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## 2016 SCOTTISH RITE WEEK

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### From the Sovereign Grand Commander



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

As your Sovereign Grand Commander I am not here to change Scottish Rite Freemasonry, I am here to change the way we talk about our Scottish Rite Freemasonry. And talk about it we are! Scottish Rite week Nov 19-26, 2016 has ended, however the celebrations and memories

continue. Many Valleys participated in events, almost 80%, that included breakfast socials, open houses, master mason nights, fraternal visits, fireside chats, dinners with the ladies, service recognitions, anniversary celebrations, reunions, new degree presentations, theatre nights, dance lessons and more.

It's wonderful to visit the Valleys to meet and converse with Brethren and their ladies, especially new members. Since we last chatted in this medium, I have visited valleys in British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. It is interesting to note that in Scottish Rite we all do the same thing, but perhaps a little differently, which is great.

I am pleased to observe improvement initiatives driven by the Valleys as a result of the Membership Survey conducted in 2015. Improvements in our approach to Master Masons, to Masonic education and enlightenment and to communication and leadership. I strongly believe this will impact membership in our valleys and in Scottish Rite. Members of Supreme Council and your Valley Leadership teams are working very hard to make your Scottish Rite experience enjoyable.

I have also had the opportunity to visit many of our Learning Centres across Canada for a site visit, graduation, tutor graduation or anniversary gala and in my opinion this is our window of opportunity in the communities where they reside. In fact, I have heard that the children now say they are not going to a learning centre but rather they say they are going to Scottish Rite. It a very touching moment when parents approach me and say thank you. I have also experienced great satisfaction with the major grant presentations to amazing researchers that the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation supports.

In 2017 we will experience the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great country, Canada and the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Montreal, the site of our 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Supreme Council Session. We look forward to the Scottish Rite taking part in these celebrations and Scottish Rite does have something for everyone! Where is your interest?

I trust that 2017 brings happiness and good health to you and your family. ■

### From the President of the S.R.C.F.



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

How quickly a year has passed since the last edition of the Clarion. The accompanying articles show the true breadth of activities undertaken by the Scottish Rite in Canada and many of these are related to the Foundation.

We specifically hope that you enjoy the article focusing on the research of Dr. Karen Milligan from Ryerson University in Toronto. This article speaks to the breadth of research that your Foundation supports. I'm sure that many of you would not have thought that mixed martial arts as part of a research project would prove to be so successful. As mentioned in the article, a full video of a presentation that Dr. Milligan gave at a Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection meeting earlier this year can be seen on the Foundation website.

Our Valley Liaison Committee, chaired by Ill. Bro. Ronald L.M. Findlater, will be providing more information on the various aspects of the Foundation's activities to our Valley Representatives. We hope that these short but informative pieces will provide the Brethren with some additional information about the Foundation's programs. In addition, we will be posting a series of videos about the Foundation over the coming months. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting undertaking to help us tell the story of the Foundation.

Our September Board meeting marked the end of the terms of two of our Directors: Duncan S. Skinner and Marvin Munro. We thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Foundation during their term as a Director. 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: Jason B. Ashley and Karl E. Springer.

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



*"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*



*Dr. Karen Milligan is the Assistant Professor, Ryerson University and recipient of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Research Grant (2014—2017)*

Teaching martial arts to a youngster with behavioral problems seems, at first blush, a foolish, even dangerous thing to do.

But research, funded in part by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, has found that martial arts can be an effective route to treating kids with learning disabilities and mental health issues to change the way their brains process and express information and how they approach life's challenges.

Dr. Karen Milligan, an Assistant Professor at Ryerson University and clinical psychologist, explains the program began in 2002 when a young lad with behavioral problems didn't respond to the usual therapy, but he did get interested when his therapist, who holds a black belt, talked about martial arts.

"Why are we teaching them how to fight?" she asks.

"The reason is that mixed martial arts hooks the boys because it's cool, it's got some social credibility and it also gives them the experience of doing something that's hard—martial arts is very hard—and you have to be present. You need to figure out what your opponent is doing and you have to be flexible and you can then practice some of the skills that we're teaching."

*How is it possible that we are putting all these boys in the same room and they are all getting the same treatment and they are taking away something that is different?*

MMA and once learned, to apply it to all aspects of their lives. About 40 per cent of the kids are also taking medications for things such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Getting kids with, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) to concentrate, to "be present" and stay that way or suffer the consequences in a fight is real progress. Not only does it give them discipline, it changes the way their brains work, how they process and express information and enables them to begin to face school work and other challenges head on.

Kids with learning disabilities, mental health issues and behavioral problems, usually all mixed together, are bright. They have average to above—average intelligence and many fall in the gifted range.



Dr. Karen Milligan

Their problems begin with how they process information. That's what impedes their ability to read, write and do math. A learning disability, Dr. Milligan says, reflects in simple terms "a significant discrepancy between how smart a kid is and what they are able to show that they know."

In addition to learning challenges, many struggle with social situations, anxiety, depression and higher risk of suicide. These youngsters, "especially our kids who are gifted LD (learning disability), who know that they are smart, they know that they understand, but they just can't get their ideas across—it can be incredibly frustrating."

