



Great Falls  
**Scottish Rite News**



July, 2017

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST  
REUNION CLASS  
May 12 - 13, 2017**



Front L to R: Damon Robert Bricker, Angel Lee Guerra, Izik Arian Crispin, Derrick Matthew Morin.  
Center L to R: John Milburn Turner, Levi Steele Williams, Joshua Aaron Ringer, George James Gray.  
Back L to R: Leonard G. Seymour, 32° KCCH; William C. Austin, 33°; Keith A. Head, 32° KCCH;  
Venerable Master Charles J. Stein, 32° KCCH.

**CLASS PERSONNEL**

Damon Robert Bricker.....Havre, 32°  
Izik Arian Crispin.....Great Falls, 32°  
George James Gray.....Havre, 32°  
Angel Lee Guerra.....Great Falls, 32°  
Derrick Matthew Morin .....Great Falls, 32°  
Joshua Aaron Ringer.....Great Falls, 32°  
John Milburn Turner.....Fort Benton, 32°  
Levi Steele Williams.....Havre, 32°

**CLASS OFFICERS**

President.....Angel L. Guerra, 32°  
Vice President.....Izik A. Crispin, 32°  
Orator.....Levi S. Williams, 32°  
Treasurer.....Derrick M. Morin, 32°  
Secretary.....Damon R. Bricker, 32°  
Historian.....Joshua A. Ringer, 32°

**BANQUET**

Master of Ceremonies..... VM Charles J. Stein, 32° KCCH

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation..... Mark A. Hilyard, 32°

Response for the Class.... Levi S. Williams, 32° signers



Keith Head, first line signer for: Derrick Morin & Joshua Ringer; Mark Hilyard for John Turner; Gary Wallace for Izik Crispin; Roger Cathel for Angel Guerra; Sam Clawson for Damon Bricker & George Gray; David Sageser for Levi Williams.

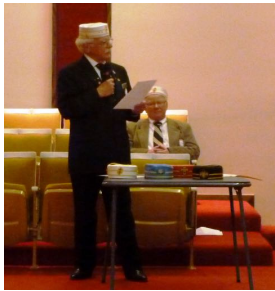


Levi thanked all the Degree Teams, Stage Crew, Robe Room Crew and the Chefs for the fine lunches and great Banquet Dinner prepared by David Sageser and crew. He also suggested that the members of the class should help by taking over parts in the degrees. Thank you Brother Levi.



After the introductions Ill. Brother David L. Nielson, Deputy in Montana and his Personal Representative Ill. Robert Kampfer presented the members of the class and the first line signers with his personal pin.

**CAP & RING CEREMONY  
IN LODGE ROOM**



William C. Austin, 33°  
Cap Lecture



Daye-Ilyn D. Randle, 33°  
Ring Lecture



Each new Brother and wife, or friend, was conducted to the Alter where VM Charles Stein presented them with their Cap, Ring, Pin, and Rose for his wife. The class returned to the stage for a picture with their caps. When this was done William Austin thanked all for a very successful Reunion.

## Report from Venerable Master July 2017

This is a report on the Scottish Rite Valley of Great Falls activities since the Installation of Officers January 23, 2017.

February 4, 2017 the Knights of Columbus/Scottish Rite dinner was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall where the Scottish Rite members and Ladies were guests. The Venerable Master introduced his wife and the Scottish Rite officers who were present. Then we were served a wonderful dinner and had a great time socializing with their members.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, we had the Double Eagle Award and Dinner. The 2017 Awards were presented to Jon Stalcup and David Montgomery for their service to the Craft, other Masonic bodies and the community.



Feb 27<sup>th</sup> we had our first stated meeting of the year. Len Seymour presented an excellent educational program on Americanism called "George Washington True to Masonic Principles".

Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, we honored the 50 Year Members. Invitation letters were sent to those members who would have 50 years in 2017. The Venerable Master called them as well and they gave me information that I was able to give at the dinner. One of the 50 year members emailed his information. None of the 50 year members were able to make the dinner. I then introduced Bill Salonen, Director of the Cameron Family Center who gave an excellent power point presentation on the Cameron Family Center.

Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Mystic Feast. Extinguishing The Lights & Relighting The Lights were presented different this year. The Extinguishing of the Lights was presented before dinner. Then we had dinner and I introduced Harry Boughton, JW who presided over the Mystic Feast program and toasts. Then we retired to the Lodge room for Relighting the Lights.

Apr 24<sup>th</sup> we had the stated meeting. Dennis Callender gave an interesting power point Educational program which everyone enjoyed.

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - 171<sup>st</sup> Reunion, which started on Friday May 12, at 2:00 PM with opening of the four Bodies. The Scottish Rite Valley of GF conferred and communicated the 4th through the 32nd degrees for 8 candidates: Damon Bricker-Havre; Izik Crispin – GF; George Gray – Havre; Angel Guerra – GF; Derrick Morin – GF; Joshua Ringer – GF; John Turner – Fort Benton & Levi Williams – Havre. Congratulations to our newest 32nd degree Masons. The Reunion Banquet started at 6:30 PM. Thank you to: Banquet Chief Chef Dave Sageser, wife & crew; Jobs Daughters Bethel #9 & Council for serving; the Set up Crew. Thank you to Roger Cathel for preparing the Friday dinner & Saturday lunch. A special thanks to Bill Austin, Keith Head & Len Seymour for Class organizations & communicating the degrees. A very special thank you to Gary Wallace for all his hard work on the Reunion and providing background music and to Tom Duffy for his numerous vocal solos; John Metcalf & Al Schmidt for pictures; Stage crew Allan Hauer & Mark Hilyard; Robe room Bob Quenemoen, David Rowland & Dennis Callender: Concessions Ken Quaschnik. We had many members fill in for the 1st time, for key members missing, who did a great job. Thanks to all the members who participated in the Degrees to make this a successful 171st Reunion. At the Banquet I introduced the new members and their first line signer and presented them with a gold star. III. David L. Nielsen, Deputy in Montana presented a commitment pin to the new members & 1st line signers. Remarks for the Class were presented by Orator Levi Williams; after dinner we retired to Lodge Room for the Cap & Ring Ceremony: Cap Lecture by Bill Austin, 33° & Ring Lecture Day-Lyn Randle, 33°. The last time Scottish Rite brought in 8 or more members was in 2009. The Apr 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class had 5 members and Nov 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class had 7 members that year.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Honor Widows dinner, I called and invited them as well as being sent a personal invitation. They were introduced & presented a plant. I read a short biography about their late husband. After this was done I then introduced Carol Shipley, a retired Social Studies Teacher from Great Falls High, who gave a presentation on "The Holocaust".

May 17<sup>th</sup> the Annual Language Clinic Spaghetti Dinner & Auction held from 5PM to 7PM. The gross income for the Fundraiser was \$13,643.00 less expenses of \$1,912.23 leaving a net of **\$11,730.77**. Before the live auction, the President of the Language Clinic Board, Al Schmidt, presented Martha Reeves head Clinician of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic with a plaque for her years of service to the Clinic. She is planning to retire this year. Thank you to all who helped on the Fundraiser.



There is the calendar of events and dates in this newsletter. One of the social events of the year is the Annual Masonic Night at the Voyagers game scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. Price of \$21 includes ticket to the game and food. The family and friends are welcome. You can call the Scottish Rite office 452-2063 for reservations. Hope to see you at this event. Reminder the first meeting after the June & July break is **August 28, 2017**, no dinner, casual dress--slacks, shirt & tie.

