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SCOTTISH RITE
SPRING REUNION
2012

VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN
285 WHITNEY AVENUE
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
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DIAGRAM OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY
CONSISTORY TRADITIONAL
AND CHIVALRIC DEGREES

33 Sovereign Grand Inspector General
32 Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
31 Knight Aspirant
30 Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander
29 Knight of St. Andrew
28 Knight of the Sun
27 Commander of the Temple
26 Prince of Mercy
25 Master of Achievement
24 Brother of the Forest
23 Knight of Valor
22 Prince of Libanus
21 Patriarch Noachite
20 Master ad Vitam
19 Brothers of the Trail

CHAPTER PHILOSOPHICAL DEGREES

18 Knight of the Rose Croix of H. R. D. M.
17 Knight of the East

COUNCIL HISTORICAL DEGREES

16 Prince of Jerusalem
15 Knight of the East, or Sword

LODGE OF PERFECTION INEFFABLE DEGREES

14 Grand Elect Mason
13 Master of the Ninth Arch
12 Master of Mercy
11 Sublime Master Elected
10 Master Elect
9 Master of the Temple
8 Intendant of the Building
7 Provost and Judge
6 Master of the Brazen Serpent
5 Perfect Master
4 Master Traveler

BLUE LODGE SYMBOLIC DEGREES

3 Master Mason
2 Fellow Craft
1 Entered Apprentice
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The Thirty Third Degree is the highest degree that can be granted and conferred by the Supreme Council. Nominations are made by the Deputy for "outstanding service to the Fraternity or service to others which reflects credit upon the Order."

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Robert D. Sherrick, MSA, 33° ..............................1994
Edwin F. Dingus, 33° ............................................1995
Arthur M. Pugh, 33° ..............................................1999
Barry M. Spero, 33° ..........................................2000
Randy S. Stevens, 33° ..........................................2000
Bradley K. Cooney, 33° ........................................2001
Bruce R. Bellmore, MSA, 33° ..............................2002
Kenneth B. Hawkins, Sr., 33° .............................2003
Alfred C. Adinolfi, 33° .......................................2004
John D. Williams, Jr., MSA, 33° ...........................2005
Elmer F. Manley, MSA, 33° .................................2005
Charles A. Buck, Jr., 33° ....................................2005
Gustaf R. Bodin, 33° .........................................2006
Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33° .................................2006
Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33° ..............................2007
Sidney W. Isenberg, 33° ....................................2008
Paul L. Chello, 33° .............................................2008
Richard C. Memmott, Sr., 33° ............................2008
Martin Ede, MSA, 33° .......................................2010
Ernest A. Dubois (designate) ...............................2012

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except July and August.
EVENTS SPRING 2012

January 9, 2012  Executive or Stated Meeting
January 9, 2012  Candidate Information Night
January 16, 2012  New 4th Degree
                          Valleys of New Haven and Waterbury
January 23, 2012  LAST DATE FOR PETITIONS
January 23, 2012  9th Degree
February 18, 2012  Winter Picnic
February 13, 2012  14th Degree
February 27, 2012  16th Degree
March 5, 2012  18th Degree
July 1, 2012  Directors info to Secretary
FOR FALL 2012 BULLETIN

REHEARSAL DATES

4th Degree  Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, 32°
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   Rehearsal - January 2, 2012 and
               January 9, 2012 after Stated Meeting

9th Degree  Richard A. Eppler, MSA, 32°
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   Rehearsal - January 12, 2012 and
               January 18, 2012

14th Degree  Paul L. Chello, 33°
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   Rehearsals - January 30, 2012 and
               February 6, 2012

16th Degree  Donald E. Robinson, MSA, 32°
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   Rehearsal - February 23, 2012

18th Degree  Bradley K. Cooney, 33°
               Phone 203.318.0464
   Rehearsals - February 16, 2012 and
               March 1, 2012

ALL REHEARSALS AT 7:00 PM

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
ILL. ARTHUR M. BROWN, 33°
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

The Constitution of the Supreme Council provides that: "An Award for Meritorious Service" may be conferred upon members of the Scottish Rite, who, by reason of meritorious service of a Masonic character, are worthy of such recognition.

