It is important for our officers to be involved and lead worthwhile activities that involve our membership in our communities and the Valley. Being a Scottish Rite Mason should be far more than paying dues and attending meetings.

I’m pleased to say that is what is happening in our Valley. The head of each elected body now has the responsibility of presiding over our Stated Meeting twice during his term and hosting a Valley event or project. These events are meeting with continued success and participation by our members.

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Fraternally,
Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.
Commander-in-Chief

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The Early Bird Drawing for our 2018 Winner’s Choice Raffle will be held at our Stated Meeting on February 22, 2018. If you want this special chance at winning an additional $500.00 on top of the normal prizes, then you must return your 6 tickets to the Office by February 22, 2018. Don’t miss out on this exciting opportunity!

ILL. Thomas J. Reimensnyder, 33°, M.S.A. and his daughter K.J., who provided entertainment after our recent December Stated Meeting
DEAR BROTHER:

An All Bodies Joint Session Stated Meeting of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Valley of Williamsport will be held in the Howard Memorial Cathedral, with Bro. Robert W. Dittmar, Thrice Potent Master, presiding, on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M., E.S.T.

for the transaction of such business as may be regularly presented. A cordial and fraternal invitation is extended to all members of the Rite duly accredited. The Lodge will be the greeters and offer the invocation at dinner. Members and their ladies are invited to attend dinner at 6:30 P.M.

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018!

IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND THEN CANNOT ATTEND THE DINNER, YOU MUST CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018, OR YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR YOUR MEAL.

By order of: Ill. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., 33º, Commander-in-Chief • Stephen M. Wertz, 32º, Secretary

MENU: Chicken Parmesan, Baked Potato with Butter, Chef's Vegetable, Apple Crumb a la Mode

(sugar-free desserts available upon request when made with reservation)

In Memoriam

C. Lamont Wallis 11/30/2017
G. Schuyler Ramm 12/01/2017
Robert W. Yost 12/01/2017
Donn E. Frazier 12/04/2017
Glenn C. Dershem 12/12/2017
Roy W. Cummings 12/14/2017
Charles P. Smith, Jr. 12/22/2017

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WILLIAMSPORT LODGE OF PERFECTION
Bro. Robert W. Dittmar, 32º – Thrice Potent Master

WILLIAMSPORT COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM
Bro. Michael A. Slack, 32º – Sovereign Prince

WILLIAMSPORT CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
Bro. Mark J. Phillips, 32º – Most Wise Master

WILLIAMSPORT CONSISTORY
Ill. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., 33º – Commander-in-Chief

2018 DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!
To-date, 80% of our Members have paid their 2018 dues. Remember, payment was due in the Office by December 31, 2017. Thank you to everyone that has already submitted their 2018 payments!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR E-MAIL?
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION! Help us keep our database current!

WANT TO HELP YOUR VALLEY? GET YOUR BULLETIN BY E-MAIL!
The Valley currently has 212 Members getting their bulletins by email. If you can help your Valley with printing and mailing costs by receiving your bulletin via email, please make it known. This is not mandatory, but it does help with expenses, if you are so inclined to assist. To choose this method simply send me an email at swertz_aasr@comcast.net requesting this and I will make it happen for you. Thank you to everyone that has agreed to get their bulletins via email! It is greatly appreciated!

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Wertz
Secretary

Military Dance
4th Floor Grand Banquet Hall • Howard Memorial Cathedral
Date Unknown

SECRETARY’S CORNER
Children’s Christmas Project Report

Brethren,

The Council of Princes of Jerusalem Children’s Christmas Project was finally completed on December 20th, 2017. With the help of Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., Commander-in-Chief, and my wife Gwendolyn, we visited Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg and UPMC in Williamsport on the 19th of December. On Wednesday, December 20th, we completed our mission by visiting UPMC in Lock Haven and Geisinger in Jersey Shore. At all four hospitals we were met with open arms and huge smiles of gratitude. The Jarrod boxes and stuffed animals were a big hit at all the visits. The boxes and stuffed animals will be used by Pediatrics, the Emergency Rooms and the Labs to help calm the children in extremely stressful times. In all, we stuffed and delivered 100 Jarrod boxes and over 30 Stuffed animals. On behalf of the Valley, Bro. Ron presented two tons of cookies from the Valley’s recent Cookie Tin Project during each visit. I would like to thank all the Past Sovereign Princes and current Officers for their donations and ideas to make this a successful project, and the Fall Reunion Class for their thoughtful donation along with all the Brethren who donated to the project. We succeeded in meeting the project goal this year of $1,000.00 dollars! Hopefully next year we can double our goal and expand the project significantly. This project showed that when the Fraternity comes together, we can accomplish great things. Again, thanks for all the donations and support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Fraternally,

