

The Ambassador

Newsletter of the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit's Ambassador Club

Dear Ambassador,

Please announce some, or all, of these events in your lodge during the month of December. You may read them verbatim, or paraphrase them, whichever is most comfortable for you. The ideal time to do this is when the Master calls for commercials or announcements (usually at the end of the meeting). Depending upon the customs of your lodge, you may want to ask the Master's permission before you make these announcements. **Remember: take no more than 5 minutes, less if possible.** Each time you make an announcement in your lodge, please send me an email (rwgraves@wyan.org) and let me know the date and lodge in which you made the announcement.

Talking Points for December 2006

Membership Events

Scottish Rite Awareness Dinner

The Valley of Detroit is hosting a Scottish Rite Awareness Dinner on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. All Master Masons interested in becoming a 32° Mason are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be catered by Opus I, one of Detroit's premier restaurants. The featured speaker will be Past GM Robert Conley. As many of you probably know, Bob Conley is an entertaining and dynamic speaker. The program is designed to answer all of your questions about the Scottish Rite and how becoming a 32° Mason can change and enrich your life. Prospective members and their significant others can attend this event at no charge as guests of the Valley of Detroit. We will have more details about this event as they develop.

Spring Reunion

Our annual Spring Reunion, at which we initiate new members into the 32° Masons, will be held on April 20-21, 2007 at the Shrine Convention Center in Southfield. Degrees from all four Scottish Rite bodies will be presented in full ceremonial form. If you have never seen a Scottish Rite Degree, replete with elaborate costumes, beautiful scenery, and skilled actors, you are in for a treat. And, if you are a member of the class, you will receive, as part of your membership package, a 10K gold 14° ring. This ring, while worth approximately \$150, is actually priceless for what it represents to the wearer. Be a member of the first Scottish Rite Class to receive this commemorative ring and join us in April for our Reunion.

Social Events

Last Night on the Titanic

This event, which will be hosted by a professional team of facilitators, will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at The Roostertail in Detroit. The ship sails promptly at 1800 hours (that's 6:00PM for you land lubbers). You will be wined and dined in the elegant style of the period, all the while hobnobbing with the likes of John Jacob Astor and some of his friends. You will adopt the persona of someone who was actually on the voyage and all guests are encouraged to dress in a costume appropriate to the period. Tickets are only \$60 each, but, unfortunately, they are all sold out. We do, however, have a limited number of tickets that we have reserved for prospective members of the 32° Masons. So, join us for a sumptuous meal, fine wines, and unique entertainment. After all, maybe that iceberg thing was just a rumor!

Progress in the Quarries

An environmental contractor has started work removing hazardous building materials from Dearborn Masonic Temple in preparation for extensive remodeling of the building for use by the Valley of Detroit. We have also received word that our renovation plans have received tentative approval by the City of Dearborn. Our current estimate is for occupancy in December 2007.

Scottish Rite Club Events

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Monroe Club

The Monroe Club will be holding its winter Installation & Dinner on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Quatros Restaurant in Monroe. Socializing begins at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM. The speaker for the evening will be Ill. Dean Barr, 33°, who will present a program on the plans and progress of renovation of the Dearborn Masonic Temple into the new Valley of Detroit headquarters.

Oakland Club

Macomb Club

Downriver Club

Jackson Club

Blue Water Club

Club of the Lakes

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Talking Points for January 2007

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Scottish Rite Awareness Dinner

The Valley of Detroit is hosting a Scottish Rite Awareness Dinner on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Socializing and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 7:00PM with dinner served at 7:30PM. All Master Masons interested in becoming a 32° Mason are invited to attend. The featured speaker will be Past Grand Master Robert Conley. As many of you probably know, Bob Conley, who heads up the Masonic Renewal Program for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, is an entertaining and dynamic speaker. The program is designed to answer all of your questions about the Scottish Rite and how becoming a 32° Mason can change and enrich your life. The dinner will be catered by Opus One, one of Detroit's premier restaurants. Prospective members and their significant other can attend this event at no charge as guests of the Valley of Detroit. See me after tonight's meeting if you are interested in being a part of this wonderful evening.

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Please pardon our play on words when we tell you that unless you already have tickets for this event, **you have missed the boat!** The *Last Night on the Titanic* will be hosted by a professional team of facilitators and will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at The Roostertail in Detroit. It is a complete sell out and there are over 100 names on the waiting list, just hoping for a cancellation. So with, or without the Titanic, you are already **sunk!**

Progress in the Quarries

There is good progress taking place in our renovation of the old Dearborn Masonic Temple into the new Valley of Detroit headquarters. We have met with the various City of Dearborn Departments, including Building, Economic Development, and the Zoning Board. We have received a necessary variance, and should have all the permits in place by the time you hear this. BDS Environmental has already removed all of the asbestos, and we are now ready to begin demolition. Once demolition begins, the entire project should take approximately one year.

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Oakland Club

Macomb Club

Downriver Club

The Downriver Club will be holding its annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 5:30PM at Polonus Restaurant in Wyandotte. Contact Ray Fowler @ 313.588.5858 by Jan. 7 for reservations.

Jackson Club

Jackson will be holding its regular meeting on Sunday, January 14. They are also planning their world famous Cabin Fever Party for February. We'll give you more information on that event as it becomes available.