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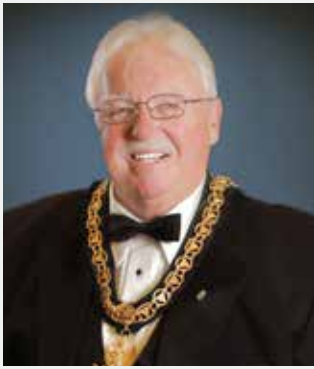
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Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

"You may forget what someone says or does however you will never forget how they made you feel."

I feel it a great honor and privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve the members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. The

Clarion has been a wonderful communication tool, close to my heart, to reach out to the entire membership with good news stories from Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. We have good news stories, to share indeed. You will hear me talk a great deal about measured improvement or doing better in what we do in Scottish Rite. Improving in leadership by influence, current communication methods, quality membership, those beautiful degrees and member education and enlightenment. Improving at taking care of our members and engaging new and existing members in what we do and learn as Scottish Rite Masons. Improving in Supreme Council and Valley operations. How we treat people and what we do for each other is paramount in being a Scottish Rite Mason in my mind. I believe Supreme Council must be seen as providing resources and support to our valleys and by creating a national profile to support the valleys in their membership efforts.

Supreme Council has a shopping cart full of membership tools available for your Valleys asking. Brochures, manuals, videos and our newly approved Membership jewel. I would also encourage you to visit www.scottishritecanada.ca where one can find a wealth of information and resources. If you require sign-in assistance to the Members Section please call the Supreme Council office at 905-522-0033.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is coming off a very successful 50th Anniversary One Million Dollar Capital Fundraising campaign. Thanks to the many generous donors across Canada. I also look forward to working with Gareth Taylor, the new Chairman and President of the S.R.C.F.

As you can see Scottish Rite Freemasonry has something for everyone! I look forward to spreading the good cheer of Scottish Rite throughout Canada and other Supreme Councils. I also look forward to spending some quality time with you in your valley or at a social event in the very near future. Remember the bond that holds us together is the love of Brotherhood.

May you and your family have an enjoyable Holiday Season and a Happy 2016 that brings happiness and good health! ■



Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor 33°
President of the S.R.C.F.

I have had the privilege to serve the Foundation in various capacities, primarily involved with the Grants and Awards Committee over the last 14 years and now it is indeed my honour to serve as the ninth President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Our 50th Anniversary Year was an outstanding success.

Congratulations to our \$1 Million fundraising team lead by Sydney R. (Skip) Whiteley that went over the top to achieve a remarkable total of **\$1,610,177.65** for the 50th Anniversary Capital Funding Raising Project. This additional funding will certainly allow the Foundation to grow its core programs and to assist the Learning Centres.

Ill. Bro. D. Garry Dowling 33° has completed the writing of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada – Our History Volume Two (1985-2014) which will be available soon. This book is the companion volume to "The First Twenty Years" (1964-1984) written by Ill. Bro. Donald M. Fleming 33°.

We express our appreciation for the enormous time and dedication to our retiring Directors: Richard A.H. Brown, Harold E. Crosby, Allard B. Loopstra and James S. Ross. Each of these brethren in their own way has made a very special contribution to the leadership of the Foundation.

We are also very pleased to welcome the following new Directors: Brian W. Gilkinson, Alan J. Stoddart and Robert S. Whitmore.

At our last Board meeting we were able to approve 4 new major grants and continuing support for 8 other funded researchers. In addition, we heard from the Executive Director of the Learning Centre Program, Matthew Todd of the tremendous success and impact that our Learning Centres are having on the children, their families and the communities in which they are operating.

I wish you and your family a very joyous Holiday Season and hope that the New Year will bring health and happiness.

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Pike ■



50th Anniversary Million Dollar Campaign Exceeds Expectations

Ill. Bro. Sydney (Skip) Whiteley 33° Chairman, Capital Fund Raising Campaign

“Congratulations to every member of our Scottish Rite Fraternity!”

From enchanting Vancouver Island to the oldest city in North America, spectacular St. John's Newfoundland; and all the leading cities, towns, and communities within this great nation, each one of you should be very proud of your accomplishments relative to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation \$1 Million 50th Anniversary Campaign. The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is the little extra!

With your support, dedication, and financial contributions not only have we achieved our mission, but we have exceeded our \$1 Million 50th Anniversary Campaign objective by 161%. For the period ending September 30th 2015, officially the last day of the campaign financial contributions received from Scottish Rite Brethren and their ladies within our jurisdiction totaled \$1,610,177.65. Absolutely outstanding!

As your Chairman, permit me once again this opportunity to convey my sincere appreciation to each of you for your compassion, commitment, and dedication. Your assistance

in our pursuit to ensure we achieved our undertaking is most gratifying. The realization that together we have been able to triumph in the S.R.C.F. 50th Anniversary \$1 Million Campaign is without question a very exciting time for all Scottish Rites. Together we responded most favorably to the vision, leadership, and inspiration held by our Past Sovereign Commander, Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend 33°. Together we will be able to continue our focus on support for research into “*Helping to solve the Puzzles of the Mind*” and our “*Learning Centres for Children*”

This has been a campaign to remember! Please share this information with your families, your friends, and your neighbors. We have an impressive story to communicate to everyone within our communities. At the end of our campaign the following Valleys attained or surpassed their objectives.

Kamloops ~ Edmonton ~ Regina ~ Guelph ~ Halifax ~ Windsor ~ St. John's ~ Vancouver ~ Saskatoon ~ Medicine Hat ~ Barrie ~ Kingston ~ Peterborough ~ London ~ Hamilton ■

Valley Driven National Membership Opinion Survey

Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean 33°

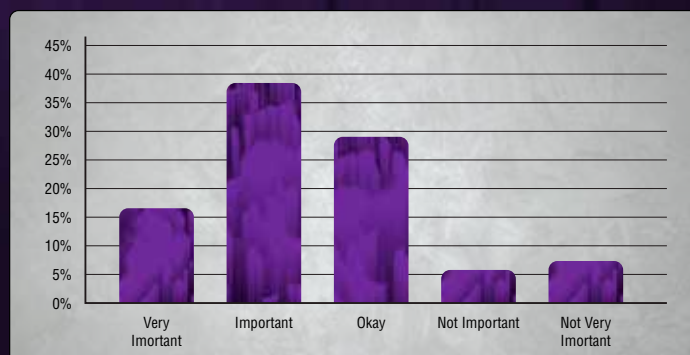
The Results Are In!

