



# Scottish Rite Bulletin

## Valley of Evansville

### ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

**"THE VALLEY OF OPPORTUNITY"**

**APRIL/MAY 2009**

#### **SPRING REUNION**

April 24, & 25, 2009

#### **Friday – April 24, 2009**

Registration: 6:00 P.M.  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree - 6:30 P.M.  
13<sup>th</sup> Degree - 7:15 P.M.  
14<sup>th</sup> Degree - 7:45 P.M.

#### **Saturday – April 25, 2009**

Breakfast: 6:00 A.M.  
(Masonic Temple)

Roll Call: 7:30 A.M.  
15<sup>th</sup> Degree: 8:00 A.M.  
16<sup>th</sup> Degree: 9:30 A.M.  
18<sup>th</sup> Degree: 10:30 A.M.

LUNCH: 11:30 P.M.

#### **CLASS PICTURE**

20<sup>th</sup> Degree: 1:00 P.M.  
21<sup>st</sup> Degree: 2:30 P.M.  
24<sup>th</sup> Degree: 3:30 P.M.  
31<sup>st</sup> Degree: 4:15 P.M.  
32<sup>nd</sup> Degree: 5:15 P.M.

BANQUET 6:30 P.M.

#### **MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Top Line signing three petitions in one class earns your dues paid for one year; Accumulation of top line signing 5 petitions earns a Membership Development Pin with one diamond. Each additional signing of 5 petitions earns another diamond. Anyone signing 10 petitions in one class will receive their "Life" dues paid. Candidates must complete the degrees through the 32°, before the Top-Line-Signer gets credit.

#### **The Ill. Harold S. Bass, 33° & Ill. Earl F. Bickmeier, 33° Class** April 24, & 25, 2009

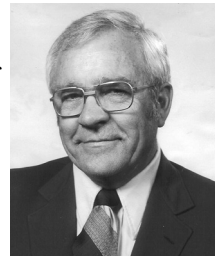


**Ill. Harold S. Bass, 33°**, was raised a Master Mason in Prince Lodge # 231 on February 5, 1966 and served as W. M. in 1977 and treasurer from 1980 to 1985. He received the Degrees of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the fall of 1973 and served as Co-Director of the 15 & 16 Degrees.

He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° in 1997 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was active in the York Rite being exalted in Oakland City Chapter No. 122 on February 26, 1966, served as High Priest in 1972 and as secretary from 1987 to 1995. He was greeted in Princeton Council No. 71 on February 26, 1966, was Illustrious Master in 1970-71, and served as recorder from 1987 to 1995. He was knighted in Princeton Commandery No. 46, May 19, 1966 and served as Eminent Commander in 1970. He was the Grand High Priest for Indiana in 1977 and President of the "Order of High Priesthood" from 1990- 1992. He was a member of the Knight York Grand Cross of Honor No. 62, Rainbow Grand Cross of Colors, and the Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Princeton.

At retirement, he was the chief engineer at WRAY –AM-FM. He also served concurrently as a motion picture projectionist and a lab technician for Potter & Brumfield. He married Melba Ruth Lewis on May 6, 1941. Ill. Brother Bass was born June 24, 1918 and was called from labor on June 6, 1998.

**Ill. Earl F. Bickmeier, 33°**, was raised a Master Mason in Newburgh Lodge # 174 on August 7, 1953, serving as W. M. in 1960-1961 along with trustee from 1962 to 1973. He received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Fall of 1953 and served as Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory from 1970 to 1973.



He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in 1976 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a member of all York Rite Bodies. Ill. Brother Bickmeier was very active in Hadi Temple Shrine and was installed as Potentate in 1981. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Demolay Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor, Rainbow Cross of Colors and many other honorary groups.

He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ. He was the founder of Service Food Brokerage Company and later acquired Tri State Marketing. He also served as a member of the Newburgh Town Board. He married Wilma Ruth Robbins on October 14, 1972. Brother Bickmeier was born on August 7, 1921 and was called from labor on July 9, 1998.

#### **CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR SPRING REUNION**

Scottish Rite Spring Reunion Degrees will be presented Friday night and Saturday, April 24 & 25, 2009, ending up with a Banquet Saturday night. There will be eleven beautiful Degrees portrayed at this Convocation. **Candidates for the Degrees will not be required to pay 2009 dues.** We need the help of the entire membership to sign as many petitions as they can, to insure the success of this Reunion.

If you have, any questions call the Scottish Rite Office at 425-1396.

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The Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Evansville, acknowledge the authority of, and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand Orient is located at Lexington, MA, and of which Illustrious John Wm. McNaughton, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander.

### EVANSVILLE LODGE OF PERFECTION

Jerry L. Minto, 32° – Thrice Potent Master  
Michael A. West, 32° – Deputy Master

### MORDECAI COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

James R. Adamson, 32° – Sovereign Prince

### TRINITY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

O. Tarrell Thompson, 33° – Most Wise Master

### EVANSVILLE CONSISTORY

Gene L. Thompson, 32° – Commander-in-Chief

### OFFICERS OF ALL BODIES

James H. Willis, 33° - Trustee  
Donald G. Colbert, 33° - Trustee  
Jerry J. Bruning, 33° - Trustee  
Charles R. Kinney, 33° - Treasurer  
Chester D. Staples, 33° - Secretary



## SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF EVANSVILLE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday, May 8, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Scottish Rite Members,  
Their Families and Friends  
are Cordially Invited to Attend

