

Show Me...The Valley of St. Louis

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From Your Executive Secretary: Your St. Louis Valley was proud and honored to host the graduation ceremonies for the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Officers Academy on January 8th, 2009. A crowd of about 1,000 looked on as the newly commissioned officers were sworn in. (See the photo). Refreshments were served in the East Gallery following the ceremony.

Again, this will be a busy period at the Scottish Rite. In January we will be hosting the St. Louis Line Officers' Club of the Job's Daughters for a sleepover on the 31st, KCCH Association will have had their monthly meeting on Friday night, January 30th. February 14th brings Branson's famous Brett Family show to the Rite. Dance competitions begin on February 20th, We hope you get this in time for our Four Bodies meeting on Thursday March 19th. Then rehearsals will begin for our next Reunion on April 24th and 25th.

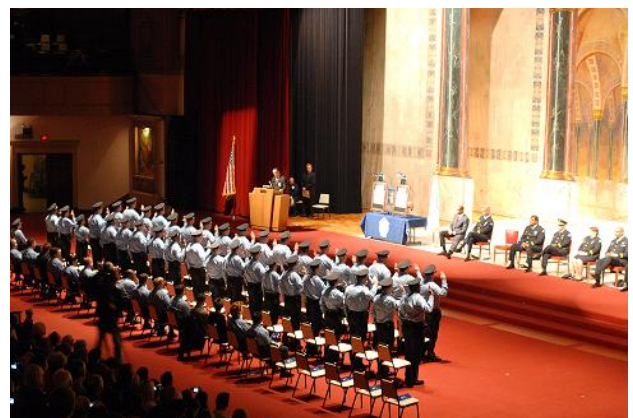
This is the time to get in petitions for the Spring Reunion, and to start making plans for your participation in the Reunion. We need help. There are many openings for roles in the degrees, not just for actors, but also for those who work in the background with props, lighting, costumes, stage setup, candidate processing, etc. Our Director of Work, Ill. Bro. Walt Sawicki will be most happy to hear from you. Just call the Office at 314-533-7410 and we'll put you in touch with Walt. Our goal is to get the Class size to the 100+ mark. Can you do it?

As you know, there is always a time lag from the time this is written until you receive it in the mail. We're looking for innovative ways to get information to you on a more timely basis. For those of you with access to the Internet, take a look at our website so ably maintained by

Brother Marshall Lukens. The web site URL is www.scottishrite-stl.org. We would like to be able to keep you up to date directly with the latest on our happenings. The most effective means is through e-mail. If you haven't done so already, please send an e-mail to exec@scottishrite-stl.org so we can enter your address in our records and in those maintained by Supreme Council. For those of you without e-mail, consider getting on-line. It is very easy to do, and you won't be subject to the delays from the Post Office. The rumor is that postage rates will be raised again soon due to the high cost of storage.

While I'm on the subject, take a look at some of the new features on our website. Our Library now has its own page, and there are interesting articles regarding latest efforts regarding Cathedral Preservation projects as well.

If you know of or belong to a group, organization or private parties looking for a place to hold an event, keep the Scottish Rite in mind. Our auditorium and dining rooms are superb. We have smaller rooms and galleries available. Our rates are published on the web site, but can be varied to offer combinations appealing to the users. We also offer tours to groups, schools or others (especially members) who would like to learn more about a truly magnificent Masonic edifice. If you haven't been through it, just stop by the Office and we'll show you around. Our regular office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm. You're always welcome!



Police Academy Graduation – St. Louis