

Sutton Lodge of Perfection



Jubilee Council Princes of Jerusalem



Emmanuel Chapter of Rose Croix

# SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

in the Valley of Salem, Massachusetts Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

## Notice of Meetings

These meetings will be held in the Salem Masonic Temple 70 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970

#### WINTER FAMILY LIFE CELEBRATION

Friday, February 11, 2022 Performing – Livin' on Luck

#### Membership Development Evening

Friday, March 11, 2022

"The Interview"

presented by the Valley of the Merrimack

# **DINNER RESERVATIONS**

Mark the box on the enclosed card for dinner reservations for the upcoming meetings.

You may also visit our website at www.valleyofsalem.org or send an email to rsvp@valleyofsalem.org.

If your card or email won't reach us by the Wednesday preceding the meeting, please call:

February John Maihos 978-804-7163 Or email rsvp@valley of salem.org

March Jon Palermo 781-248-0119 Or email jonpalermo@outlook.com



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# Winter Celebration

## Friday, February 11, 2022

Ladies/Spouses and Guests invited. All attendees will be guests of the Valley.

5:15 P.M.

#### **SOCIAL PERIOD**

6:00 P.M.

#### **DINNER**

Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Chicken Alternate with reservation.

# ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW Livin' on Luck



**Livin' On Luck** plays classic Rock and Folk of the 70s, 80s and 90s and features Ann and Tom O'Donnell, Josh Bevins, and Robert Cedrone. They have played at a variety of North Shore venues including the Topsfield Fair, Gloucester's Harbor Loop Concert Series and Downtown Block Party, and at numerous restaurants and private events.

# Membership Development Night

Friday, March 11, 2022 Featuring "The Interview"

5:15 P.M. **SOCIAL PERIOD** 

6:00 P.M.

#### PRESENTATION OF "THE INTERVIEW"

The Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Salem are excited to sponsor a one-act Masonic play entitled "The Interview". The play features a cast of three, Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abif.

The performance will be held at the Salem Masonic Building on the evening of Friday, March 11, 2022.

This play is a must-see for any Mason who would like to know more about the legendary early days of the Fraternity.

The event is presented by the Scottish Rite Valley of The Merrimack, and the cast includes:

King Solomon: Ill.: Frederick "Rick" N. Nowell, III, 33°, MSA Hiram King of Tyre: Bro. James "Jimmy" F. Fergola, 32°, MSA, HGA Hiram Abif: Bro. Keith Zibolis, 32°

"The Interview" is open to Master Masons only as it illudes to the craft degrees and the Hiramic Legend. Suggested attire is jacket and tie.

#### **DINNER TO FOLLOW:**

Meatloaf, Veggies, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Rolls and Butter, and dessert Brownie Sundae. Chicken alternate with reservation.

Donation \$15.00 – Prospective Candidates will be guests of the Valley

**Reservations are a must.** Please return the enclosed postcard or contact Bro. Jon Palermo at (781) 248-0119 or email: jonpalermo@outlook.com

## From the Heads of the Bodies



SUTTON LODGE OF PERFECTION

Stärk Peterson, 32° Thrice Potent Master My Brothers,

A happy new year to you all! And may 2022 be a year of hope, joy, and prosperity!

Despite 2020 and 2021 being years of unprecedented high strangeness globally, we as Masons will persevere with Faith, Hope, and Charity in a spirit of Love for all humanity. As we return to our lodge rooms let us strengthen our connections and continue our arduous undertakings. Our

Winter program has a return of Family Life events with North Shore Acappella in February. Come and reconnect with your brethren and their families over a casual dinner and a show. In March, we have a membership development night featuring a Masonic play. Invite your new lodge brothers to come and experience the Valley of Salem.

We will also be reconnecting with our brothers through the brother to brother calling program. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to participate; calling and chatting with our Valley members is a pretty wonderful experience and a pleasant way to spend a chilly winter evening. But even if you do not want to officially participate, I urge you to pick up the phone and call a brother that you may not have spoken with in a while. Talk about things, rejoice with them and be there with them as worthy brother should be. Masonry is not the family that we were born into, but rather the family that we have chosen to be part of, and a mighty family it is at that.



JUBILEE COUNCIL
Princes of Jerusalem

Timothy J. Doane, 32° Sovereign Prince Greetings Brethren,

Well we had a very enjoyable evening in November. The degree was a huge success. Everyone did a beautiful job in their new and old parts.

In May we will be putting on the 16th degree "Prince of Jerusalem". I am looking forward to another outstanding night. The cast will be sent out in a reminder before the degree night.

Also myself and officers of the Valley will be making calls to all of our brothers over the next couple months in a brother to brother calling to see how everyone is doing and to invite you back to the lodge.

The Valley will be holding a membership night and family night during February and March.