Refreshments immediately following.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- 2 White Shrine Stated Meeting
- 3 Feast of Paschal Lamb
- 7 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
- 10 Good Friday/ Office Closes at noon
- 11 Lenten Breakfast
- 18 One Day Masonic Class
- 19 Learning Center Awards Day
- 24 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 25 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 28 Scottish Rite Executive Board Meeting 6:00

### MAY

- 2 Bosse Dance
- 5 Officers Election
- 5 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
- 8 Officers Installation
- 9 Central Dance
- 14 Widows Luncheon
- 19 Grand Lodge
- 20 Grand Lodge
- 21 Scottish Rite Ladies Card Party
- 23 Tait Wedding Reception
- 25 Memorial Day Office Closed
- 26 Scottish Rite Executive Board Meeting 6:00
- 30 Coterie Dance

### JUNE

- 2 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting
- 4 Scottish Rite Officers Seminar 6-7
- 13 Moers/Reese Wedding Reception
- 18 White Shrine Stated Meeting
- 20 Cobb Wedding Reception
- 26 Council of Deliberation
- 27 Council of Deliberation
- 30 Scottish Rite Executive Board Meeting 6:00

## CALLED FROM LABOR

Emil F. Adams

Leo Ambrose

Donald R. Balsler

Norman H. Barnett

John E. Bray, Jr.

Morris C. Klipsch

John J. Parker

Gyles M. Parrish

Allen Shuttle

Frank J. Trinkel

Paul W. Vierling



## DOVES Luncheon

Saturday, April 25, 2009 ~ 12:00 Noon

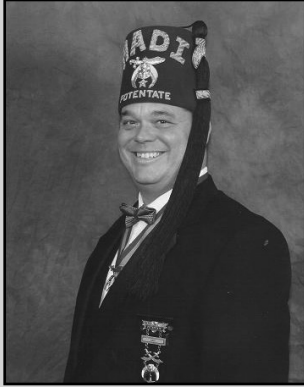
Western Ribeye

1401 N Boeke Rd ~ Evansville, IN

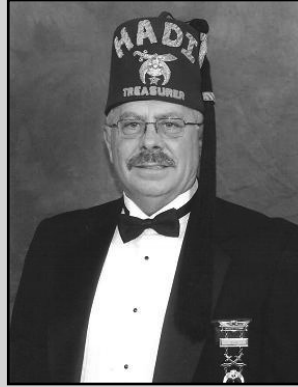
The wife of present and past officers,  
the wife of an MSA, and 33° members' wife are eligible to attend.

Anyone wishing to help with decorating the Scottish Rite dining room following the DOVES luncheon, may assist.

# Congratulations To Illustrious Sir John R. Hudson



John R. Hudson



Vernon A. Stevens



Michael S. Stader

John R. Hudson was recently elected to serve as Potentate of Hadi, Temple Shrine, Michael S. Stader is the new Outer Guard and Vernon A. Stevens is the newly elected Recorder. All of these brethren are members of the Valley of Evansville. Potentate Hudson is an independent Branch Manager with Next Financial Group, Inc. and part owner of Paradise Ink.

Brother Stader has been employed by Red Spot Paint and Varnish for the last 45 years. Brother Stevens is employed at Southern Business Machines. We commend these Scottish Rite brethren for their Shrine achievements and wish them all well in their new positions.



## Ladies Card Party



The annual Scottish Rite Ladies Card Party will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 starting at 12:00 noon.

This is an opportunity for you to invite friends to join you for a delightful lunch and an afternoon of games and fellowship.

**Style Show & Door Prizes Planned ~ \$5.00 Per Person**

Make up your own table of four or join another table after you arrive. There will be a number of door prizes. Tickets must be purchased in advance (order blank in this bulletin). Get your tickets early for this fun filled occasion with your friends.

*May 21, 2009  
Luncheon - 12:00 Noon  
\$5.00 per person  
Get a foursome together!!  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.*

Use the order form to the right to order your tickets no later than May 18, 2009. (If ordering more than one ticket, please list all names.)

Note: this event is for WIVES, WIDOWS, and GUESTS of members of the Evansville Valley.

**STYLE SHOW PRESENTED BY  
GOODWILL AUXILIARY**

## Ladies Card Party

Ticket order \_\_\_\_\_ May 21, 2009.  
\$5.00 per person

No. Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for returning tickets to you.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

# SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

Meal Tickets - April 24 & 25, 2009

**EVERYONE** must have meal tickets in advance for **ALL** Reunion Meals. Lunch tickets are **\$5.00** and dinner tickets are **\$10.00** each. The following are **Exempt from LUNCH ONLY Ticket Charges**: Cast Members & Support Workers; Officers; Top Line Signers and Candidates. **IF** tickets for lunch are requested on the day of the Reunion there will be a **\$5.00** charge. **Everyone except** candidates and their Ladies **must** pay for the banquet meal.

***NO EXCEPTIONS***

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for returning your tickets to you. Thank You!

**Deadline for Reservations – April 22, 2009**

**RESERVATIONS FOR BANQUET NOT MADE BY DEADLINE WILL BE \$12.00**

## REUNION MEAL TICKET ORDER

April 24 & 25, 2009

LUNCH: EXEMPT \_\_\_\_\_ (No Charge)

LUNCH: NOT EXEMPT \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5.00)

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00)

BANQUET LADY: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00)

NOTE: WIDOWS OF DECEASED BRETHREN MAY USE  
THIS TICKET ORDER FORM.

Mail to Scottish Rite 203 Chestnut St. Evansville, IN 47713

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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