LIVING RECIPIENTS

Robert A. Colbourn, 33° ........................................ 1971
James R. Spencer, Jr., 33° .....................................1980
John G. Radeach, 32° ...........................................1983
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Elmer F. Manley, 33° ..........................................1991
Robert D. Sherrick, 33° .......................................1993
Willis E. Copeland, Jr., 32° ..................................1994
Bruce R. Bellmore, 33° .......................................1995
Steven F. Schreck, 33° .......................................1996
Richard A. Eppler, 32° .......................................1997
Alfred J. Chapman, 32° .......................................1998
John H. Goodrich, Jr., 33° ....................................1999
Frank H. Lesco, 32° ..........................................2002
John D. Williams, Jr., 33° ....................................2003
Ernest A. Dubois, 32° .......................................2004
Jack H. Stevens, 33° ..........................................2005
Martin Ede, 33° ...............................................2006
Charles H. Tirrell, 32° .......................................2007
Allen G. Meyerjack, 32° .....................................2008
Elliot J. Wilcox, 32° ..........................................2010
Nicola M. Iannone, 32° .....................................2011
LIVING PAST MOST WISE MASTERS
NEW HAVEN CHAPTER
ROSE CROIX

Chartered at New Haven August 19, 1875

New Haven was not only the place where Masonry first came into Connecticut in 1750, but the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery stood fast during the Anti-Masonic frenzy of the 1830's. It was largely through the zeal of the New Haven brethren that the lights were kept burning and continuity maintained in the Grand Bodies during that trying period. The Chapter of Rose Croix, 17th - 18th, inclusive, are the spiritual heart of Scottish Rite and emphasize that a new law, the only lasting Temple, is in the soul of man.

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Stuart D. Purvis, 32º ................................. 1988
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Richard A. Eppler, MSA, 32º .......................... 1994
Robert D. Sherrick, MSA, 33º ......................... 1995
Randy S. Stevens, 33º ................................. 1996
Joseph P. Fagan, 32º ................................. 1997
Edwin F. Dingus, 33º ................................. 1998
Charles F. Warfield, 33º ............................... 2000
John D. Williams, Jr., MSA, 33º ..................... 2001
Gary T. Dingus, 32º ................................ 2002
Bradley K. Cooney, 33º ............................... 2003
Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33º ......................... 2004
Robert J. Knowles, 32º ............................... 2005-2006
Randy S. Stevens, 33º ................................ 2007
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Active for Connecticut
Rehearsals: 7:00 PM SHARP-
February 16, 2012 & March 1, 2012

Dinner 6:15 p.m.

The lessons taught in this degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshiped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice. This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

LEON ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP
FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Scottish Rite Applications will soon be available from the secretary. Applicants for a Leon Abbott Scholarship must be:

1. Child of the Valley of New Haven Mason in good standing, or a member of DeMolay, or Rainbow.
2. Must have grade point of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
3. In their sophomore, junior or senior year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
FROM THE VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN
IN ADDITION TO 1, 2, AND 3 ABOVE:

4. May be a grandchild or child of a Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of New Haven.
5. May be a graduating High School Senior entering college for the 2012 fall term.
6. May be a Graduate of a Children’s Dyslexia Center.
7. May be a college student in a graduate program.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE VALLEY SECRETARY NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2012. PLEASE REQUEST THE PROPER APPLICATION, ABBOTT OR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP.
NEW HAVEN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
Paul L. Chello, 33°, M.W.M.

EIGHTEENTH DEGREE
KNIGHT OF ROSE CROIX
March 5, 2012

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Maurice D. Knox, 32° ......... Martin Ede, MSA, 33°

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Scott A. Kenney, 32° ..................... Captain of the Guard

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Michael L. Castroll, 32° .............. Historian

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
James C. Kleinkauf, 32°

SEE PAGE 16 and 17 FOR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS
Welcome to the New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, which is responsible for two Scottish Rite Degrees (the 17th and 18th).

