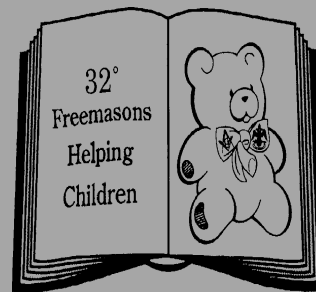




# Scottish Rite Bodies Bulletin

## Valley of Southern Illinois



Summer 2010

### ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Pursuant to and in accordance with Article III, Section I of the Bylaws of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL on Friday, August 6, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. Central Daylight Savings Time. Dinner served at 5:00 P.M.

You are further notified that said meeting will be held for the purpose of:

1. Electing a Member of the Board of Directors of said Corporation to serve a term of three years.
2. Considering and taking action upon all other business which may properly be considered and acted upon at said meeting.

William C. Brown  
Thrice Potent Master

Ronald C. Jestes, MSA  
Sovereign Prince

Larry L. Johns, MSA  
Most Wise Master

Jeffrey C. Thomas, 33°  
Commander in Chief

Attest: Gary L. Alves, 33°  
Executive Secretary

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### ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

Conforming to Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of St. Clair Lodge of Perfection, Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem, John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix, and Mississippi Valley Consistory, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in the four above named Bodies will be held at the Scottish Rite, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL 62223 on Friday, August 6, 2010 beginning at 6:30 P.M. Central Daylight Savings Time. All elected offices will be filled and appointments made.

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### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Friday, August 6, 2010

The public Installation of Officers will be held on **Friday, August 6, 2010**.

This ceremony is open to the public and will begin at 8:00 P.M.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Support your Officers and their families by being in attendance at this special occasion.

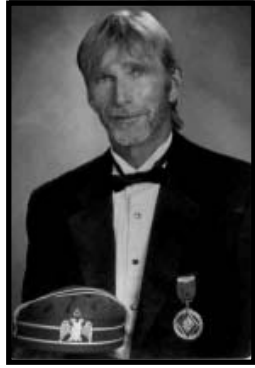
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**PLEASE NOTE - The June Stated Meeting is changed to June 11, 2010.**



**St. Clair Lodge of Perfection**  
**William C. Brown**  
*Thrice Potent Master*

Deputy Master ..... Carl S. Forrest  
 Senior Warden ..... James M. Doan  
 Junior Warden ... Gregory W. Giedeman  
 Orator ..... Thomas A. Luebbers  
 Treasurer ..... Carl L. Weakley  
 Secretary ..... Gary L. Alves, 33°  
 Master of Ceremonies Steven L. Walker  
 Hospitaler ..... W. Steven Dugger  
 Cpt of Grd ..... Jeffery L. Edwards, MSA  
 Tyler ..... Ryan M. Branson



**Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem**  
**Ronald C. Jestes, MSA**  
*Sovereign Prince*

High Priest ..... Michael J. Fitzpatrick  
 Senior Warden ..... Robert W. Kepner  
 Junior Warden ..... Gary L. Goetter  
 Master of Ceremonies .... Jason S. Allen  
 Treasurer ..... Carl L. Weakley  
 Secretary ..... Gary L. Alves, 33°  
 Hospitaler ..... Richard S. Catlett  
 Master of Entrances ..... Jeffery A. Berry



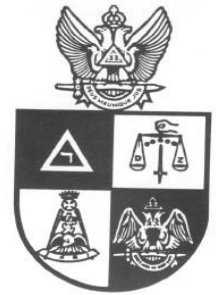
**John M. Pearson**  
**Chapter of Rose Croix**  
**Larry L. Johns, MSA**  
*Most Wise Master*

Senior Warden .. John W. McGee, MSA  
 Junior Warden ..... Robert S. Curtis  
 Orator ..... J. Larry Martin  
 Treasurer ..... Carl L. Weakley  
 Secretary ..... Gary L. Alves, 33°  
 Master of Ceremonies David B. Langford  
 Hospitaler ..... James W. Nelson, Jr.  
 Captain of the Guard ..... Clint M. Jones  
 Tyler ..... Harold D. Rose, Jr.