Our thanks to the 2,722 members across the 46 Valleys in Canada who responded to the National Survey. It is important to note that not every question was answered by our respondents as per the attached graph. Supreme Council truly values everyone's feedback in the areas of *Membership/Fellowship, Valley Programmes, Leadership in the Valley, Communication and Scottish Rite Masonic Education*. There were also over 3,400 comments to the open ended questions above with suggestions and recommendations.

The Next Steps

The Provincials Deputies will be sharing the results in 2016 with your Valley leadership teams and identifying improvement opportunities and action items as identified by you for the betterment of Scottish Rite. One immediate direct result of the survey is the establishment of a new special committee entitled ***Education and Enlightenment*** which

is chaired by Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour 33°, Valley of Barrie and his committee composed of membership in valleys across Canada. The survey indicated it was much wanted and needed however limited delivery in the Valleys. ■



Sample National Survey Graph -
“How Important are Masonic Education Programmes to You?”



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Background and Guidelines

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, at its Annual Communication in July 2015, approved an amendment to its constitutional provisions governing regalia permitted to be worn in its Craft Lodge meetings. This amendment allowed Scottish Rite Brethren to wear a Scottish Rite membership jewel in Craft Lodges.

A Scottish Rite Membership Jewel? Never heard of it.

Neither had the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite until a curious brother attending an Official Visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander asked, “*Why can a member of the York Rite wear a companion jewel in Craft Lodge meetings but the Scottish Rite member cannot wear a jewel at those same meetings?*” The Sovereign Grand Commander responded that he did not have an answer for the brother but he would get it.

Thus began a discussion and from there the initiative to create a membership jewel and to obtain the necessary amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in Ontario to permit its use in Craft Lodges. It began with the drafting of a diagram depicting the jewel, no larger than the companion jewel mentioned previously, which was then submitted to the Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge with a Notice of Motion seeking a constitutional amendment.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence found the proposed amendment motion to be regular and it was subsequently approved by Grand Lodge. The jewel is now being produced and is available for purchase through the Supreme Council Office either by individuals or by bulk orders received from the Valleys. The cost may vary slightly with associated cost fluctuations, however, it will be offered to members on a no profit basis. The present cost is set at \$60 to cover all costs including shipping. The most economical way of distributing the jewels will be by filling bulk orders from the Valleys on behalf of their members.

Who can wear the membership jewel?

Any member of the Scottish Rite, hence any recipient of the 4th degree, can wear the jewel signifying his membership. The jewel can be worn at any meeting of the Scottish Rite or other events where its regalia is permitted to be worn.

Caution: All Brethren of the Scottish Rite outside of Ontario must check the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in their province of residence to determine if the wearing of regalia of a concordant body i.e. the Scottish Rite, is permitted at meetings of its Craft Lodges. If not, then its use must be confined to Scottish Rite meetings and events until such time as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in question is amended to permit this.

Who pursues the amendments, Scottish Rite or its Valleys within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in question?

The Scottish Rite as a national body cannot pursue the amendment of Grand Lodge Constitutions on behalf of its members. Motions to amend these Constitutions must be brought by members of those Grand Lodges. This was the case in Ontario.

It should be noted that the Scottish Rite observer at the All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges of Canada was permitted to make a presentation regarding the membership jewel and the proposal to have it approved in Ontario for use in Craft Lodges. It was stressed that the presentation was informational only and it was not an attempt to persuade other Grand Lodges to welcome or approve similar motions. It was clear that some Grand Lodge personnel present were opposed to any such initiative in their jurisdictions while others did not make comments.

Why did this happen in Ontario?

The motion to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in Ontario was brought because this is where the issue was first raised. Also, its Constitution permitted the wearing of the companion jewel in Craft Lodges, suggesting that the Grand Lodge members might be predisposed to extending the same courtesy to the Scottish Rite. The jewel is a membership jewel of the Scottish Rite and as such its use is open to all brethren of the Rite wherever situated across its national jurisdiction. The fact that it can be worn in Craft Lodges in Ontario does not make it an “Ontario” jewel. The fact that it can be so worn simply points out the need for Brethren seeking similar use within the jurisdictions of their Grand Lodges to examine the constitutions of their Grand Lodge to see if they permit such use and if not, and it is deemed advisable to do so, to pursue a similar motion to amend the constitution in question to permit it.

The support of every brother for this jewel will no doubt increase its visibility among our membership and become a beacon of pride in the Scottish Rite. It will also increase its exposure to non-Scottish Rite Masons when it can be worn in Craft Lodges and when it is shown and discussed with our Craft Lodge Brethren in other jurisdictions, perhaps paving the way for positive acceptance and similar use in other provincial jurisdictions.

And to think, all this started with one brother thinking and asking about the possibility of getting a good thing done. ■



Interview With S.G.C.

Ill. Bro. Alan Arbuckle 33°

Interview conducted on October 28, 2015

If there is a theme to Ill. Bro. Terry McLean's three-year term as Sovereign Grand Commander, it is likely to be "improvement" – in our approach to Master Masons; in our approach to masonic education, even our approach to how we run Supreme Council sessions.

In a wide-ranging interview, Ill. Bro. McLean touched on all these issues and several more and said he was committing himself to discussing them with as many Scottish Rite Masons as he can while he is S.G.C. Personal contact with the membership will be a priority for him. He said he is optimistic about the future of Scottish Rite: *"I think we'll be smaller, but still around. I firmly believe that if the craft lodges do well, we will do well. That's the catchment we will draw from."* But with membership dwindling by some three per cent every year, that decline must level out at some point where the Order can hold its own.

He senses that more and more people, in craft masonry and Scottish Rite, are seized with the challenge of ensuring our order remains healthy. Scottish Rite Masons have a variety of tools available from printed folders to videos, but it is up to individuals and Valleys to use them. The new Scottish Rite jewel should also help. More than 500 have been sold and another 500 back-ordered since it was introduced in September.

"We've got to promote the value of becoming a member of the Rite. Individually, we should be doing that." We must support our craft lodges as well. *"In my opinion, Scottish Rite is a personal natural progression for Master Masons who 'seek more light' and that's the message members of the Rite have to be giving to Master Masons,"* he said. Demographics are actually on our side, since there is a bubble of men, aged 25-45, moving through the Canadian population currently, he added.

