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Annual Report of the Finance Committee
The Scottish Rite statement of accounts, as of the close of business on Monday, April 30, 2018, as reported by our investment advisor, DiMeo Schneider and Associates, is as follows:

- Endowment Fund: $41,432,057.00
- Capital Reserve Fund: $60,000.00
- Life Membership Fund: $457,387.00
- Real Estate Assets: $34,750,531.00

TOTAL ASSETS: $76,699,975.00

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Bruce DeMent Jr.
Chairman

Scottish Rite Members on Active Military Duty and Retired with Disability

If you are a Scottish Rite member who is on active military duty, the Supreme Council has an assessment exemption program, and the Valley of Chicago has a dues exemption program. You only need to inform the Valley of Chicago of your active duty status by calling (800) 774-3467 and your membership dues for that year will be waived.

Please also keep our military personnel and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they fight to preserve our way of life and freedoms.

We thank them for their service to our Great Nation.
Commander-in-Chief Andrew Keppy closed the Valley of Chicago Spring 2018 Reunion by knightng each of the brand-new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret at the conclusion of the 32nd Degree. This ended months of preparation and work by many of the members and officers.

The Reunion began twenty-four hours earlier with a Motown-themed banquet dinner. A live band played as members of the new class and their guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and social evening at the VOC Cathedral.

The next morning the class was up bright and early, receiving orientation from Class Marshall Ken Ludwig before entering the theater to rounds of applause. The Reunion started with the 4th degree directed by Angelo Desario followed by the 7th degree directed by Nathan Upham and the 15th degree directed by Terry Hartl. Lunch was then served in the dining room with a special 22nd degree presentation of the "Woodchoppers Degree" properly titled Prince of Libanus. Michael Ehle directed and Men In Brotherhood Lodge comprised the cast of this unique singing degree that involves five songs and requires the audience to join in the revelry. The very talented and outgoing Richard “Pineapple” Pugh played one of the lead roles and was instrumental in leading the way. “I really loved being part of this degree. To see all my brothers singing along with me is something I will always remember,” stated Pugh. The degree exemplar, played by Eddie Witas, even had his necktie removed in MIB Lodge fashion.

After lunch, the candidates returned to the theater for the 17th degree directed by Kristeffor Caldwell. Class Honoree Jim Patton, received numerous awards and a standing ovation as he addressed the room and recounted his successful Masonic career. Finally, the members were treated to the 32nd degree directed by Marc Brofka, Lance Welter, and Harvey Wigdor.

Class Honoree James W. Patton, 33° recognized for his outstanding contributions!
2018 Spring Class

David Acevedo  Robert J. Amend  Derek G. Bobella  Kevin L. Booth

Brock D. Bousman  Troy A. Costlow  Cornel Darden  Orvinne O. Delgado  Pawel J. Dobrowolski  Robert J. Doucet

Carleton C. Duke  Keith C. Erickson  Mark Fiolka  Benjamin L. Gray  Phillip Hernandez  Marvin D. Holman

Christopher R. Laney  Richard S. Lesiak  Robert G. Los  Herschel L. Luckinbill  Charles W. Mason  Stephen Mendola

Fun Facts About the 2018 Spring Class

Ages: 25-73 years

Occupations: Banking/Attorney, Bus Driver, Bus Owner, Catering Sales Mgr, Chief Engineer, Corrections Officer, CPA, Employment Spec, Fire Protection, Gen Contractor, Industrial Painter, Insurance, IT Operations, Loan Officer, Logistics Co-ordinator, Manager, Meat Dept Mgr, Mechanic, Mortgage Banker, Navy Recruiter, Operating Engineer, Paint Tech, Perfection Hydraulics, Photographer, Project Manager, Rail Supervisor, Railroad Conductor, Realtor, Sheriff, UPS Driver, US Navy, Utility Worker

Hometowns: Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Buffalo Grove, Carpentersville, Chicago, Crystal Lake, Frankfort, Hickory Hills, Highland Park, Lake Zurich, Montgomery, Mt. Prospect, Naperville, Northfield, Oak Lawn, Palatine, Park Forest, Plainfield, Prospect Heights, Roselle, Shorewood, Skokie, Streamwood, Volo, Wheeling, Wilmette


The 2018 Spring Class will be performing the 16th degree at the 2018 Fall Reunion!