**Have an enjoyable & safe summer. Chuck Stein, Venerable Master**

**2017 DOUBLE EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
**February 20, 2017**

The Double Eagle Award was started by the Great Falls Valley in 1989. It is presented annually by the incoming and outgoing Venerable Masters to not more than two individuals for outstanding service to Masonry and the Scottish Rite. All members who are Thirty-second Degree Masons, the black hat degree, are eligible to be recipients. It is given to men who have through the years supported Masonry in the community, promoted Scottish Rite and its ideals and have not been recognized with other distinctions. The plaque with all recipients' names is located by the elevator door on the first floor of the building.

VM Charles Stein started the night by saying we are honoring an individual who has made his living by entertaining people with his stories and keeping them cut down to size. He is deeply involved in Blue Lodge activities, having served as master of three different lodges for a total of five different times; he has also served as instructor of his lodge. This total has only been exceeded by his ascending to the top leadership position in Eastern Star, where he has served as Worthy Patron a total of six times for two different chapters. To say that his mind is sharp and his ability to separate Masonic and Star ritual is stellar is an understatement. This thirty year Mason moves with ease in all stations of the lodge and chapter where he willing to take part in degree work and assists in a variety of other ways. His willingness to assist has been graciously accorded to the organizations he belongs to as well as those he visits. At the same time he has played an integral role in the operation of the Great Falls Scottish Rite where he has gone through the chairs of the Council of Kadosh and was its Commander. He has served as the Master of Rose Croix and the Master of the Consistory. Typical of his work ethic and willingness to repeat, he is currently working his way through the Council of Kadosh for the second time. When we have reunions he has parts in the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1990. This man is Jon Stalcup.



Another individual who deserves recognition for his work in Masonry joined the fraternity in 2007 and joined the Scottish Rite just two years later. Almost as soon as he joined the Masonic fraternity, he was put to work in his blue lodge. He went through the chairs and is presently one of the Past Masters. As soon as he finished being Master he moved to the Secretary's desk. He, like most others who assume that position, is still there. In the blue lodge setting he has produced power point presentations for the three degrees.

There is now an elaborate series of slides to accompany the lectures. These additions have enhanced the experience for the candidates as well as for the sideliners. For the Scottish Rite this brother has become an integral part of the stage crew for our reunions. Besides working to see that the stage is properly set, he has assumed the responsibility of seeing that the sound effects for the degrees come in at the proper time. Instead of working his magic with a tape recorder, he performs the tasks with his computer which is definitely modernizing degree operations. He also worked his way through the line for the Lodge of Perfection. While Venerable Master he brought our diner presentations into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with his power points. He also made telephone calls to members on their birthday; this made their day for many brothers. At our dinners he has caused our servers a certain amount of trepidation as he coerced the Jobbies to give a brief talk about themselves and their order. This was very good training for the girls. Last year he joined Eastern Star and is serving as Chaplain for his chapter. This man is David Montgomery.



Past Double Eagle awardees present & new inductees



L to R: Jack Waterfield, 33°; Charles Stein, 32°KCCH; David Rowland, 32°; Robert Quenemoen, 32°KCCH; Sam E. Clawson, 32°; Edward Burdette, 32°KCCH; David Montgomery, 32°; Jon D. Stalcup, 32°.

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**Living Recipients not present:** Daye-Llyn Randle, 33°; Marvin L. Works, 32°; Ernie Rutherford, 33°; William Rogers, 33°; Web McPherson, 32°; R. David Williams, 33°; Larry L. Love, 32°KCCH; Everett M. Snortland, 32°KCCH; Bradford J. Sherman, 32°; Thomas M. Duffy, 32°KCCH; Francis L. Benway, 32°KCCH; William D. Vischer, 32°; Raymond C. Kynett, 32°; John P. Mathis, 32°; Howard Enloe, 33°; Warren Roberts, 32°; Robert Klessig, 32°; Donald W. Van Koten, 32°; Bradford Huffman, 32°KCCH; Jerry DeMarco, 32°; James Peretti, 32°; Steven Riggin, 32°; Harry R. Boughton, 32° KCCH; Dennis B. Callender, 32°.

