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Schedule of Events

January

30th—Thursday Night at the Rite—8pm

23° “Knight of Valor”

February

8th—Masonic Temple Soup Fundraiser—10am-2pm

Soup sold by the quart*

10th—Rite on the Road—Unionport Lodge—6pm

Degrees to be shown—4, 10, 11

13th— Thursday Night at the Rite—8pm

12° “Master of Mercy”

15th—Movie night at the Temple—6 pm

“Forge”

20th—Masters of the Rite— 7pm

12° in-depth discussion

22nd—Wheeling Nailers Hockey Game—Family Life Event

27th—Monthly Executive/Stated Meeting—6:30/7:30pm

Thursday Night at the Rite—8pm

17° “Knight of the East and West”

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March

11th—Rite on the Road—Martins Ferry Lodge—6pm

Degrees to be shown—4, 22, 29

13th—Thursday Night at the Rite— 8pm

24° “Brother of Tolerance”

20th—Masters of the Rite— 7pm

24° in-depth discussion

27th—27th—Monthly Executive/Stated Meeting—6:30/7:30pm

Thursday Night at the Rite-8pm

31° “My Brothers Keeper”

April

13th—Feast of the Paschal Lamb— 2pm

Dr. John Warren's Medical Trunk

By: Stacey Fraser, Assistant Curator, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

This leather and wood trunk decorated with brass studs is thought to have belonged to Dr. John Warren (1753-1815) of Massachusetts. Its side handles and manageable size (11-7/8" x 13-1/2" x 24-1/2") made it both portable and practical. Through the service of its dynamic owner, this trunk may have seen military action during the American Revolutionary War. Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Dr. John Warren was the younger brother of Dr. Joseph Warren, whose death at the Battle of Bunker Hill made him a martyr to the Patriot cause. John Warren studied medicine at Harvard, graduating in 1771. He became a surgeon with a militia commanded by Colonel Timothy Pickering (1745-1829) in 1772 and in that capacity, responded to the Lexington Alarm in April 1775. In 1775, Warren was practicing medicine in Salem, Massachusetts. He traveled with his unit to the various battles in which he was involved. Like many Massachusetts militia members who were called out for the Lexington Alarm, Warren remained in the Boston area into the month of May. Warren likely brought his own medical supplies with him when he traveled. He owned two amputation kits. Based on the dimensions of these amputation kits, both items could have been carried inside this trunk. By June 1775, Warren had returned home to Salem and received news of the start of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He hurried to Cambridge in the early hours of the following morning to treat wounded soldiers. At the same time, Warren fretted about his brother Joseph who had fought in the battle. At one point, Warren left the medical area in Cambridge and went to Bunker Hill to find his brother, asking any and all soldiers he encountered about Joseph's whereabouts. One of these was a British sentry, and Warren received a bayonet wound to his side in response to his inquiry. Unfortunately, Joseph "fell on the field," as John later wrote in his diary. His fervor for the Patriot cause and his brother's death motivated Warren. According to Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*, "He enjoyed helping repulse the raid at Lechmere Point, and, case in hand [emphasis mine], took his post on Cobble Hill at night hoping for another Bunker Hill." The "case" mentioned was likely a medical case, possibly this trunk.

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Cobble Hill was a colonist-fortified hill in Charlestown with an excellent view of Boston Harbor. Warren may have carried his medical supplies in this trunk during the early days of the Revolutionary War when the action was focused in Massachusetts. It is also possible that Warren brought this trunk with him when the action moved away from Massachusetts. The nascent Continental Army struggled to provide uniforms, firearms, and other supplies to its soldiers. Warren's medical tools and supplies would have been highly valued and were likely brought with him when he left for New York in May 1776, after the British evacuated from Boston. Warren later served as Surgeon General of army hospitals in Long Island, New York and Bethlehem, New Jersey in 1776. In the latter location, he—and possibly this trunk—saw action at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Warren also participated in the 1778 Rhode Island campaign, perhaps due to his marriage the previous year to Abigail Collins (1760-1832), daughter of Rhode Island Governor John Collins (1717-1795). Dr. John Warren was a knowledgeable and dedicated surgeon, who put his medical skills to use in service of the American cause. This trunk, both substantial enough to hold needed medical supplies and portable enough to carry into battle, is an apt symbol of his service. Warren's trunk will be on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library beginning in April 2025, part of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's newest gallery exhibition, "Protest & Promise: The American Revolution in Lexington."