Dr. Milligan's research compares youngsters with LD and mental health issues aged about 12 to 17 in two groups: those who got the therapy and martial arts training and those who didn't. The training took about 90 minutes each week for 20 weeks. There were 19 kids getting treatment including three girls and 16 who didn't. In addition to interviews and observation, Dr. Milligan worked with Dr. S.J. Segalowitz of Brock University to measure brain activity electronically to provide measurable indications of change. That data collection is still going on.

Brain wave activity in the group getting treatment showed a marked increase in the kids' ability to pay attention to tasks. Their brain processes were considerably more active when they were focused on what they were supposed to be doing, compared to those not in treatment.

In past research, close monitoring over time showed significant improvement in areas such as decreased anxiety, fewer social problems and less aggressive behavior towards others. And because the kids taking the training had different mixes of mental health and learning disability challenges, they responded to it in different ways.

That prompted the researchers to ask:

*"How is it possible that we are putting all these boys in the same room and they are all getting the same treatment and they are taking away something that is different?"*

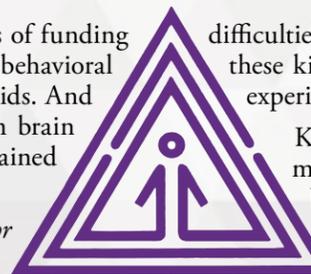
That led to the application to the Foundation to study whether martial arts training was, in fact, making a neurological difference in the brains of the youngsters who were trained.

She wants to complete that data collection on the current groups of kids and then try the test on a larger sample, including comparing if the integration of therapy into martial arts offers more than martial arts alone. Dr. Milligan is in the last year of three years of SRCF funding that amounted

to just over \$104,000, but she had other sources of funding as well. Next she wants to learn just how much behavioral change can be brought about in what kinds of kids. And she would like to know whether the changes in brain patterns brought about by Integra MMA is sustained over years, rather than just months.

"It's not about making everything perfect for these kids...but we can help them change how they approach the world around them." It's the difference between meeting the challenges of life and adopting the "fight or flight" response that leads to them opting out of life instead of getting to problem solving.

The research has already resulted in the school board in Haliburton introducing Integra MMA as a credit course to improve the attention span of youngsters with learning



difficulties. The training has proven to be a way to engage these kids, to teach them to stick with a challenge and experience success by meeting it.

Known as "mindfulness" martial arts, it integrates mindfulness training with cognitive therapy and behavior therapy into mixed martial arts.

Dr. Milligan's project is outlined in a video of a presentation she made to Scottish Rite Masons in Toronto. Abstracts of other studies and the video are available at [www.srcf.ca](http://www.srcf.ca).

*"It's not about making everything perfect for these kids...but we can help them change how they approach the world around them."*

## 2016 Scottish Rite Week

## November 19–26

### Valley of Sarnia

Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson 33°, Deputy for Ontario

Ill. Bro. Bob Bailey 33°, Valley of Sarnia, is a MPP for Sarnia Lambton and he had the opportunity to speak under Members Statement in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. This has been recorded in the Official Report of Debates (Hansard) November 21, 2016.

### Legislative Assembly of Ontario Second Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament

Official Report of Debates (Hansard)  
Monday 21 November 2016

Speaker—Honourable Dave Levac  
Clerk—Todd Decker

### MEMBERS' STATEMENTS SCOTTISH RITE WEEK

**Mr. Robert Bailey:** It's my privilege to rise in the Legislature and officially recognize November 19 to November 26 as Scottish Rite Week in Canada. The term "Scottish Rite" is a short form for the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada." The presence of the Scottish Rite in Canada dates back to the early days of Canada itself, with the first Scottish Rite body operative in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1868. Canada's Supreme Council office is still located in Hamilton to this day. On November 22, as part of the Scottish Rite Week festivities, the Sarnia Lodge of Perfection will celebrate 50 years of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Sarnia Valley at Sarnia Masonic Hall.

At the heart of membership in the Scottish Rite is a commitment to charity. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation funds many worthwhile initiatives, including eight Learning Centres for



Ill. Bro. Bill Atkinson 33°, Deputy for Ontario; Ill. Bro. Bob Bailey 33° MPP; Ill. Bro. Terry McLean 33° SGC, Ill. Bro. Geoff Ainsworth 32° TPGM Valley of Sarnia

Children with Dyslexia located in London, Windsor, Halifax, Vancouver, Moncton, Barrie, Calgary and Edmonton. These centres provide free tutoring for children to help them overcome their reading difficulties and by training a growing cadre of highly skilled and dedicated tutors.

Please join me in thanking the members of the Scottish Rite for the charitable work that they do, and together, let's recognize and celebrate Scottish Rite Week in Canada.

*Our Masonic history is rife with examples of brethren who were also some of the most influential of our social and political leaders, leaders who acted on behalf of the common good. Remembering this at every opportunity may inspire others to do likewise.*



Valley of Windsor

Ill. Bro. Pat Chartier 33°, Grand Secretary & Registrar

To help celebrate Scottish Rite Week, members of the Valley of Windsor took part in a number of Valley events.

Members attended Moore Sovereign Consistory Fall Assembly in Hamilton on November 19<sup>th</sup> to join Ian MacMillan when he received his 32<sup>nd</sup> degree.