**Mississippi Valley Consistory**  
**Jeffrey C. Thomas, 33°**  
*Commander In Chief*

First Lt. Commander.....  
 Second Lt. Commander  
 ..... Randall R. Milone, 33°  
 Orator ..... Stephen R. Taylor, MSA  
 Chancellor ..... Joseph A. Diliberto  
 Treasurer ..... Carl L. Weakley  
 Secretary ..... Gary L. Alves, 33°  
 Prior ..... Carl E. Hall, MSA  
 Master of Ceremonies  
 ..... Michael J. Fitzpatrick  
 Hospitaler ..... Ronald L. Dennis, 33°  
 Engineer & Seneschal .....  
 ..... Edward D. Allan, 33°  
 Cpt of Grd. .... Ferdinand C. Goewert, 33°



**Board of Directors**

William C. Brown ..... 2010  
 Ronald C. Jestes, MSA ..... 2010  
 Larry L. Johns, MSA ..... 2010  
 Jeffrey C. Thomas, 33° ..... 2011  
 Joseph A. Diliberto ..... 2010  
 Gregory W. Giedeman ..... 2011  
 Brian Cutler, MSA, 33° ..... 2012

**Non-Voting Members**

Gary L. Alves, 33° ..... 2010  
 Irvin C. Slate, Jr., 33° ..... 2010  
 Carl L. Weakley ..... 2010  
 Robert W. LaSurs, 33° .....  
 ..... Active Emeritus  
 Kurt R. Grosse, 33° .....  
 ..... Deputy Representative  
 E. Gene Ross, 33° ..... Emeritus  
 Ferdinand C. Goewert, 33° ..... Emeritus

**IN MEMORIAM**

As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,  
 so one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep;  
 As one by one, the rose bursts into the morning light,  
 so one by one your soul wake again beyond the night.

Raymond F. Abert	Edwardsville, IL	March 22, 2010	Irvin G. Jones	Centralia, IL	January 1, 2010
Howard C. Alms	Chester, IL	June 16, 2005	Kenneth A. Lake	New Athens, IL	April 10, 2010
Gerald P. Bailey	Belleville, IL	March 30, 2010	Charles J. Keeble	Perryville, MO	January 21, 2010
Lincoln C. Ball	Cabot, AR	September 24, 2007	Arthur C. Kingston	Wood River, IL	March 11, 2010
James H. Bandy	Belleville, IL	January 26, 2010	Charles F. Kosek	Marine, IL	February 20, 2010
Michael J. Bell	Sorento, IL	February 18, 2010	John O. Malone	Marion, IL	March 12, 2010
William G. Boyd	Sparta, IL	March 17, 2010	Louis E. Marlette	Granite City, IL	January 11, 2010
Robert A. Brueggestrass	Lubbock, Texas	April 11, 2010	Virgil E. Masters	Dupo, IL	March 13, 2010
Marshall D. Bush	Belleville, IL	March 17, 2010	William H. Melcher	Harrisburg, IL	March 20, 2007
John M. Carroll	Wappapello, MO	March 9, 2008	Edward L. Maynard, Jr.	Fort Collins, CO	April 16, 2010
Edward L. Corder, Jr.	Murphysboro, IL	February 22, 2010	Kenneth J. Miller	Marion, IL	January 18, 2010
William J. Cunningham	Pinckneyville, IL	May 21, 2009	Otis L. Miller, Jr.	Belleville, IL	May 1, 2010
William E. Dallas	Crown Point, IN	June 12, 1999	Bobby G. Norwood	Metropolis, IL	February 19, 2010
Charles E. Davix	Jerseyville, IL	March 31, 2010	Orloff L. Offerding	Red Bud, IL	February 25, 2010
Woodard E. Davis	Shalimar, FL	February 10, 2007	Richard E. Peach	Granite City, IL	December 14, 2009
Jackie L. Davison	Tamaroa, IL	March 19, 2010	Ellis J. Piker	Punta Gorda, FL	February 2, 2010
Merwyn Dobbs	Edinburg, TX	January 22, 2010	Frank L. Petersen	Woodhaven, MI	July 13, 2002
Warren L. Drake	Lebanon, IL	October 26, 2009	Eugene R. Powell	Benton, IL	January 17, 2010
Arthur V. Ebersohl	DeSoto, IL	March 14, 2010	Dossie H. Ridgeway	Collinsville, IL	January 13, 2010
Joseph H. Eise	Cahokia, IL	January 31, 2010	Howard W. Robertson	Highland, IL	April 12, 2010
Edwin C. Fitzpatrick	Belleville, IL	December 9, 2009	William R. Rodgers	Mulkeytown, IL	October 6, 2009
Benjamin F. Franke	Newton, IL	April 12, 2010	Melvin D. Satterfield	Dearborn, MI	March 10, 2010
William R. Futrell	Carbondale, IL	January 5, 2010	Lloyd L. Sharp	Mt. Vernon, IL	December 20, 2009
Pete J. Gallo	Mt. Vernon, IL	February 2, 2010	Moody I. Swalley	Fairview Heights, IL	March 8, 2010
Charles R. Garden	Salem, IL	February 19, 2010	Richard C. Tun	Staunton, IL	January 22, 2010
Bobby L. Garrison	Bunker Hill, IL	February 12, 2010	Thomas G. Vance	Phoenix, AZ	April 19, 2010
Thomas P. Glover	Mt. Vernon	January 23, 2010	Harold W. Wells, Jr.	Lawrenceville, IL	March 24, 2010
Marion I. Harrison	DuQuoin, IL	February 6, 2010	Raleigh B. Wilson	Elmhurst, IL	October 26, 2009
Bert C. Howard	St. Elmo, IL	December 26, 2009	Merle C. Woods	Marion, IL	February 11, 2009
Walter R. Howell	Belleville, IL	February 23, 2010	Robert J. Woolard	Metropolis, IL	February 22, 2010
Charles C. Hubbs, Jr.	Millstadt, IL	March 1, 2010	Harold R. Wright	Murphysboro, IL	March 21, 2010
Harvey H. Hughes	Centralia, IL	April 24, 2010			

