



**Scottish Rite Masonic News**  
Valley of Davenport,, Orient of Iowa

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"Public Schools - The Cornerstone of Freedom"

## JULY

The Spring Reunion was successful - everyone enjoyed themselves and we have a new affiliation, **DEAN HEITZ**, and two new members, **SCOTT FOGELSON** and **BRICE CHAPMAN**. Welcome !!

The Masonic Family Picnic June 4th was also a Great Success!! There were games of Corn Hole, Axe Throwing, Yard Darts, Bounce Houses, and Bingo! Drawing for Adventureland was won by Russ Risley, and a nights stay at the LeClaire Holiday Inn Express was won by Jim Goetsch.

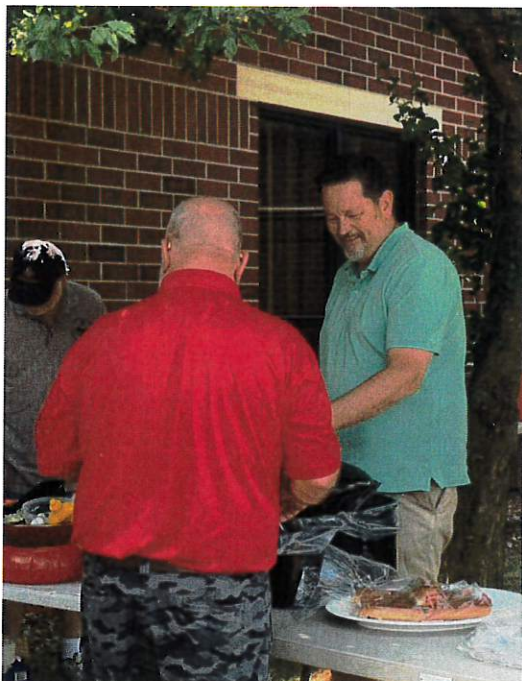
We also have a Reinstatement for **DENNIS TAGUE, SR.** He was also at the picnic and enjoyed himself and was helping out wherever needed. Welcome, and thank you for all your help!



New Members Brice Chapman and Scott Fogelson with Marshal Jeremy Begle



Kathy Gleason with a picture of her father, George Weers, and the Spring Reunion Program





## On The Move

On the move Brethern, we are excited about all that is happening in the Valley of Davenport, Scottish Rite. Our members attended an open house at St Ambrose's speech lab education program, and we were able to talk to the graduating students. This is the program that we raise money for with our Rite Care fundraising events.

We also had a very successful Spring Reunion where we welcomed two new members. We do have a Fall Reunion scheduled for November 4th.

I, truly, encourage each member to look for Brother Masons who have not joined our Great Fraternity and invite them to join us. We attended Columbus City Lodge and enjoyed fellowship and the presentation of three 50-year certificates. We participated in the very well-attended Masonic Picnic. Many families with children and others were looking to join Masonry.

Our Grants and Awards Dinner was well attended with nineteen members and 15 honorees present. Three charities were unable to attend and our SGIG Personal Representative Rob Myers will deliver their checks personally

At our June 26th meeting we enjoyed a very delicious meal prepared by our one and only Great Chef, Brother Rick Koerner. Thank you, Rick. You need to attend a meeting that he prepares the meal for. It is the best. We also heard from John Bowman about his time in Vietnam as a Scout Dog Handler. We all learned a lot about dangerous it was and that those dogs saved so many lives. We will have another speaker at our September 25th stated meeting. I hope to see you there and remember the meal is open to any Mason and their families. Put it on your calendar now.

The bottom line is that we are having events where you can enjoy fellowship. What we need next is more members and that is our focus for the rest of this year.

If you have any suggestions that will help us grow or events that you would like to help us with, please, let me know. I can be reached at [p.corwin@mchsi.com](mailto:p.corwin@mchsi.com) or 563-940-2728

Thank You for all that you have done, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Phil Corwin  
Master of Kadosh

# FAMILY MASONIC PICNIC

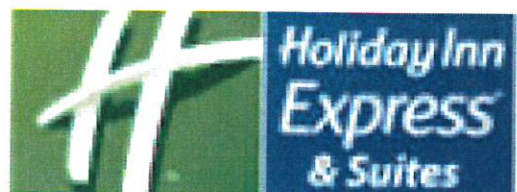


Russ Risley won the Drawing for the Adventureland Tickets donated by I Heart Radio



**iHeart**  
RADIO

Jim Goetsch won the Drawing for the One Night Hotel Stay donated by the LeClaire Holiday Inn Express



# Friendship Event Columbus City June 15, 2023

50 year Blue Lodge Members



L-R: Denny Pine, Dick McCormac, Doug Williams  
WM - Brian Bean

## CONGRATULATIONS



Rob Myers and Phil Corwin



The Davenport Scottish Rite was invited to an evening of good will and friendship at the Columbus City Lodge No. 107 by Duncan Bell. Everyone had a Great Time!

# Scottish Rite Grant Award and Recognition Event June 22, 2023



DR. Elisa Huff, St Ambrose University, is introduced by Master of Kadosh Phil Corwin as the keynote Speaker.



Master of Kadosh, Phil Corwin presents a Scottish Rite Grant to Misty and David Overfield for the Iowa Masonic Health Facility.