#1 Top-line Sponsor
Anthony R. Cracco, 33°
Michael E. Ehle, 33°, Appointed as the Valley of Chicago Deputy Representative!

The Supreme Council is composed of 49 trustees, known as Active Members. Each of the 15 states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has an active Member designated as a Deputy. The Deputy serves as the executive officer within his state and is supported by the remaining Active Members.

With the passing of our Active Member, John Phillips, 33°, and the workload imposed upon an Active in fulfilling their responsibilities to the Supreme Council, Council of Deliberation, and the Valleys within the state, the Supreme Council will be utilizing the Office of Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Chicago.

Michael E. Ehle, 33°, has the honor of being appointed as the Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Chicago and will work closely with the Deputy for Illinois, Gregory L. Clark, to continue the success of our Valley.

As a personal representative for the Deputy, Mike will fulfill the duties of the Active and assist the Valley in receiving the necessary support and fulfilling the Supreme Council's requirements. He is also responsible for carrying out instructions or special assignments received from the Deputy or his designated Active Member.

Raised to Master Mason in 1985, Mike is a Past Master of Berwyn Lodge No. 839. He was the Charter Secretary for Men in Brotherhood Lodge No. 1178. and is on the M.I.B. Degree Team. At the Scottish Rite, Mike participates in and directs many degrees. He was the Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Chairman of the Executive Board and serves on the M.I.B. Degree Team. He is a past Grand Lodge Officer and Illinois Masonic Children's Assistance Program Board and still finds time to parade with the Medinah Shriner's Fire Unit.

He is a past Grand Lodge Officer and Illinois Masonic Children's Home Board of Managers member. Mike serves on the Illinois Masonic Children's Assistance Program Board and still finds time to parade with the Medinah Shriner's Fire Unit.

Mike was a member of the Lyons Fire Department who rose through the ranks to serve as Chief. He also served on the Council for St. John's United Church of Christ, Lyons Zoning Board, Lyons 4th of July Committee and the I&M Canal Committee.

The Valley of Chicago and Deputy, Greg Clark, congratulate Mike on his appointment as the Deputy’s Representative for the Valley of Chicago.

2019 Meritorious Service Award Nominees Announced!

Congratulations to Barry S. Alpern and Hammond E. White, who have been nominated by the presiding officers of the Valley of Chicago to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the 2019 Illinois Council of Deliberation.

The Constitution of the Supreme Council provides that the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) may be conferred upon members of the Scottish Rite who, by reason of meritorious services of a Masonic character, are worthy of such recognition. The MSA can be awarded only by a State Council of Deliberation to a member in good standing for outstanding or significant services performed within the Scottish Rite. Recipients of the MSA are adorned with a Red Hat and an accompanying jewel.
The virtue of charity is a central tenet of Freemasonry. The fraternity and its members have a long and storied history of charitable giving that has aided those in need. The organization has also attracted the attention of those who wish to impose upon Masonic generosity. In this letter from the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, George A. Gardiner, most likely a confidence man, requests the assistance of Columbian Lodge, located in Boston, Massachusetts.

To the Officers and Members of Columbian Lodge.

Having lost our property by the great Earthquake of the 26th of March 1812 in Caracas, in South America, and the greatest part of the time since that period been detained by the Spaniards as prisoners, and for the last four years suffered everything but death and frequently threatened with that, and ultimately, during the contentions in that country, the Royalists having found themselves likely to be overcome by the patriots, Robbed us of everything we possessed even to our clothes, and said “if the patriots should gain the place they would put me, my wife, and my two infant children to immediate and instant Death!”

Anticipating the success of the patriots we resolved to make an effort towards our escape, which we effected the same night, and arrived in Puerto Rico, where we found a friend who gave us passage to this place, where we are in the greatest possible distress, having a sick child and not wherewith to provide for it. The above facts compel me thou’ not without that diffidence and reluctance which every man of spirit must feel on such an occasion to ask from the fraternity a donation for the present and immediate relief of a distressed family who have never before known want.