I hope that you all had a Merry, Happy and Safe Holiday Season! ■



EMMANUEL CHAPTER
OF
ROSE CROIX

John Maihos, 32° Most Wise Master As Most Wise Master I have a wonderful view of the Chapter, and the view I witnessed at our December degree was very pleasing. I was very proud of all the officers in the line, and I have the feeling that the members of the Valley and our guests truly enjoyed the work of the evening. My special thanks to Felipe Dos Santos, a brand new member, for stepping in as a Pursuviant. Thanks also to Ill. Mason Russell who filled in for our Orator, William Cicci, who was working through a COVID issue. Ill. George Haile also did a fine job as Junior Warden. Thanks to all!

Unfortunately, our organist, Joel Davidson, we stranded outside the door, and not armed with the passcode to the door. For those who do not know it, there is a keypad on the side street entrance. If you do not know the code, please ask any officer of the Valley. Once you know it, you will not have a problem getting into the lobby.

With the 18th Degree behind us, the next work for Emmanuel Chapter will be the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. We will present that beautiful Easter reenactment on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming meeting in February when we will hear from the band, Livin' On Luck. This will be a family event and sponsored by the Valley of Salem. Then, in March, a special "For Master Masons Only" event called "The Interview." This will be for all members of the Valley and prospective members. I would ask that every brother bring another brother who has not become a Scottish Rite Mason. The lessons of our Scottish Rite Bodies are quite valuable, and we should always be consider ways to help our brother receive more light in the fraternity.

I hope you had a joyous holiday season. ■

# From the Secretary



Charles Austin, 33° Secretary

Brethren,

We gather again for the first time in 2022, which almost certainly will be better than 2021.

First things first. All of you who are pursuing education after high school, or who have kids or grandkids who are pursuing education after high school should consider making application for an Abbott Scholarship. This can be to assist with college, grad school, or post high school technical training. As you might remember from prior year's notices to you, all applications

must be filled out according to the instructions and physically in my hands by April 1. As before, the instructions and the application form are available ONLY at the website of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. If you don't see the Abbott Scholarship mentioned specifically click on "Charities" and you should find the Abbott Scholarship mentioned there.

A couple things — Follow the instructions **to the letter**. If you do not follow the instructions completely and submit at least ALL of the material required, the application will be rejected without being reviewed. The Committee takes this very seriously, so don't even THINK of cutting corners. The second thing is to remember the "blue envelope appeal" envelope that comes around annually from the Supreme Council. Our donations to that appeal increase the amount in the coffers to be allocated to Massachusetts for things such as the scholarships. The more that we contribute the more we get back. And Salem has always been good about supporting those who are trying to learn to improve themselves. It's money well spent.

Now to the fun stuff. In February we will be inviting our ladies to be with us. This should be a particularly good time to be with them (not that any time with them isn't a good time) as it falls very close to Valentines Day. Make that reservation and join with the Brothers and ladies of our Salem Masonic Community. The entertainment planned comes very well recommended and I am sure that you are looking forward to this as much as Martha and I are.

In March it will be your chance to introduce your Masonic friends to the joys of fellowship in the Valley of Salem. You have to have noticed that over the past couple years the average age of the leadership of our Valley has come down by a lot and the current leadership has put together a program which I am sure will be very much appreciated to those who you think we should be welcoming among us. I mean I am happy with receiving instruction on how to can vegetables from our gardens, but I think that what is planned will be more in line with what our younger Brethren find interesting and, dare I say it, entertaining. Go figure. So invited your Masonic friends and make those reservations. Look for me. I'll be the old guy off in the corner muttering, "We never did it this way when I was younger."

Then in April our Degrees will again be presented. Once again, the Valley of Salem can take pride in its work, but that is a story for the next notice. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all down in the Valley.

Fraternally, Charles Austin Secretary

## SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### The Scottish Rite Commitment to Education

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is a belief in the importance of the educated mind. Freedom, understanding, and brotherhood are dependent upon our ability to reason effectively. That is why the Masonic Fraternity, and the Scottish Rite in particular, have long been committed to fostering the value of education.

At a time when the cost of higher education is increasing, the Scottish Rite wants to assist qualified and deserving students in attaining their educational and career goals through its scholarship program.

As part of Supreme Council Charities, the Education and Charity Fund Scholarship Program has now been expanded. It is anticipated that many more scholarships will be awarded each year to eligible and deserving students attending colleges and universities of their choice and studying subjects of their choice.

The Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is supported by gifts from members and friends of Scottish Rite Masons to the annual Blue Envelope Appeal.

#### Eligibility Requirements

T hose meeting ONE the following criteria are eligible to apply for a scholarship:

• A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction;

or

- A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction;
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Additionally, the qualifying student must be ONE of the following:

- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited college, university, or trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;
- An undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

Application forms are only available through the Supreme Council on-line website: www. scottishritenmj.org. Completed applications must be returned to the Valley Secretary in duplicate. Applications must be in the hands of the Valley Secretary (not postmarked) by April 1.

#### The Amount of Scholarship Aid

B oth the number of scholarships granted each year and the actual amount of individual scholarships are dependent upon funds available. It is hoped, however, that individual grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000. The number in any state will be modest inasmuch as fifteen states and over 100 Valleys are concerned.