Ill. Bro. William A. A. Atkinson 33°, Deputy for Ontario; Ill. Bro. Jan d'Ailly 32°; Ill. Bro. Ian MacMillan 32°; Ill. Bro. A. James McDonald 32°; Ill. Bro. Josip Haramic 32°; Ill. Bro. Pat Chartier 33°; Ill. Bro. Robert Tyliczszak 32°; Ill. Bro. William M. Atkinson 33°

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** a Valley Workshop was held to provide everyone the opportunity to have direct input on the future of our Valley.

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** a number of members took part in dance lessons.

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** the Masons, DeMolay Boys, Rainbow Girls and their family and friends of the Essex County District attended a Family Holiday Movie Night in the Windsor Masonic Temple where they enjoyed the movie "The Polar Express" together with popcorn, hot chocolate and cookies. ■



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Valley of Nanaimo

Ill. Bro. Donald Campbell 33°, SRCF Representative

Over 60 enthusiastic members from 5 different Valleys, representing various backgrounds, interests and experiences, combined to produce an excellent Masonic night in Nanaimo on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The celebratory event was held in acknowledgement of Scottish Rite week and to honor our Deputy Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey 33° on his official visit to the Valley of Nanaimo.

The funds raised from this event will be donated to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Ill. Bro. Ralph Raynor 32° is to be commended for organizing this special event which brought credit to Nanaimo and attracted members from the Valleys of Vancouver, Victoria, Campbell River and from the province of Saskatchewan.

Also in attendance was Ill. Bro. John Teleske 33°, Active member for B.C. & Yukon to the Supreme Council of Canada.

Everyone including the 7 candidates, enjoyed the 6<sup>th</sup> degree which was so well portrayed. The 6<sup>th</sup> degree lecture if followed and practiced by all of us in our daily lives would lead to the nirvana of co-operative living we all profess to seek and admire. ■

Valley of Medicine Hat

Ill. Bro. Roy Sonley 33°, Secretary & Treasurer

The Valley of Medicine Hat changed the date of its annual Christmas Party to Thursday November 24, 2016. There were 37 in attendance that included members, widows, ladies and invited Master Masons. Ill. Bro. Ken McComb 33°, Active Member for Alberta & Northwest Territories, and his wife Cindy were also in attendance.

All enjoyed great fellowship, an excellent Christmas Dinner and a special visit from St. Nick himself. ■

Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

Ill. Bro. Dave Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario

The Valley of Sault Ste. Marie took the opportunity during Scottish Rite to visit two of their long-time members.



Ill. Bro. J.R. McCauley 32° received his 50-year certificate and pocket jewel from Ill. Bro. Larry Weeks 33°.

Valley of Winnipeg

Ill. Bro. Gordon Greasley 33°, Deputy for Manitoba

The Valley of Winnipeg celebrated by hosting a Lady's Night on Thursday, November 25, 2016.



The event was held at Celebrations Dinner Theatre, where the members and their Ladies enjoyed the light-hearted Ferris Bueller's School of Rock.



This was the first Ladies Night held in the Valley of Winnipeg in several years. ■

"It takes little reflection to realize how blessed we are to be Scottish Rite Masons." - Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, S.G.C.



Bro. Dalseg 18°, a 43-year Scottish Rite member was presented with a special 40-year certificate by Ill. Bro. Bruce Pearce 33°. The certificate was designed by the Valley of Sault Ste. Marie and he was also presented with the new Scottish Rite member's pocket jewel. Bro. Dalseg is generally confined to a wheel chair thus finding it difficult to attend Scottish Rite meetings. ■

Valley of Montreal

Ill. Bro. Opkar S. Sandhu 33°, Grand Secretary

The Valley of Montreal celebrated by holding a Master Mason Night on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016. The event was a great success for the Valley and Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys.



Portrayal of a scene from the 7°; the Court of Provosts and Judges

The evening featured the portrayal of a short excerpt from the 7°, "Provost and Judge", in English and a portrayal in French of a scene from the 15°, "Knight of the East or Sword".

On behalf of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada, the Deputy for Quebec, Ill. Bro. Jean Reed, 33° along with the Grand Master of G.L.Q. and Active Member Ill. Bro. James Ross 33° presented four major research grants. The evening concluded with a Wine and Cheese social for Master Masons to meet Brethren of the Valley of Montreal. ■

## Just what is this mysterious thing called Supreme Council? What does it do for Scottish Rite Masons? How does it work?

It's not surprising there is an aura of mystery surrounding our governing body. After all, most members of the Order can't even attend its meetings.

Only the Honorary Inspectors-General, the holders of the 33°, can attend Supreme Council sessions, since this is where the elaborate and beautiful 33rd degree is performed each year as members of the class are coroneted HIGs.

And while Honorary Inspectors-General can attend some of the sessions of Supreme Council, they are not allowed to vote, or even speak. Voting privileges are restricted to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, the Active Members from each of the Valleys. Even Past Actives can only watch as Supreme does its work.