But we have to learn to communicate about the Rite in the language of today. Much of the terminology we use as Masons was the same as that of our grandfathers. It's not well understood by young men of 2015. What's more, we have to learn how to use their channels of digital communication and social media to reach them. They also don't usually have more than the mythical "one night a month" to put into masonry. The young men who are joining the Rite now are more aware of masonic philosophy and have a great thirst for education. *"There is a keenness to these young men. They've read a lot and they know a lot. They are remarkable sponges for masonic knowledge."*

That's why Ill. Bro. McLean has added Education/Enlightenment as the fourth priority for his term, complementing Leadership, Membership and Communications as special thrusts introduced by his predecessor, Ill. Bro. Richard Brown. He is encouraging leaders in Lodge, Chapter and Consistory to do more than the same degrees in the same rotation every year without educating new members on the meaning of the degrees.

Ill. Bro. McLean began his own Masonic journey in 1979 in Sunnylea Lodge in Etobicoke. He served as Master, District Deputy Grand Master and as a member of the Board of General Purposes for 15 years, earning the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award in 2012 (now called The

Grand Master's Award for Distinguished Service). He joined Scottish Rite in the Valley of Toronto in 1988 and became a 33° Honorary Inspector-General in 2005 and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 2008. Between 2008 and 2012 he was Executive Secretary and Grand Secretary-General for the Rite, with the result that *"I know, operationally, how it works."* As well, he is a member of the Shrine, the Royal Order of Scotland and the York Rite.

He notes that many new Scottish Rite Masons are from new cultural and religious backgrounds and Masonry, being so inclusive in its approach, is readily accepting them. He said he was impressed when attending two world conferences of Sovereign Grand Commanders that men from 53 countries could sit down together under one common brotherhood and talk about pressing issues facing Scottish Rite Freemasonry today. Increasingly, men are joining the Rite for more reasons than because their grandfathers were in it and bringing a new diversity with them.

Results of the membership survey taken this summer should be released soon, Ill. Bro. McLean said. They will be discussed at a Deputies meeting in November and should be coming to the Valleys after that. One strong message from the data, he said, is a demand for much more Masonic education. There is also plenty of feedback from those attending Supreme Council sessions and he expects to have a lively discussion on a number of issues. The time is ripe for such a discussion, he said, because sessions are booked for different cities in Canada only up to 2018. We need to continually review location, frequency and costs. There is also scope for more discussion groups and workshops at Supreme Council. *"We've got to make it interesting for the Honorary Inspector-General."* But whatever the Rite decides to do, it needs to take action soon, because there has already been a great deal of discussion about some of these ideas, he said.

And what about the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation? *"I was very proud to see how Scottish Rite members and friends responded to the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign in surpassing the goal of \$1 million."*

Our Sovereign Grand Commander married his wife Bonnie in 1973 and they have two sons and two grandsons. Indeed it was his wife's uncle who sponsored him into masonry. When he isn't attending a Masonic function, they enjoy time at their cottage in Havelock, Ont. He turned 67 last March. ■



Our S.G.C., or Pappy, enjoying the richest moments that life has to offer



Education & Enlightenment – The Fourth S.G.C.'s Initiative

III. Bro. R.D. Brethour 33°

As an organization we have barely scratched the surface of providing education and enlightenment for our membership. At the 2015 Annual Session in Windsor, S.G.C. Terry McLean named a new committee tasked to create and encourage education in all Valleys of our jurisdiction. The 'Education & Enlightenment' initiative has been added to the three previous Supreme Council initiatives of Membership, Leadership and Communications.

The Education & Enlightenment Committee will examine and implement new ways to provide our members with the information they have been searching for. There is no 'one size fits all' answer to the types of information we will need to provide. There is a limitless amount of educational material to choose from – topics such as in-depth degree study; general information and historical data about Scottish Rite; protocol information; and articles of a more esoteric nature. The intention is to stimulate interest and to share information in all Valleys across Canada.

The members of the Education & Enlightenment Committee are from all areas of Canada and consist of: *Robert Brethour (Chair – Barrie); David Bennett (North Bay); Tim Edwards (Toronto); Stephen Godfrey (Victoria); Gordon Greasley (Winnipeg); Allard Loopstra (Hamilton); Paul Miller (St. John's); Jean Reed (Montreal); Scott Rowe (Barrie); and Donald Thornton (Hamilton).*

The potential for this initiative is very exciting for the very reason that there has never been a national-based educational model for Scottish Rite – no unified method of providing this type of information to each and every Valley in Canada.

By pooling and sharing information, as well as publishing educational articles and material, we will all benefit and Scottish Rite will begin to fulfill a commitment to address a shortcoming our membership has identified – the need for increased education at our meetings; improvement in the explanations and examination of our signs and symbols; and open dialogue to answer questions our members may have.

In an effort to meet these needs the committee will examine the various educational programs already in place in Valleys across Canada; we will develop a broad range of educational material for the benefit of our membership; we will create a central source for that material and utilize various methods to distribute that material; we will continue to discuss new ideas and programs to better enhance the Scottish Rite experience for our membership; we will seek to reinforce the purpose of Scottish Rite with an emphasis on the content of our ritual; and we will encourage all Valleys in Canada to make use of the available resources for the benefit and enlightenment of our members.

The committee will also invite input and ideas as to the type of education our membership is looking for, and we will endeavour to stimulate the interest of our members by providing a variety of educational material. This is an exciting venture with much potential. Stay tuned in the coming months as we launch this new initiative of the S.G.C. and Supreme Council. ■

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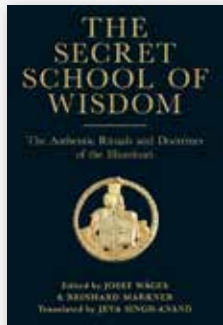
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THE SECRET SCHOOL OF WISDOM: THE AUTHENTIC RITUALS AND DOCTRINES OF THE ILLUMINATI

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The Illuminati Order has its origins in Bavaria in Germany. The Order was the creation of Adam Weishaupt and his most important collaborator Baron Adolph von Knigge in 1776. The degrees were still being devised and refined in 1783. At that time the Order was being practised with several hundred members chiefly in western, central, and southern Germany.