**After the Double Eagle Awards Earl Nielsen gave the following presentation honoring POW's & MIA's**

Those who have served, and those currently serving in the uniformed services of the United States, are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and imprisonment.

Before we depart this evening, let us pause to recognize our POWs and MIAs.

We call your attention to the small this small table that occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and family, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressers.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper account of our comrades who are not among us.

A Slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here.



## WE NEED HELP!

### **We need functioning committees to maintain this facility & keep the Valley viable**

1. **Grounds maintenance**—DeMolay Chapter members have assumed mowing the lawn and keeping weeds removed from the sidewalks. Brother Dennis Callender has procured 400+ feet of chain link fence fabric to begin fencing the lot. We need installation help! Dennis has also mowed the lot and sprayed for weeds out there.
2. **Building maintenance**—another thorough cleaning of the building needs to be performed this fall. It was done two years ago. Mike Walker has agreed to head this project again.
3. **Newsletter**—help is needed to write articles, take pictures and do layout. Brother Al Schmidt is doing this single handed; he needs members who are willing to become devoted to this endeavor.
4. **Communication**—Valley members need to be contacted by phone, email, and note to keep them apprised of events to maintain their interest and build greater involvement.
5. **Programs**—work with the Venerable Masters to develop programs for meetings and dinners to increase attendance at out functions.

Contact Gary Wallace (gwallace33rd@gmail.com) or the office 452-2063 with your ideas

**50 Year Members  
March 20, 2017**

*There were thirty-eight men in the Spring Class of 1967. Five members from the class have remained active members in good standing for 50 years.*

**Wyley Paul Good, 32°** was born in Shelby, Montana on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1941 and is 76 years old. After moving to Fort Benton, Wyley joined Benton Lodge #25. He is a retired farmer and his son runs the family farm. Wyley and his wife Gail have been married 55 years and they have one son and two daughters. He loves to travel, golf and fish at Holter Lake.

**Wesley Carlton Higgins, 32°** was born in Choteau, Montana on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938 and is 79 years old. He joined Delta Lodge #128 in Great Falls. He is retired from insurance and sales work. He has been married for 58 years. Wesley and his wife Arlene have three sons and one daughter. Wes loves to take care of his property in Kalispell.

**John W. Larson, 18°** was born January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1931 in Price, Utah and is 86 years old. He currently lives in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. He is a member of Pondera Lodge #80 in Conrad. He retired as Regional Engineer of The Upper Colorado Region, US Bureau of Reclamation in 1989. John and his wife Mary have been married 64 years. They have four children; two living and two deceased. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, golf and photography but he doesn't participate in them much anymore. When asked why he joined the Masons, John said that none of his family members were Masons but he was deeply impressed by some of the men he encountered while in DeMolay. He moved frequently in his career and enjoyed the Masonic fellowship in the different places he resided. John had short stints in both the Army and Air Force from 1951-1957.

**Neil Clinton Wagner, 32°** was born August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1931 in Fredonia, North Dakota and is 85 years old. He lives in Oronoco, Minnesota. Neil joined Evergreen #46 in North Dakota.

**R. David Williams, 33°** was born June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1940 in Havre, Montana and is 77 years old. Dave lives in Neihart, Montana with his wife Sharon. They have been married 56 years. He joined Delta #128 and is a 50 year member. Dave is retired as an investment advisor for RBC Dain where he worked for 20 years.

Prior to investment advising he was an accountant for 25 years. Dave is currently vice President of the Language Clinic Board of Directors. He also serves as Treasurer of the Senior Center in Neihart. Dave was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honor on September 1, 2007 and was conferred with the 33° on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

*There were sixteen men in the Fall Class of 1967 and we have two members who have remained active members in good standing for 50 years.*

**Fred Otto Whitney, 32°** was born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1925 in Klamath Falls, Oregon and is 92 years old. He lives in Otis Orchards, Washington. He is a member of Bend #139, Bend Oregon.

