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Meetings of the coordinate bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Chicago, IL for the period May 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006 are listed in this issue. Meetings will be held at the Cathedral of the Rite, 935 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL, at the statutory hour, 7:00 p.m., unless advance notice of time and place is given to the contrary.

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Oriental Consistory Commander-in-Chief Paul D. Lynch, 33°, presents Spring Reunion Class Honorlee Raymond H. Rickhoff, MSA, with the traditional engraved, pewter plate. The plate is presented to each class honoree as an award and memento of the occasion.
Cathedral Board Nominees

John Roger Brandenburg

He was raised in St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, Chicago, Illinois on July 21, 1999. He currently serves St. Cecilia as Treasurer.

He joined the Valley of Chicago on November 6, 1999. He presently serves on the Valley’s Reception and Hospitality Committee and the Space Utilization Committee.

Brandenburg is also a member of Medinah Temple, and the El Hajj.

Included in Brandenburg’s Masonic activities are membership in the York Rite Chapter and Council.

He is Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery.

Additionally, he belongs to Edwin M. Lambert Council #319, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Brandenburg is a practicing attorney with over thirty years experience, primarily in residential and commercial real estate transactions and corporate matters.

Brandenburg attended Amundsen High School and Wright Junior College in Chicago. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University, Chicago, in 1969, his Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Chicago, in 1972, and pursued masters studies in taxation at the John Marshall Law School Lawyer’s Institute during 1974—1976. He also earned an Associate of Arts degree in Italian Language and Literature from Harold Washington College, Chicago, in 1996.

He was born July 2, 1941 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. His residence is 5 blocks from the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

John Roger Brandenburg is married to Charlotte; they have a son, John, who is Past Master of Evans Lodge No. 524 in Evanston, Illinois, and a stepson, Matthew.△

Robert Oscar Kuehn

He was raised in Constellation-Edison Park Lodge No. 974 on March 27, 1980.

He was initiated into the Valley of Chicago on April 19, 1980. Since joining the Valley of Chicago he has made several appearances in degree exemplifications.

He is a member of Wilmette Chapter No. 253, Royal Arch Masons, Forest C. McDaniel Council No. 115 Cryptic Masons, and Austin Commandery No. 84 Knights Templar.

Kuehn is the recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay.

Kuehn is a member of Medinah Temple. He is a Past Potentate of Medinah, recipient of the Roundy Jewel, and is a Past Big Hump of El Hajj. He is a member of the Medinah Greeters Committee, Lawyers’ Shrine Club, Maine Shrine Club, Northwest Suburban Shrine Club, Kankakee Shrine Club and is Past President of Country Shrine Club. He served as Chairman of the Legal Committee and as Attorney for the Medinah Shriners from 1986 through 1994.

Kuehn is serving as Puissant Sovereign of St. John’s Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Robert O. Kuehn is a practicing attorney, and a partner in the law firm of Williston, McGibbon & Kuehn, in Barrington, Illinois.

He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Kuehn attended Carl Schurz High School and North Park Academy in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Northwestern University and graduated from North Park College and Loyola University School of Law.

Robert O. Kuehn was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 24, 1943. He and his wife Natalie were married in 1967. Robert and Natalie have three children and one grandchild. Kuehn’s oldest son, William, is also a Mason.

Robert Oscar Kuehn is also a member of the Des Plaines Elk Lodge No. 1526, Dairymen’s Country Club, Medinah Country Club, and the Mid-Day Club.△

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To the Membership of the Scottish Rite:

I am seeking support from the membership for a second three-year term on the Cathedral Board of the Scottish Rite. For the past three years as member of the Board, I have been actively involved in making important decisions pertaining to the future of the Scottish Rite. In addition, I am a member of the new building committee and responsible for making certain that the new facilities will meet the future conditions determined by the membership of the Scottish Rite. Having been an integral part of this entire process, I feel a responsibility to the membership to be a part of this procedure until it reaches completion.

Fraternily yours,

Robert M. Lang
Spring Reunion
Class of March 23rd & 25th, 2005
Raymond H. Rickhoff, MSA Class

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Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Bring your friends and family, and enjoy a night of Maifest at the Chicago Brauhaus.

When:
May 16, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Where:
Chicago Brauhaus
4732 N Lincoln Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

Cost:
$100 per person

Food:
- Choice of German entree
- Selected authentic German beverages provided

Entertainment:
Live German Music

RSVP:
By May 5, 2006
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Make Checks payable to:
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We mourn the passing of the following brethren who were called to eternal refreshment in the Paradise of God. The following passings were reported to the office between February 17, 2006 and March 31, 2006.

