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VALLEY OF LAKE WORTH

SCOTTISH RITE

BULLETIN

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Meetings

4th Wednesday
Executive Board @ 6:30pm
Consistory @ 7:30pm
at
Harmonia Lodge No. 138
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West Palm Beach FL 33409



III. Gerald Ford
President of the United States

Sovereign Grand Commander & Sovereign
Grand Inspector General at Large
III. James D. Cole, 33°

Deputy in Florida
III. Richard G. Hoover, 33°

Personal Representative to Deputy
III. Stanley L. Hudson, 33°

General Secretary
III. Roy D. Strohacker, 33°

Office Staff

III. Nat Smith, 33°
Administrative Assistant

Sue Downing
Office Manager

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MASONIC QUOTE

“When I took my obligation as a Master Mason-- incidentally, with my three younger brothers--I recalled the value my own father attached to that order. But I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order who also served as Presidents of the United States.

Masonic principles--internal, not external--and our order's vision of duty to country and acceptance of God as a Supreme Being and guiding light have sustained me during my years of Government service. Today especially, the guidelines by which I strive to become an upright man in Masonry give me great personal strength.

Masonic precepts can help America retain our inspiring aspirations while adapting to a new age. It is apparent to me that the Supreme Architect has set out the duties each of us has to perform, and I have trusted in His will with the knowledge that my trust is well-founded.

...It was almost 200 years ago, in the darkest days of our war for independence, that George Washington answered a question that is sometimes asked today. The question is whether things are as bad as some say. George Washington answered, and I quote: “We should never despair. Our situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust it will again. If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth new exertions and proportion our efforts to the exigency of the times.”

Ill. Gerald R. Ford, 33°



SECRETARY'S QUILL

We are still having some concerns with the coronavirus and it is having some effect on the operation of the Valley. Currently the Valley office is open and running but we could not have a Consistory Meeting in June due to Harmonia Lodge being closed and not opening until September. We felt that we needed a meeting and started making contact with Lodges in the area. Michael Gambarotti, Secretary for Boynton Lodge No. 236, graciously offered their Lodge for our next Consistory Meeting. The meeting will be July 22, 2020, E-Board at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:30pm. There will be no meal before the meeting.

Petitions have come in and we presently have ten candidates for the degrees and will be accepting any others prior to our July 22, 2020 meeting.

We were working on some fundraising ideas but the coronavirus has put a hold on all that. We could use some new ideas for later on. Send them to the Valley. We were considering a large Bar-B-Que at a county park with pre-sold tickets, but the park pavilions are still closed.

Our E-Board has been meeting regarding our investments since the coronavirus has caused a drop in our investment growth. We are considering using a different investment company. We will let the Valley know what the E-Board decides.

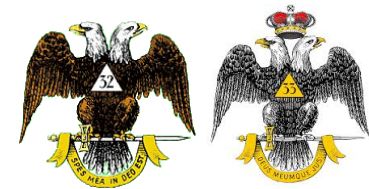
Any questions you have about what is going on in the Valley, call the General Secretary.

Thank you to all the Brothers who congratulated me for my article on the Laver that appeared in the Scottish Rite Journal.

Ill. Roy D. Strohacker, 33°
General Secretary

BIG JOB AHEAD

We are presently working on getting photos of the Brothers on the Supreme Council website. We are going to set up a way to take photos of the Brothers we still need at the office or the reunion. Our goal is to have everyone's photo on their profile page.



BULLETIN BOOSTERS

Ill. Nat Smith, 33°
Ill. Roy Strohacker, 33°
Ill. Roy Hernandez, Jr. 33°
Ill. Roy Hernandez, III, 33°

Help with printing and mailing, become a Booster for \$10 or more.

SPRING REUNION

Upon checking with Bykota Lodge No 333, I was informed by Bro. Al Mason that we could use the Lodge for our Reunion on October 24 and 25. Times will be placed in the next Bulletin.

PENDING PETITIONS

Austin Drukker Ian Horridge
Charles Jackson Thomas Krumenacker
Cabot Lord Rafael Salles
Geoffrey Savett Abraham Velilla
David Ingram Lorne Alter (Dual)
Anton Eastman (complete degrees)

OUR SHUT-IN BROTHERS

The Valley is making sure we stay in contact with our shut-ins by phone calls and thinking of you cards being mailed. Also, Bro. Mark Kent, our 90 year old Brother who got the covid-19 virus has recovered and is home. His wife said he is happy since he has a nurse who is a Mason.

MOVING OR MAKING CHANGES IMPORTANT!!!!