Any 32nd degree Scottish Rite member is eligible to be elected as an Honorary Inspector-General providing he is 33 years of age. The rank of HIG is not given as a right and Supreme Council receives from no one an application for it. The selection and election process varies from valley to valley. Nominations (with detailed biographical information) are forwarded in advance to a committee which examines the qualifications of each candidate. Once selected, the nominations are forwarded to the appropriate provincial Deputy. If elected, each nomination must also receive the unanimous consent of the Executive at the annual session of Supreme Council.

Although this seems rather exclusive, it is important that Scottish Rite Masons understand Supreme Council since that is where decisions are made on everything from the finances of the order, to its Statutes and Regulations, to its ritual. It is the ultimate authority in Canada under which every one of the 45 Valleys across the country does its work. And it has been working this way, quite successfully, for 142 years.

Supreme Council meets each year in September. The location varies between a city in Ontario, where about half of the total membership resides, and a city in either eastern or western Canada. Currently under consideration is a proposal to hold a full Supreme Council session every two years and have executive sessions only in the odd-numbered years.

More than 400 members, their ladies and special guests attend Supreme every year. While events such as the Vesper Service and the 33rd degree draw large audiences, clearly much of the attraction is social. It's the one occasion when 33rds from all parts of our country can meet and enjoy each other's company.

It's a busy week. Committees, such as Audit and Finance, and the Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation meet in the days preceding the opening of Supreme Council and there are get-togethers for lunch and dinner for the SGIGs. Executive sessions begin on Wednesday and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation makes its annual report to Supreme Council then.

All attendees are provided with copies of the Preliminary Reports from each of the many committees and each Deputy reports on activities of the individual Valleys in their jurisdictions. Many of these reports require discussion, explanation and formal approval of Supreme Council. Once approved, they are published in final form and made available on the website for all members to read.

Thursday mornings mean more executive sessions and in the afternoon our Grand Prior leads a Vesper Service at a nearby church. Our Sovereign Grand Commander leads the procession of SGIGs, all decked out in morning suits, and their ladies into the church. Following the service, the class of candidates is given the 33rd degree, using one as the representative candidate, although all take the obligation. This is known as being "coroneted" an Honorary Inspector-General.

That evening, the first of two formal banquets (tuxedos, white tie and tails for SGIGs) takes place. Thursday is devoted to the SRCF and Friday is the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet. During the day Friday, executive sessions continue and special guests from other Masonic bodies and other Scottish Rite jurisdictions, as well as representatives from the city and province, bring greetings. The Sovereign Grand Commander gives his annual allocution, reporting on the state of the Rite and his activities Friday morning.

Supreme Council ends with Saturday's session, culminating in the "Chain of Union" a symbolic joining together of members who will continue to work for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada. If new Active Members, Deputies or other officers of Supreme are required, they are invested on Saturday. Active Members serve only until age 75.

The reports generated by Supreme Council are well worth a look. Along with detailed financial statements, they also contain reports on committees covering a wide variety of concerns.

There is, of course, much more to Supreme Council than its annual sessions. Day-to-day business is handled from the office in Hamilton. The website is [www.scottishritecanada.ca](http://www.scottishritecanada.ca). ■



At the Annual Session of Supreme Council in St. John's, the Education and Enlightenment Committee, created by our Sovereign Grand Commander in 2015, formally introduced the initiatives implemented to date and outlined plans for future initiatives.

An Education & Enlightenment section has been added to the website of Supreme Council, and it contains a variety of educational information organized under the categories of Governance, History, and Symbolism. A resource list of research material and books has also been provided for those wishing to further investigate specific topics of interest.

A second initiative was implemented immediately following the Annual Session. Pre and post degree explanations for all degrees from 4 to 32 have been forwarded to every Valley in Canada. These brief explanations provide additional historical information about the degrees, their symbolism, and the lessons they teach. They are designed to enhance the presentation of our degrees, and also to provide an informative, educational 'take away' for candidates and members alike to reflect upon. Many Valleys are already making use of this material, and all are encouraged to utilize these explanations as an educational tool for their members, either at their assemblies or delivery by some other means.

As we move forward, the Education & Enlightenment Committee has many ideas for future educational initiatives and programs. Our commitment will be to ensure new papers and articles are published on the website on a regular basis. We also plan, in the near future, to add an additional

section to complement those of Governance, History, and Symbolism – a category dedicated to addresses and speeches from a variety of sources. Our committee is always looking for new and interesting material, and it would encourage the submission of educational papers on a variety of topics. These can be forwarded to Chairman Robert Brethour ([rbrethour@supreme33.ca](mailto:rbrethour@supreme33.ca)) where they will be reviewed by our committee to ensure suitability for publication.

The translation of the pre and post degree explanations from English to French has begun; a sub-committee is investigating the creation of a Canadian version of the Master Craftsman Program from the USA; preliminary discussions are taking place regarding the professional recording of some degrees; a question section for the candidates to answer about the degrees they have just witnessed is being created; the creation of 'playbill covers' for all degrees is being undertaken; and the improvement of lines of communication between individual Valleys and this committee is a priority.

If you have an interest in these areas, or if perhaps you have professional technical capabilities which could assist us achieve these goals, we'd love to hear from you!