G.A. Gardiner

In 1820, only two years after writing the above letter to Columbian Lodge, Gardiner published his only known literary attempt, A Brief and Correct Account of an Earthquake Which Happened in South America, an account of the 1812 Venezuela earthquake. In addition to incorrectly dating the event—Gardiner stated the earthquake took place on March 26, 1818—he greatly exaggerated the numbers of casualties. His tall tale included a fantastic description of a “subterranean channel” that “was formed by the tops of two very high mountains falling together” nearly four hundred miles from Caracas.

Gardiner’s surreal description of Venezuela drew the attention of respected Venezuelan geologist Franco Urbani Patat in 1985. Urbani Patat debunked Gardiner’s work, calling it a fictitious invention possibly used to impress others. Gardiner’s account amounted to literary fraud, Urbani Patat concluded. It is unclear why Gardiner, who does not appear to have been a Mason, requested aid from Columbian Lodge or if he made the same request to other lodges. Furthermore, we may never know for certain whether Columbian Lodge ever responded to Gardiner’s plea for assistance. The Museum’s collection of records for Columbian Lodge is incomplete and contains several gaps that prevent this question from being answered. That said, research into Gardiner’s life provides a better, if not always clearer, picture of the man and of his life.

George A. Gardiner was born in New York State around 1786 and married Mary Anne Headley of New Jersey sometime before 1818. The couple had at least three children together—a son George A., born in 1818, a son John Charles, who often used the name Carlos or John Carlos, born in Havana, Cuba, in 1824, and a daughter whose name and birth record have not yet been located. While no record of George A. Gardiner’s death was found in Ancestry.com, courtroom testimony from the trial of his two sons for perjury and fraud, the infamous Gardiner trial, reveals that senior Gardiner died in Havana, Cuba, possibly around 1840.
Eternal Refreshment

Marion E. Bell  
James P. Chambers  
John R. Coffey  
Mark A. Coffman  
Jerry K. Hodge  
Alexander L. Hutchison

Martin J. Kuipers  
Michael A. Langer  
Earl W. Lowry  
Robert H. Lynn  
Richard J. Mikyska  
Donald C. Novak

James P. Robb  
Robert M. Saxer  
Carl Schwartz  
Jack Seligman  
John R. Semrau  
George W. Shiff

Alvin I. Singer  
Roy J. Smith  
John E. Steele

As reported Feb. 2018 - May 2018

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**2018 Volunteer of the Year Award**

**Joseph W. Pegoraro, MSA**

At the Annual Committee Appreciation Brunch in May, the Valley of Chicago paid tribute to the hard work of the volunteer committees. These groups range from lighting to scholarship to public safety and everything in between. At the brunch, the Executive Committee thanked all of the volunteers for their dedication to the Valley and the craft. The VOC Presiding officers also went on to hand out the prestigious Volunteer of the Year Award to Joseph W. Pegoraro for his dedication to the Valley. Joe has been a valuable asset to the Lodge Ambassador Program, Membership Preservation and Reception and Hospitality Programs.

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**The Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite has a certificate available for presentation to newly installed Worshipful Masters of the Blue Lodge. For more information on the Scottish Rite Lodge Outreach Program please contact Joe Pegoraro at ambassadors@srvoc.org**

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Ray Burkhardt  
Anthony Caputo  
Amanda Fortune  
Domonic Fortune  
Gerlad Fortune  
Ginny Kalis  
Noel Kalis  
Robert Kogut  
James McKinnon  
Vyts Paukstys

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**150 years of Evans Lodge No. 524**

Brother Joe Pegoraro,

Greetings from Evans Lodge #524 Evanston IL,

The membership of Evans Lodge #524 and its ‘humble Worshipful Master Brother John Potter would like to extend thanks to the Scottish Rite for a stellar alignment of a presentation honoring our Past Masters at our Past Master Dinner and Stated Meeting on May 8th 2018 at 1453 Maple, Evanston, IL.