A word from your Deputy's Representative Gregory R. Metcalf, 33°, VSA

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and Blessed holiday season. Over the course of the next several months there will be many activities for everyone to participate in and be a part of in our Valley of Steubenville! January starts the new season of the Thursday Night at Rite, including the new Masters of the Rite program from Supreme, our next Rite on the Road in Bridgeport, and the 6 Valley Degree Day in Canton of which our Sovereign Grand Commander, Walter Wheeler, will be attending. February will have another Rite on the Road in Unionport and several family life activities. March will continue with our final Rite on the Road this Spring in Martins Ferry and more family life activities outlined in this newsletter. April and May will be our Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Easter Bunny program, Spring reunion and the Annual Scholarship awards and Installation of Officer's program. We are progressing towards our goal of another Valley of Excellence and it will take all of us to achieve it for the 4th year in a row. Please join us for our monthly meetings and our many events planned these upcoming months. Being a part of something wonderful here in OUR Valley begins with YOU!

On a personal note, 2025 has started with Beth and I finding out that we will be first time grandparents. New beginnings for us and our family! We are very excited for what this year will bring us personally as a growing family.

May the blessings for a great new year be upon all you my brothers!

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of our departed Brethren. May our Heavenly Father have them in His Holy keeping.

"The Grand Architect of the Universe has received the following into his presence as they have laid down their working tools"

James E. Brown
Samuel E. Brown
Ellsworth S. Graham
James J. Krob
Melvin Levendorf
Vernon R. Midcap
Joseph J. Ross, Jr.
Charles R. Rush



A word from our Executive Secretary
Ill. Timothy L. Walters, 33°, MSA, VSA

It is hard to believe it's already the middle of January and the weather is a constant reminder of that! Just remember there is no bad weather, just bad attire!

The Valley of Steubenville is off to a fabulous start, or wait, we never stopped! George Monroe has kept us well entertained with all the Family Life events and has 2 movie nights coming up soon! Ill. Brother Robert Crow and his cast are busy in preparation for Six Valley Degree Day in Canton. I'm really looking forward to one of my favorite events of the year. Brother Joseph Greer has been busy with the Rite on the Road Productions. We now have one under our belt which was well attended and hosted by Ill. Robert Crow. There are 2 more Rite on the roads scheduled in February and March. Chairman of The Board Ron Callahan has organized a Soup Fundraiser for Steubenville Masonic Temple on February 08, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm, sold by the quart. Come support the Steubenville Masonic Temple.

As always stay active in your Blue Lodge and participate in all activities possible. This is the foundation of our appendant bodies and vital to our success!

Be Legendary! Be You!

Fraternally yours,

Illustrious Timothy L. Walters, 33°, MSA, VSA

Greetings from the Rose Croix.

We are excited to announce that our Annual Feast of the Pascal Lamb presentation will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2pm. All members and their families are invited to attend. This is a ceremony that is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors. Please help us spread the word!

Brian J. Breyer, 33°, MSA, VSA
Most Wise Master

Happy Birthday to our January, February and March birthdays!

January

Gary Jack Armentrout	1	William R Miller Jr.	14
Floyd Brown	1	Gary Douglas Green	15
Hunter D Hammond	1	Thomas R Jones Jr. 33°	15
Charles L Stingle Jr.	1	Charles D Peters	15
Kenneth G Delaney	3	William Jay Van Nuys	15
Lowell W Fair	3	Ralph W Miller	16
David M Lash	3	Thomas R Jones III 33°	18
J Lionel Argabrite	4	John Warbel	18
Jeffrey Lynn Wallace Sr.	4	Curtis James Montgomery	19
James Robert Watson	4	Brian M Cooper Sr.	21
Donald E Butream 33°	5	Richard L Davis	21
Dennis L Meeks	5	Leslie Wayne Hill	22
Brandon L Newman	5	George Richard Kaplet	23
Earl W Allen	6	Gary R Palmer	23
Richard Michael Blaner Jr.	6	John Edward Capers III	25
Ronald E. Shaw Sr. 33° MSA	6	Alfred Clyde Gloeckner	25
Alton J Brewer	9	Ronald James Price	26
Albert Oscar Caldwell	10	Sean E Eitel	28
Huber Calvin Fornwalt	10	Terry L Freas	28
T Shawn Hervey	11	Kenneth P Miller Jr.	28
Mark Alan Koehler	11	Richard T Ryder	28
Joseph B Shemasek	11	Barry Scott James	30
Daniel Edwin Thompson	11	Raymond C Wohnhas	30
John Jay Gold	12	Casey O Buchanan	31
Robert H Daley	13	Jason B Busby	31
		Caden L Myers	31