Your Administrative Office has been conducting an audit on membership to confirm we have all the correct addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. We still have Brothers we cannot find or make contact with. If you are one of them please call us. (LOL)

VALLEY DEATHS FOR 2020



The following Brothers have passed to the Celestial Home in 2020:

Arthur Ward, 33° 01/14/20
Jack N. Stevens 02/09/20
Richard Slaton 02/22/20
Michael Homatas 02/26/20
Richard A. Holt, 33° 03/02/20
James M. Reasbeck 03/22/20
John Naismith 03/28/20
Buford Arbogast 04/17/20
James Woody 05/22/20

+ Denotes newly added from last month

“We cherish his memory here
We commend his spirit to God, who gave it
We consign his body to the earth”

HUMOR CORNER

A Master of his Lodge who had been called for jury duty asked to be excused.
“On what grounds?” asked the Judge.
“My Lodge is hosting an Official Visit and as Master I should be there.”
“So, you are one of those men who think you are indispensable; you think your Lodge cannot function without you, is that it?”
“No sir; far from that. I know very well they can, but I don’t want them to find out.”
“Excused,” said the Judge.

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DID YOU KNOW

Albert Pike was originally buried in Oakhill Cemetery, in Washington DC., and later by special act of Congress, his body was placed on

December 29, 1944 (his birthday) in a special crypt in the House of the Temple.

What is a Valley

The word “Valley” refers to a constituent Scottish Rite organization, and is somewhat analogous to a Lodge. Valleys are commonly named after cities (e.g. Valley of Lake Worth) and are usually comprised of four sub-organizations, or “bodies,” which oversee and administer the Scottish Rite Degrees: Lodge of Perfection 4° - 14°, Chapter of Rose Croix 15° - 18°, a Council of Kadosh 19° - 30°, and Consistory of the Masters of the Royal Secret 31° - 32°

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



2020

History Corner



III. Gerald R. Ford, Jr., 33° President of the United States

By III. Roy D. Strohacker, 33°
General Secretary

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr. (born Leslie Lynch King Jr.; July 14, 1913 – December 26, 2006) was an American politician who served as the 38th president of the United States from August 1974 to January 1977. Before his accession to the presidency, Ford served as the 40th vice president of the United States from December 1973 to August 1974. Ford is the only person to have served as both vice president and president

without being elected to either office by the Electoral College.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ford attended the University of Michigan and Yale Law School. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving from 1942 to 1946; he left as a lieutenant commander. Ford began his political career in 1949 as the US Representative from Michigan's 5th congressional district. He served in this capacity for 25 years, the final nine of them as the House Minority Leader. In December 1973, two months after the resignation of Spiro Agnew, Ford became the first person appointed to the vice presidency under the terms of the 25th Amendment, by President Richard Nixon. After the subsequent resignation of President Nixon in August 1974, Ford immediately assumed the presidency. His 895 day-long presidency is the shortest in U.S. history for any president who did not die in office.

Following his years as president, Ford remained active in the Republican Party. His moderate views on various social issues increasingly put him at odds with conservative members of the party in the 1990s and early 2000s. In retirement, Ford set aside the enmity he had felt

towards Carter following the 1976 election, and the two former presidents developed a close friendship. After experiencing a series of health problems, he died at home on December 26, 2006.

Ford was initiated into Freemasonry on September 30, 1949. He later said in 1975, "When I took my obligation as a master mason— incidentally, with my three younger brothers—I recalled the value my own father attached to that order. But I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order who also served as Presidents of the United States." Ford was made a 33° Scottish Rite Mason on September 26, 1962. In April 1975, Ford was elected by a unanimous vote Honorary Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, a position in which he served until January 1977. Ford received the degrees of York Rite Masonry (Chapter and Council degrees) in a special ceremony in the Oval Office on January 11, 1977, during his term as President of the United States.

Ford was also a member of the Shriners and the Royal Order of Jesters, both being affiliated bodies of Freemasonry.