The Education & Enlightenment Program is an exciting initiative with much potential. It is a program our membership has identified as an important undertaking, and it is something this committee and Supreme Council are endeavoring to address. *Your suggestions and feedback are most welcomed—after all, it is a program for each of you!* ■

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It was a long wait, but it finally came to fruition! September, 1990 to September 2016 is a span of 26 years. That's how long it had been since the Sessions of Supreme Council had been hosted by the Valley of St. John's. Most—if not all—of us in the Valley were not even Scottish Rite Masons back then; some, (like myself), not even Craft Masons. However, it was a very proud moment for those of us who were present when it was confirmed that we would, indeed, be the hosts in 2016. We also knew that the work had begun, and we realized what an honour it was for our small Valley.

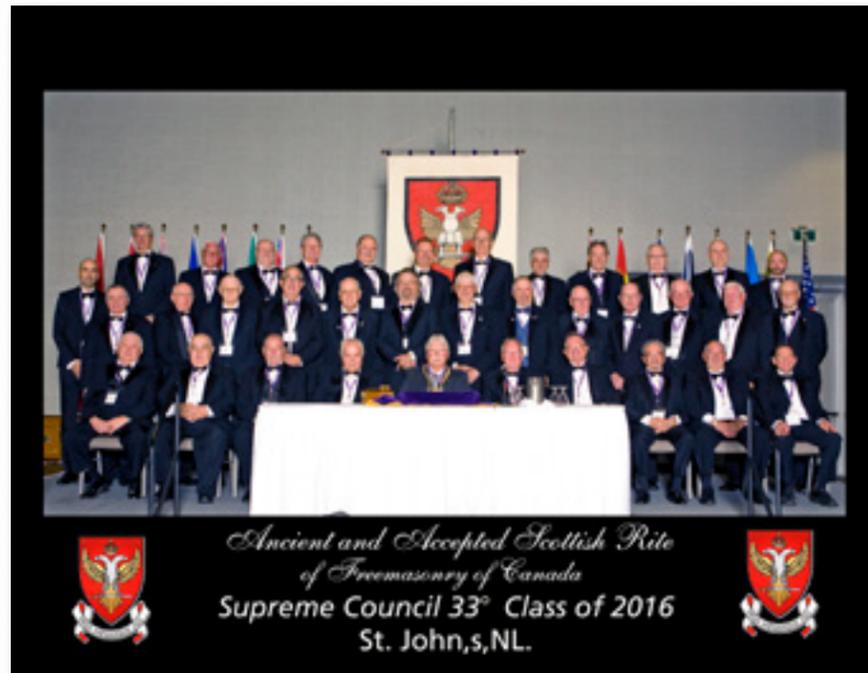
Looking back now, with everything done and everybody returned home, we realize that the great honour given to our Valley was over-shadowed at the time by the almost crushing sense of responsibility and perhaps even fear, that we would fall on our faces and fail miserably. However, two things were immediately clear and agreed upon by all concerned, i.e., the Valley's Executive Committee: (1) A strong leadership team needed to be established and (2) The Valley would need tremendous help from volunteers both within its membership and its Ladies, and from Brethren and their Ladies in the Craft Lodges.

Of all the activities taking place during Supreme Council Sessions, the Ladies' Programme is, arguably, the most important, and probably requires the most detailed planning. Most attendees at the Sessions bring their spouses, and the old saying, "*Happy wife, happy life*" is definitely applicable here. If the ladies aren't happy with the activities arranged for them, the husbands may have difficulty in getting agreement to attend future Sessions. The Valley of St. John's Ladies' Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Rosalind Devereaux, worked long and hard to make the 142<sup>nd</sup> Sessions memorable ones for the ladies who accompanied their husbands. Special thanks to all the Ladies who helped. Many had never visited Newfoundland and Labrador before, but had heard of its lure and hospitality. Those who had already been here couldn't wait to return.

The Ladies Hospitality Suite where a "*No Men Allowed*" rule was enforced was a great place where the ladies were able to relax, get valuable local information, and occasionally be entertained. There were displays of crafts which were also available for sale, and a percentage of the proceeds went to the Halifax Learning Centre. A representative from "*The Rooms*" spoke of Newfoundland traditions and involved some of the ladies in dressing up as "*nummers*". One of the highlights was a "*Bruncheon*" that included traditional food provided by the Delta and entertainment by a well-known "*Spirit of Newfoundland*" personality, Sheila Williams.

The Saturday event this year was a Newfoundland Kitchen Party, with the Delta stage decorated with nets, barrels, grapnels, lobster pots, and a lighthouse. The Delta provided a delicious buffet Jiggs Dinner complete with "*pease*" pudding. It must have been excellent as they ran out! Entertainment included the "*Concert Crowd*", highly skilled musicians and comedians and the "*Ramscallions*"—Bros. Jim Rowsell, Gordon Moulton, Derrick Sheppard, and Clayton Handrigan.

Of course, a Kitchen Party would not be complete without a traditional Newfoundland "*Screech-In*" conducted by Bro. Handrigan and his wife, June. Several prominent Ill. Brethren, wives, and Supreme Council office staff were "*Screeched*" with cameras flashing as the event was recorded for posterity.