Weishaupt, a young professor of canon law at Ingolstadt University, initially wanted to create a secret society for his most ardent students. At first the Order focussed on philosophical issues to promote philosophical thinking. Bavaria lagged behind the rest of Germany in accepting the Enlightenment due, in part, to the strong influence of the Jesuits. Weishaupt started with his own ideas and then started borrowing aspects of other streams of thought. Zoroastrianism was one source of ideas as its teaching went along with the light metaphor of “illumination” and “enlightenment”. As Weishaupt continued to develop his system he borrowed aspects of Christianity. Some of these ideas had to be abandoned as the ideas were a little too radical.

The first set of degrees was called the Minerval degrees from Pallas Athene or Minerva in Roman mythology. The wording of the Minerval degree was confirmed in December 1781 when the Bavarian Illuminati and Knigge met. In addition to the degrees, essays were prepared for the instruction of the members. Between the rituals and essays the system became rather complex. The Minerval class of ceremonies included

Noviciate, Minerval degree, Minervalis illuminatus or Illuminatus minor, and Magistrate of the Minerval church.

Freemasonry was spreading across Germany and was very successful. Weishaupt became interested in Freemasonry and joined 2 years after forming the Illuminati. He was a poor attendee, and it has been suggested that he had a poor grasp of Freemasonry. Weishaupt and Knigge, an ardent Mason, tried to combine the Illuminati Order with Freemasonry. One example of the attempts of the Illuminati to combine Freemasonry and Christianity with their Order was to try and equate Hiram Abiff with Jesus. This did not please either Freemasons or the Church. When the “Scottish” degrees began to spread into Germany (e.g. Berlin in 1742), these too were eventually integrated with the Illuminati Order. All of these attempts to blend aspects of Freemasonry with an Order essentially created by Weishaupt and Knigge led to its eventual falling out of favor. By 1788, the Order had little appeal and started its decline and disappearance.

The book presents the complete degree system of the Illuminati Order for the first time. It succeeds in presenting a coherent resource for those interested in Masonic rituals and the thought patterns of the Enlightenment. Seeing Masonic rituals written out from those days and how they compare with those in use today is an interesting study in the evolution of Masonic thinking.

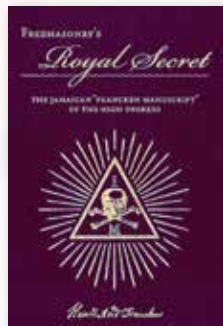
The book is not an easy read; however, for students of secret societies and the development of rituals, it is worth the effort.

Jeva Singh-Anand, “A secret school of wisdom” *Philalethes* 67 (3), 94-105, 2014 and *Philalethes* 67 (4)m 152-161, 2015. ■

FREEMASONRY'S ROYAL SECRET – THE JAMAICAN “FRANCKEN MANUSCRIPT” OF THE HIGH DEGREES

By Ill. Bro. Arturo De Hoyos 33°, Grand Cross and Ill. Bro. Alain Bernhein 33°

Once again the Scottish Rite Research Society has produced an excellent bonus book for its members. The book presents the “*Jamaican Manuscript*” of the rituals of the 25 degrees of the “*Order of the Royal Secret*” (O.R.S.) a “*high degree*” system of Freemasonry created around the mid-1760s. The manuscript itself dates from circa 1790-1800. These rituals were eventually incorporated into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The A.&A.S.R. added several of its own rituals to create the current Rite of 33 degrees. The manuscript is a copy of an undiscovered Francken manuscript. Henry Andrew Francken was a Dutch Mason who received the degrees from Estienne Morin, a French Mason, who brought the degrees to the Caribbean and the rest of North America. The Jamaica Manuscript is special in that it has more ritual information than the other known copies of Francken’s manuscripts. The manuscript consists of the 25 degrees of the O.R.S. plus 3 other degrees. One to those degrees is called “*Select Master of 27*” and is now called “*Select Master*” and is part of the York Rite.



The book’s introduction provides extensive background material including an historical framework for the manuscript, a section on the evolution of Masonic ritual, some information on Estienne Morin, and background on the O.R.S. The remainder of the book presents the rituals for the O.R.S and the 3 other degrees appended to the Jamaica manuscript.

This book is highly recommended by your reviewer for those interested in the origin and evolution of our rituals. The similarities between our current rituals and those in the O.R.S. are very interesting. One example is the origins of the 3 words associated with the 32° camp. Those origins are briefly outlined in the 25° ritual of the O.R.S. While some may think that the genus name for the willow tree (*Salix*) is relevant will find something quite different. For those interested in rituals, this book is a must read. ■



Windsor Memories: 141st Session of Supreme Council

III. Bro. John Revell 32^o, General Chairman, 2015 Annual Session, Windsor, ON



The Valley of Windsor was very honoured to host the 141st annual Sessions. The event took place September 14th through 19th 2015 and featured a new setting for the Sessions at Caesars Windsor. This world class resort hotel overlooks the Detroit skyline from Windsor's spectacular waterfront and provided the Sessions organizing committee with lots of space and options for the program. Guests were delighted with nice rooms, great views and friendly staff. Caesars also took good care of everyone's appetite by offering an excellent menu and lots of food. The Ladies Program was a high priority for Windsor Valley, as committee members focused on providing great entertainment and a variety of hospitality suite activities.

Friday continued the Sessions and during the Ladies program and luncheon, we were even pleasantly surprised when Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison stopped in for a visit. Rumour is that they heard about all the wonderful ladies attending the Sessions and begged the organizing committee for a chance to entertain. And entertain they did! Later that evening, the crowning event of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet was held in the Augustus Ball Room. The piper led in the class of 2015 and their spouses. Next came the Executive members, spouses and guests. A wonderful meal, presentations and introduction of each new initiate followed. Finally, the 2016 General Chairman, Owen Devereaux, introduced us to St. John's Newfoundland and the Valley's plans for hosting the 2016 Sessions.

The week's events wrapped up on Saturday, with a step back in time to the roaring 20's. At a secret location in the ballroom of the Windsor Masonic Temple, a speakeasy opened its doors to delight visitors from near and far. Period costume, drinks and dancing where all part of the festivities and revellers where even treated to a grand tour of the old building's Lodges and Learning Centre.