This was doubly an honor of having a gathering of so many Past Masters being honored going back some 54 years, who being Brother George Wright. And a Brother Past Master with 75 years of Service, being Brother Ben Zwick, to point in time our Fraternity has reached a 150 years for Evans Lodge, and 300 years of Freemasonry of record. Plus, this being the month that 60 years ago the Cup of Brotherly Love returned from a 28+ year, 40,000 mile, journey around the world having visited 134 lodges and many more since then. This may have been another once in a lifetime special record event.

I’d like to also share the attached pictures of the presentation event.

Dear Brother, we thank all deeply for making this a so special day.

6/21/2018

Signed by: John Potter  
Fraternally yours,


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A Special Thank you to all of our Fatherhood Essay Judges!
The annual meetings of the Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Chicago and the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Chicago were held on Thursday, May 24, 2018, in Bloomingdale, Illinois. The following members have been elected or appointed to govern the Valley of Chicago for the ensuing Masonic Year.

**Oriental Consistory, S.P.R.S.**

- Lance J. Welter, VA, MSA (Commander-in-Chief)
- Harvey A. Wigdor, 33° (First Lieutenant Commander)
- Karl J. Nygard (Second Lieutenant Commander)
- Brandon A. Zears (Orator)
- Bruce H. Zimmerman
- Marvin L. Selock, 33°
- James W. Patton, 33°
- David R. Koss
- Douglas H. Keppy
- Michael W. Behm
- Marc C. Brofka
- David R. Koss
- Mark R. Victoria
- Brian J. Owen
- Neville B. Diamond
- Christopher “Adam” Bryant
- Frank H. Welter Sr.
- Mark M. Zoltek
- Commanding Officer
- Deputy Master
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Master of Ceremonies
- Engineer and Seneschal
- Color Bearer
- Standard Bearer
- Captain of the Guard
- Sentinel
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler

**Gourgas Chapter Rose Croix**

- Antwane O. Lee (Most Wise Master)
- Dennis R. Hennebry
- Xander “Guide” Sobecki
- Kristeffor D. Caldwell
- Marvin L. Selock, 33°
- James W. Patton, 33°
- David R. Koss
- Eric R. Scanlan
- John P. Marquardt, MSA
- Scott D. Neville
- James D. Pankiewicz II
- John D. Riggs, MSA
- Walter Hemphill
- Luciano D. Azevedo
- Aaron R. Buehler
- William D. Lutter
- Leo S. Pates
- Franklin J. Skorski
- Jody M. Switzer
- Most Wise Master
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Orator
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Master of Ceremonies
- Hospitaler
- Captain of the Guard
- Tyler
- Aide
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler
- Assistant Hospitaler

**Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem**

- Stephen W. Ford (Sovereign Prince)
- Chad M. Lacek
- David A. Truax
- Steven A. Schenk
- Marvin L. Selock, 33°
- James W. Patton, 33°
- David R. Koss
- Joseph W. Pegoraro, MSA
- Terry J. Hartl
- Wayne Spooner
- Oswaldo Trejo
- Sovereign Prince
- High Priest
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Master of Ceremonies
- Hospitaler
- Captain of the Guard
- Tyler

**Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection**

- Donald E. Esser, VA, MSA (Thrice Potent Master)
- Angelo S. Deserio
- Reuben M. Owens
- Russell A. Scanlan
- Edward C. Steffy, MSA, 33°
- Marvin L. Selock, 33°
- James W. Patton, 33°
- David R. Koss
- Mark D. Nokes
- Robert Kogut
- Calvin E. Johnson
- Nathaniel D. Upham
- Thrice Potent Master
- Deputy Master
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Orator
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Master of Ceremonies
- Hospitaler
- Captain of the Guard
- Tyler
On Saturday, June 9th, the Valley of Chicago had its annual golf outing at Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville. The day started off with a BANG!...preceded by a fair amount of lightning and rain, but that didn't manage to scare off any of our steadfast golfers. Original plans were to have a shotgun start at 8:00 am, followed by a Chicago style lunch. With the help of a few members and some minor impromptu changes to the agenda, we reversed the course and served lunch first while waiting for the golf gods to come out. Shortly thereafter, the skies turned blue, the grass was freshly cut, the birds started chirpin’, and we were given the OK to start. After everything was said and done, the golfers left with a couple gifts, the winners left with some prizes, and we raised funds for the Dyslexia Center and Scholarship charities. A big thanks to Debbie Pasiewicz for the photography, Joe Pegoraro for his sponsorship, Luciano Meirelles for the cigars, and Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Lee Bradley, and Brandon Zears for their support.