These are referred to as "philosophical degrees", a name which may be puzzling to many even after they take the degrees. This fall, the offices of the New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix will portray the Eighteenth Degree, Knight of Rose Croix, for your edification.

In the Eighteen Degree, we are taught that the worship of a supreme being does not require a material structure, only an open mind. After you experience the degree, let's discuss your interpretation of why it is considered "philosophical."

From here you will progress to the Consistory, which will portray those degrees necessary for the continuation of your journey to the Thirty Second Degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

My officers and I wish you much success in your quest for further light in Masonry.

Fraternally
Paul L. Chello, 33°
Most Wise Master
LIVING PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCES
ELM CITY COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

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Elmer F. Manley, MSA, 33°....................................1989
Alfred J. Chapman, MSA, 32°................................1991
Frank H. Lesco, MSA, 32°....................................1992
Bruce Liebman, 32°..............................................1995
Michael L. Castroll, 32°.......................................1996
Willis E. Copeland, Jr., MSA, 32°............................1997
Robert J. Larsen, 32°...........................................1998
Douglas A. Gray, 32°...........................................2000
Kenneth E. Anderson, 32°....................................2001
Allen G. Meyerjack, MSA, 32°.................................2002
Jack H. Stevens, MSA, 33°....................................2003
Charles H. Tirrell, MSA, 32°.................................2004
Randy S. Stevens, 33°.........................................2005
Martin Ede, MSA, 33°...........................................2006
Randy S. Stevens, 33°.........................................2007
Bradley K. Cooney, 33°.......................................2008
Steven P. Schreck, MSA, 33°.................................2009
Carl G. Ek, 32°.....................................................2010

FROM THE THRICELY POTENT MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

I welcome you all to our Spring Reunion. We have a full schedule and will be portraying the 9th degree as well as the 4th and 14th, in the fall class, with the 10th to be portrayed in the spring.

I hope you will be able to join us to celebrate and renew the lessons of the Lodge of Perfection.

“Let us, as Elect Masons true, Virtue’s eternal league renew, While celebrating friendship’s feast, Love be our ever welcome guest.”

I hope that even if you are not in the cast, you will be able to at least attend the 14th degree. As one of the more prominent degrees in our rite, it is the time to renew old friendships as well as begin new ones.

“May all who friendship’s feast partake, The good pursue, the bad forsake! And may each rite and sign, A happy, lasting influence shed: The quadrant crowned, the oil, the bread, The golden ring, the wine!

“Long as I live this ring I’ll wear, Symbol of an alliance dear, To every brother’s heart; And bless the sacred tie that binds, In virtue’s chain; for virtue joins, What death can never part.”

The above quotes are taken are taken from Charles McClenachan’s monitor and it is well worth a read, as are the monitors by William Cunningham and more recently by Rev. Jan Beaderstadt, all for the Northern Jurisdiction. They give insight to our degrees as well as our history and I commend them to your study.

And, if able, I would recommend the 14th degree ring. As one of only two official rings for the Scottish Rite (the other being the 33rd ring), the symbolism contained therein should be a mark of our bond as Scottish Rite Masons.

I look forward to greeting you all in September.

Fraternally,

Martin Ede, 33°
Thrice Potent Master
Here is the introduction to Scottish Rite Masonry. This degree provides us with a preview of the moral truths we shall witness on our journey through the Scottish Rite.
Greetings, brethren!

As your Sovereign Prince I would like to warmly welcome you to the mid-point of your Scottish Rite journey. The historical degree work of the Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem is a link to your journey from past labors of the Lodge of Perfection and the future labors of the Chapter of Rose Croix. All will help you to complete your journey to the Consistory that will confer upon you the 32° of the Rite.

Member of the Spring Reunion will participate the 16° entitled “Prince of Jerusalem.”