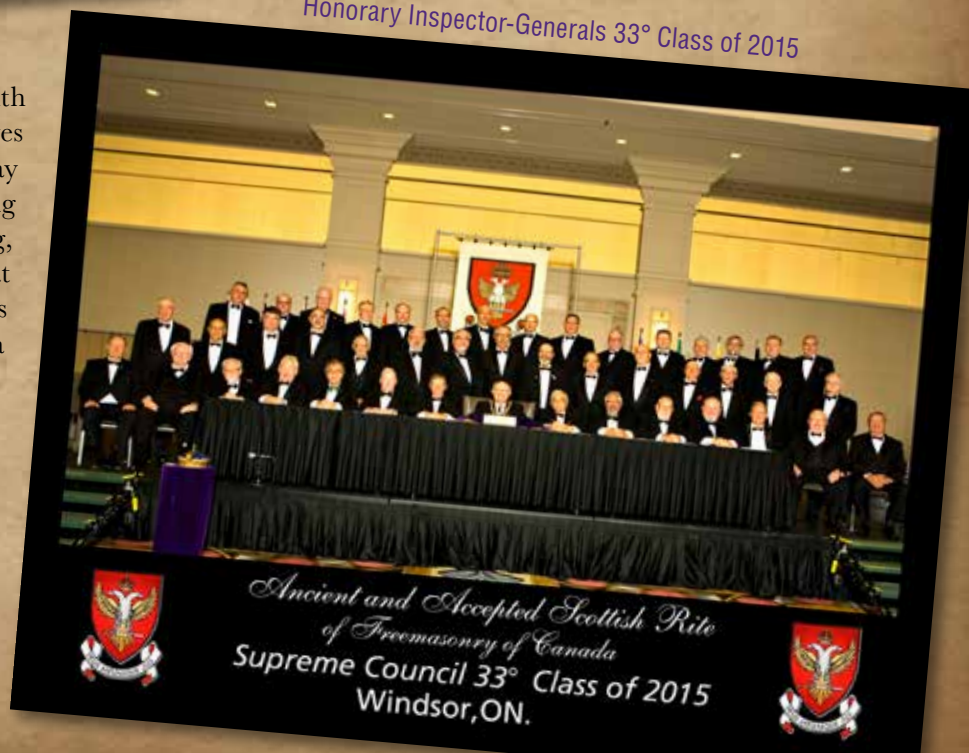
A great week was had by all and the Windsor Valley Committee was thrilled to be your hosts for 2015. We look forward to hosting again in the future and wish well to Owen, the Valley of St. John's and all of those attending the 2016 Sessions. ■



Supreme Council Officers 2015 - 2018

The Sessions got started on Tuesday with meetings followed by the Active and Past Actives dinner at Nero's Steakhouse. Wednesday continued with Session meetings and setting up of the Lodge room. Later that evening, the get acquainted reception was a great opportunity to get to know the new candidates and renew friendships. Thursday was off to a busy start and the Vesper service was only a block away at All Saints Church. Attendees filled the church to rafters with an excellent turnout. Later that evening was the Scottish Rite Foundation banquet where we heard a major announcement about the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's beyond expectations fund raising efforts and heard firsthand about medical achievements and the mysteries of the mind.

Honorary Inspector-Generals 33^o Class of 2015



Valley of Toronto – Have Car, Will Travel

Ill. Bro. Allard Loopstra 33°

Ill. Bro. David Gibson Scott 33°, is a remarkable individual, and at the age of 88 continues to be full of life, energy and purpose. Bro. David lives in Toronto with his wife Ursula and is a member of St. Andrew's Perpetuating St. John No. 16, Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Hamilton Moore Sovereign Consistory, and The Royal Order of Scotland. David is an accomplished ritualist and does major parts in many degrees in all three Scottish Rite Bodies. Just last November, he again had a flawless and outstanding performance as "*Rutherford Senior*" in the drama portion of the 31st and 32nd degrees at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. These two First World War dramas are only portrayed in Hamilton and exemplify the lessons taught in the ritual portions of those degrees.

David was born in 1927 and obtained his B.Sc. degree at McGill University in 1949. After working for 5 years in the Pharmaceutical industry he decided to get his law degree by attending Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1959, but being an entrepreneur, David involved himself in various business ventures over the next 9 years.

In 1968, he joined the Federal Department of Justice and was appointed Judge in 1979 for the Ontario Court of Justice, Criminal Division. He retired at the mandatory age of 75 in 2002.

His hobby, and pride of joy, is his 1931 Model 'A' Ford, Slant Windshield Town Sedan, which he purchased in 2009. By 2011, it had been restored to top quality condition and ready for serious competition. He lovingly calls it 'Maltilda'. This particular model was well known as the "gangster car" during the prohibition era. There are bullet holes painted on the driver's side door to mark the notoriety of this vehicle.

David belongs to the Model 'A' Owners Association of Canada and since 2009 has won numerous awards and trophies at Antique and Classic car shows in Canada and the U.S.A. ■



Ill. Bro. David Gibson Scott 33° seated inside his prized 1931 Model A Ford.
(Note the bullet holes painted on the driver's door)

Valley of Victoria

Ill. Bro. Donald L. Campbell 33°

WOW!!! Our beautiful Island experienced one of our best summers in years. Tourism has rebounded to record levels and The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration, exceeded the goal of 1 Million Dollars. NOT BAD. Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend 33° would be extremely pleased. We can be assured he has blessed our endeavors from somewhere out in the universe.

S.R. Information Breakfast. The Victoria Valley hosted a Seekers, Deluxe Breakfast. Inspired by our T.P.G.M. Ill. Bro. Neil Racicot, aided by a platoon of volunteers, 22 guests enjoyed the ambience of the Saanich Peninsula Lodge Hall and grounds in late June. After an excellent repast our guests were treated to an address by Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey 33°, Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon. Ill. Bro. Stephen, presented a well-received talk on the advantages and dividends, of becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. This initiative resulted, in a class of 14 Brothers continuing their Masonic journey this September just past.

2015/2016 A Desire for greater Member participation. The exceptional response to the S.R. Charitable Foundation 50th anniversary capital fundraiser is admirable. We should pause and reflect on this valuable achievement. British Columbia and Yukon exceeded their goal by 373.3%. Participation could have been greater by individual members.

The averaging throughout the Province brings the total overall to a positive position. However Kamloops exceeded their goal by 530.1% and Vancouver exceeded their goal by a whopping 1310.4%. These outstanding results were made possible by people who have left a legacy or made contributions equal to their financial resource capability.

In the case of The Valley of Victoria, a well respected 33rd set up and left a trust named 'The Victoria Pioneer Builders Society'. One of the administrators of this trust, Ill. Bro. Douglas Easton 33° (D.D.G.M. Dist. # 1, A.F.A.M.B.C.&Y), has announced that the trust will match the total of the donations made by the Lodges on lower Vancouver Island. The grand total to be given to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Douglas Collins, who has decreed his charity of choice for his term 2015/2016 is "*The British Columbia Scottish Rite Learning Centre*" situated in Vancouver.