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped at the 2018 MS Tour de Farms event. We had a team of riders led by Captain Timothy Reed. This amazing ride raised an estimated $1.4 million in this 2-day event.

Our rest stop volunteers helped keep over 2,000 bikers hydrated, energized and motivated. Bikers rode 50, 75 and 100 mile rides each day. The Scottish Rite has been supporting this event since its inception about thirty years ago. A tradition that has made an incredible impact for this foundation. We are so proud to be a part of this amazing ride! Thank you to Ozzie Trejo and Mark Victoria for chairing the rest stop volunteers. It was a fun 2 days had by all.

If you are looking to ride or volunteer contact the Cathedral office at webmaster@scottishritechicago.org
Annual Walk & 5K Run to Help Children with Dyslexia
Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Supporters

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, over 150 walkers and volunteers converged on the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Bloomingdale, IL, for our annual fundraiser, the Walk & 5K Run to Help Children with Dyslexia. All proceeds from this event benefit the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Metropolitan Chicago, a Scottish Rite Charity. This was the first year that a 5K Run was included and medals were awarded to 5K Run winners immediately after the race.

Many facets of Masonry (Scottish Rite, Blue Lodge, Shrine, Grotto and DeMolay) were on hand to support this charitable event. Volunteers from the Medinah Shrine Amateur Radio Unit kept a watchful eye on the walkers and the weather. The VOC Knights of St. Andrew were on hand to help with registration and answer questions about Masonry and the Scottish Rite. Plus, an Illinois Child Identification Program (IL CHIP) event was cohosted by Grove Lodge No. 824 and Hinsdale Lodge No. 934.

Heavy thunderstorms were forecasted, but luck was on our side and we were able to escape the raindrops. Spring Creek Reservoir repairs necessitated a last minute course change, but with the help of Don Helmig, we were able to design a new 5K course. The Village even blocked off a lane of Bloomingdale’s busy Lake Street to accommodate us. Upon completing the course, runners and walkers were treated to a delicious meal including Italian beef sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, snow cones, and frozen bananas. Vyts Paukstys, President of the Learning Center’s Board of Governors then thanked all sponsors, donors and participants for their help.

It’s impossible to adequately thank all our volunteers for their many contributions to the success of the Walk. We could never achieve the success we did and support our kids in providing hope to children with dyslexia without each of you. A heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered. Please be sure to join us at the Annual Awards and Recognition Night to be held at the VOC on August 2, 2018.

Over $37,000 was raised for the Children’s Dyslexia Center, which was close to a record. Awards for the walker and the team that raised the most money will be presented at the Awards and Recognition Night. Also that evening, the Ill. Thomas W. O’Connor, 33° Blue Lodge Challenge Trophy, going to the Blue Lodge that raised the most money, will be presented. Last year’s winner was Lombard Lodge No. 1098. Which Lodge will take home the coveted trophy this year?

The Children’s Dyslexia Center of Metropolitan Chicago is a 501(c)3 registered charity. Through partnerships with the Masonic and Scottish Rite organizations, we operate free of overhead. Treatment at our center is free to children and their families, the education of our tutors is also free. Virtually 100% of your donation is directly used to educate children and their tutors.

For those Facebook users, you may have noticed some of your friends asking for donations to their favorite charity around their birthday. Ever wonder how they did it? Would you like to ask your friends to donate to the Scottish Rite’s charity, the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Metropolitan Chicago when it’s your birthday? If so, please follow these four easy steps to get going. Our students thank you for all you do to help provide free tutoring.”

For instructions on how you can make your birthday wish for a child go to:
http://cdc-chicago.org/Site/ChildrensDyslexiaCenterChicago/Donate/FacebookFundraising.aspx

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
The 2019 Walk & 5K Run to Help Children with Dyslexia will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.
Someone to Know... Janessa Jenkins, Scholarship Recipient Making a Difference!

