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**PRIDE:** Our Commander-in-Chief has designated this Fall's Reunion Theme to be **Pride in Masonry** an apt title at this time in America's history when for the first time we feel the pains of a foreign war on our own soil. With pride we can remember times in the nation's history when Freemasons and the principles of our Fraternity have come forth to help heal our nation's pain. George Washington as our first President helped heal the wounds when our nation was first born, Francis Scott Keys wrote about our wonderful flag during a War of 1812 battle and many Brothers recognized the Masonic sign of distress and moved to save a victim during the Civil War and World War II even though the Brother wore the Uniform of the opposing side. I am sure that many Masons have been helping during the tragedies we have seen during the last few weeks also as we have given blood, monies and time to aid our fellow Americans and others who were victims of 9-11. In our prayers we keep them in mind and also the millions of innocent members of Islam, many of whom are Freemasons. I am proud of the Fraternity and of the United States. God Bless America.

Robin Carr, Editor

## **Commander's Corner**

Petitions, petitions, petitions - - - there is nothing more important for the Valley's future than a sustained growth in membership. Jim Grim, PTPM, is the membership chair for the Valley.

Jim has outlined a great program for getting ideas, opinions, and comments on the topic of membership. He is setting up a framework for recruitment and retention that will help the Valley grow for the future.

If you have an interest in serving as one of the membership team please contact Jim. We need individuals across the length and breadth of the Valley who love the Scottish Rite and are ready to 'sell' the benefits of belonging to this great organization.

Our goal is to initiate 100 new candidates per year. We should get off to a great start with the Fall Reunion, which will celebrate our ***PRIDE in MASONRY!*** The pride we have in Masonry should 'show' through our interactions with other people. Our pride in Scottish Rite can be shown by discussing the Rite with a Brother Mason at the next Blue Lodge meeting. Why not carry a petition in your pocket and offer it to someone you know who will benefit from the further light to be obtained by joining the Valley.

Great things are happening in the Valley of Bloomington. **Now** is the time to encourage someone to join so that they can help in building our future.

I hope to see you at the next Stated Meeting when you can present a petition for our future.

Fraternally,  
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# IMAGES AND SHADOWS

People, Past and Present, who have Influenced the Valley of Bloomington



Mabel Crouch

When asked by Robin to write this article, my mind was full of many thoughts and memory clips. But how can anyone truly describe someone like **Mabel Crouch**. She is known as Miss Mabel, Mom Mabel, Wally's Better Half, Wally's Secretary, Laundry Lady, Friend, Confidant and a special person.

Mabel has been around the Rite as long as I can remember. She has done everything she has ever been asked to do and volunteered to do many things not asked of her. She is a devout Christian lady who participates in church activities and attends almost as many Masonic dinners and meetings as her husband, Wally. Mabel has earned the distinguished titles of Scottish Rite Auxiliary Lady of the Year in 1996 and as Potentate's Lady in 2000. She is a devoted member of the American Passion Play with 20 years of service.

Miss Mabel is a loving mother of three, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She and Wally maintain a home in Normal and one that they often take on the road. Mabel regularly lunches and spends the evening with friends when widowed for the evening. She also has been seen out socially with Wally (other than at a meeting!)

Our Mabel is probably best known for her infectious laugh and great smile. She has a "thing" for Snicker Bars, and has been known to indulge in an occasional Pickle! When looking up the word **friend** in the dictionary you may run across **Mabel** as one of its meanings!!!

One of the Kids,  
Tina Fowler

I have been asked to write a few words about Robert E. Lee Clark. I will attempt to do so with as little bias as possible since he was my father.



Robert Clark, 33°

I'm sure some readers didn't know my father. Hopefully, the following list will help you get to know him.

- . He was named after the Confederate General Robert E. Lee and like General Lee he was a leader and a person many people admired.
- . He married Louise Phillips in November 1946 after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy at the conclusion of WWII. Two sons, Greg and Paul E. were the result of this union.