**Gary Gerald Wyman, 32°** was born February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1936 in Oneida, Illinois and is 81 years old. He lives in Great Falls. He joined Great Falls Lodge #118 which has merged with #34. Gary retired from the Air Force in 1977. He moved back to Great Falls and worked as a chemical engineer for the Great Falls Waste Treatment Plant for several years. His wife is deceased and they had three children. His hobby is target shooting, especially gophers. Gary has always enjoyed the friendship and people he has gotten to know through Masonry. He keeps his copy of the class reunion picture as a memory.

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**GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION**

For our Speaker after the introductions of our 50 year members we had Bill Salonen, Director of the Cameron Family Center who gave an excellent power point presentation on the center.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY PROGRAM**  
**April 13, 2017**

This year we changed and had the Extinguishing of the lights before the Mystic Feast.



**EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHTS CAST**

L TO R: Mark A. Hilyard, 32°; Dennis B. Callender, 32°;  
 Jon D. Stalcup, 32°; Robert M. Kampfer, 33°; Roderick S. Meier, 32°;  
 Charles J. Stein, 32° KCCH; Roger E. Cathel, 32°.  
 Prelude – Gary D. Wallace, 33°

**Down to the cafeteria for the Mystic feast.**

Maundy Thursday is for many only a commemoration of events which took place at the Last Supper. However, the principles, emotions and philosophy dominating Maundy Thursday, antedate by centuries this historic meal. The life of Him, who was The Light of the World, was about to be extinguished temporarily by the forces of evil. Jesus left the supper table to suffer the betrayer's kiss and to be nailed to the cross by ruffians who were seeking to pull the pillars of reason, religion, and government from under the temple of civilization.

The Last Supper, in a sense, was a re-enactment of an age-old drama of suffering, typifying those periods in history when the lights of reason culture and wisdom were dimmed or extinguished by the hands of darkness. The sorrowing of the Craft over the death of Hiram, the grief of the Jew over the persecution and loss of Jerusalem and the suffering Savior at the Last Supper are emblematical of the true meaning of Maundy Thursday. To use the words of Albert Pike, "Each of us makes such application to his own faith and creed—as seems to him proper."

MYSTIC FEAST – WISE MASTER Harry R. Boughton, 32° KCCH

INVOCATION Jon Stalcup, 32°

SIGNIFICANCE OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

Address Harry R. Boughton, 32° KCCH

TOAST **To the Government of our Country and the Office of the President of the United States**

Response to Toast Robert M. Kampfer, 33°

TOAST **To the Supreme Council and the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronald A. Seale, 33°**

Response to Toast Mark A. Hilyard, 32°

TOAST **To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Montana**

Response to Toast Dennis B. Callender, 32°

TOAST **To the Deputy in Montana David L. Nielsen, 33°**

Response to Toast Charles J. Stein, 32° KCCH

TOAST **To all Masons and Masonic Bodies of all Rites and Degrees.**

Response to Toast Albert O. Schmidt, 33°

TOAST **To the memory of the brethren of the Rite whose Labors here below have ceased during the year.**

Response to Toast Roger E. Cathel, 32°

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Fred Gust Bitz**

**Edwin "Ted" Byers**

**Robert Carl Carlson**

**Richard John Cassutt**

**Ray Edward Gulick**

**Leland Leroy Holstine**

**Sheldon Carl Masnek**

**Harold Vernon McCollum**

**George Donald Mueller**

**Glenn Alvin Nielsen**

**Donald David Rebal**

**Kenneth Ether Smith**

**Robert Alan Smith**

**Donald Warren Somich**

**Carl Alton Totman**

**John Edward Tweedy**

**Harvey Eugene Weikum**

After the Mystic Feast we returned to the Lodge Room for the Relighting The Lights.