We truly are fortunate to have amongst us, in this Great fraternity, Men who walk the talk. Let us take up the challenge and be part of Positive Change in our communities.

The goal for Vancouver Island this year is to increase the number of members participating in this very worthwhile endeavor. I believe that if every one of us contributed as consistent, within our means, we could accomplish the goal of achieving, "*The Impossible Dream*" of conquering conditions termed "*Puzzles of The Mind*". ■



Valley of Edmonton Casino Night

Ill. Bro. Charles Harris 32°

The Edmonton Valley of the A.A.S.R. held its 2nd Annual Casino Night on Friday August 7th with 77 members of the valley, family and guests in attendance.



(L-R) Grand Secretary, Ill. Bro. Leigh Spicer, M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Charles Harris; T.P.G.M., Ill. Bro. Angus Stewart; C-in-C, Ill. Bro. Jordan Sampson

With Black Jack being the main play, everyone was a winner throughout the evening with a silent auction in the background as everyone played the tables. By the end of the evening, a live auction was held using the table money to bid on the right to throw a pie in the face of their favorite Scottish Rite member. The M.W.S. received the most money at \$4.5 million dollars of the table money. Our outgoing Grand Secretary, Leigh Spicer, was auctioned off for \$220 in real cash to be at the end of large cream pie with strawberries, caramel sauce and sprinkles as a last gesture of humility!

At the end of the evening, a total of \$2,070 was raised for the Edmonton Rite to Learn Foundation and all in attendance had a fun social event with plans beginning for next Casino Event in the works. ■

Fraser Valley – Not Such a Conventional S.R. Meeting

Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey 33°, Deputy for B.C. & Y.

Of the 38 years of membership as a Scottish Rite member the usual meeting of a Valley opening, dealing with business, conferring a degree, closing, and festive board has been the norm. At a recent Official Visit to Fraser Valley in Langley BC, the brethren assembled were shown a very different meeting. After I was received, the T.P.G.M., Ill. Bro. D. Freeman, invited the class of eight candidates – all 12° Masons – to enter. The business was completed expeditiously. Then members of the class were invited to make presentations to the lodge of their views and reactions to the work of the degrees they had received to this point in their advancement. Five members spoke. Some topics of their presentations were “The development and extension of the craft degrees and the messages given” ~ “The importance of the 7° - of justice and judgment and the ethical standards that are vital in man’s future life” ~ “That knowledge and wisdom give us freedom” ~ “The re-connecting with a higher authority and the continued search for the hidden mysteries of which the degrees speak” ~ “Fidelity, benevolence, and justice -- vital to all” ~ “The reading of Linda Ellis’ poem “The Dash” prompted by the 5°” ~ “The huge amount of knowledge received through 4° to 12°, so much that it is suffocating because of the lack of time to absorb the work and make it be a part of the brother – that work has to continue.”

When they had completed, the T.P.G.M. invited comments from the members about the Lodge. Several rose and spoke; all astonished by the depth of responses of presentations, which ranged in length from two minutes to ten minutes. All said they had never in their Scottish Rite lives attended a Scottish Rite meeting with such depth of understanding of the work and well presented. All thanked the presenters for their time to prepare, and enlightenment given.

I was also moved by the work of the candidates. The material of Scottish Rite is so rich. I sometimes equate the material in the degrees so rich, that it is like quenching ones thirst by drinking concentrated orange juice rather than drinking a refreshing glass of orange cordial. The valuable lessons and the hidden meanings of the degrees are there to do exactly what the class had demonstrated - to make us think, to force us to tease out the hidden meanings, and to share what we understand.

Freemasonry is a metaphor. Metaphors are used to...connect the unfamiliar with the familiar, the unknown to the known, to bridge the conscious with the unconscious, the right hemisphere of the brain to the left hemisphere, from the category to the specific, the pattern to the purpose. The Symbolic thought moves from the abstract thought to the analytical thought. [Ref: Williams, Roy W. Monday Morning Memo 24th March 2014.]

The evening was stimulating and moving. The opportunity for brothers to stand and express their thoughts after receiving the Scottish Rite degrees is encouraging to those who have spent the time memorizing the work for presentation. Plans are being made for further evenings like this to become common practice for the Valley. The TPGM is to be congratulated for inspiring the class to share their views and opinions. A refreshing change.

Two members of the Valley were recognized and thanked for their service to the Lodge of Perfection. Ill. Bro. Herb Chow 32° and Ill. Bro. Doug Potter 32° were presented with the BC Medal of Merit award. Congratulations to both brethren were expressed by the standing ovation both received from those present. ■

Ontario Provincial DeMolay – Learning Centre Charity for the Year

Ill. Bro. William Atkinson 33°

The Ontario Provincial DeMolay has chosen the Scottish Rite Learning Centre as their charity for the year. It started off in September 2015, with the pie in the face competition, of the Provincial Officers and their Sweetheart and it raised \$1,020.00. Well done and thankyou to the DeMolay. ■



Valley of St. John's – Oldest 33° in Valley Celebrates Birthday

Ill. Bro. Clayton T. Handrigan 33°

October 4th, 2015 was a big day for Ill. Bro. Gerald Greenslade, 33°, H.I.G. Surrounded by friends and family at the Veterans' Pavilion in St. John's, he was the centre of attention as he celebrated his 95th birthday. Even at this grand old age, Ill. Bro. Greenslade was alert, smiling, and joking with all who came to bring him greetings. His mind may have slowed just a little, but he quickly recognizes old friends and brethren from years gone by, calls them by name, and asks many questions.

Ill. Bro. Greenslade was initiated into Avalon Lodge, No. 2, G.L.N.L.; and is the oldest Charter Member of Lodge Conception, No. 1679, GL of Scotland. He was coroneted an H.I.G., 33°, in 1980, and is the oldest member of Supreme Council in the Valley of St. John's. In 2007, Ill. Bro. Greenslade was honoured to be one of the inaugural recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award. Unable to attend Supreme Council Sessions that year, the award was presented to him at a regular meeting of Centennial Lodge of Perfection in October. In keeping with his spirit of giving, Bro. Greenslade divided the \$1,500 bursary accompanying the award equally between the S.R.C.F. and the new Freemasons' Hall being built in Mount Pearl, N.L., at that time. Although no longer able to attend

meetings, he maintains a keen interest in the working of the Valley, and the various exploits of its members.