Janessa Jenkins is a former scholarship recipient that has made the scholarship committee of Grand Council and Scottish Rite very proud. Janessa is Craig Stimpert’s daughter.

Christmas 2017 will be one the Ferguson family of Clinton, Illinois, will always remember.

Amanda, 32, was expecting her second child and was due on New Year's Eve. A sonogram performed a couple days before Christmas, however, showed the baby was measuring big, so Amanda’s doctor decided to induce her a week early.

She went to OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington for induction at midnight on Tuesday, December 26. After laboring for 20 hours, Amanda underwent an emergency caesarean section.

“She came out not breathing,” Amanda said of her newborn, Laura.

The next thing Amanda recalls is ten to twenty nurses and doctors running through the doors. Among them was a neonatology provider. Just three months earlier, OSF St. Joseph began staffing its Birthing Center with full-time neonatology providers from OSF HealthCare Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria.

“They checked her umbilical cord for her oxygen and gas levels and everything was completely normal prior to her coming out,” Amanda said.

The next six minutes and twenty-two seconds were the longest Amanda and her husband, Eric, would experience as the care team worked to get Laura breathing.

Janessa Jenkins was the neonatal nurse practitioner in the OSF St. Joseph Birthing Center the night Laura was born.

“At birth, Laura came out not breathing and limp and required the assistance of myself and the nurses to begin breathing and having a regular heart rate. We tended to Laura immediately after delivery, and she needed CPR for a few minutes to establish a strong heart rate,” Janessa said. “I placed a breathing tube to be able to help her most effectively. Within six minutes of birth, she was taking some breaths on her own and her heart was beating without assistance.”

The concern, Janessa said, was not knowing how long Laura may have gone without getting oxygen. In these cases, there is a treatment called therapeutic hypothermia or “cooling therapy.” It requires lowering the baby’s body temperature to around 92°Fahrenheit and maintaining it there for seventy-two hours.

Janessa explained it’s not the period of low oxygen or low blood flow to the brain and organs that can potentially cause damage, the problem is the body’s reaction that causes inflammation.

“Much like putting ice on a sprained ankle right away prevents swelling and pain, getting the baby’s temperature down within six hours of the possible injury helps prevent this inflammatory response, and decreases the chance of brain or organ damage,” she said. “There are strict criteria for which babies qualify for therapeutic hypothermia, but Laura was a perfect candidate.”

With Laura just fifteen minutes old, the warming equipment that usually keeps infants from getting cold after birth was turned off and her body temperature began to fall slowly.

While waiting for a transport team to arrive to take Laura to OSF Children’s Hospital, Janessa placed intravenous lines in the baby’s umbilical cord to administer medications and fluids.

“We were able to go ahead and obtain all the lab results that the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit team at Children’s Hospital would need,” she said. “It allowed her care to continue to progress while the transport team was en route. When they arrived, they placed her on a special cooling blanket for the transport to Children’s Hospital, to keep her body temperature in the desired range, protecting her brain and organs.”

Amanda’s husband and in-laws went to Peoria to be with Laura at Children’s Hospital. Amanda, who had yet to even hold her newborn, was able to have a televideo visit with Laura and connect with the providers at Children’s Hospital.

“That provided me some reassurance being able to at least see her,” she said.

Still recovering from the caesarean, Amanda was released from OSF St. Joseph within twenty-four hours after having Laura. “My OB was very generous,” she said.

Amanda arrived at Children’s Hospital around 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 27. Fifteen minutes after arriving, Laura was taken off the ventilator and was breathing on her own without any issues.

“Up to that point, I hadn’t got to hold her,” Amanda said. By Saturday, her body temperature was being brought back up as she was monitored for any sign of seizures.

“I’m so thankful St. Joseph had the neonatology staff – I wasn’t aware they had added that,” Amanda said. “They started the cooling process in Bloomington, if they didn’t have those neonatology experts, they would have had to wait until they got to Children’s Hospital.”

Janessa said Laura completed her three days of cooling without complications and was able to go home without any noticeable issues from her dramatic birth. Laura will continue to be watched by developmental specialists, who monitor to make sure she is meeting her milestones on time.

Amanda said Laura is doing great, all thanks to the “amazing team” with OSF HealthCare, and in particular, Janessa who made the decision to start the cooling treatment immediately while still at OSF St. Joseph.