# Scottish Rite Degrees, Awards, Recognition

Recently, the Valley office has had a number of inquiries as to the different types of membership recognition. The Valley of Southern Illinois is made up of four Bodies, they are:

St. Clair Lodge of Perfection - This body confers the 4th through the 14th Degrees  
Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem - This body confers the 15th and 16th Degrees  
John M. Pearson Chapter of Rose Croix - This body confers the 17th and 18th Degrees  
Mississippi Valley Consistory - This body confers the 19th through 32nd Degrees

**Membership Award** - The Valley of Southern Illinois recognizes members that have top line signed at least six petitions with the presentation of a Black Hat.

**Meritorious Service Award (MSA)** - Presented by the Illinois Council of Deliberation, based on a unanimous recommendation by the presiding officers to an individual recognized for distinguished service of a Masonic character.

**Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33°** - Presented by the Supreme Council, NMJ, elected by the Actives, to a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, not less than 33 years of age. The individual has been recommended for service to the Fraternity, Community, and is of strong Masonic character.

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## Illinois Council Of Deliberation

The Annual Illinois Council of Deliberation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25.  
The meeting will take place at the Marriott Hotel in Normal, IL.

This meeting is for conducting the business of the Illinois Scottish Rite Valleys and to recognize those members receiving the Meritorious Service Award. This year, James M. Doan will receive the MSA award.

Congratulations to Jim who currently serves as Chairman of the Building & Grounds committee, Senior Warden of the St. Clair Lodge of Perfection, Director of the Fourth Degree, member of the Learning Center Board of Governors, and an active volunteer at all fish fry's and functions. He is also serving as the Master of Gothic Lodge #852.

The meeting is open to all elected officers, MSA's, 33°'s, and their ladies.

This year, our Valley will be the "hosts" for the meeting and we are expecting a large turnout from our membership.

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Spring Reunion is now history, and the Officers and Directors thank all who participated in making the Reunion a success.

