

*Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
For the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction*



*Valley of Scranton*

November 14, 2009

Masonic Temple and  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Scranton, Pennsylvania

## Declaration of Principles



This Supreme Council reaffirms its unswerving loyalty to the fundamental purpose of Freemasonry which purpose from time immemorial has been to improve and strengthen the character of the individual man, and thorough the individual, the character of the community, thus under girding the community with those spiritual values which give it strength and stability.

This Supreme Council believes that this purpose is to be attained by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite.

Believing that good and true men can be trusted to act well and wisely, this Supreme Council considers it duty of the Fraternity to impress upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, to enlighten them as to those things which make for human welfare, and to inspire them with that feeling of charity, or well-wishing, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

To that end Freemasonry teaches a belief in God and faith in His divine purpose. It encourages the worship of God in conformity with the dictates of individual conscience. It stands for truth and justice, liberty and enlightenment, fraternity and philanthropy.

This Supreme Council expects of its members strict obedience to the laws of the land, and respect for their country's flag.

Such principles unite men and encourage the pursuit by them individually and collectively of worthy endeavors and the attainment of the purpose inherent in them. In that unity human character achieves its highest unfolding and provides man's best hope for peace on earth and good will among men.

To the furtherance of these principles, all our ritual is directed and all our efforts are aimed. To their furtherance each Master Mason has pledged himself, and at the portal of the Scottish Rite has renewed that pledge.

This Supreme Council discountenances and rejects any attempt by any international groups or confederations of Scottish Rite Supreme Councils to legislate for individual Supreme Councils.

Recognizing that principles unite men, that programs sometimes divide them, and that the preservation of unity of purpose devotion to principle is essential to Freemasonry, the Supreme Council affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion within tyled doors of creeds, politics, or other topics apt to excite the personal animosities.

This Supreme Council further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but exceedingly dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare for Masonic Bodies in their official capacity to take formal action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any particular legislative project or proposal, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of Governmental officials, whether executive, legislative, or judicial, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties.

## FRATERNAL GREETING

### **To The Members of the Fall Class of 2009**

We are proud and happy to welcome you into our membership. In joining with us you have added your strength to our cause and with your help our forward movement will continue. The hand of fraternal friendship and goodwill is extended to you as you now join the Keystone Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Scranton.

The lessons you will see portrayed, the good fellowship, the many new friends, are part of the experience you will cherish of this occasion. You may be impressed with the large number of brethren taking part. They are men from all walks of life and every profession. They meet on the common level of service in Scottish Rite Masonry. Perhaps you feel that you would enjoy such activity. If so, there is a place for you. Talents and skills of every variety are needed. Offer your help and share with these active brethren the fellowship and satisfaction that is the reward for participation among us.

**To Our Visitors And Guests:** A cordial welcome is extended to you as you honor us with your presence. If you are here for the first time, we invite and urge you to make yourself known to us and as many members and officers as possible. We look to strengthen our Fraternal ties with each of you

**To Our Members:** Your presence here tonight during our reunion is most essential to our success. A good attendance inspires our degree personnel to put forth their best effort. You also have the opportunity to review and renew the lessons taught in our degrees. You profit physically, mentally and spiritually by the relaxation of a day or two away from the press of everyday labors. Certainly no one can discount the benefits of rededication ourselves to the vows we made when we are initiated into Scottish Rite Masonry.

To All:

Our sincere desire is that your stay with us is pleasurable, profitable and memorable.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Michael Cucura, 32°, CLD  
*Commander-in-Chief*

David Greory, 32°  
*Most Wise Master*

Steven Sherman, 32°  
*Sovereign Prince*

John Deprimo, 32°, CLD  
*Thrice Potent Master*

Attested:

Ill.. Alfred W. Kotula, Sr., 33°, MSA  
*Secretary*

Ken Emanuel, 32°  
*Treasurer*

## ***SCHEDULE***

***REUNION SCHEDULE -- November 14, 2009***

### ***SATURDAY -- May 23, 2009***

- 8:00 A.M. -- Kitchen Opens Breakfast (For Everyone)
- 9:00 A.M. -- 31° - Theatre
- 10:00 A.M. -- Class Activities Flemish Hall Class Picture
- 10:30 A.M. -- 32° Theatre
- 12:00 A.M. -- Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. -- Entertainment Irem Temple String Band

