

# "Show Me" The Rite Way – Orient of Missouri

## The Gift of Freemasonry

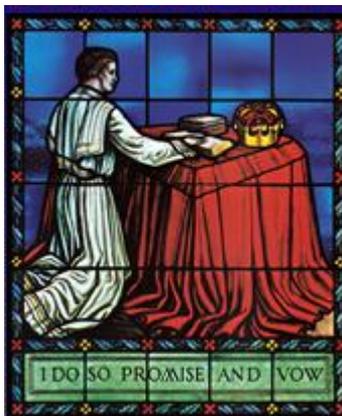
Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth . . .

We, as Master Masons, say these words often. We have vowed to put these words into action – at all times and under all circumstances. There is no better time than the holidays to reflect upon these words and to rededicate ourselves to these glorious principles. We are thankful for God, our families, our friends, and all of the opportunities we have to serve God and others through our great fraternity. Perhaps the best gift we can give to others this holiday season is the gift of Freemasonry.



We were given this gift of Freemasonry by the millions who came before us: those brothers and sisters of our fraternity who gave so much, even when they had so little. They built the magnificent Masonic edifices, Scottish Rite Cathedrals, Shrine Mosques, and so many more buildings, not to mention all of the Masonic Homes, Hospitals, Clinics and other charitable facilities. Others created and crafted the time honored Rituals and Ceremonies, which remain intact today. Even more made the eternal sacrifices of life – so that we may enjoy the precious freedoms we hold so dear in the United States of America.

What have we done to even think that we are worthy to be the benefactors of those unparalleled gifts? And, perhaps more importantly, what gifts will we leave to others in and out of our fraternity?



Each day gives us the opportunity to serve God and those around us. Service begins with prayer and genuine love, and continues with dedicated and conscientious work, to get the job done without caring who gets the credit. Humility, sacrifice and true Brotherly love are the cornerstones of building our fraternity. Helping others, bringing relief to people in need, and being charitable will radiate in God's glory. And then, Truth – ah yes – Truth. Do you live in secret and before the world in accordance with the teachings of Freemasonry? Only you can be true to yourself and others. Moreover, complete trust in one another and the ability to always speak well of a brother will strengthen our Craft forever. The opposite would unfortunately destroy the gift we were given. A cheerful smile will always bring joy. "He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have God as a friend." *Proverbs 22.11*

As we share in the holidays with our families and friends, let us each reflect upon Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth – and then share one of God's best gifts with others – the Gift of Freemasonry – through our hearts, our actions, our words, and our charities.

Happy Holidays and God bless you and your families.



  
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# Show Me...The Valley of Columbia

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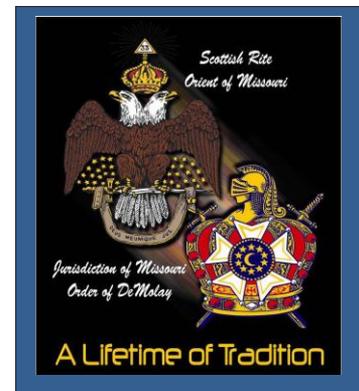
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**—Saturday **April 25, 2009**--The Grand Lodge will conduct a Chance-To-Advance Class at the Masonic Complex in Columbia with the degrees conferred by the Missouri Grand Lodge Officers. Just down the road at the Best Western Inn, the Central States Grotto Association will be holding its annual convention and will host a dinner and dance that evening that is open to all. There will be an opportunity for all interested Master Masons to join the Grotto, regardless of where they live. Come to Columbia and make it a day! Contact your Lodge Secretaries for C2A information. For Grotto information and dinner/dance reservations, contact Ill. Mitch Weinsting at [mo6022@aol.com](mailto:mo6022@aol.com).

**SCOTTISH RITE/ YORK RITE UNITY IN MID-MISSOURI**—Several years ago, the leadership of both Rites in Mid-Missouri decided to put aside any past differences and cooperatively work together. Columbia Valley Reunions now always include a York Rite presentation and we have prominent Knight Templars who are Scottish Rite Masons participate in the conferral of the 30<sup>th</sup> degree. We also offer a joint Scottish/York Rite “tag team” presentation for area Lodges needing a Lodge education program. Membership and interest in both Rites continues to grow, we are strengthening the entire fraternity in our area, and peace and harmony prevail. It is simple. More importantly, it WORKS!

**RITECARE/TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP** continues to grow – More information in the next edition!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

The election of officers will be held at our **Christmas/Holiday party on December 20, 2008** with installation at our January 22, 2009, Four Bodies meeting.