**CAST**

Prelude – Gary D. Wallace, 33°

Robert M. Kampfer, 33°

Roger E. Cathel, 32°

Mark A. Hilyard, 32°

Dennis B. Callender, 32°

Charles J. Stein 32° KCCH

Roderick S. Meier, 32°

Jon D. Stalcup, 32°

*At the conclusion of the ceremony*

*remain in place for the singing of*

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

Soloist: Thomas Duffy, 32° KCCH

**Honoring Our Widows  
May 15, 2017**



VM Charles Stein introduced each lady and her husband. During the introduction they were presented with a flower plant.

**Barbara Chigbrow** – Husband William Chigbrow, member of Cascade Lodge #34, affiliated with Scottish Rite in 1973 from Cheyenne WY. Departed in October of 2006.

**Julie Fabrega** – Husband Jay Fabrega, member of Great Falls Lodge #118, joined Scottish Rite in 1968, Departed in April 1992.

**Charlotte Iserloth** – Daughter of Hans Spoerl, member of Great Falls Lodge #118. Joined Scottish Rite in May of 1957. Departed in August of 2001.

**Phyllis Jakes** – Husband Earl Jakes, member of Belt Lodge #137. Joined the Scottish Rite in October of 1977. Departed in May of 1997.

**Barbara Kernaghan** – Husband Robert Kernaghan, joined Scottish Rite November 1947, 50 year member in 1997. Departed in July of 2003.

**Lois Mitchell** – Husband J. Walter Mitchell, member of Triangle Lodge #154, served as Master of 154. 50 year member of Delta Lodge. Departed in October of 2016.

**Jeanne Nobbs** – Husband Floyd Nobbs, member of Euclid Lodge #58, active in York Rite, joined Scottish Rite November 1998. Departed in August of 2007.

**Lila Pasha** – Husband Herbert Pasha, member of Benton Lodge #25, joined the Scottish Rite in March 1966.

**Virginia Piatt** – John Piatt, member of Euclid lodge #58. Joined the Scottish Rite in October of 1975. Departed in February of 1991.

**Cathy Powell** – Homer “Bud” Powell, member of Kettle Falls Lodge #130. Joined the Scottish Rite in March of 1997. Venerable Master 2001, KCCH 2003. Departed in May of 2006.

**Jane Snowberger** – John “Jack” Snowberger, member of Cascade Lodge #34. Jack affiliated with the Scottish Rite in Great Falls in May of 2007. Departed in February of 2009.

**Eleanor Tesch** – Charles Tesch, member of Choteau Lodge #44. Joined the Scottish Rite in Great Falls in November 1987. Departed in July of 2011.



The program was presented by Carol Shipley retired Social Studies Teacher Great Falls High. Carol attended a Teacher Seminar, Holocaust Study, summer 2005.

A point she made “Remember Never Forget”.

1, Jane

a, Cathy



## Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser

May 17, 2017

Recounted by Board President Albert O. Schmidt



The two pictures, one from each end of the dining room, are part of the wonderful crowd of supporters that helped raise \$13,643.00 after expenses. The Fundraiser Profit was **\$11,730.77**.

A Very Special thanks to Howard Enloe and his crew Pat Gordon, Bill Rogers, Leonard Reed and John Metcalf who prepared a very wonderful dinner. They spent many hours to make the dinner a success. Paul and Aaron Tedford and military members helped wash dishes and pans to keep things clean and organized.

Thanks also to the military personnel from Malmstrom, AFB who helped set up the tables and also for serving the food. The DeMolay boys, Job's Daughters, Board members and our Clinicians also helped serve.

### **Thanks To:**

Our faithful Bankers: Lori Walker, Wendy Tedford, Candace Head, Chuck Stein and Gay Quenemoen.

They collected \$3,345.00 Silent Auction Funds, \$1,972.00 Live Auction Funds, \$276 Donations.

Advanced ticket sellers: \$2,190.00 Ticket Sales, \$1,620.00 Donations. Total \$3,810.00.