## Elected Officers of the Valley of Scranton / Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

### Keystone Lodge of Perfection

*Thrice Potent Master* ----- John Deprimo, 32°, CLD  
*Deputy Master* ----- Michael Hughes, 32°  
*Senior Warden* ----- William Mitchell, 32°  
*Junior Warden* ----- Ryan Flatness, 32°  
*Treasurer* ----- Ken Emanuel, 32°  
*Secretary* ----- Ill.. Alfred W. Kotula Sr., 33°, MSA

### Keystone Council Princes of Jerusalem

*Sovereign Prince* ----- Steven Sherman, 32°  
*High Priest* ----- Robert Anthony Dipalma, 32°  
*Senior Warden* ----- Raymond Tenock, 32°  
*Junior Warden* ----- William Hunter, 32°  
*Treasurer* ----- Ken Emanuel, 32°  
*Secretary* ----- Ill.. Alfred W Kotula Sr., 33°, MSA

### Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix

*Most Wise Master* ----- David Gregory 32°  
*Senior Warden* ----- Matthew Mackie III 32°  
*Junior Warden* ----- Gerald Cobb, 32°  
*Treasurer* ----- Ken Emanuel, 32°  
*Secretary* ----- Ill.. Alfred W Kotula Sr., 33°, MSA

### Keystone Consistory

*Commander-in-Chief* ----- Michael Cucura, 32°, CLD  
*1st Lt. Commander* ----- Benjamin A Beynon, 32°, MSA  
*2nd Lt. Commander* ----- David Sykes, 32°  
*Treasurer* ----- Ken Emanuel, 32°  
*Secretary* ----- Ill.. Alfred W Kotula Sr., 33°, MSA

### Trustees of Keystone Consistory

Frank L. Beppler, Jr., 32°, MSA  
Stephen Dreater, 32°, CLD, MSA  
John Memo, 32°

Ill.. Donald W. Jenkins, 33°, MSA  
Raymond R. Pilch, 32°

### Trustees of the Masonic Temple - Scottish Rite Cathedral Association

Ill.. Ernest J. Gazda, Jr. 33°  
Ill.. Paris D Alunni, 33°  
Stephen Dreater, 32°, MSA, CLD  
Ill.. Christopher W Edwards, 33°, MSA  
Luke Schofield, 32°, MSA, CLD

Steven Sherman, 32°  
Luke T. Schofield, 32°, MSA, CLD  
Raymond Pilch, 32°  
Clinton Shrive, 32°, MSA  
Robert Walker, 32°, CLD

***THE DEGREES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE  
IN THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION***

**The Lodge of Perfection 4° - 14°**

4° Secret Master	10° Master Elect of Fofteem
5° Perfect Master	11° Sublime Master Elected
6° Master of the Brazen Serpent	12° Grand Master Architect
7° Provost & Judge	13° Master of the Ninth Arch
8° Intendant of the Building	14° Grand Elect Mason
9° Master of the Temple	

***The Council Princes of Jerusalem 15° - 16°  
The Historical and Traditional Degrees***

- 15° Knight of the East or Sword
- 16° Prince of Jerusalem

***The Chapter of Rose Croix 17° -18°  
The Philosophical and Doctrinal Degrees***

- 17° Knight of the East and West
- 18° Knight of Rose Croix

**The Consistory and Philosophical Degrees  
The Traditional and Chivalric and Philosophical Degrees**

19° Grand Pontiff	26° Prince of Mercy
20° Masete Ad Vitam	27° Knight of Jerusalem
21° Patriarch Noachite	28° Knight of the Sun
22° Prince of Libanus	29° Knight of St. Andrew
23° Chief of the Tabernacle	30° Grand Elect Knight Kadosh
24° Brother of The Forest	31° Knight Aspirant
25° Master of Achievement	32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

