Scholarship Foundation Awards
Record Number of Scholarships

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Students Receiving Scholarships for the 2011-12 school year are listed below:

David Anthony
Danielle Booser
Margaret Bowers
Anthony Brasington
Erin Brockett
Jeffrey Buck
Jessica Buckel
Brienne Campbell
Trevor Chrispen
Jeremiah Covert
Stephen Cox
Elizabeth Cummimg
Mark Czarnecki
William Dillen
Jamison Drab
Grant Eaton
Jenny Eriksson
Meghan Fagley
Sara Fisher
Chad Gornall
Wesley Gould
Casey Graml
Henry Herbol
Cody Houck
Logan Hudy
Kaitlyn Jeannerett
Amy Johnson
Joshua Karr
Nicholas Latta
Anna Latzer
Amanda Lawson
Cody Lippert
Julie Loesel
Ashley Longstreth
Mark Medwid II
Ryan Mitchell
Aaron Nelson
Anthony Palermo
James Palo
Jordyn Payne
Emily Pfendler
Alexis Pringle
Holly Prokopovich
Brandon Roney
Jennifer Sharpless
Jackie Siegel
John Slater
Matthew Stearns
Stephanie Steider
Graham Stewart
Mary Symons
John Tell
Julie Thomas
Kenneth Thompson
Morgan Thompson
Adam Tracy
Nathan Twichel
Valerie Tylkowski
Dominic Vanchieri
Erin Yount

Honorable William R. Cunningham presented the Supreme Council Leon M. Abbot Scholarship awards for the Erie area this year. Katelyn D. Carter who attends Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Heidi U. Greiner, a Gannon University student received Abbott Scholarships to assist them in continuing their education. Interestingly, both young ladies are pursuing bachelor’s degrees in Nursing.
Since our last issue, these beloved Brethren have been called Home.

Bro. Oscar Svenson, 32°
Died December 28, 2010
A Member of Covenant Lodge
No. 473 F. & A.M.
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Bro. Bernard L. Peterson, 32°
Initiated A.˙.A.˙.S.˙.R October 2, 2004
Died February 10, 2011
A Member of Crawford Lodge
No. 234 F. & A.M.
Meadville, Pa.

Bro. Donald S. Martin, 32°
Died April 3, 2011
A Member of Meadville Lodge
No. 408 F. & A.M.
Meadville, Pa.

Bro. William H. Harrison, 32°
Died April 7, 2011
A Member of Oasis Lodge
No. 473 F. & A.M.
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Bro. John P. Stunder, 32°
Initiated A.˙.A.˙.S.˙.R Unknown
Died April 29, 2011
A Member of Tyrian-Commonwealth Lodge
No. 362 F. & A.M.
Erie, Pa.

Bro. Owen B. Thompson, 32°
Initiated A.˙.A.˙.S.˙.R October 1, 1953
Died May 10, 2011
A Member of Oasis Lodge
No. 416 F. & A.M.
Edinboro, Pa.

Bro. James S. Anderson, 32°
Died May 21, 2011
A Member of Covenant Lodge
No. 473 F. & A.M.
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Bro. William C. Althof, 32°
Initiated A.˙.A.˙.S.˙.R April 1, 1949
Died May 23, 2011
A Member of Perry Keystone Lodge
No. 392 F. & A.M.
Erie, Pa.

Bro. James E. Alward, 32°
Died June 4, 2011
A Member of Oasis Lodge
No. 416 F. & A.M.
Edinboro, Pa.

Bro. Donald F. Decker, 32°
Died June 28, 2011
A Member of Lawrence Lodge
No. 708 F. & A.M.
Erie, Pa.

Preserve and protect local Scottish Rite treasures by giving to:
✓ Valley of Erie Hospitaler Fund
✓ Compass Reading Center for Children
✓ Erie Scottish Rite Building Association
✓ Erie Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation

Your generous donations make a real difference in the lives of local people.

Sprig of Acacia
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“SPES MEA IN DEO EST” My hope is in God.
One Day Event On Saturday, October 29, 2011
Masonic Temple, 32 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16501

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the Lodge will open at 8:00 a.m. The first, second and third degrees of Freemasonry will be conferred upon qualified candidates, with a break for lunch at noon. After lunch, the fourth and thirty-second degrees will be conferred by the Erie Scottish Rite. Your Valley Secretary, Richard B. Elberfeld, 32˚, reminds you the time is NOW to share a petition with a worthy relative, friend, or co-worker to become a member of this noble fraternity. For petitions or more information, contact the Scottish Rite Office, 835-0432.

Greetings from the Commander-in-Chief

I sure hope that everyone had a great summer. It was good to see that so many of you took advantage of the Masonic Night at the ball game and our picnic at Waldameer. The weather was pleasant for both events.

Please join me in congratulating our new MSAs—Ill. Bro. Kim Jeffreys and John Daneri. Additionally congratulations to our new 33rds—Ill. Bro. Frank Ferraro, MSA and Ill. Bro. Robert D. Gornall, Sr., MSA. It is an honor to be in the same Valley with these brothers.

What’s coming up? On October 29th we will be having a Scottish Rite Reunion. This is not only an opportunity to help our Valley grow, it is also an opportunity to reunite as fraternal brothers and to share our degrees with Master Masons as they begin their Scottish Rite adventure. Let’s get petitions in the hands of some more good men.