Carolyn Schmidt and Georgia Snortland ticket sellers at the door. \$2,140.00 Ticket Sales, \$255.00 Donations.

IPad Ticket Sellers at the door: Bill Austin and Al Schmidt, \$685.00 plus Advanced sales \$520.00 for a total \$1205.00 less cost of IPad \$489.00. Total Profit \$716.00.

Our 50/50 Ticket sellers: David Williams, Gary Suckow and Bob Quenemoen. 50/50 Money Counter Keith Head. \$640.00 Total Sales. Language Clinic Half \$320.00 plus \$200.00 from the winner = \$520. Gary Wallace and Everett Snortland for taking tickets.

The people that put the cookies on the plates: Pauline Nielsen, Kathy Austin and Carolyn Schmidt.

The Rainbow advisors for Child Care.

Our Silent Auction Watchers: Martha Handwerk, Alice Klundt, David Powers, Kathy Austin, Nancy Betz, Marilyn Hamer.

Live Auction Spotters: David Williams, Jim Reeves, Jim Haagenon and Cyndi Duffy.

Everett Snortland and Roger Cathel, for thanking attendees when they were leaving.

As Board President I noted to our parents and friends that this is Clinic Director Martha Reeves last Spaghetti Dinner and fundraiser, as she is planning to retire this summer. We and the children will miss her, but we hope she has a wonderful retirement.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Edwin "Ted" Byers** was one individual among who labored for a number of years for the betterment of Masonry in general and this Scottish Rite Valley in particular. This man played an integral role in the operations of the Valley almost since the day he joined. He worked his way up the line for the Lodge of Perfection and served as Venerable Master in 1969; this distinguished gentleman served as Venerable Master during the Great Falls Valley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

He worked in the dramatics department as a vice-chairman and chairman. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1956. That made him a member of the Lodge for 61 years. He served on the banquet room committee in the 1960's. He worked under Walter Breuning's guidance as a member of the dramatics committee starting in 1962 and became one of his vice-chairmen in 1966. In

1969 he became Director of Work when Breuning moved to Minneapolis for a short stint. In 1970, when Breuning returned, this brother gladly went back being a vice-chairman.

From 1959 to the fall of 2015, he served as Captain of the Honor Guard for the opening ceremony of each reunion. Starting in 1961 this long serving Mason began to share the Masters position of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree; in 1968 he became the sole proprietor of that degree. When the degree was changed a couple of years ago, he retired from that position.

One of the later jobs that he acquired is that of Almoner for the Valley. This position probably more than any other, fit this man's personality. The job is done in a quiet and unassuming way. No recognition, either on the part of the recipient of the funds or on the part of the person dispensing them, is given. This man quietly sat outside of the meeting room door and performed his role as Tyler and waited for the lodge to close; he then came in with his blue money bag and took the donations from the alter and deposited them for the use of a needy brother.

In addition to his Scottish Rite activities, Ted was active in the Elks and the Shrine. In both of these organizations he was Drum Major in their marching units—the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Elks and Shrine Pipe Band. He rose through the chairs in the Elks, serving as the Exalted Rule four times. His community involvement was wide spread and his influence will be felt for many years to come.

**Richard Aspinwall** joined the Scottish Rite October 1996. He received his KCCH in 2007. He served as Venerable Master in 2006 and agreed to fill the position of Junior Warden for the 2012 year. This was done by request of the secretary to fill a vacancy left due to the resignation of two people who had to travel great distances to attend meetings.

The year after he joined he worked in the kitchen as part of the Super Chefs; this involvement lasted for about ten years. At the same time (2007) he began working in the prop room during the reunions and until last year was almost solely responsible for getting the props that are necessary for the actors.

Beginning in 1997 he began filling the position of Junior Warden in the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree. In 2000 he assumed the position of King Solomon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

He held these positions until about six years ago, when he relinquished them to much younger members. When the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree was changed, he stepped back into the degree. He served as Marshal of Ceremonies for the Council of Kadosh in 2001 and assumed the Chaplain's position in the 27<sup>th</sup> Degree in 2007. He became the chairman of the Visitation committee in 2007.