Please Welcome our newest members from the April 24th Reunion:

Kyle W. Alexander, Harrisburg, IL  
Len G. Billingsley, O'Fallon, IL  
David A. Brown, Waterloo, IL  
Dustin O. Castle, Edwardsville, IL  
Michael G. Chandler, Belleville, IL  
Daniel P. Gillen, Belleville, IL  
Jack J. Harper, Harrisburg, IL  
Roger L. Hill, Centralia, IL  
Grant O. Koentz, Collinsville, IL  
Timothy L. McMillan, Brownstone, IL  
James J. Medley, Harrisburg, IL  
Jeremy Nelson, Whitehall, MI

Joseph L. Pieron, Centralia, IL  
Billy J. Powell, Harrisburg, IL  
Jeffrey D. Rann, Harrisburg, IL  
Randall E. Rann, Raleigh, IL  
Ryan M. Rann, Harrisburg, IL  
John C. Rickert, Belleville, IL  
Scott A. Sheldon, Millstadt, IL  
Christopher M. Sherrod, Jr., Harrisburg, IL  
Sammy D. Steinsultz, Harrisburg, IL  
Jammie K. Stricklin, Galatia, IL  
Kenneth B. Whitler, Eldorado, IL  
William W. Williams, Waterloo, IL

On average, the Valley loses 270 members per year due to deaths and nonpayment of dues. It becomes obvious and urgent that we as members must actively pursue new members as well as keeping the members we have. Chairman Dale Rose would like to hear from you regarding any suggestions that may be offered. Please contact Chairmen Rose or call or email the office. Your input is appreciated.

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**[www.sril092.com](http://www.sril092.com)**

With our new website available, we can include many new features and ways to communicate with you, our members.

If you have suggestions for improvements, or additional items, please send them via email to [gary@sril092.com](mailto:gary@sril092.com).

We will evaluate all responses and try to improve the website for the betterment of the Valley. If you would like to receive updates and information news via email, please let us know by sending an email to the secretary at [gary@sril092.com](mailto:gary@sril092.com).

# SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER'S DEGREE DAY

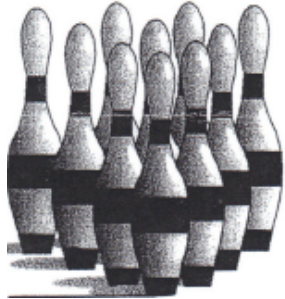
On **Saturday, July 17, 2010**, the Sovereign Grand Commander has scheduled a Degree Day at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Ma.

You will witness the premier showing of the all new 4th Degree - Master Traveler, on DVD, followed by a live performance of the 16th Degree portrayed by the Valley of Providence. Candidates are welcomed.

Candidates must register with their local Valley secretary no later than JUNE 21, 2010. Following the Degrees, there will be a lunch, tour of the facilities, and an old fashion New England Clambake.

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## *6th Annual Masonic Southern Area Bowlathon*



Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 1 – 5pm

### **St. Clair Bowl**

**5950 Old Collinsville Rd. O'Fallon, IL**

**Registration \$10.00**

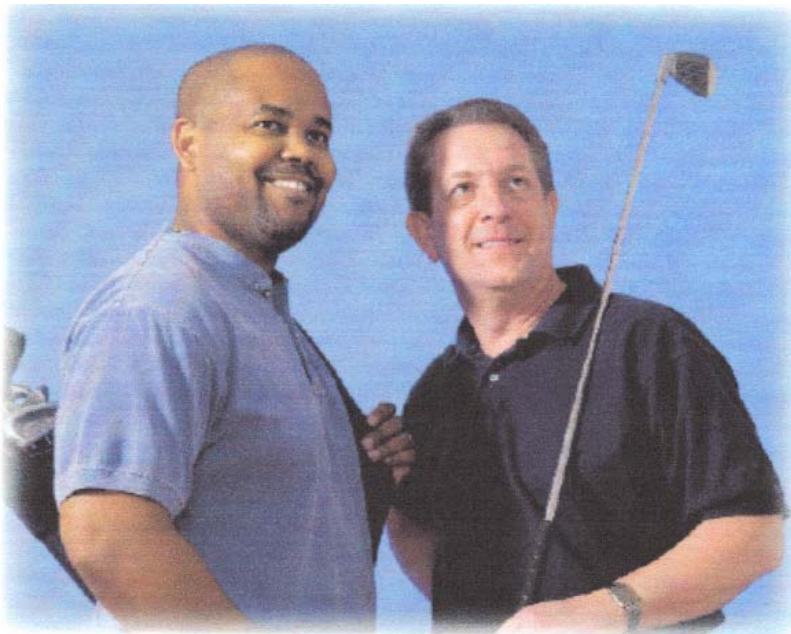
**All Proceeds will be given to the Coins for Kids and  
Masonic Children's Home ~ Murphysboro, IL.**