Ill. Bro. Handrigan, 33°, was pleased to visit him on his birthday, and bring congratulations and best wishes on behalf of Supreme Council and the Officers, Brethren, Supreme and Sublime Princes of the Valley. Given his grand old age, the Valley continues to hope that *"long may his big jib draw!"* ■



Ill. Bro. Greenslade 33°, H.I.G. and recipient of the John Ross Matheson Award

Valley of Sudbury Donates to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Ill. Bro. Clive D. Stephenson 33°



N.O.S.M. student Stephan Imbeau accepts the donation from Ill. Bro. Ross Dixon 33°, Ill. Bro. Dr. Jason Ashley T.P.G.M. 33° and Ill. Bro. Dr. Don Rousell 33°

For the past decade, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation has shown a strong commitment to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) medical student bursaries. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is pleased to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Sudbury Valley,

At Sudbury, students have benefited from the Foundation's generosity. These bursaries help students meet their financial needs, in reducing the financial burden of a medical degree. The NOSM thanks the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for its aid to our students! ■

S.R.C.F. NEWS

Advanced Language Training Course

Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd 33°, Executive Director, Learning Centre Program

The first session of the Advanced Language Training Course was completed in Halifax, on October 14th and 15th. There were 11 Certified Tutors from 4 Centres and from the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education. Facilitator for the course is Ms. Heather Redenbach, F.A.O.G.P., and Centre Director/Trainer of the B.C. Learning Centre. This course will be done in four parts and provides these senior Tutors with advanced learning in the Orton-Gillingham practice, and an opportunity to advance as Senior Mentors and/or Centre Trainers. In all, these Tutors will spend over 50 hours in the classroom and will be required to provide book reports, quizzes and be observed in tutoring sessions at least 4 times. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is proud of the significant strides being made with the Learning Centre Program in Canada. ■



Advanced Language Training Course completed in Halifax, October 15th, 2015



New Learning Centre Battles Dyslexia – A Helping Hand

Mary Beth Hartill, The Bracebridge Examiner

Children with dyslexia will be given a helping hand with their learning.

On Wednesday, June 3, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry held their grand-opening ceremony of the Scottish Rite Learning Centre Muskoka Tutoring Room. The mission of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centres for Children provides state-of-the-art, free remedial tutoring to children with dyslexia.

According to Lieutenant Grand Commander Terry A. McLean, the foundation was created in Canada in 1964 to promote, encourage and carry on charitable work in Canada including poverty relieve and the advancement of education. The Foundation has directed its efforts to psycho-neurological issues. These Learning Centres, such as the one now open on Ecclestone Drive in Bracebridge, provide a practical application of the Foundation's concern for children coping with dyslexia.

"At the Learning Centres children with dyslexia learn to read thus the Foundation in real and tangible ways, endeavors to fulfill its motto 'helping to solve the puzzles of the mind,'" he said.

The Scottish Rite has been providing remedial reading to children with dyslexia since the inception of the Learning Centres in the U.S. in 1952. The Canadian program began with a pilot project in London, ON about a decade ago. There are now eight Learning Centres across the country that help children overcome scholastic difficulties associated with dyslexia. All tutoring is free to the children who are enrolled in the program and they are tutored after regular school hours by volunteer staff and tutors.



Deputy Grand Matron Shirley Elliot presenting a cheque to David Boyd, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bracebridge

"The entire program is motivated by a sincere effort to help dyslectic children," said Matthew F. Todd, executive director of Learning Centres in Canada. "Our Foundation trains the tutors and provides financial support with the assistance of the members of the Scottish Rite of this area of Ontario."

The Muskoka members are part of The Valley of Barrie that extends from Burk's Falls to Newmarket and Owen Sound. *"It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience to know that our Learning Centres are already graduating young people," he said. "Children who successfully complete the remedial tutoring program are able to enjoy successful and happy lives thanks to this example of Freemason's helping children."* ■

London S.R. Learning Centre Graduation

Cathy Crinklaw, Centre Director

London Scottish Rite Learning Centre has operated a successful tutoring program for children with dyslexia since September 2003. Since that time, almost 100 children have participated in all or part of our program. This year, we celebrated the achievement of 5 of these children, bringing the total to 64 children who have successfully completed their work with us. Currently we have 22 children and 15 tutors at the Centre.



London Learning Centre group shot of our grads at the Celebration of Achievement at Dufferin Hall

All of these children who left us are more capable and better able to handle their challenges with dyslexia, and many have since distinguished themselves in their academic achievements and activities. Some have gone on to university or college and many are working their way through high school with much success in their studies. But the most inspiring change we have all seen is the difference in the way these children now see themselves. They have left us as confident young people who are ready to face the challenges ahead. This is a far cry from those children who entered the Centre lacking in self-confidence and who, in some cases, through continual negative feedback at school and elsewhere, really believed that they were inferior.

Since its inception, the Learning Centre has expanded from the Masonic Hall to its current location with 8 enclosed, private tutoring rooms with a capacity of serving 32 children. In addition, we continue to provide excellent tutor training through Shirley Govan. This has been a wonderful 12 years for all of us and continues with the personal and financial support of many people. Everyone at the Centre feels the joy that we bring to our families, and especially our children and we look forward to many more years of successful, challenging and very rewarding times. ■



Valley of St. John's – S.R.C.F. Donations

Ill. Bro. Clayton T. Handrigan 33°

The Valley of St. John's is pleased and proud of the donations it has obtained for the SRCF's One Million Dollar Campaign. Because the Valley is small, the original request from the Foundation was for a contribution of \$5,000, later amended to \$10,000. At the conclusion of the campaign in September, 2015, our small Valley will have contributed a total nearing \$25,000 – 250% above the amended objective, and 500% above the original one!

During August, the Valley made formal presentations of SRCF pins and certificates to two generous donors, and received another generous donation as well.