February

George Brian Menchen	1	James William Everson	16
Joseph Duane Bocek	3	William Augustus Messerly Jr.	16
David Wayne Daily	3	W Dwaine Swickard	16
Lawrence Leroy Everhart	4	Robert M Cook	18
Danny L Robinson	4	Jonathan R Cortez	18
James Ellis Holskey	5	Richard David Hendrix	18
David Eugene Theurich	5	Michael David Sigler	18
Michael George Wheatley Jr.	5	Brian Lynn Taylor	18
Ronald Craig Hyndman	6	Michael R Wilson	18
Manuel G Fardis	7	George K Freeland Jr.	19
James Gilbert Ackerman	8	Ronald E Greenberg	19
Steven L McKinney	8	Joshua N Jackson	19
Timothy J Palmer Sr.	8	Robert E Davis Sr.	20
James E Fuit Sr.	9	David B Fulmer	20
Jason A Kyle	9	Walter Allen Mc Cabe Sr.	20
Teddy K Ward	10	Donald E Brown Sr.	21
Jeffery C Buck	11	Carl Dean Green	21
Fred R Kolopajlo	11	James F Mc Clung	21
Richard Michael Maloney MSA	11	Jason R Alloggia	22
William Alan Mc Cafferty	11	Raymond Kinsey Meek	23
Andrew L Dodds	12	George R Monroe III	23
Terry M Thompson	12	Quentin Lester Heaton	24
Frederick Albert Huber	13	James Alan Rector	24
Arthur Carl Randalson	13	Edsel F Emery 33° HGA	25
David J Morgan	14	Gary Pepperling	25
James F Clark	15	Charles W Varner	27
Larry M Everly	15	Kenneth J Gilcrest	28
Earl L Forman II	15	Jack H Gray	28
Robert E Hanze	15	Steve Kish Jr.	28
Shawn R Mackey	15	Homer Oren Laughlin	28
Thomas H Wilson	15	Gerald A Seevers	28
		Anthony D Thompson	28
		Darren M Lanoux	29

March

Charles Franklin Newburn Jr.	1	Ben M Moxley 33° MSA	17
Carl J Sgalla	1	Donald Oliver Dunfee	18
F Mark Jackson	2	Mark S Fraley 33°	18
Tinker L Reed	3	Timothy L Walters 33° MSA	18
John W Keefer	4	Richard C Wilson	18
Gary L Stanley	4	Raymond A Suchy Sr.	19
John M Cowgill	5	John F White Sr.	20
Lee E Reed	6	Donald Frank Giffin	21
Dan E Boyd 33°	8	Richard Homer Gray	22
Floyd S Brunner Jr.	9	Allan G Ketzell II	22
Michael G Wheatley Sr.	9	Michael Wayne Lewis	22
Douglas A Manfrin	10	Brian J Breyer 33° MSA	23
William A Simms	10	John A Ortitay	24
Robert Merle Wise	10	Donald H Stukey	24
Michael A Jones	11	Reginald S Miles Jr.	26
C Douglas Baker	12	James K Blankenship	28
Thomas Otis Brown	12	Robert A Boss	29
James W Halstead	12	Donald R Craven	30
Aaron Richard Montgomery	12	Richard K Haught	30
Collin T Albaugh	14	Clarence Alfred Shannon Jr.	30
James G Schafer II	14	David John Ellis	31
William L White III	14	Fred Thomas Love	31
Timothy E Murphey	16	Richard Logan Stoudt	31
Hugh E Sutherin Jr.	16		



It's that time of the year again! Scholarships are open and available until April 1, 2025. Please contact the office by phone or email and we will get those to you!

2025 Leon M. Abbott Scholarship

Named after Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Abbott Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate and graduate education of Scottish Rite Masons, family members of Scottish Rite Masons and members of Masonic Youth Groups including (but not limited to) the Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters International and The Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Eligibility: Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2025 Abbott Scholarship program:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is in good standing. A student related (by blood or legal means) to a current or deceased member of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a Masonic sponsored youth group located within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (ex - DeMolay International, Job's Daughters, Order of Rainbow for Girls)

To be considered for an Abbott Scholarship, applicants must meet one of the following qualifications (please note that local Valleys may have more strict GPA requirements):

- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. A high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- All applications should be submitted to the local Valley of the sponsoring Scottish Rite Mason. For application deadlines, please reach out to the Secretary of said Valley.
- You can find applicable contact information at the link below:

ScottishRiteNMJ.org/Valleys

Valley of Steubenville Scholarship

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Steubenville
is pleased to present this scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Be a child or grandchild of a member of the Valley of Steubenville in good standing, or may be a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity.
- Be a graduating senior of a public or private school.
- Personally submit an application to the Scottish Rite office no later than April 1, 2025.
- Supply grade transcripts and SAT/ACT scores with application.
- Letters of recommendation are to accompany the application.

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