My officers and I wish you a happy and successful journey in your quest for further Masonic light.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank Heaven
Sovereign Prince
NEW MEMBERS
Degrees are scheduled and casts are chosen, now
WE NEED CANDIDATES.
ONLY ONE APPLICATION AT THIS TIME
Applications are available from the
Secretary or from our web site
(www.valleyofnewhaven.org).
Get your applications to the Secretary

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SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF NEW HAVEN
SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER PICNIC
MAGICIAN - GAMES - PRIZES
Come for a winter afternoon of fun and
food for all ages
Adults, children, and/or grandchildren
Date: February 18, 2012
Time: from 1-4 p.m.
285 Whitney Avenue
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!
NO CHARGE
Make reservations with James C. Kleinkauf
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E. G. STORER
LODGE OF PERFECTION
Martin Ede, MSA, 33°, T. P. M.

FOURTEENTH DEGREE
GRAND ELECT MASON
Monday, February 13, 2012

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Orator ................. Richard C. Calabria, II, 32°
Captain of the Guard .......... James A. Tirrell, 32°
Moses ............... Bradley K. Cooney, 33°
Inquirer .......... Robert D. Sherrick, MSA, 33°

Voices & Speakers
Gustaf R. Bodin, 33°
Carleton V. Erickson, 33°

Dinner 6:15 PM
Rehearsals: 7:00 PM
Mondays January 30, 2011 & February 6, 2011

In the Scottish Rite, this degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless who taketh His Name in vain.
LIVING PAST THRICE POTENT MASTERS

E. G. STORER LODGE OF PERFECTION

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Edwin F. Dingus, 33°................................................... 1992
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Gus D. Lawrence, 32° ................................................. 2003
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E. G. STORER LODGE OF PERFECTION
Chartered at New Haven August 19, 1874

Eliphalet Gilman Storer (1793-1870) for decades served all grand bodies in Connecticut as Grand Secretary/Recorder. As such he became the most conspicuous figure in Masonic circles of Connecticut in his generation. He was Grand Commander of Knights Templar (1847-48). His name appears at the head of the list of applicants in 1848 for what was to be a transitory Lodge of Perfection at New Haven.

The Lodge of Perfection, 4° - 14° inclusive, are commonly called the Ineffable Degrees. In these eleven lessons, the candidates will observe many references, scenes, and characters which recall and amplify the three Symbolic Degrees.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Dear Brethren,

The past year has been absolutely wonderful for the development of our valley's membership. We've had the largest classes in many years, a concerted effort to contact brothers in due arrears before they dropped NPD, several great events, and brothers coming together to further their Masonic education in our study groups. Although the numbers aren't final yet this year, it is expected that we will have had our first positive membership growth in decades. I'd like to thank you all for your past hard work, however a Mason's a work is never done and neither is the work of your Membership Development Team.

We continue to fulfill Sovereign Grand Commander McNaughton goal that "Each Valley must emphasize Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment in all its programs and degrees." The Membership Development Team and the entire valley are dedicated to making each of our events and degrees inspirational, convenient, and enjoyable. If you haven't been to our reunions recently, why don't you come down and see how we're turning these concepts into a reality!

The Scottish Rite degrees convey very powerful and diverse life lessons that benefit all present - no matter how many times one observes a particular degree. The degree experience is made even more meaningful when you participate as a cast member or as a member of the stage crew. A little-known benefit of being an active participant in the degree work both on stage and behind the curtain is found in the rehearsal evenings where you get to know more of the brethren in a more relaxed and enjoyable setting. If you're not already involved in our degree work and would like to be, we can certainly use your help and find something you'll enjoy doing.

The Valley of New Haven extends an invitation to all Master Masons in good standing to join us. If you know a Master Mason who is interested in learning more about the Scottish Rite, please invite him to our upcoming Masonic Information Night for good food, fellowship, and the foundations of Masonry. Further, if you send his name and address to the Membership Development Committee, we will send him a packet of more information about the Rite and the "Scottish Rite for the 21st Century" DVD. Please contact me with potential candidates who would like more information at chthirrell@gmail.com.

The Valley of New Haven holds to the principles of Inspiration, Convenience, and Enjoyment. We have several programs throughout the year that benefit the membership and their families. We encourage involvement in our organization, whether it be in degrees or behind the scenes, as it takes many men to put on a successful reunion and to have a strong fraternity.

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