He was a member of Malta Lodge No. 465 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

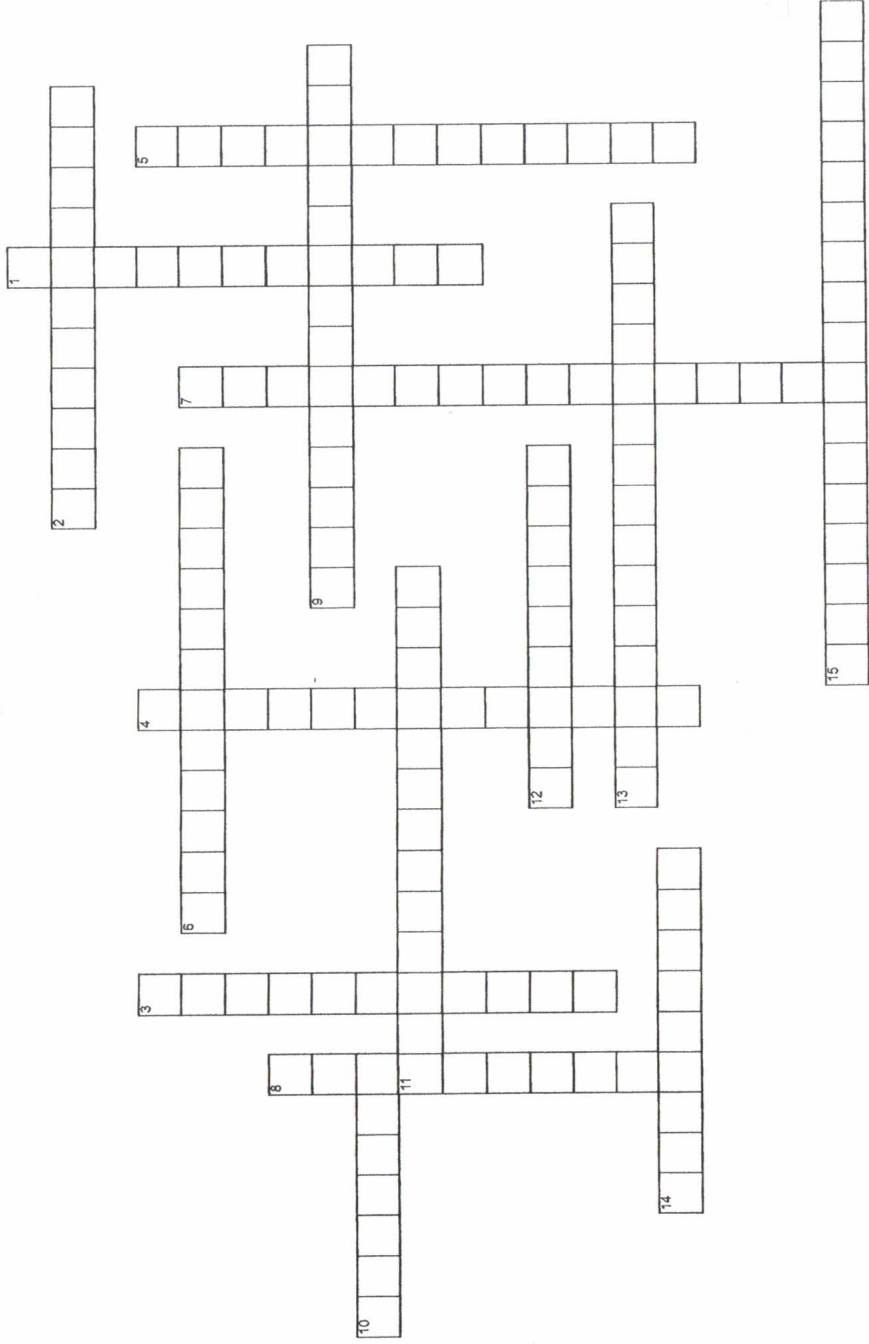
WHILE AT HOME KEEP YOUR MIND ON SCOTTISH RITE, SOLVE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

You may not find this puzzle simple. But enjoy researching for the answers. Answers next month.

GOODBYE AND UNTIL NEXT TIME FRATERNAL LOVE TO ALL

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Famous Masons



ACROSS

- 2 Grand Master of Missouri and US President.
- 6 Pro golfer with an army.
- 9 Hero of the battle of Kettle Hill. Medal of Honor recipient.
- 10 Well known US Senator from Kansas.
- 11 Last US President born in a log cabin, 2nd US President assassinated.
- 12 Hall of Fame Quarterback who played for the Denver Broncos.
- 13 Civil War Officer, born in Ohio, 3rd US President assassinated.
- 14 First American to orbit the earth.
- 15 Held office of President longer than anyone else.

DOWN

- 1 Masonic Singer/songwriter, Scottish Rite Spokesman.
- 3 Heavy Weight Boxing Champion from 1919 to 1926, known as the Manassa Mauler.
- 4 Walked on moon and believed in UFO's.
- 5 Grand Master of Tennessee and US President.
- 7 Crossed the Delaware in a boat.
- 8 Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam, served in US Air Force.