Although the Host Committee did the planning, it must be acknowledged that these Sessions would not have happened or been successful, without the interest and work of the men and ladies from the Scottish Rite Valley and from the Craft Lodges of both jurisdictions. The Host Committee thanks the 40 plus volunteers who willingly gave of their time and efforts to help make the event a success. You have our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your efforts on our behalf.

The Valley of St. John's was honoured to have had the opportunity to host the 142<sup>nd</sup> Sessions, and we are pleased that they seem to have been a success. Having one of our own Brethren; Ill. Bro. D. Paul H. Miller coroneted as an HIG, 33°; and another Brother, Ill. Bro. Gerald W. Budden, 33°, receiving the John Ross Matheson Award, were the "*icing on the cake*". We have memories to last a lifetime! ■

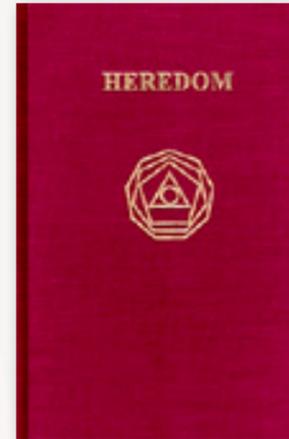
Heredom is the annual transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society and is edited by S. Brent Morris 33°. There are 6 essays in this volume. Two are mainly of interest to members in the USA. Those works are "*The Life & Work of Dudley Wright*" and "*Freemasonry and Religious Accommodation in Rhode Island*". The other essays are of a more general interest and will be reviewed here.

The most interesting paper to your reviewer is "*The Political-Masonic Background of the 1738 Papal Bull In Eminenti*" by Marsha Keith Schuchard. Masonic intrigue was present during the time of James III and George the I and II. Both parties had agents that utilized Masonic Lodges to gather intelligence as to the doings of the other. There were Jacobite and Hanoverian Masonic Lodges in Rome and Paris. There were efforts to have the French King become a Mason as the Jacobites tried to find powerful allies. The essay speculates that the Papal Bull might have been targeted to the Hanoverian Masons and not the Jacobite Masons. It came as a surprise to your reviewer that Masonic Lodges were involved in the Jacobite/Hanoverian political machinations.

The next essay, "*Henry Andrew Francken & His Masonic Manuscripts*" is by S. Brent Morris. This short essay examines the spread of the Scottish Rite and the location of copies of Francken and Morin's manuscripts of the early rituals at a time when there were 25 degrees.

"*Santa Anna, the Mason*" by Casey D. Stanislaw is of historical interest. Santa Anna was President of Mexico several times and is famous for losing the Battle of San Jacinto to Sam Houston which led to Texas independence. Santa Anna was a member of the York Rite. In Mexico as noted in the essay by Schuchard above, Masonic Lodges were involved in politics. There seems to have been both York Rite and Scottish Rite groups (escoceses) in Mexico. The essay describes some of the political maneuvering and the evidence that Santa Anna eventually joined the escoceses. Santa Anna, towards the end of his life, lived in New York and his certificate is now in the Livingston Masonic Library and Museum, New York City.

The last essay, "*The Knights of Athens*" by Frank H. Bernard notes that the period from shortly after the American Civil War to about the time of World War I was considered the golden age of fraternalism. During this time over 300 fraternal orders were created including the Elks, Moose, Shriners, the Daughters of Pocahontas, and the Tribe of Ben Hur. All of these orders had their own regalia, rituals, costumes, and uniforms. As the market became saturated with fraternal organizations, suppliers of regalia etc. looked for further ways to increase sales. "*Side degrees*" were invented. Most of these "*degrees*" were mock initiations or short plays to be presented to mixed groups for entertainment. Most were a self-deprecatory



acknowledgement of the silliness and absurdity of some fraternal ceremonies and regalia. Thus, sales of costumes, props, and stage backdrops could be increased to groups wanting to provide this entertainment. "*The Knights of Athens*" is one such play, and one of the few remaining intact today. It is interesting to read and catch the flavor of the 1902.

Heredom is an excellent source of current research into Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. Anyone who enjoys reading about the history of Freemasonry, Scottish Rite, Masonic scholars, etc. will find membership in the Society interesting and rewarding. ■

## Poets' Corner

### Eulogy

Ill. Bro. Harry Stein 33°

He didn't get a chance to say goodbye,  
 This tender soul for whom we cry.  
 What parting song would he have sung,  
 If one last chance he could have wrung  
 From the celestial powers that guide our fate,  
 To postpone a while longer, that ultimate date?  
 He didn't get a chance to say his goodbyes,  
 To give one last kiss to loving eyes;  
 Or to tell them how much they always meant,  
 To this life, that was now suddenly spent.  
 If we can all learn a lesson from this,  
 It, is...cherish each day, and be free with a kiss.  
 For you may never get another chance,  
 To show your love, to cast a tender glance.  
 To hold your loved ones in fond embrace,  
 To tenderly kiss that childlike face.  
 Your innermost feelings, be willing to share,  
 Before time runs out, tell them you care!



Valley of Ottawa

Forwarded by Ill. Bro. Darian Bacon 32°

*This letter was presented by the author to the Ottawa Valley, A.&A.S.R regarding U.W. Bro. Don Wyse.*

**TO MY FATHER'S MASONIC BRETHERN**

**G**ood evening Gentlemen, for those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself, I am Sharon Wyse, your Brother Don Wyse's daughter.