## Feast of Tishri - Four Bodies Meeting

In conjunction with our Four Bodies Meeting on October 23rd, the Officers of the Lodge of Perfection held the *Feast of Tishri* under the leadership and direction of Ill. Ronnie Green, 33°. After a dinner catered by the Well Fed Chef, Venerable Master Jim Kern, 32° KCCH and his officers conducted the *Feast of Tishri* ceremony. This was the first time in many years that the Valley has conducted this impressive ceremony. Based on feedback from our membership and guests in attendance, everyone enjoyed the evening and we will do it again next year. Thanks to all who participated!

## OFFICERS NOMINATED

At the Four Bodies meeting the following officers were nominated to serve the Columbia Valley for 2009: All 32° unless noted.

**Lodge of Perfection:** tAno Mateu, Paul Cannon 32° KCCH, Jerry Hunter, 32° KCCH, John Schloot, Mick Dey, 32° KCCH, Russ DeVenney, Ken Dingman, and John Jones.

**Chapter Rose Croix:** Gary Smith, Jason Ellis, Branden Crump, Jerry Bradford, Mark Bean, Marvin Utterback, Matt James, Ben Goldschmidt.

**Council of Kadosh:** Shannon Payton, Tom Yunick, Rick Mansfield, Barry Cundiff, Gene Berck, Roger Fleer, Ken Vititoe, Scott Mewbuorn, Steve Turner, and Duane Dimmitt.

**Consistory:** Dean Christy, 32° KCCH, Grant Stockton, Bryan Gruber, Jon Wenzel, Larry Wyatt Sr., David Foldesh, Ben Buss, Cole Painter, and Randy Halemeyer.

# Show Me...The Valley of Joplin

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## FALL REUNION A SUCCESS

Another successful two day reunion has been completed with 29 new Masters of the Royal Secret joining the Valley of Joplin. Thanks to the hundreds of members who make each reunion happen! Petition signers, follow up with your candidates to get them involved in Scottish Rite. Join us in welcoming our new members!

*Class members included: Creighton M. Olson, Timothy W. Johnson, Wallace Davis, Larry G. Rigby, H. Eldon Trost, Nolen A. Stepp, Michael M. Moore, Jared B. Richmond, William C. Hogg, James D. Smith, Sean M. Northcutt, John A. Dailey, Rick E. Du Clos, Michael R. Nelson, Burl B. McCullough, Ryan P. Wiltfong, Leslie T. Cole, S.Coleman Mitchell, Eric M. Tackett, David Caldwell, Tommy L. Creek, Jimmie D. Hoover, Howard W. Huff, Westly B. Louderback, Marvin H. Avery, Maurice F. Forner, Donnie J. Davis, and Tracy Mallow.*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Greetings! Wow, talk about a baptism by fire! I just started October 6th as the new Executive Secretary for the Valley of Joplin and boy did I have my work cut out for me! Dues notices, Dues cards, October Reunion preparations, congratulatory phone calls, getting accounts and numbers changed over, bills to pay, checks to write and have reviewed and signed, Scottish Rite Foundation meeting, Valley Council meetings, traveling to St. Louis, Columbia, Buckhorn, minutes to write, newsletter story to write... whew! And all the while, trying to look like I know what I'm doing!

Well, the first month is done... you know what? I enjoyed it immensely! I have the privilege of working with the finest men in the state of Missouri, or anywhere else for that matter, and we've gotten a lot of things accomplished already.

The Reunion went off very well. All the teams operated smoothly for the most part. And we had the privilege of gaining twenty-nine new Masters of the Royal Secret!

Much remains to be done, however. Soon, I'll be visiting the Scottish Rite Clubs in the Valley and I can't wait to meet everyone. We're looking for a company to purchase the trophy making and building supplies to help us clean up the Game Room so that we can begin efforts to restore that part of our building. Proceeds from that sale will be donated to RiteCare.

What used to be the boiler room is being converted into a linen storage/laundry room. And, we have other projects that I don't have room or time to mention.

We have so much opportunity and so much support; I can't wait to see what we can accomplish...TOGETHER! I hope to see you soon!

Brother Richard Lowrey, 32°, Secretary



## ORIENT EAGLE AWARD PRESENTED AT FALL REUNION

Brother Larry Houge, 33° was presented with the prestigious Orient Eagle Award during the reunion banquet by Illustrious Brother Robert Cockerham, 33°, S.G.I.G. for the State of Missouri. The Orient Eagle Award is reserved for a select few brethren for their service, inspiration, commitment and honor to Scottish Rite. Congratulations Brother Houge!