Raymond J. Bilbo
John A. Brooks
Harold C. Carlstead Sr.
Richard K. Cherry
Roy Christianson
Harry J. Doran
Charles E. Engdahl Jr.
Charles R. Frisch
Arnold C. Grant
John W. Hofeldt
Harrod T. Hughbanks
Lowell N. Johnson
Henry H. Kruse
Julius R. Kuzas Jr.
Norman D. Lewis
Kenneth H. Long
Henry R. Park
Harold W. Reid Sr.
Joel H. Ross
Edward L. Shimanek
Wayne A. Weinke
Eldred E. Wilson
Frank M. Wood

Masons are enamored of the symbolism expressed in Brother Wolfgang Mozart's *singspiel*, *Die Zauberflöte*. (That's German for The Magic Flute. It's technically a *singspiel*, not an opera, because it has spoken dialog.) Mozart wrote The Magic Flute in collaboration with his Masonic brother, Emanuel Schikaneder, who also played the role of Papageno, the Bird-Catcher in the premier.

Much is made of the symbolism of the music: The opening section of the overture that describes a world in darkness and disorder, followed by a delightful fugue that describes a world of enlightenment and the ordered Masonic lodge; The Three Chords, that resemble the gavel battery that opens a Masonic lodge; and even the “Masonic” key of E-flat Major, which, if turned on its side, looks like three little setting mauls.

That's fine for Brother Mozart's part of the work, but what about Shikaneder's? It was Schikaneder who wrote the libretto, and certainly the words of the libretto tell us much about the Masonic feelings of both collaborators.

The Queen of the Night sings one of the most famous arias in all of opera, “My heart is seething with hellish vengeance…” where she orders her daughter Pamina to murder Sarastro. Sarastro is the High Priest of the Temple of the Sun, and can be likened to a wise Worshipful Master. The role is sung by a bass. Basses are usually cast as villains in opera, so it is a rare treat for a bass to sing as heroic and benevolent role as Sarastro. Here is his comforting aria to Pamina when she pleads with him to spare her mother, despite her mother's murderous intent:

"Within these sacred portals revenge is unknown, and if a man has fallen, love guides him to his duty. Then, with a friend's hand, he walks, glad and joyful, into a better land."

"Within these sacred walls, where man loves fellow man, no traitor can lurk, because enemies are forgiven. He who is not gladdened by such teachings does not deserve to be a man."

And this is only the beginning. If you aren't convinced of the value of Masonic enlightenment by the final chord of the opera, your hearing aid probably needs batteries.

*Die Zauberflöte* is worth seeing again and again.

—Milan Vydareny
# Important Dates

**Trestleboard**

**MAY, 2006**

4 Lodge of Perfection Annual Meeting
11 Council Princes of Jerusalem Annual Meeting
16 2nd Annual Fund Raiser for the Learning Center
18 Chapter of Rose Croix Annual Meeting
25 Consistory Annual Meeting Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Chicago Annual Meeting
29 Office Closed

**JUNE, 2006**

1 Office Closed
2-3 Council of Deliberation, Springfield
15 Stated Meeting (Consistory)

**JULY, 2006**

3-4 Office Closed
6 Stated Meeting (Lodge)
20 Scottish Rite - Valley of Chicago Public Installation

**AUGUST, 2006**

3 No Stated Meeting Scholarship and Learning Center Recognition Night
12 Scottish Rite Golf Outing
17 No Stated Meeting DeMolay Honor’s Night

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**Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago**

**2006 Golf Outing**

**Date and Time:**
- August 12, 2006
- Teeoff times start at 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch served between holes 9 and 10
- Dinner served following golf at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Place:**
Bloomington Golf Course
Bloomingdale, Illinois

**Price:**
- $95.00 Per golfer
- $25.00 Dinner only
- $100.00 Hole sponsor (sign with individual or company name by hole of choice)

**Price includes:**
- 18 holes of golf with cart and 3 ball sleeve of golf balls
- Lunch and drinks between holes 9 and 10
- Buffet dinner which includes whole roasted pig, BBQ ribs and chicken, an array of sides, and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. Bar drinks available at an additional cost.
- Prizes for participants

**Who’s invited:**
- All Masons, their families and friends

**R.S.V.P.**
No later than August 1, 2006
Lee Bradley (312) 787-7605
John Revere (773) 589-0963

Please make checks payable to:
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*Please include the names, addresses, and phone numbers for all the golfers in your party.

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