- . He was a man who could deliver ritual without much notice.
- . He expected perfection from himself as well as others.
- . He hated to be late.
- . He loved to play games (poker in Particular.)
- . He loved to work in the yard and to watch things grow.
- . He loved the Masonic Fraternity.
- . He was someone you could trust.
- . He was a man of integrity

I recall an article where he was interviewed by someone at State Farm, his place of employment for 38 years, in which he was asked about his hobbies. He responded-"Masonry." Vince Lombardi one said: "The only way to succeed at anything is to give it everything." My father wasn't a fan of football, however he took Mr. Lombardi's words to heart when it comes to Freemasonry. He gave it everything, and as far as I know he loved every minute of it.

Some of his accomplishments were: Past Master of both Bloomington Lodge 43 and Ancient Landmarks 3579, Grand Lecturer, member of the Board of Grand Examiners of the State of Illinois, Thrice Potent-Master of Bloomington Lodge of Perfection, Commander-in Chief of the Bloomington Consistory, Thrice Illustrious Master, Excellent High Priest, Eminent Commander, cast member and trustee of the American Passion Play to name just a few. As you may imagine he was involved in may other Masonic organizations. Suffice it to say he gave it everything.

When I turned 21 my father asked if I ever considered joining a lodge. Since I had been active in Demolay, I said, "well, yes," I had barely gotten the words out of my mouth when a petition was shoved under my nose. He said all I had to do was sign it, and he would take care of the rest, and that he did. He set an example worthy of emulation.

My father dedicated his life to Freemasonry and its teachings. He was of the opinion it was a privilege to do whatever he could for the Craft. The harder he worked the more he loved it. Life was no brief candle for him. In my opinion, it was a splendid torch, which he held up for as long as he could, and now has passed it on. It is up to all of us to carry it on so future generations can see the light. IT was a privilege to have been part of his life.

Fraternally,  
Greg Clark

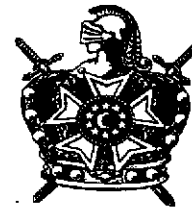


## Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix

Valley of Bloomington, A.A.S.R.

&

C. E. Dagenhart Chapter  
Order of DeMolay



Will Jointly Host a Valley Wide

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, October 28, 2001  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Bloomington Masonic Temple  
302 E. Jefferson Street

All you can eat!

Pancakes & Sausage, Various Fruit Toppings  
Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Tea, Juice & Milk

Cost \$5 - Adults, \$3 - Children under 12

Bring the family out, have a great breakfast, enjoy  
fellowship at it's best and support our youth group.

Tickets may be obtained from the Valley Secretary

### **2002 33° RECIPIENT NAMED**

It was announced at the Illinois Dinner held September 25 that Kenneth W. Smith of 2 Blair Dr. Normal, Il will be a member of the 2002 Northern Masonic Jurisdiction 33° class next year in Boston at the Supreme Council Session to be held on September 1, 2 and 3. Kenny Smith is an engineer on the railroad.



**Scottish Rite**

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# C. E. Dagenhart Chapter Order of DeMolay

Bloomington, Illinois

## Charles E. Dagenhart Chapter Order of DeMolay

Extends a cordial invitation to you  
to attend the Semi-annual

**Installation of Officers**

**Saturday, October 20th, 2001**

Installation at 7:00 pm  
Dance immediately following

Bloomington Masonic Temple  
302 East Jefferson Street  
Bloomington, IL

Chris Cardillo  
Master Councilor - Elect

Erik Anderson  
Chapter Dad

For more information contact  
Erik Anderson (309) 829-9726  
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### **SCOTTISH RITE DUES IN ARREARS**

*Valley programs are dependent on dues monies. Please check to be sure your dues are paid. Also take the time to encourage a friend to become a Mason and a Rite member.*



#### **DUES IN ARREARS**

Current Year	306	⊙	\$ 65.00	=	\$ 19,790.00
Two Years	65	⊙	\$ 130.00	=	\$ 8,450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>369</b>				<b>\$ 28,240.00</b>

#### **DUES IN ARREARS LAST YEAR THIS MONTH**

Current Year	365	⊙	\$ 65.00	=	\$ 23,725.00
Two Years	75	⊙	\$ 130.00	=	\$ 9,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>440</b>				<b>\$ 33,475.00</b>

## The Dream of a Cure

Schizophrenia ravages millions of lives worldwide. In 1834 when the Scottish Elie pioneered research into schizophrenia, a cure seemed an unattainable dream.