***Keystone Consistory***

***Saturday - November 14, 2009***

***Consistory Opening***

Commander-in-Chief - Michael Cucura, 32°, CLD  
1st Lieutenant Commander - Benjamin A Beynon, 32°, MSA  
2nd Lieutenant Commander - David Sykes, 32°

***31° Knight Aspirant***

***Degree Master - Robert Stanley, 32°***

Commander-in-Chief ..... Ill. Christopher W Edwards, 33°, MSA  
1st Lieuteant Commander ..... Michael Cucura, 32°, CLD  
2nd Lieuteant Commander ..... Benjamin A. Beynon, 32°, MSA  
Most Wise Master ..... Robert Walker, 32°  
Sovereign Prince ..... Michael Hughes, 32°  
Thrice Potent Master ..... Steven Sherman, 32°  
Orator ..... Robert Hoffman, 32°, MSA  
Chancelor ..... John Zickler, 32°  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Stephen Dreater 32°, MSA  
Hospitaler ..... Ill.. R. Bruce Hopkins, 33°, MSA  
Engineer and Seneschal ..... Ill.. Gerald Colderone, 33°  
Constans ..... Benjamin A Beynon, 32°, MSA  
Captain of Guard ..... David Sykes, 32°

**Standard Bearers:**

James Hunt, 32°                      John Memo, 32°                      Emery L. Koszoru, 32°

# *Keystone Consistory*

*Saturday - November 14, 2009*

## *32° - Subline Prince of the Royal Secret*

This degree describes the victory of the Spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

### *Degree Master - Robert Stanley*

Herald .....	John Sykes, 32°
Knight Lodge of Perfection .....	
Knight Kadosh .....	Ill.. Donald W. Jenkins, 33°
Knight Rose Croix .....	John Woodling, 32°, MSA
Prince Commander .....	Ill.. Marty Migliori, 33°
Constans .....	Benjamin A Beynon, 32°, MSA
Florio .....	Matthew F Flynn, 32°, MSA Patrick J. Connor, 32° Ill.. Charles W. Wirth, 33°
Urban .....	George A Stephens, 32°, MSA, CLD
Ignatius .....	Steven Sherman, 32°
Captain of Guard .....	David Sykes, 32°
Bishop .....	Robert Stanley, 32°

### **Processional**

Cross bearer - James Hunt, 32°

Sexton - John Memo, 32°

During the Allegory, The Curtain will be closed and all the lights extinguished for 30 seconds to denote the passing of several hours.



## PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The 32° Masons meeting in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania meet under the organizational title of the "Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. The Council is governed by a Commander-in-Chief, who is The Deputy for Scottish Rite Masonry in Pennsylvania.

**The Deputy for Pennsylvania is Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33° of Butler, Pa.**

He is assisted by Four other Actives Members;

**Ill. Russell W Baker, 33° - Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°,**

**Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33° - Ill. Jeffrey W. Coy, 33°**

And

Active Emeritus

**Ill. Arthur J. Kurtz, 33°, George R. Moad, 33°, Drew W. Washabau, 33°, Richard G. Hawk, 33°**

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is one of two branches of Freemasonry to which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the first three Degrees in the Symbolic or "Blue Lodge". The Scottish Rite includes the degrees from the 4th to the 32nd. Although there are many Scottish Rite Members of Scottish ancestry, the Scottish Rite actually originated in France in the early 18th century. During the 18th century, lodges were organized in the United States with the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council founded in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801.

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was formed in 1867 and includes 15 states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River, including Delaware. The Southern Jurisdiction encompasses the 35 remaining states, the District of Columbia and the United States territories and possession. The Northern Jurisdiction officially recognizes and enjoys friendly relations with many other jurisdictions around the world.

Scottish Rite shares the same belief of all Masonic organizations that there is no higher degree than that of a Master Mason. The Supreme Council and its subordinate bodies acknowledge the Masonic supremacy of the Symbolic Grand Lodges and Grand Masters within their jurisdictions. Scottish Rite serves to elaborate on and amplify that of the Symbolic Lodge.

The Scottish Rite degrees are lessons taught through allegory in the form of plays. The lessons are taken from Biblical as well as more modern historical events. Cast members use costumes and makeup to look like the characters who they represent. Candidates learn the lessons by observing the presentation. Memorization of material presented is not required. The Scottish Rite is open to all Master Masons in good standing.