Since the passing of my Father, my family is in the process of thanking people for all their love and support, remembering I must send a note to the Masons.

Now I have never been one to think just inside the box, I have always thought outside the box, to send a note to the Masons really was not the proper thing to do. So I placed a call to your secretary and told him what I would like to do, I know that this was something out of the ordinary, but then again my Father was no ordinary man. So I proudly stand here today, a place where my Father stood with his Brothers, his family to personally say thank you.

Sometimes in life you hear things that, at the time do not make sense and may never make sense; or what I thought would be important or a priority in my Father's life at the time did not make sense. I do now.

My Father and I were very close, we have had many, many wonderful times together. Some of our conversations keep popping up in my mind. There were times when looking at my Dad to see just how strong of a man he was. Whatever the situation was, I could always count on him to guide me through life and the lessons you learn, which is also the case with his Masonic family. I share an important concern he had with respect to the Masons, he was very worried that Masonry may be something of the past. The importance of tradition being handed down to the younger generation to carry on. I would have to say, judging from the presence of his Masonic family, from Senior and Junior on his day that he need not worry.

Dad also hoped that one day his sons would proudly honour this tradition and become part of the family. I said that when the time was right I was sure they would. My older brother Gordon is now part of this family.

With the passing of my Father, I asked Gordon "So how does the Mason Ceremony work of saying Good Bye to their Brother". He replied "I'm not completely sure as I have never participated in one as of yet and this would be my first". Only for a second did I think how sad that was for Gordon, but rather what an honour it would be for Gordon to not only say good bye to his Father but as a Brother as

well. Like always, I am sure that on Dad's day he was proudly standing beside Gordon helping guide him through.

When you see my Brother Gordon take a second to really look at him and you will see the same as I do; that Your Brother Don is still here.

Recently I asked my Dad was he afraid of death. His response was very comforting. "No Sharon I am not afraid", through Masonry he has learned that death was not to be feared. As in the Book of Life, while this chapter of his life has ended a new one begins elsewhere.

How privileged I am to have been a part of this chapter in his life. I also told him how lucky he was that when he did pass away that his resting place at Capital Memorial, I drive past every day on my way to work that I would be able to say Good Morning to Him. He said "yes he was lucky and that would be wonderful."

We always knew that Dad was wise but would have a good laugh when I would say "REALLY Dad we now have to address you as MOST WISE SOVEREIGN". He was very proud of that.

At Dad's Celebration of Life, my Family was overwhelmed to see how many of his Brother's attended. I am sure Dad was looking down; how humbled he would have been and that his two family's came together as one. Family was very important to him!

As well when watching his Brothers coming up 2 by 2 and pointing to the sky, Dad, I am sure, was also respectfully pointing back at you.

I selfishly say I am lucky, but really everyone who knew him was blessed to have had such a wonderful man in their lives. Having lived a full life, he saw that it was his time to go and peacefully fell asleep for one last time. **HE TRULY DESERVED THAT!**

In closing, memories can never be taken from you and we all have a large collection of memories to remember.

*To all of my Father's Brothers I give you a heart filled Thank You. ■*

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Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario

**I**ll. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario, attended the 103<sup>rd</sup> Lodge of Perfection Reunion in Sault Ste. Marie on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Ill. Bro. Ian McKay 32° was presented with his fifty year member certificate, pin and jewel. ■



Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario presents 14° Certificates to the Class of 2016

Valley of Sudbury

Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario

**T**he Sudbury Manitoulin Masonic District and the Valley of Sudbury held a banquet at the Sudbury Bellrock Centre on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 marking the milestones and achievements of Ill. Bro. H. Robert Butler 32°. In attendance were a number of Masons, guests and family members. Ill. Bro. Butler was presented with his fifty year Past DDGM pin & certificate and his fifty year Scottish Rite Jewel. Ill. Bro Butler has enjoyed fifty eight years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. ■



Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Deputy for Ontario and Ill. Bro. Robert Butler 32°

Valley of Halifax

Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke 32°

**T**he Valley of Halifax had a successful July Golf Tournament with over one hundred golfers in attendance and raising over \$10,000 for the Halifax Learning Centre. Special thanks to all.

In October, the Annapolis Valley Scottish Rite Club held its annual meeting and Ladies Night and Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33° PSGC, presented Ill. Bro. Morley Robinson, 32° with the John Ross Matheson award. Ill. Bro. Morley named the Halifax Learning Centre for his charitable donation and made the presentation to Thelma Gregan.

Victoria Lodge of Perfection held its annual reunion for fifteen candidates. Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, SGC, and Ill. Bro. James Finch, 33°, Deputy for NS, PEI and NL made official visits to the Valley.