Recipients of the Scottish Rite Grants: HERO, Friendly House, Quilts of Valor, Illowa Council BSA, Hope at the Brick House, Durant-Wilton Food Pantry, St Ambrose University, and Iowa Masonic Health Facility. Also receiving grants, but not pictured, are the Food Bank of Iowa, First Tee of the Quad Cities, Alzheimer's Iowa Chapter, and Center for Active Seniors (CASI)



Secretary-Registrar Rick Koerner with James T. Schultz, Doctor of Chiropractic in Helensburgh, Scotland. Brother Schultz is originally from Wisconsin and graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College in 1997. He is certified in Spinal Bio-Physics and is Consulting Chiropractor to the Glasgow Rangers Football Club. Other clients include Elton John and some members of the King's Guards. Brother Schultz was Master of Lodge St George No. 503 in Helensburgh from 2008-09. He is active in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite. Brother Rick conducted a tour of our building and discussed the similarities and differences between American and Scottish Masonry.

# Consistory Quarterly Meeting June 26, 2023



Master of Kadosh Phil Corwin presents an honorarium to **John Bowman** who spoke about the Scout Dog Program in Vietnam. Mr. Bowman was an Army Specialist who was assigned as a dog handler during his 1969-70 tour in the Bien Hoa area of Vietnam. He had a most interesting and informative presentation and we learned that almost 4,000 dogs were used in the Vietnam War. Their ability to detect enemy positions and booby traps undoubtedly prevented many injuries and loss of life. Mr Bowman had numerous pictures of training exercises for his dog, "Koko", and said that an Army Veterinarian was assigned to every 100 dogs. The Scout Dog handlers went to great lengths to see that their dogs were properly fed, watered, and sheltered. A monthly routine was a chemical dunk to prevent or relieve the dogs of fleas, ticks, and leaches. Brother Phil and Mr. Bowman are both involved in the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.



Master of Kadosh Phil Corwin Congratulates Brice Chapman and Scott Fogelson on receiving their Scottish Rite Patent.



Hello everyone:

I have a hard time believing that 1 year has passed since I was appointed the Secretary/Registrar for the Valley. I have learned a lot and have enjoyed meeting and working with many of you. The past 12 months have been filled with new and resumed activities for

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Appointees 2023

- Almoner - Russ Riskey, 33°
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- Class Marshal - Jeremy Begle, 32°
- Registration - Paul Jones, 32° Sherman Rudnick, 32°

the Rite. We had 2 reunions bringing in 5 new members, have had 3 members affiliate with the Valley, several members have been restored to membership and things seem like they are moving in the right direction.

The Rite participated in the June 4th family Masonic Picnic, which was well attended, we had a grant dinner to award money to selected 501C3 charities and are working to improve our November 4th reunion. We plan to have degree cast practices well before the reunion and will be revising the dinner as well as addressing other items.

August 26th, we will have Our Rite Care Fundraiser in Bettendorf :



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Davenport Valley of the  
Scottish Rite, Davenport, IA  
& St. Ambrose University  
Rite Care Clinic

## 5 CARD MURDER

DINNER AND MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY SHOW

A ONE NIGHT ONLY CHARITY EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
ADULTS & CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

THE FOUNTAINS IN BETTENDORF

Cost: \$60 per person

Cash Bar 5:00 - 6:00 / Dinner 6:00

(Prime Rib/Chicken Cordon Bleu/Vegan Option)

Bid on silent auction gift baskets!

Make your reservation/meal selection online  
at [tinyurl.com/ritecare](http://tinyurl.com/ritecare)

or call (563) 505-9874 to pay by check



We will also be planning a Masonic Family Christmas Party, to be discussed at a later date.

At our June 26th Consistory meeting, a revision to the By-Laws was approved which will increase our dues for the year 2025 from \$110 to \$140. The dues notices for 2024 will be going out soon. Your prompt payment will be much appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer and feel free to contact me with any ideas or issues which you may have.

### ALMONER'S NOTE

Our Almoner's Fund has been significantly depleted due to helping a number of families in time of need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in helping rebuild this Fund by contributing in the envelope provided with this Newsletter.

GOD BLESS YOU and THANK YOU

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## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.  
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY  
CLOSED FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY  
AND ALL HOLIDAYS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2023

Sunday, August 20, 2023 2:00pm.  
Reunion Degree Practice

Saturday, August 26, 2023 5:30pm.  
Mystery Dinner at the Fountains  
(SR Ritecare Fundraiser)

Monday, August 28, 2023 6:00pm.  
Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:00pm.  
Reunion Degree Practice

Sunday, September 24, 2023 2:00pm.  
Reunion Degree Practice

Monday, September 25, 2023 5:30pm.  
Stated Meeting

Monday October 23, 2023 6:00pm  
Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, October 29, 2023 1:00pm  
KCCH Recognition in Cedar Rapids

Friday, November 3, 2023 4:00pm.  
Set up for Reunion

Saturday, November 4, 2023 7:30am  
Fall Reunion

Monday, November 27, 2023 6:00pm  
Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 5:30pm  
Annual Meeting/Elections

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 6:00pm  
Feast of the Holy Saints John (Non SR)

## REMEMBER

It's the duty of the Scottish Rite Bodies to grow the membership strong! Please invite your Master Mason neighbors, friends, relatives, anyone you think that would make a good member to join and help grow our valley.

Petition Online address:

<https://scottishrite.org/about/how-to-join/>