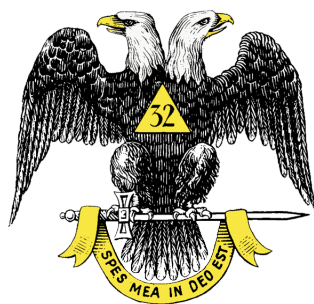


# The Norwich Valley Orator



A Newsletter of the Valley of Norwich, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, NMJ  
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Summer-Fall 2009

## Valley Welcomes Eleven New Sublime Princes

A warm fraternal welcome and congratulations to the following Brothers who have been created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32° on Consistory Day, May 2, 2009

**Richard L. Allen** from Somerset-St. James Lodge No. 34; **Fred L. Baker** from Brainard Lodge No. 102; **M. Shane Devine** from Coastal Lodge No. 57; **Robert D. Edmiston** from Somerset-St James Lodge No. 34; **Richard W. Fahs** from Putnam Lodge No. 46; **Kyle E. Hollis** from Brainard Lodge No. 102; **Christopher A. Hurd** from Union Lodge No. 31; **James C. Kirby** from Brainard Lodge No. 102; **Ronald G. Senerth** from Wooster Lodge No. 10; **Steve M. Sheridan** from Union Lodge No. 31; and **Richard G. Thomson** from Simon W. Robinson Lodge of Lexington MA.

## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren:

There are three issues that have come up during the past year.

Abbott Scholarship application documentation

must be personally completed by applicant, submitted in duplicate and received by April 1st in the Valley Secretary's office. Any application received after that date cannot be considered for the ensuing academic year. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact me.

Fifty year Blue Lodge members are still responsible for their Scottish Rite dues. You must be a blue lodge member in good standing in order to maintain your Scottish Rite membership.

If you make any changes in your home or e-mail address please let me know as soon as possible so that I can maintain an accurate correspondence list. I want to ensure you receive timely notices of upcoming degree dates, valley new letters and Supreme Council publications. Please address all correspondence to me:

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## Breed Receives MSA

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Brother William L. Breed**, 32° (now MSA)

was the Valley's 2009 recipient of the Ill.: Arthur M. Brown, 33° Meritorious Service Award presented at the 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the Connecticut Council of Deliberation held in Newington on June 19, 2009. Brother Bill is a past Thrice Potent Master of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection, is the current Most Wise Master of Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix and is serving his second term as Chairman of the Valley Executive Council. He is also the Valley's Stage Manager where he has been intricately involved in the design, planning and set-up for our various degrees. Heartiest congratulations Brother Bill to a most devoted and deserving Brother!

### Valley Presents Scholarships

On Monday, July 20, The Brothers of the Valley of Norwich gathered at the Preston Masonic Center to honor several young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic related-youth groups with the award of scholarships to support their continuing education. Ill Bro. Theodore J. Nelson, 33°, hosted the awards ceremony and made the presentations.

The Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction awarded Scottish Rite Abbot Scholarships, named after Leon M. Abbot, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932 to **Randy Weiner, Matthew Teperow, and Rebecca LaMothe.**

Randy will be returning to Lasell College in Newton MA as a sophomore, with a major in Sports Management. He is a member of the Lasell baseball team, works part time in the Lasell Village and made the Dean's List first semester. He was selected by the Dean of Student Activities to apply for Resident Assistant. He will spend the summer working in the drapery workroom. He aspires to become a professional baseball player, coach or sports executive. He is connected to masonry by his grand father, Bro. Samuel Bernstein, 32° of the Norwich Valley.

Matthew will be returning to Plymouth State

University in Plymouth NH as a senior majoring in Communication/Film Studies and Graphic Design. He is an avid snowboarder and has been sponsored in competition by Signal Snowboards. He enjoys using Illustrator and Photoshop to create art designs for snowboard graphics and new designs for logos. He is a graduate of the 32° Masonic Learning Center and is also connected to masonry by his grand father, Bro. Samuel Bernstein.

Rebecca will be attending Three Rivers Community College as a freshman majoring in Animal Science. A recent graduate of Griswold High, she plays the violin, has participated in school-sponsored musicals and enjoys writing music. She has an avid interest in horse training and horseback riding. She is the grand daughter of Bro. Kenneth Ayers, 32° of the Norwich Valley and Meritorious Service Award (MSA) recipient.