Michael A. Slack
Sovereign Prince

Valley of Williamsport’s Former Actives for Pennsylvania

Recently relocated portraits, Ill. Brothers Arnold and Greevy, are now in a prominent location which are both adjacent to where the sitting Commander in Chief’s portrait is in the vestibule just outside the Howard Memorial Theatre. Many members are familiar with Ill. Brother Greevy, but were unaware of whom the other portrait was. Through the assistance of Ms. Sara Wyatt, of our Supreme Council in Lexington, the identity of Ill. Brother Arnold was discovered.

Ill. Brother John Carlisle Arnold

. . . a Past Active Emeritus Member and a member of the Valley of Williamsport, was also a member of Garfield Lodge No. 559 of Dubois, Pennsylvania. He was raised a Master Mason in 1913, and later received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Williamsport in January 1921.

In 1909 Brother Arnold graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree LL.B, having passed the bar in 1910, he began his law practice in Dubois, assisting in organizing it as a city, serving as its solicitor until 1917, when he was elected district attorney and then re-elected in 1921. He subsequently resigned and re-entered private practice.

He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Cleveland Ohio in 1944, and became an Active Member on September 28, 1952 at New York. During his term as an Active Member, he served on the Committee of Unfinished Business and Constitutions and Laws. Six short years later, Ill. Brother Arnold died from complications of a broken hip suffered in a fall at his home.

III. Brother Charles Fritcher Greevy

. . . a Past Active and Deputy for Pennsylvania, was raised a Master Mason in John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, in 1937 and was also a member of the Valley of Williamsport, receiving his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Williamsport in January of 1940. He also served as Commander-in-Chief in the Valley of Williamsport from 1962-65.

Ill. Brother Greevy graduated from Dickinson College in 1936, and the Dickinson School of Law in 1938. Brother Greevy began his legal practice of law in 1939 before reporting for active duty in the U.S. Naval Forces Reserves, August 1943. For more than two years, he served as an officer in the European, Atlantic, and Pacific theaters.

On September of 1959, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General at Buffalo, New York. He was later crowned an Active Member in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965, and then Deputy for Pennsylvania in 1983-1987. He became an Active Emeritus Member in 1989, at Pittsburgh, PA. During his service, he served on the Nominating Committee, Committee on General State of the Rite, Committee on Program Development, and Committee on Jurisprudence.

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To the Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies:

I, __________________________________________________________________
(please print full name), the undersigned hereof, respectfully show that I am de-
sirous of being admitted as a member in the Valley of _______________________

and request that I may be received among you, and that I will ever pray for the

prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren.

Please print all information:

Full Name: _____________________________________________________________
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Birthdate: ______________________________________________________________
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Name of Spouse (if applicable)______________________________________________
mailing Address: _______________________________________________________
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home Phone: ___________________________________________________________
E-Mail: ________________________________________________________________
Profession or Occ
upation: _________________________________________________

I am a Master Mason in Good Standing in _______________________________Lodge,
Located in ______________________________________________________________

have you ever before petitioned for any Degrees
in the Scottish Rite and been accepted or rejected?     yes                 No
If yes, to which Valley and when? ________________________________

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Recommended by a member of Scottish Rite

Signature: _____________________________________________________________
Printed Name: __________________________________________________________
Member # on Dues card: _________________________________________________

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Howard Memorial Cathedral

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Executive Committee Meeting  6:00 PM

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Sunday, March 25, 2018
Feast of the Paschal Lamb  3:00 PM
Howard Memorial Cathedral

Saturday, April 21, 2018
114th Spring Anniversary Class

Back by popular demand the Valley of Williamsport will host another fun-filled St. Patrick’s Day Dance featuring the popular band “Banned Together”. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17th!

If you did not have the opportunity to attend last year, you missed the great talents and Classic Rock sounds of an outstanding band. “Banned Together” includes members of the ‘60s recording group “Prince Charles and the Royal Tones”. Their vocals fused with smooth guitar licks and a tight brass section will take you back to the era when some of the greatest Rock ‘n Roll played on our AM & FM radios!

This year the dance will be held in the Grand Banquet Hall with food catered by Brother John Debo’s Country Tavern. Their outstanding wings will again be on the menu as well as other assorted snacks. Assorted beverages will also be provided.

A great evening will start at 7:00 P.M. Please invite your friends & family for one of our best events of the year! Reservations and ticket price information will be posted in the next Valley Bulletin.

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