The Halifax Learning Centre held its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party with over one hundred thirty Valley members, guests, tutors, and families in attendance. Ill. Bro. Terry McLean 33° presented Thelma Gregan with a plaque in recognition of her work with the Learning Centre. Ill. Bro. Finch 33° brought donations of almost \$10,000 from the Valley of St. John's and a very special donation from Ill. Bro. Gerald Budden, the second John Ross Matheson award winner in 2016. ■



Meeting Ill. Bro. Morley Robinson, 32°, the John Ross Matheson Award Winner; Ill. Bro. James Finch, 33°, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Ill. Bro. Robinson, 32°, Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33°

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Valley of Hamilton

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Valley of Hamilton presented Dr. Ryan Van Lieshout of McMaster University (**Research:** “Early Cognitive Development in the Offspring of Women Enrolled in a Randomized Controlled Trial Assessing the Effectiveness of a Nutrition Exercise Intervention for Healthy Gestational Weight Gain”) and on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 presented Dr. Karun Singh of McMaster University with SRCF major grants. Presentations were made by Allard Loopstra, Past President SRCF, Terry McLean, SGC and Frank Fordham, SRCF Hamilton Valley Representative. ■



Allard Loopstra, Grand Chancellor and Past President of the SRCF, Terry McLean, Sovereign Grand Commander, Dr. Ryan Van Lieshout, and Frank Fordham, SRCF Hamilton Valley Representative.

Valley of Victoria

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Valley of Victoria presented Dr. Leigh Anne Swayne, University of Victoria with the second installment of a major grant. ■

Valley of Montreal

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Valley of Montreal presented Dr. Hideto Takahashi of the Institute de recherche cliniques de Montreal Neurobiology and Development; Dr. Alanna Watt, of McGill University, Biology and Dr. Lisa Münter, of McGill University, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics with major grants.



Ill. Bro. James Ross 33°, Grand Master of G.L.Q. and Active Member; Dr. Lisa Münter and Ill. Bro. Jean Reed, 33° The Deputy for Quebec

Valley of Montreal also presented major grants to Dr. Mark Brandon, Psychiatry, McGill University/Douglas Hospital Research Centre (*for the entorhinal navigational circuit disrupted in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease*) and to Dr. Carl Ernst, Psychiatry and Human Genetics, McGill University/Douglas Hospital (*for Chromatin Modifiers in Neurodevelopmental Disorder*). Presentations were made by Ill. Bro. James Ross 33°, Grand Master of G.L.Q., Active Member and Ill. Bro. Jean Reed, 33° The Deputy for Quebec. ■

Calgary Learning Centre

Ill. Bro. Kim Parkyn 32°, Calgary Centre Director

The First Graduation Ceremony for The Learning Centre in Calgary was a long time in the making! The planning and fund raising started in 2008 and the Centre opened its doors on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 with two students and two tutors. The Dedication Ceremony and the first graduation took place on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Freemasons Hall in Calgary.

Thelma Gregan, tutor trainer, was assisted by the graduates and presented to each tutor their well-earned certificate, a gift and flowers. Each tutor spoke about their experiences at the centre, the teaching skills they have acquired and the joy of tutoring these children.

Camille related in her remarks that, even though she has a Master’s Degree in Education, she had to come to the Scottish Rite to learn how to teach children to read!

The tutors then assisted Thelma to present the children with their graduation certificates, a small Learning Centre polar bear and a gift certificate for “Chapters”. Two of the young graduates, currently on the honour role at their respective schools, delivered a heart wrenching speech.

Ill. Bro. Kim Parkyn 32°, Centre Director, in his closing remarks thanked everyone for their hard work in supporting



**Back Row:** Ill. Bro. Ken McComb 33°, Active Member AB & NWT; Ill. Bro. Terry McLean 33°, SGC; **Tutors:** Christine, Krista, Camille and Paige; Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd 33°; Ill. Bro. Doug Brown Sr. 33°; **Front Row:** Ill. Bro. Kim Parkyn 32°; **Graduates:** Tehya, Teagan, and Megan; Thelma Gregan, our Tutor Trainer

the Centre and stated that “We cannot help every child with dyslexia, but we’ve helped this one, and this one, and this one.”

At the reception the joy and happiness was evident in the children, the parents, and the guests. It was probably the first Masonic Ceremony that many had experienced. One parent commented that “I never knew that the Masons did so much good”. Planning has begun for the next graduation in September of 2017! ■

New Chapter of DeMolay in Barrie

A milestone occasion was celebrated on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 during the Ontario Provincial Conference of DeMolay with the formation of a Chapter of DeMolay in Barrie. Sponsored by the Valley of Barrie, and actively supported by Craft Lodges, York Rite, and the Order of Eastern Star, the Simcoe Grey York Chapter received its Charter. It was a wonderful evening as those in attendance witnessed the first 4 initiates into the new Chapter with dignitaries from DeMolay, Grand Lodge, and Scottish Rite in attendance. The Provincial Conference was full of events and activities all weekend long, and Saturday included the presentation of Youth Leadership Awards by SRCF President Gareth Taylor.

DeMolay develops civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills among young men aged twelve to twenty one—and it combines this serious mission with fun events which build important bonds of friendship. It is a wonderful opportunity for these young men, and we are very pleased to welcome DeMolay to this area!



The first 4 candidates of the Simcoe Grey York Chapter of DeMolay with visiting dignitaries

For additional information about DeMolay, please visit their website [www.ontariodemolay.ca](http://www.ontariodemolay.ca), and please join in welcoming the Simcoe Grey York Chapter to the Barrie area! ■

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