup>4</sup> Otto R
33° Orville T Harlan Jr 32 <sup>4</sup>	Schultz Jr 32 <sup>4</sup> John J
Donald O Bickham* 32 <sup>4</sup>	Symanski 32 <sup>4</sup> Maurice
Richardson H Couldry 32 <sup>4</sup>	W Leslie 32 <sup>4</sup> Derrill R
	Jones 32 <sup>4</sup>

\* Denotes 50 year Member

## GAIL MORRIS RETIRES

After nine years of faithful service Valley secretary and bookkeeper, Gail Morris retired on December 31, 2006. Our special thanks to Gail for her hard work and dedication. Fortunately for me (and the Valley), she has agreed to assist with balancing and closing the books each month and periodically checking my work.

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