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*Pictured (Left to right) are Marshall Welch , 32°, Hon. John Scholfield, 32°, KCCH, Bro. Bruce Olds, 32°, Hon. Bro. Ed Shubert , 32°, KCCH, Brother Henry "Woody" Woodward, Membership Chairman, and Hon. Bro. Ron Hewitt, 32°, KCCH*

## THE VALLEY OF KANSAS CITY ANNOUNCES AMBASSADORS

The Valley of Kansas City introduced the first five "Lodge Ambassadors" at its October Stated meeting. As part of the new membership program, our Lodge Ambassadors will represent the Scottish Rite in lodges throughout the Valley. The Ambassadors, who were appointed by Membership Chairman Bro. Woody Woodward, are men who are active in their own lodges, as well as the Scottish Rite, and will deliver news regarding the Valley, make presentations about the opportunities available for members, and share information on membership with new Masons.

## TEAM INSTALLS A WEATHER STATION

On November 8, 2008, a team of volunteers installed the new weather station on the roof of the Temple. In an effort to make the facility more energy efficient, Brother Dave Witte suggested installing a wind generation unit on the roof. After six months of monitoring wind speed and direction, the data will be compiled to evaluate the feasibility of his proposal. Brothers Brent Winterberg, Bill Wallace, Gene Sheridan, and Jared Hargrave, braved the elements and installed the new weather station on the roof.



*Brothers Jared Hargrave(Left) and Brent Winterberg (Right) standing in front of the new weather station.*



*Brother Clark Page, 32° (Left), Ill. Brother Dan Smothers, 33°(Center), and Ill. Brother Sheldon Snitz, 33°(Right)*

## TWO FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

Ill. Brother Sheldon Snitz, 33° and Brother Clark Page, 32° were honored at the October dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 for 50 years of service to the Scottish Rite.

## KANSAS CITY VALLEY OFFERS EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

The Valley of Kansas City began a series of lectures on November 24, 2008 at 6:45 P.M. The lectures will cover a wide range of topics related to Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The first lecture, entitled "An Introduction to the Kabbalah" was presented by our own Frank Kaffenberger. Participants are asked to bring provisions for note taking, as there will be a question and answer session following. For further information, contact Frank Kaffenberger at [fkaffen@iontheweb.com](mailto:fkaffen@iontheweb.com).

## SPECIAL REQUEST FROM SUPREME COUNCIL

We need you! Please go to <http://update.scottishrite.org> and update your contact information. The first 30 people to update their information will receive a special token from the Supreme Council!

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*Candidates gather in one of the new St. Joseph Valley classrooms prior to the October Reunion.*

## FALL REUNION HELD

The Valley of St. Joseph held its Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 11, 2008. With Missouri SGIG Robert Cockerham in attendance, the following fourteen brothers became 32° Masons: Timothy C. Booher, Ronald E. Brock, Bryan D. Brown, Emmett J. Bryson, Jeffrey D. Collins, John A. Dodson, Dale L. Elkins, William D. Goodwin, Justin E. Hopkins, Levi E. Jones, Clark L. Montgomery, Michael O. Noland, Darrin S. Vogel and Daniel Best (courtesy work for the Valley of Kansas City).

## SGIG HONORS BROTHER WITH EAGLE AWARD

During his recent visit to the Valley of St. Joseph, Ill. Robert Cockerham, 33°, SGIG, awarded LeRoy Salmon, 32° KCCH, with the 2008 Orient Eagle Award for service, inspiration, commitment and honor. LeRoy was Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix in 2005. He currently serves as Degree Master of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> degrees. He is the Chairman of the Kansas City Childhood Language Disorder Clinic and a member of the Scottish Rite Foundation, where he serves as Chairman of the Speech and Language Committee.

Brother Salmon is Past Master of Charity Zeredatha Lodge #189 where he currently serves as secretary. He is associate secretary of the High Twelve Club No. 49 and a ritual club instructor. He served as Commander of the Legion of Honor at Moila Shrine in 2004. He is an officer in Mitchell Chapter No. 14, St. Joseph Council No 9, Hugues de Payens Commandery No 4, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite Allied Masonic Degrees and the York Rite College. Brother LeRoy, a DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor member, and also is a member of National Sojourners Kansas City Chapter No. 63.