**John Brown**  
Chairman  
234-1109

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## **BLUE ENVELOPE APPEAL**

Recently, you received the Scottish Rite Blue Envelope appeal. Do you know that this appeal helps support the Charities of your Scottish Rite; The Abbott Scholarship, the National Heritage Museum, 32° Masonic Learning Centers, and the Schizophrenia Research Fellowship Program. The goal for the Valley is \$15,650. The total amount donated from the members of the Valley help determine the final amount our state receives in Abbott Scholarship funds. Please be generous with your gift.



## **The Brotherhood of Man**

People come in all shapes, sizes and colors. For too many centuries, these differences have kept people apart.

There are men who look beyond these differences. These men believe in the Brotherhood of Man. They understand that it is the content of a person's heart rather than the color of the skin that really matters.

**Who are these men?**

**They are Scottish Rite Masons.**



**Scottish Rite Masonry Making a Real Difference!**

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# LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

Center Director Brenda Hunter and staff have been working hard as the academic session nears completion. We now have 24 children participating in the tutoring. If you belong to, or know a group, that would like to have a presentation on the Learning Center program, contact the Valley Secretary and he will be happy to schedule a date.



Mark your calendars and get your walking shoes out for the **6th Annual Walk-A-Thon on October 16th** here at the Valley. We want to beat our record attendance of last year and have over 200 walkers. All proceeds go to benefit the Learning Center. Get your registration form at the office. Be a sponsor and/or a walker.

Sponsor A Route Sign  
For Only \$25.00  
Call the Office  
618-235-3350



## 2010 Achievement Night



Achievement Night was held on May 5th; at this time we honored our students for their achievements, our tutors for their dedication, and our sponsors for their generous donations. A great time was had by all.



## LEARNING CENTER TRIVIA NIGHT

The Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th, here at the Valley. Book your table (maximum of eight per team) and get your team together. As in the past, there will be quality attendance prizes as well as silent auction items. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of players: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 7 Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.**
- 15 Learning Center Crazy Bowl
- 15 Outstate Reunion, Herrin, IL
- 21 Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.
- 26 Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
- 28 Golf Tournament
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday,  
Office Closed

### JUNE

- 5-6 Ainad Circus, Belleville
- 7 Ainad Circus, Waterloo
- 8 Ainad Circus, Jerseyville
- 9 Ainad Circus, Olney
- 10-11 Ainad Circus, Salem
- 12-13 Ainad Circus, DuQuoin
- 11 Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.**
- 26 ICOD, Normal, IL
- 30 Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

### JULY

- 5 Independence Day Holiday,  
Office Closed
- 9 Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.**
- 16 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM.
- 28 Board Meeting 7:00 PM.

### AUGUST

- 6 Corporation Meeting - 6:00**
- 6 Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 6 Installation of Officers - 7:30**
- 20 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM.
- 25 Board Meeting - 7:00 PM.
- 28-1 Supreme Council Session

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 6 Labor Day, Holiday  
Office Closed
- 17 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 PM.
- 29 Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

## AINAD SHRINE COLD SANDS INITIATION NIGHT

Potentate Ray Rohr has announced an Ainad Shrine Cold Sands initiation on Tuesday, June 29th in Marion, hosted by the Williamson County Shrine Club. There will be a meal at 6:30 followed by the initiation. All Master Masons are welcome to join.

### Scottish Rite Fish Fry 3rd Friday

May 2<sup>st</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - August 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 17<sup>th</sup>

Serving from 4:30 to 7:30

The Regular Monthly Stated Meeting is the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month,  
The Monthly Board of Directors meeting is the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month, unless otherwise noted.  
**Please Note: The June Stated Meeting will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.**