The 33rd degree is conferred annually, at the meeting of the Supreme Council, upon a select number of 32nd Scottish Rite Masons who have contributed outstanding service to Freemasonry of Man under the Fatherhood of God. A recipient must be at least 33 years of age and may not apply for the degree.

Scottish Rite members meet in local or regional "Valleys" and are organized into four parts: Lodge of Perfection, 4° - 14°, Council Princes of Jerusalem, 15° - 16°, Chapter of Rose Croix, 17° 18° and Consistory, 19° - 32°. Some individual Valleys do not contain all four bodies.

## ***HONORARY MEMBERS***

### ***SUPREME COUNCIL 33°***

Paris D Alunni  
Fletcher C. Booker Jr  
William R Butts Jr.  
Gerald Calderone  
Gordon Conniff  
Frederick J. Dietrich, Jr  
Christopher W. Edwards  
Matthew F Flynn  
Ernest J Gazda, Jr.  
Richard G Hawk  
R. Bruce Hopkins  
H. Merrit Hughes

Donald W. Jenkins  
Thomas R. Joyce  
Alfred W. Kotula Sr.  
Paul A Lucas Jr.  
Walter Lindenmuth  
Martin Miglori  
Vernon W Morgan Jr.  
George A Stephens  
Robert Rayner  
A Ralph Taylor  
Raymond Unger  
Charles W Wirth

### ***MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD***

Walter C Avery  
Frank L. Bepler Jr.  
Benjamin A Beynon  
Stephen Dreater  
Lester M Dyson  
Christopher W Edwards  
Matthew F Flynn  
John A Frank Jr  
Jack R Frazier Jr  
W Meredith Golden III  
William Geary Sr.  
William Griffith  
Ralph Hughes  
Robert Hoffman  
R Bruce Hopkins  
Donald W. Jenkins

Edward H. Kiefer  
Michael Kleha  
William S Kirhuff  
Alfred W Kotula Sr  
Charles L LaBar  
George Mozurkewich  
Lou Naro  
Luke Schofield  
Clinton Shrive  
George A Stephens, Jr  
William Richards  
Thomas Roberts  
George J Weinberg  
James Westrack  
John Woodling

### ***Citations for Loyalty and Dedication***

Michael Cucura  
William Emick  
Stephen Dreater  
Stanley H. Grace  
Michael J Kleha Jr  
William D Griffiths  
John DePrimo

Sal Naro  
John Memo  
George Mozurkewich  
Gary Shiner  
Luke T Schofield  
George A Stephens Jr  
Robert Walker  
Martin W. Vineski

## LIVING PAST OFFICERS --- KEYSTONE BODIES

### *Lodge of Perfection 14° Thrice Potent Master*

Nicholas Demain	1963	Louis M. Priorielli	1994
Robert K. Robinson	1973	Frederick James	1996
Fred B Baker, II	1980	Luke T. Schofield	1997
William R. Butts Jr.	1981	Louis Naro	1999
Walter C. Avery	1982	Daniel E. Canfield	2000
Paul A Lucas Jr.	1984	Salvatore J. Naro	2001
Jack R. Frazier, Jr	1985	Benjamin A Beynon	2002
Robert J. Baldeck	1986	John Memo	2003
Charles L. LaBar	1987	Charles W. Wirth	2004
Leslie L. Loomis	1989	John Zickler	2005
George J. Weinberg	1990	Steven Sherman	2006
George A. Stephens Jr.	1991	James Reilly	2007
Lester M Dyson	1992	Ill.. R Bruce Hopkins	2008

### **Council Prince of Jerusalem, 16°**

#### *Sovereign Prince*

Michael Kleha	1980	Fred B Baker II	1997
Frederick J. Dietrich Sr.	1984	Gerald J Davis	1998
George A Stephens Jr.	1985	Dieter G Dauber	1999
Edward H. Kiefer	1986	Arthur E McLaughlin	2000
Warren W Maxson	1988	Thomas J Morris	2001
Frederick J Dietrich Jr,	1989	Louis J Naro	2002
Stephen Dreater	1991	Raymond E Bulger	2003
Benjamin A Beynon	1992	Robert Stanley,	2004
Brian L Lucas	1994	R Bruce Hopkins	2005
Jack R Frazier, Jr.	1995	Michael Hughes	2006
W Meredith Golden III	1996	John Zickler	2007
		Robert Walker	2008