*Ill. Robert Cockerham, 33°, SGIG and Ill. Gary Hinderks, 33°, St. Joe Personal Rep, present the Orient Eagle Award to LeRoy Salmon, 32°, KCCH*

## BROTHERS HONORED WITH 50-YEAR JEWELS

Twenty-one brothers have achieved the 50-year jewel at the Valley of St. Joseph: Jack G. Adams, 33°, Calvin R. Bibens, Joseph S. Comley, Milton J. Day, Rodgers E. Ellis, George E. Freeman, Harvey L. Garoutte Jr., Stanley F. Hall, Dean R. Hurlbut, Harvey W. Johnson Jr., Dr. Will L. Lane, Earl J. Lyle, Kyle V. Maxwell, Carl F. Miller, 32° KCCH, Edward G. Moore, Warren L. Mullins Jr., John W. Stilgenbauer, Woodard H. Stracener, William E. Straub, James H. Triplet and Leonard H. Witt.

## THE FELLOWSHIP TRADITION CONTINUES

Continuing its new tradition of gathering for a meal and fellowship before meetings, the Valley of St. Joseph hosted DeMolay boys and dignitaries prior to its November 6th meeting. Ill. Jeffrey C. Kitsmiller, 33°, Executive Director of DeMolay International, and members of Mochila Chapter joined the brothers for a pre-meeting feast prior to their respective meetings. St. Joseph Valley continues to get the word out about this new popular "Scottish Rite/DeMolay" meeting night feature and invites area brothers to join in.



# Show Me...The Valley of St. Louis

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*Marsh Lukens Photo*

**From Your Executive Secretary:** Your St. Louis Valley has been alive with activity since the last issue of the Scottish Rite Journal. As pictures become available we'll have a lot more to show and say about these events. In October we had the Job's Daughters Miss Missouri Pageant on the 4<sup>th</sup>, our Reunion on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, (see picture) and the Moolah Shrine Ceremonial on the 18<sup>th</sup>. In November the Order of the Eastern Star held a reception for the Worthy Grand Patron on the 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately followed by a Job's Daughters sleepover the same night; the DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture was held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Installation of Bro. Ryan Cockerham, 32°, as State Master Councilor of Missouri DeMolay on the 8<sup>th</sup>; the Scottish Rite Clinic held its Kid Talk Gala on the 15<sup>th</sup>; and the Rainbow Girls held a national leadership conference on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. December's events include our annual Holiday Party on the 12<sup>th</sup> and our Installation of Officers on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Veiled Prophet also used our facility for two events during the same period. Our Clubs have also been meeting regularly for luncheons, parties and other activities. We'll be reporting a lot more on their activities in future issues.

It just wouldn't seem right if I didn't bring up the subject of **dues**. Those of you who are current have probably noticed that we're doing things a bit differently this year. Your dues card has been sent with your dues notice sent by the Supreme Council.

(Please check your envelope for the card). It saves us a lot in postage and preparation time to do it this way. Give us your feedback on this new system.

Earlier this year I received a note from a Brother who lives quite a distance from St. Louis. He asked, "What's in it for me? Why should I keep up my membership?" As I thought of a response, I couldn't help but think of the Masonic Education we receive from the Scottish Rite. We learn the meanings of those key words and precepts of Freemasonry: Wisdom, Strength, Beauty, Love, Relief, Truth, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. To use a modern term, we learn the true value of "networking", not the kind based on greed, but based on the Masonic precepts explained in the Scottish Rite Ritual. We learn that every Brother we meet on the face of the Earth has stood or knelt before an altar and professed the same precepts, beliefs and values that we hold so dear in our own hearts. We know that we can without reservation associate, deal and socialize comfortably with those who feel in their hearts the same as we do. That's what's in it for me! Priceless, isn't it? I hope you find the same value in it for you!



*Marsh Lukens Photo*

**Fall Reunion Class – Valley of St. Louis**

# Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri

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As we celebrate the New Year, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri. I am proud of our accomplishments and the impact we have made. In 2008, the Foundation supported thousands of diagnostic evaluations and treatments of speech and language disorders, hearing aids for children, and 66 scholarships to college students. Of course, the Foundation also supported the fine young men of Missouri DeMolay who have tirelessly raised well over \$100,000 for the various RiteCare Clinics throughout the Orient.

The excitement does not stop there! Starting in 2009, the Foundation will launch a comprehensive resource development plan that enhances the Foundation's fundraising scope and ability.

Through a strategic resource development plan, the Foundation's impact and influence will grow, leveraging your support to touch even more lives.

For the first time, public support will be expanded with direct marketing and outreach to the community. We will increase public awareness of our mission with communication pieces like newsletters and mailings. Also, the Foundation will apply for grant funds from private and corporate entities.