For years Dick was been the money taker and greeter for the lodge dinners. He just recently developed a telephone calling tree to try to increase involvement by the members of the lodge; this freed the secretary from doing all of the calling.

He was a constant and positive participant at lodge meetings and the Advisory meetings. His thought processes were clear and could be counted on to provide a challenge to the prevailing ideas that were



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brought up by other lodge members; he was a welcome devil's advocate to ideas that were presented; his years of experience and insight those years provided were appreciated by those who were looking to improve the lodge. He by no means stood against progress and new ideas—he provided thoughtful questions, insight, and a much needed break on those who lacked his experience and knowledge. He was an anchor of stability that was needed to bring to full light some ideas that were presented that were not necessarily beneficial the lodge in general.

Dick was responsible for getting the gift certificates for the Scottish Rite Christmas dinner give-a-ways. In the past year or so, even if he couldn't eat the dinner items being served because of his dietary restrictions, he was always willing to be the money taker/greeter for the dinners; he never turned down the secretary when asked to do something.

He was active in Delta Lodge; Dick was a Past Master and served as its instructor as well. He served a term as Worthy Patron of HC Roberts OES in the 2003-04 year with Louise Surmi as Worthy Matron—one thing that stands out about his term was how people marveled at his expertise and precision in his actions as Worthy Patron. The ladies were amazed that he was always correct and always proper even though it was his first time through the line. Dick was one of the originators of the Fifth Friday dinners; these have just recently been reinstated.

Both of these gentlemen leave a very large set of shoes to fill. Their presence and immense knowledge of lodge functions and proper ordering of things will definitely be missed. One thing that stands out about both of these gentlemen is that in no way did either of them work for recognition and honors—honors followed them, they did not chase honors. We all need to look to the heritage they have left behind and try to emulate their actions and thoughts. May they and all of the brothers we have lost this year rest in peace and always serve as a reminder of the good of this order.



Thoughts of Dallas by Al Schmidt, 33°.

Dallas joined the Great Falls Scottish Rite in March of 1973. He was a member for Cascade Lodge #34. He was a Science Teacher in Great Falls and a member of the Air National Guard. Dallas moved to Coeur d Alene Idaho and transferred his membership to their Valley in 2003. He received his 33° from that valley. When I was Venerable Master I appointed him to the line in the Lodge of Perfection, but he dropped out of the line to move. I am proud that he did a great job for his new Valley and rose to the 33°. Dallas became a very accomplished Bagpipe player and was able to play in New York for the 9-11 Ceremony. He also was able to go to Scotland to play with a group Pipers.

Dallas loved life and always had a good story to tell.

Dallas Glen Eaton, 33°

#### IN MEMORIAM

Richard Rydeard Aspinwall, Douglas LaVerne Bensley, Fred Gust Bitz, Edwin "Ted" Byers,  
Robert Carl Carlson, James Gordon Clark, Dellas Glenn Eaton, Robert Franklin Kern,  
Joseph Lloyd Mallard, Harold Vernon McCollum, Guy William Miser, Kenneth Ether Smith,  
John Edward Tweedy

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**REMEMBER! "Mark Your Calendar"**

Aug. 28 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. **No Dinner, Casual Dress**  
(Slacks, Shirt & Tie), no program

Sep. 18 Dinner – 6:30 p.m. **Feast of Tishri**  
Sep. 25 Stated Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 16 Dinner – 6:30 p.m. **HONORING PAST**  
**VENERABLE MASTERS**

Oct. 23 Stated Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 Stated Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 **Christmas Party/Dinner** 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. **No Dinner**  
**Election of Officers**

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Jan. 15 Advisory Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 22 Dinner – 6:30 p.m. – **Open Meeting &**  
**Installation of Officers**

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**K.C. & S.R. Dinner**

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