Finally, Brothers, I'd like to invite you to your Valley’s Stated Meetings for the year: Tuesdays September 6, 2011, December 6, 2011, March 6, 2012, and May 1, 2012. There are only four stated meetings. Your presence, input, questions, comments and most of all your contribution is important and much needed. Our Valley as a whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

Invitation from the Thrice Potent Master

Thrice Potent Master, Bro. Herbert W. Armes, 32˚, invites you to attend our first stated meeting of the 2011-12 year on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following the stated meeting, we will be recognizing and celebrating the 50, 60, 65, and 70 year members of the Valley of Erie Scottish Rite. If you know one of the individuals listed below, please give them a call to congratulate them and offer them a ride to this event. Let’s begin this new year with the new motto of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction..."inspiration, convenience and enjoyment."

CONGRATULATIONS! Brethren celebrating milestones as Scottish Rite Masons

70 YEAR MEMBER
Harry E. Sanduskey, 32˚

65 YEAR MEMBERS
Lycurgus G. Chacona, 32˚
John J. Bowman, 32˚
William H. Johnson, 32˚
Dr. Robert L. Lasher, 32˚
Arthur H. Mills, 32˚
Howard H. Moony, 32˚
Harry E. Nye, 32˚

60 YEAR MEMBERS
Robert J. Bennett, 32˚
George W. Cornelius, 32˚
Robert L. Gingrich, 32˚
Howard C. Glazier, 32˚
William R. Gordon, 32˚
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John R. Henry, 32˚
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Albert L. Kline, 32˚
Richard O. Loesel, 32˚

50 YEAR MEMBERS
Billie B. Loomis, 32˚
Blaine G. Momeyer, 32˚
Eldon V. Sturrock, 32˚
James E. Tingley, 32˚

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ritehallrental@gmail.com or choose “facilities” tab on www.eriescottishrite.org
Changing of the Guard - New Valley Secretary

The Valley of Erie has a new Secretary who serves as our Chief Executive Officer. His name is Rev. Richard B. Elberfeld, Jr., 32°. The baton was officially passed from Ill. Bro. Eric M. Marshall, 33°, MSA to Bro. Elberfeld in May 2011 after Ill. Bro. Marshall served as Secretary of the Valley for thirteen years.

Our new Secretary is a semi-retired member of the clergy who lives in Millcreek with his wife Sung Hui, and their thirteen year old daughter Leah. He is a Past Most Wise Master of our Valley, and currently serves as Grand Chaplain of the PA Grand Lodge and Grand Chaplain of the Chapter of Royal Arch.

Brother Elberfeld sends greetings and thanks for the confidence placed in his leadership. He will be working to meet the needs of the membership through encouragement, degree work, and family-friendly social events. Feel free to e-mail him at eriescottishrite@gmail.com, or send a note to the Valley Office if you have comments or suggestions.

Bro. Michael J. Latzer, 32°, Hospitaler, wishes to thank those who gave generously to the Hospitaler Fund in the 2010-11 Fiscal Year

(*Indicates those who gave: *$25 or more, **$50 or more, ***$100 or more, ****$250 or more)

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Ill. Bro. Kim W. Jeffreys, 33°, MSA, Chairman of the Scottish Rite Building Association of Erie, graciously thanks those who gave to the Building Fund in the 2010-11 Fiscal Year

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It's Back to School Time at Compass Reading Center!

Compass Reading Center begins its fall semester on Monday, September 12th this year with twelve tutors and twenty-four students. The after school tutoring program for children grades 1-12 who have been diagnosed with dyslexia (or other specific learning disabilities) is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on the support of community members who care enough to help underwrite this very worthwhile center. Our center is a high quality, accredited program that uses the Orton-Gillingham multisensory approach to learning specified in the “No Child Left Behind Act” for children with dyslexia. If you know someone who would like their child to receive services, or if you know someone who would like to train as a tutor, please have them call our offices at 838-2405.

Parents, children, and staff members have offered many notes and words of thanks for the work of our Reading Center. The donors listed below have made a significant difference in the lives of local children, tutors, and families.

Many thanks!

Director Virginia L. Miller, M.Ed., and Board Chairman III. Michael A. Koncewicz, 33°, MSA wish to recognize and thank those who gave so generously to the Compass Reading Center in the 2010-11 Fiscal Year

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PRESQUE ISLE LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°
ERIE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°
ERIE CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, 18°
ERIE CONSISTORY, 32°

will be held in joint session in McClure Hall,
Valley of Erie Scottish Rite Building
Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 o’clock and 30 minutes p.m.

Officers of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection 14° will conduct the meeting:
Herbert W. Armes, Thrice Potent Master; David L. Adiutori, Deputy Master;
Michael L. DeDad, Senior Warden; Robert R. Schofield, Junior Warden;
Robert A. Oakley, Orator; Norman A. Schlosser, Master of Ceremonies;
Gary A. Vrenna, Captain of the Guard; Michael J. Latzer, Hospitaler; Michael
A. Konciewicz, Treasurer; Richard B. Elberfeld, Jr., Secretary; Alfred J.
Johnson, Tyler.

PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING
Special Recognition of 65, 60, and 50 Year Members
Ladies, Family, and Friends Welcome
---Refreshments---

By Order of:
Herbert W. Armes, 32°, Thrice Potent Master
Bradley C. Eaton, 32°, MSA, Sovereign Prince
David J. Lasher, 32°, Most Wise Master
Paul J. Gornall, 32°, Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Richard B. Elberfeld, Jr., 32°, Secretary