I encourage your support. My motivations are both personal and professional. I take comfort in knowing that the Foundation touches so many people throughout our community, as well as our Masonic members and their families.

The twin goals of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry – *Services to others, Service to you* is alive and well at the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri. I hope you will join me, to help us build a better, stronger and more caring community by contributing to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri. Help us start this exciting new step by sending your gift today!

Ill Brother John Woodard, 33°, Chairman

**P.S. Want to join us in helping kids? Use the envelope inside this insert to make your contribution today!**

*The Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri, Inc. is a not-for-profit public charity that has a 501(c)(3) status therefore all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.*

## Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Directors Honors Donors

The Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Foundation recognizes and honors the following donors for their generosity and extends a heartfelt welcome to the Eagle Guild Program and Albert Pike Society:

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***Many thanks to our generous benefactors. Your gifts enable the Foundation to help deserving children across the State of Missouri! Thank you!***



*Ill Bro Vern Schneider (left) & Ill Bro Andy Oberman (right) receive their Eagle Guild Certificates from Wendy Missey, Administrator*

***Thanks to our donors –  
We appreciate you!***



## Show Me...Missouri Rite Care

### Scottish Rite Foundation Gives "Two Thumbs Up" On Concept To Consolidate Missouri Ritecare Clinics

At the November 1, 2008, Scottish Rite Foundation meeting, the Board voted to endorse the consolidation of the Missouri RiteCare Clinics under one corporate umbrella in order to strengthen the program and ensure the perpetuity of the Clinic's future in years to come. The objective of the merger is to increase the opportunity to address the growing need of children with communication disorders in the State of Missouri by blending existing clinic programs while reducing redundant expenses.



Pete & Ms. Kate work on "t" sounds during a therapy session.

Strengthening and *strategically* growing the RiteCare Program throughout the Orient of Missouri is a goal shared by Scottish Rite Masons across the State – and across the Southern Jurisdiction.

The Scottish Rite Masons goal to "help children communicate" is actualized in the RiteCare Clinics on a daily basis and a world of communication is opened to a child in need.

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## Show Me...Missouri DeMolay

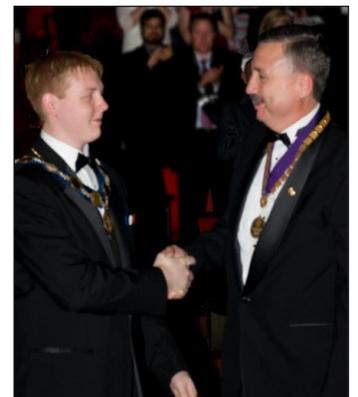
### Building Freemasonry through the Virtues of DeMolay

The Order of DeMolay offers young men the lessons and virtues so vitally needed in today's world to be strong, admirable and proud human beings. On November 8, 2006, seventeen proven leaders were installed as the new State Officers of Missouri DeMolay at the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. Our primary goal is to simply utilize the very principles that make DeMolay so great in showing everyone who we truly are. The new State Officers are prepared to let the public know what DeMolay and Freemasonry stand for and what we believe in. Being a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner myself, I was much moved this past year when Missouri DeMolay worked tirelessly to raise over

\$100,000 to help aid and assist the children who are treated at the Scottish Rite RiteCare Centers around the State. Consequently, Missouri DeMolay has made the RiteCare its number one charity again this year. In fact, we raised over \$2,500 on the day of the State Installation.

Missouri DeMolay has many goals this upcoming year. We are hoping to compliment last year's goals in giving back to the Scottish Rite and the Family of Freemasonry. We are looking forward to beginning new Chapters all over the state. We are actively recruiting more and more Master Masons to be our advisors. We hope you will assist and become active in a DeMolay Chapter today. It is fun and most rewarding. We remain number one in membership growth in the world and we are aiming high on many other ambitions. But we know that if Missouri DeMolay wishes to succeed to its greatest potential, then we must concentrate on the fundamentals that make DeMolay and Freemasonry great. We must rely on our Seven Cardinal Virtues: Love of Parents, Reverence for God, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism. If we, as DeMolays and Freemasons "do not stand unswervingly in defense of the teachings of our Order, if we do not seek to perpetuate them in our daily lives, then perhaps these flames will be extinguished, muted in the shadows and darkness shall inherit the land."

Missouri DeMolay will continue to build Freemasonry through DeMolay and its incomparable virtues as we understand that we are modern day crusaders, battling the evils and injustices of this world by use of our Seven Cardinal Virtues and by truly Living DeMolay.



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