## **Living Past Officers - Valley of Scranton**

### **Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix 18° Past Most Wise Masters**

E. H. Edwards Jr.	1960	George A Stephens, Jr.	1996
Elmer P Chase Jr.	1967	Patrick J Connor	1997
Ernest J Gazda Jr.	1974	Eric J Frantz	1998
Richard G Hawk	1977	Christopher W Edwards	2000
Frank L Beppler Jr.	1981	Michael J Cucura	2001
William D Griffiths	1986	Raymond R Pilch	2002
Ralph Hughes	1987	Gordon M Conniff,	2003
Jack R Frazier Jr	1989	John Deprimo	2004
Paris D Alunni	1992	Benjamin A Beynon	2005
Donald W. Jenkins,	1994	Robert Walker	2006
Matthew Flynn	1995	David Sykes,	2007
		Bernard Golumbieski	2008

### **Consistory 19° - 32° Past Commander-in-Chiefs**

Fletcher C Booker Jr. -	1974-76	Paris D Alunni, -	1999-2000
Ernest J Gazda, Jr. -	1984-86	Donald W Jenkins -	2000-2002
Richard G Hawk -	1986-88	George A Stephens Jr.	2002-2004
William R Butts Jr. -	1988-90	Matthew F Flynn -	2004-2006
Paul R Lucas, Jr. -	1994-96	Christopher W Edwards -	2006 -2007
Frederick J Dietrich Jr.	1996-98		

**Director Of Work - George A Stephens, Jr., 32°, MSA, CLD**

**Ritualistic Committee**

Director - George A Stephens, Jr., 32°, MSA, CLD

Ill.. Frederick J. Dietrich, Jr., 33°,

Ill.. Donald W Jenkins, 33°, MSA

Charles L. LaBar, 32°, MSA

**Chief Marshal - Clinton Shrive, 32°, MSA**

James M. Reilly, 32°

William F. Miller, 32°

**Stage Director - Luke T. Schofield, MSA, CLD, 32°**

**Assistance Stage Director - Ill..Christopher W. Edwards, 33°, MSA**

**Associates**

Ill..Paris D. Alunni, 33°

Frank L. Beppler Jr., 32°, MSA

Thomas Roberts, 32°,MSA

Ill.. Frederick J. Dietrich, Jr., 33°

Matthew F Flynn, 32°, MSA

Shawn Flynn, 32°

George J. Weinberg, 32°, MSA

Frederick T James, 32°

John Witting, 32°

Robert Hoffman, 32°, MSA

Louis J. Naro, 32°, MSA

Salvatore J. Naro, 32°, CLD

Louis M Prriorielli, 32°

John Richards, 32°

William Richards, 32°

**Director of Amplification - Lee Glass man, 32°**

Louis J. Naro, 32°, MSA

John Cardoni, 32°

**Lighting Master - Christopher W. Edwards, 32°, MSA**

John Richards, 32°

William Richards, 32°

Michael J. Kleha, Jr., 32°, MSA, CLD

Shawn P. Flynn, 32°

**Make Up Master - John A. Frank Jr., 32°, CLD**

Alexander A. Andrade, Jr. 32°

Robert Walker, 32°

**Robing Master - David Sykes, 32°**

William D Griffiths, 32°, CLD

Martin W Vineski, 32°

**Chief Stewards - Salvatore J. Naro, 32°, CLD      Louis J. Naro, 32°, MSA**

**Louis M. Priorielli, 32°**

Ill.. Frederick J. Dietrich, Jr., 33°

Paul A. Hendricks, 32°

Salvatore J. Nardozi, Jr., 32°

Michael F Slavich, 32°

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

III..R. BRUCE HOPKINS, 33°, MSA