# Supplemental Guide to Scottish Rite Scholarships

Massachusetts Council of Deliberation

The following additional eligibility requirements are provided for guidance in applying for scholarship assistance in Massachusetts:

- Applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, graduate school or vocational college student.
- Scholarship recipients may reapply annually for additional undergraduate assistance in competition with all other annual applicants.
- The applicant and the relative of the applicant who must be a Scottish Rite Mason from the Valley of Salem, may reside outside the state.
- A transcript of record must be submitted with application along with a copy of SAT/Entrance Exam scores.
- A copy of parent's/guardian's most recent year federal tax return that includes gross family income (Form 1040 front section) must be included.
- Suggestions: Do not be limited by space. Give supporting data on family conditions – siblings in college – selfhelp – extra-curricular, church, and community activities, etc.

Applications must be submitted to the Valley Secretary (at his home address) where his/her relative holds his Lodge of Perfection, 14°, membership. The Valley Secretary will forward to the state Committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered, so please double check to insure that all required information is included. Members of Masonic youth organizations should apply through the Valley in which they reside. The Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is supported by gifts from members and friends of Scottish Rite Masons to the annual Blue Envelope Appeal.

#### **HELP WANTED**

We are always looking for help with the internal workings of the Valley. If you have any interest in becoming involved with our Commisary team, Wardrobe, stage hands, sound or lighting, acting – both speaking and non-speaking parts, singing in the Choir, or if you have aspirations to become an Officer in any of our 3 bodies – please contact any of the Presiding Officers, and let them know of your interest.

#### **WEB SITE**

Visit us at: www.valleyofsalem.org

#### SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Get your Supreme Council information including Abbott Scholarship Applications at: www.scottishritenmj.org

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

#### February 11

Performance by Livin' on Luck

#### March 11

"The Interview"

#### April 3

Emmanuel Chapter of Rose Croix, Feast of the Paschal Lamb

#### **April 8**

Sutton Lodge of Perfection

#### May 13

Jubilee Council Princes of Jerusalem

#### June 10

Emmanuel Chapter of Rose Croix

#### **Living Past Thrice Potent Masters**

Ill.'. Mark A. Ginsberg, 33°
Ill.'. Judson W. Greene, 33°
Ill.'. James M. McCulloch, II, 33°

#### **Living Past Sovereign Princes**

Ill.: Philip F. Reed, 33° Ill.: Dana Lemieux, 33° Ill.: James M. McCulloch, II, 33° Bro. Ray F. Randall, 32°

#### **Living Past Most Wise Masters**

Ill.: Clifton P. Elliott, 33° Ill.: J. Gregory A. Hill, 33° Bro. Todd P. Crane, 32° Ill.: George K. Haile, 33°, MSA Ill.: Mason W. Russell, 33° Ill.: Donald M. Moran, 33° Bro. Jonathan F. Morley, 32° Ill.: John R. Elwell, 33°

#### **ALLEGIANCE**

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite sitting in the
Valley of Salem, Massachusetts, acknowledge and yield
allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°,
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for
the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United
States of America, whose Grand East is in the Town of
Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

Ill.'. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, MSA, Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.'. George F. Hamilton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts

Ill.: Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, Grand Treasurer General

Ill.'. Douglas R. Policastro, 33°, Grand Secretary General

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Ill.'. George F. Hamilton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts

Ill.'. Donald M. Moran, 33°

Ill.. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, MSA

Ill.: Winthrop L. Hall, 33° Emeritus

Ill.. C. William Lakso, 33° Emeritus

Ill.'. Robert W. Clarke, 33° Emeritus

Ill.'. Ralph I. Sewall, 33° Emeritus

Ill.. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33° Emeritus

Ill.. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., 33° Emeritus

Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, MSA Emeritus

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#### Deputy's Representative – Valley of Salem

Ill.. George K. Haile, 33°, MSA

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Illustrious Deputy for Massachusetts has directed that all members be required to show their membership cards on entering the Lodge Room.

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Michael C. Perez, 32°	Pursuivant
James F. Fergola, 32°	Pursuivant

#### ELECTED OFFICERS, ALL THREE BODIES

III ∴ Charles R. Austin, 33°, MSA Secretary 50 Thurston Pt. Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930 (978) 283-5579 charlesa45@aol.com

# Ill.: Mason W. Russell, 33\*.....Treasurer Appointed Officers, All Three Bodies

# Valley of Salem Ambassadors to Local Lodges 2022

Amity-Mosaic, Danvers
Budleigh Lodge, Beverly
Essex Lodge, Salem
Golden Fleece Lodge, Lynn
John T. Heard Lodge, Ipswich
Jordan Lodge, Peabody
Liberty Lodge, Beverly
Manchester Lodge, Manchester
Mt. Carmel Lodge, Lynn
Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead
Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge, Gloucester

#### AMBASSADORS WANTED

We are in the process of rejuvenating the Valley of Salem Ambassador Program.

If you would like to participate as an ambassador or as an assistant in our program, contact any of the 3 heads of the bodies listed in the column to the left.

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



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