“I’m so glad Laura continues to do well. She is absolutely darling,” Janessa said. “It was my pleasure to be able to take part in her care.”

Reprinted from OSFHealthcare, April 16, 2018, - Lisa Coon
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**BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR AN OLD FASHIONED FAMILY PICNIC AT LAMB’S FARM!!!**

**AUGUST 12, 2018**

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### AUGUST

#### 2 Learning Center Recognition
- Celebrate the achievements of our Learning Center students. Event includes a dinner, presentation, and awards ceremony.
- Open Registration. Business attire.

#### 9 Scholarship Awards
- Celebrate the achievements of our scholarship winners. Event includes a dinner, presentation, and awards ceremony.
- Open Registration. Business attire.

#### 12 Family Picnic
- Bring the family to an Old Fashioned Family Picnic at Lambs Farm.
- Open Registration. Casual attire.

#### 14 Lunch N Learn
- Includes a delicious lunch with speaker. Watch your Echoes e-mails for topics.
- Open registration.

#### 16 DeMolay Honors Night
- Join the Scottish Rite as we celebrate the achievements of the Order of DeMolay, and the special people who work so very hard to support our youth.

#### 18 Ball Park Tour
- Join the Scottish Rite on the 2018 Ball Park Tour - Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins at Minnesota.
- Limited tickets available.

### SEPTEMBER

#### 6 Stated Meeting
- Stated meeting presented by the Lodge of Perfection.
- Members only. Business attire.

#### 20 Back To The Rite Night and TISHRI
- Get back to the Rite with a fun filled night at the Valley of Chicago with a special presentation of the TISHRI.
- Members only. Business attire.

#### 29 Masonic Family Fall Fest
- Join the Scottish Rite for a spooktacular night of fun!
- Open Registration. Casual attire.

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For reservations or more information about our events, watch for your Echoes e-mails!

Visit [www.ScottishRiteChicago.org](http://www.ScottishRiteChicago.org) or call (800) 774-3467.
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### Additional Information

**The Scottish Rite is looking for an Event Photographer!**

Are you, or do you know of a Masonic Brother that would like to be the Scottish Rite Photographer? The Photographer documents the events as well as takes member portraits. Capturing the brotherhood bond and creating a historical memory of the Scottish Rite is paramount to this role.

This role includes a stipend.

If you are interested, contact the Cathedral Staff:

webmaster@scottishritechicago.org

**OCTOBER**

9 **Lunch N Learn**
Includes a delicious lunch with speaker. Watch your Echoes e-mails for topics.

Open registration. Casual attire.

12 **Fraternal Relations Night**
Members and Candidates and Ladies are welcome to enjoy a special night Honoring the Worshipful Masters to kick start the Fall Reunion.

Members, Candidates and ladies. Business attire.

**November**

9 **Fall Reunion Kickoff**
Kick-off the Fall Reunion.

Members, Candidates and ladies. Business attire.

10 **Fall Reunion**
Members and New Candidates will witness rarely seen degrees, meet new Brothers, and enjoy a day at the Scottish Rite.


13 **Lunch N Learn**
Includes a delicious lunch with speaker. Watch your Echoes e-mails for topics.

Open registration. Casual attire.

22 **Thanksgiving Dinner**
The Scottish Rite family is again hosting a plentiful Thanksgiving Feast for Members and their families.

Members and their families. Business attire.

29 **Welcome New Members**
Join the Scottish Rite for a welcome party for new members.

Members only. Business casual attire.
“Valley of Chicago Honors Worshipful Masters”

Fraternal Relations Night

A special introduction of Worshipful Masters and their Ladies.

You are invited to join the Scottish Rite for an evening of...

Dinner • Karaoke • Ladies Welcome

This event is open to all Members, Master Masons and their Ladies.

Top-Line Sponsors and Master Masons are FREE!

Members and their Ladies are ONLY $15 per person.

Walk the Staircase to Further your Light in Masonry

5:30pm Social • 6:00pm Dinner • 7:00pm Presentation • 7:30pm Afterglow

Business Casual Attire Recommended.

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