Ill. Bro. Neville G. Sheppard, 32°, former S.R.C.F. Representative who worked tirelessly for the Valley for many years and made contact with an old school friend who is now a Thoracic surgeon in Albany, N.Y. - Bro. Dr. Darroch W.O. Moores - still a member of Lodge Harbour Grace in N.L. Bro. Moores threw his support behind the project. While visiting his home province on vacation, the Valley

was pleased to have an opportunity to formally present him with the Foundation's token of its appreciation – a lapel pin and certificate. ■



Ill. Bros. Devereaux & Shepherd, Bro. Dr. Darroch Moores, Ill. Bros. Rowsell & Handrigan

Valley of Central Alberta – Concordant Bodies Working Together

Ill. Bro. Terry Skelton 32°

Ill. Bro. Ted Mikkelsen 32° the Central Valley, Lacombe Alberta, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation representative, has been appointed General Grand Chapter Committee member, Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite Charities. Ted was installed November 6th, 2015, the appointment is for three years and his territory of responsibility is British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario as well as Alaska, (since he is in the neighbourhood). Ted's mandate is to promote the Scottish Rite Charities to the Eastern Star. He plans to concentrate on the Learning Centres as he finds that there is a great deal of interest in our approach, both within the membership and the concordant bodies and individuals who have no connection to Masonry. Monies raised will stay in Canada. Ted believes that the Learning Centres could be the "causes" that would give a new purpose to our Valleys, Lodges and Chapters. If you would like to help Ted promote the Learning Centers to the OES or Lodges give him a call at 403-728-3353 (please leave a message as he is rarely home) or e-mail him at tedmikkelsen@gmail.com.



Ill. Bro. Ted Mikkelsen 32°, Central Valley, Lacombe Alberta, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Representative



Sister Debbie Matvichuk, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Alberta, O.E.S.

Sister Debbie Matvichuk, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star, has made Scottish Rite Learning Centres for children her Personal Charity and is promoting the two Alberta schools (Calgary and Edmonton) throughout all the Chapters in Alberta. The response has been great and a considerable amount of money is being raised.

Debbie and the Associate Grand Matron, Helen Bilou plan to take their presentation for the Learning Centres to all of the Craft Lodges in Alberta over the next couple of years. Debbie and Helen would appreciate an invitation to the Festive Board to make their presentation and if your Lodge would like them to attend please give Debbie a call at 780-472-6741. So far the feedback from the presentations she has given is very favourable. ■



Summerside Valley Annual S.R.C.F. Dinner and Awards Night

Ill. Bro. Robert H. Roy 33°, S.R.C.F. Representative

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Valley of Summerside hosted the 4th Annual Lobster Dinner in aid of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. The dinner was held once again at the New Glasgow P.E.I. Lobster Suppers and has proven to be very popular since inception. The dinner is open to all Masons and guests. In attendance was The Most Worshipful Brother Donald Leary, Grand Master of Masons for P.E.I. and Mrs. Leary, as well as Illustrious Brother David G. Hooper, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Mrs. Hooper.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Deputy's Bursary to Ms. Bernadette Cheverie who is studying for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of P.E.I. For a young age Ms. Cheverie has already set a very positive example for her profession and in her community. In the absence of our Deputy, the presentation was made to Ms. Cheverie by Illustrious Brother David G. Hooper 33°. Brother Hooper also gave a short overview of the Scottish Rite Learning Centers. Illustrious Brother Robert H. Roy, 33°, our Valley's representative to The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation gave a short talk on the Foundation and was pleased to announce that our Valley would be forwarding a total of \$2,585.00 as a result of donations for the evening. ■



Ill. Bro. Rob H Roy 33°. Valley of Summerside Rep to S.R.C.F.; Ms. Bernadette Cheverie. Recipient of Deputies Bursary; Ill. Bro. David G. Hooper 33° Active Member; M.W. Bro. Donald Leary, Grand Master of Masons for P.E.I.



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DEPUTY SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

John Ross Matheson Award – Recognize a Worthy Brother

Ill. Bro. Alan Arbuckle 33°

Now in its 15th year, the John Ross Matheson Award recognizes Scottish Rite Masons who are heroes of our fraternity. It is the most prestigious award our Supreme Council can bestow on a Brother to honour merit and ability, community spirit and a continued commitment to distinguished service to our community, country and mankind. A maximum of two awards can be given each year. Active and Past Active members are generally not eligible.

The new deadline for nominations for the John Ross Matheson Award is March 31st, 2016. Nomination forms are available on the website www.scottishritecanada.ca.

There are many Scottish Rite Masons who lead lives of integrity and service that bring honour to our Order. If you know one, you are strongly urged to nominate them so they can receive the recognition that is their due. We need to be proud of these men and proud that they are our brethren. ■

B.C. Deputy Scholarship and Presentation

Ill. Bro. Donald L. Campbell 33°

Christen Allen and Rowen Dowling are the recipients of this year's award of \$1,500.00 which was divided evenly at \$750.00 each.

The presentation was made by The Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon, Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey 33°.

Both Christen and Rowen were eloquent in their responses of appreciation and gratitude for the hand up Scottish Rite has given them in their educational pursuits. ■



Ms. Allen, Ms. Christen Allen, Ill. Bro. Douglas Henderson 32°, Chaplain, Mr. Rowen Dowling, Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey 33°, Deputy B.C. & Yukon

St. John's Deputy Award – Stella's Circle

Ill. Bro. Clayton T. Handrigan 33°

Once again, the Valley of St. John's was pleased to be able to present the annual Deputy's Award of \$1,000 to a deserving charitable organization in the province of N.L. Each year the S.R.C.F. provides funds to each Valley in Canada through the various Deputies; and each Valley is asked to research and recommend an appropriate recipient. This year the Valley of St. John's recommended 'Stella's Circle', (www.stellaburby.ca), and this was accepted. The Valley presentation is now highlighted on the group's website.

'Stella's Circle' mission is to address the impact and root causes of poverty, abuse, and oppression. The organization does this by developing support services that promote community inclusion, and by advocating for social policy changes that transform oppressive systems. A brief summary of just a little of what this worthwhile organization does is as follows: "Offers a range of residential, community, and correctional-based counselling services" ~ "Provides intensive assistance to people with complex mental health needs" ~ "Provides counselling and support to women who have been in conflict with the law" ~ "Offers a support group for women (18 years+) who would like help to reduce or stop their use of substances, or to reduce activities that cause harm"

~ "Helps address the need for affordable housing by offering more than 100 housing units to rent, and supportive housing for those who need it" ~ "Its Naomi Centre is an emergency shelter that offers safe and supportive temporary housing for youth". ■



Ill. Bro. Clayton Handrigan 33°, H.I.G.; Ill. Bro. James Rowsell, 33°, H.I.G.; Ms. Lisa Browne, C.E.O., Stella's Circle; Ill. Bro. James Finch 33°, S.G.I.G.; Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, H.I.G.



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