
VPD Newsletter

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Valley of Portsmouth Dover Digital Newsletter

From Our Thrice Potent Master

Greetings Brethren!

Once again, the Valley went above and beyond in hosting a Digital Degree Marathon (I also heard it referred to as a 'Cinematic Reunion!'). While there were no new candidates for this year's event, we did have representation from all over the Northern Jurisdiction and were able to help many brothers advance in filling their passports and, above all, strengthening their Masonic bond.

Now that this event is behind us, we need to start thinking about our Joint Valley reunion in November. This year, I would like to put on the 14th degree. There are 10 parts listed in the ritual, but not all are speaking parts. I would like to have this cast before summer, when we will need to begin rehearsals. Please contact me, or the Valley, if you are interested in a part.

Not to leave things on a heavy note, I would like to remind everyone that we have our Mother's Day Ice Cream Social coming up, and we will be announcing the date for the Family Fun Day at Pinz soon.

Jason Sanderson, 32°, TPM

VPD Digital Degree Marathon

What a great day of brotherhood we had on February 22, 2025 at the 3rd annual Digital Degree Marathon. 65 brothers from all over the northern Masonic Jurisdiction joined us to witness 6 degrees, a new member orientation, education, and masonic conversations.

Two brothers, Richard LaPointe and Shannon Sopha received their Golden Passport for witnessing all 29 of the Scottish Rite Degrees.

Trice Potent Master Jason Sanderson 32° and Ill Bro Roger Retzke 33° presented the new member orientation. Right Worshipful Brother Dave Akridge 32° facilitated the educational and conversational aspect of the day. Right Worshipful John Bartoszak 32° hosted the day which was declared open by Ill Bro Kenneth Clay 33° NH Deputy and declared closed by Ill Bro David Rich 33°.

Sarah Ford (IORG) sold 84 boxes of Girl Scout cookies before the work of the valley was declared open. She has graciously committed to come back next year, so you can get your cookies.





Watch Party in Rochester at the Humane Lodge temple Building

Pizza or Mini Moe's served starting at 5:30

Rite On The Road

at the **Rochester Masonic Temple Building**. The Valley Of Portsmouth Dover will present the 7th Degree "Provost & Judge" in a Cinematic format for brethren that have received the 4th degree. The degree will begin at 6:00 PM. The Rochester Temple Building is located at 31 Hanson St Rochester, NH.

The attire for the Rite on The Road is Business Casual.

Immediately followed by

New Hampshire Consistory, 32°, will hold its Regular and Annual Rendezvous

New Hampshire Consistory, 32°, will hold its Regular and Annual Rendezvous jointly with the Regular & Annual Convocations of Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Oriental Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; and St. George Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° for the purpose of any business coming before the bodies.

Details:

- **Date:** Tues., March 18, 2025
- **Dinner:** 6:15 pm NEW TIME! (please RSVP below)

- **Meeting:** 7:00 pm NEW TIME!
- **Attire:** Jacket & Tie
- **RSVP By:** Tues., March 16, 2024

If you would like to attend via ZOOM, the link is here:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555635567?
pwd=0CoSt4yFU5xzUG6R8iqEecU0TtFova.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84555635567?pwd=0CoSt4yFU5xzUG6R8iqEecU0TtFova.1)

Meeting ID: 845 5563 5567

Passcode: 064301

I'll be in Rochester for the Watch Party

I'll be in Nashua for Dinner

I'll be in Nashua Meeting

Sorry, I can't make it



Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

The Museum of Our National Heritage opened on April 20, 1975. The museum, now known as the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, was a Bicentennial gift to the nation from the Scottish Rite Freemasons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Join us on Sunday, April 13, 2025, to kick off the museum's 50th anniversary celebration!

This special event will feature a rededication of the museum as well as the opportunity to see the museum's two new gallery exhibitions: "Looking Back, Moving Forward: 50 Years of Collecting" and "Protest & Promise: The American Revolution in Lexington." This event also launches a year of celebratory anniversary programming, including gallery talks, engaging lectures, and new exhibitions.

Come celebrate with us as we begin our next half century! Find our more and RSVP here: <https://www.srmml.org/.../50th-anniversary-celebration.../>

Valley Of Excellence

Your Valley of Portsmouth/Dover has achieved Valley of Excellence two years in a row. With your help, we can make it a third. How?

First, do you know someone that would make a good Scottish Rite Mason? Share the joining opportunities presented by Thursday Night at the Rite and or a Rite on the Road. Did you know that joining and getting the requisite 4 degrees and taking your 32 nd in Portland will result in a reimbursement of your initial fee.

Second, whether you are just looking for fraternalism , community service, degree work as a cast member or stages crew or Masonic education, we have a variety of areas to find your place. Third, how do I find my place in Scottish Rite. Take the 4 th Degree and chart your journey with Pathfinder. With the five waypoints and numerous mile markers to choose from, you will learn what paths are available and choose your Scottish Rite path. Pathfinder is now open to any Scottish Rite Mason upon completing your 4 th Degree.

Have questions, reach out or better yet attend a Valley Stated Meeting. We look forward to your active engagement with your Valley regardless of your Masonic interest.
It is your Journey!

The Valley of Portsmouth Dover Calendar of Events

02/08/2025 COD Workshop Ironworks RD Concord. 8:00 AM

03/22/2025 VPD Digital Degree Marathon Portsmouth Temple

TBD - Valley Fun Day at Pinz of Portsmouth

04/25-26-27/2025 32° NH ME Joint Consistory

Weekend in Portland, ME 9:00 AM 05/03/2025

Valley of Portsmouth Dover Annual Meeting – Elections - Installation

05/11/2025 Mother's Day Ice Cream Social – Golick's in Barrington at 3:00 PM

06/07/2025 Annual COD Meeting - Portsmouth Temple at 9:00 AM

06/23/2025 Over the Edge in Manchester (Brady Sullivan Building)

08/20/2025 VPD Feeding Frenzy at Brown's Lobster at 4:30 PM

Date TBD - Deep Sea Fishing trip for \$40.00

10/19/2025 Hobo Train Ride and Dinner 12:30 Merideth



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