A cure has remained our goal as decades of research have shed light on Alzheimer's disease and other brain disorders as well as schizophrenia.

Your gift to the Blue Envelope will continue our search for a cure through our Scottish Elie Schizophrenia Fellowships for promising young scientists.

Your donation will also benefit the Scottish Elie Mosaic Museum and Library and the Abbott Scholarships.



Send your gift today.  
Bring more dreams to life.

## The Dream of Education

Further, better, consistent education upon a firm, changing, new structure.

Now that early higher education is essential for many careers, our Abbott Scholarships offer a lasting benefit to deserving youngsters from Missouri families and Missouri youth organizations.

Your gift to the Blue Envelope will fund scholarships and increase the amount available to children in your state.

Your donation will also benefit the Scottish Elie Mosaic Museum and Library and our Schizophrenia Fellowships.



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## The Dream of Sharing History

Our Scottish Elie Mosaic traditions and resources link us to history and enrich our life experience.

We understand how the past enriches our experience of the present and prepares us for the future.

Your gift to the Blue Envelope Appeal will support our Scottish Elie Mosaic Museum and Library, which preserves and presents the history of our nation and our fraternity for people of all ages from around the world.

Your donation will also benefit our Schizophrenia Fellowships and our Abbott Scholarships.



Send your gift today.  
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## 2001 BLUE ENVELOPE APPEAL



Brethren,

Several sons and daughters of members of the Valley of Blountington have been able to finish their education because they received Abbott Scholarships. Many of the Mosaic Scholars in our Valley have written published articles because they did research in the Scottish Elie Library. Give as generously as you can and think forward to including the Mosaic Charities in you will.

Michael E. West, Commander-in-Chief  
Robbie L. Carr, Editor

## *The Marketing Corner*

The leadership of the Valley of Bloomington has committed resources to grow Masonic Membership (Lodge and Scottish Rite) and to meet the needs of its members better. The Valley's theme "Pride in Masonry" captures this commitment.

In support of this commitment, the Valley's Board of Trustees and Officers are implementing a marketing plan to enhance the value of belonging to the Scottish Rite. The Primary goals of this plan are:

1. Build a membership and Blue Lodge information base.
2. Develop a program for the Valley of Bloomington to meet the expectations of its members and the Lodges located within its jurisdiction.
3. Enhance the membership recruitment, retention and development program.

Successful implementation of this marketing plan will strengthen all Masonic organizations within the Valley, given that special emphasis is directed to assist the Blue Lodges within the Valley's jurisdiction.

Each of you is invited to be an active participant in supporting this plan. You can help by completing and returning the questionnaire that will be sent to you in the near future which is designed to help us identify ways to enhance the value of being a Scottish Rite member; by encouraging your Lodge's dais officers and secretary to return their questionnaires as we try to identify how the Valley can help your Lodge, and by volunteering to be an Ambassador to a Blue Lodge.

The Ambassador's responsibilities are:

1. To communicate concerns of Lodge(s) to the Valley
2. To communicate concerns of the Valley to the Lodge(s)
3. To notify the Membership Chair of new Master Masons and Blue Lightening Events
4. To assist in Lodge Membership Development Programs  
To meet with Lodge officers, possibly hosting a meal (limited budget available)

I look forward to your participation in this transition year targeted to grow our Masonic foundations. Let this be a year in which we truly show our "Pride in Masonry."

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Grimm

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## REUNION MENUS, FALL 2001

Friday, Nov. 16th, Dinner

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes 7 gravy, corn, angel food cake, roll & butter. Coffee, tea, milk \$8.50  
Men only.

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Lunch

Deli meats & cheeses, potato chips, relishes, cookies. Coffee, tea, milk \$7.50 Men only.

Saturday, November 17th, Cocktail reception/cash bar & Banquet

Cranberry salad, roast turkey breast and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, roll & butter, pumpkin pie Coffee, tea milk \$15.00- open to all.

Please return the following Coupon by November 12, 2001 to Bloomington Consistory  
P.O. Box 3695 Bloomington, IL 61702.

I desire \_\_\_ tickets for Friday dinner at \$8.50 each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ tickets for Saturday lunch at \$7.50 each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ tickets for Saturday dinner at \$15.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed a total of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_