The Valley of Norwich awarded scholarships funded by the Valley to **Emily Eckenrode, Candice Reavis, Daniel Smith, Rebecca Smith, and Heather Turner.**

Emily will be attending Plymouth State University as a sophomore, majoring in Childhood Studies and Elementary Education. She is a competitive swimmer, a certified lifeguard and teaches swimming to youngsters at the YMCA of Norwich. She aspires to be an Elementary School Teacher. She is the daughter of Bro. Brian Eckenrode, 32° of the Valley of Norwich and the grand daughter of Bro. Gerald Eckenrode, 32°.

Candice will be attending SUNY, Potsdam as a junior, majoring in Math and Spanish. Her career path is undecided, possibly in international affairs. She belongs to The TRISTATE Horseman's' Association, is a member of an equestrian team and participates in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She is the daughter of Bro. Mickey Reavis, 32° of the Valley of Norwich, and the grand daughter of Bro. Henry Clay Reavis, 32°.

Daniel will be attending Nichols College as a sophomore. His career goals are currently another law enforcement role. He has demonstrated a talent for creative writing and was selected by his professors as an Academic Peer Tutor for the Exploratory Writing Class. He is also a member of the Psychology Club. He is the grandson of Bro. Roy L. Smith, 32° of the Valley of Norwich.

Rebecca will be returning to Nichols College as a junior majoring in Psychology. She aspires to a career as a consultant in Industrial Development Psychology. She participates in student government, is Vice President of the Psychology Club, and recipient of a Sophomore Leadership Award. Her letter of recommendation indicates, "She was instrumental in turning several near catastrophic management problems into successes." She is the grand daughter of Bro. Roy L. Smith, 32° of the Valley of Norwich.

Heather, currently attending Eastern Connecticut State University, will transfer to the University of Connecticut as a sophomore this fall. She is interested in Speech and Language Pathology as a career. She has shadowed speech pathologists at Lawrence & Memorial. She has been a Special Olympics volunteer, is active in the Eastern CT University Theater Group and has been selected for the National Art Honor Society. She is the daughter of Ill Bro. Howard Turner, MSA, 33°, and the grand daughter of Ill. Bro. Burton Turner, 33°, both of the Valley of Norwich.

Upon completion of the awards, the Brothers and their guests retired to the dining room for light refreshments including a pineapple upside down cake baked by the members of The Schlossberg Cottage of the Waterford Country School and ice cream.

### **Blue Envelope Appeal Reminder**

If you haven't yet responded to the Supreme Council's Blue Envelope Appeal, please consider doing so. Our Valley's goal this year is \$1,820. Remember that the number of Abbot

decided, but he is leaning towards following in his grand father's footsteps, as an attorney or Scholarship Awards provided to our state is based on the number of donations made, so we need as many participants as possible.

**Valley of Norwich  
A.A.S.R.**

**Calendar of Events for Fall 2009 – Spring 2010**

(All activities take place at the Masonic Center in Preston,  
CT unless otherwise indicated.)

**Fall 2009**

Thu, Sep 10	Executive Council – 7:30 PM
Sat, Sep 12	7° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Sat, Sep 19	14° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Wed, Sep 23	31° & 32° Rehearsal – 7 PM ( <b>New Haven</b> )
Fri/Sat, Sep 25/26	Supreme Council Membership Seminar ( <b>Lexington</b> )
Tue, Sep 29	4° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Wed, Sep 30	<i>Secret Master</i> Reh– 7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 1	19° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Sat, Oct 3	19° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Mon, Oct 5	15° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 8	7° Rehearsal _ 7:30 PM
Fri, Oct 9	Degree Set-up – 9:00 AM
Sat, Oct 10	LODGE DEGREES 8 AM - TPM Reception 9 AM - 4° followed by 7° followed by <i>Secret Master</i> presentation 12 noon - Lunch 1 PM - 14°
Mon, Oct 12	18° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Thu, Oct 15	31° & 32° Rehearsal – 7 PM ( <b>New Haven</b> )
Thu, Oct 22	19° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Fri, Oct 23	Degree Set-up – 9:00 AM
Sat, Oct 24	COUNCIL, CHAPTER, CONSISTORY DEGREES 8 AM - SP/MWM/CinC Recep 9 AM - 15° followed by 18° 12 noon - Lunch 19° - 1:00 PM
Thu, Oct 29	Executive Council – 7:30 PM
Sat, Oct 31	31° & 32° Rehearsal – 9 AM ( <b>New Haven</b> )
Wed, Nov 4	31° & 32° Rehearsal– 7 PM ( <b>New Haven</b> )
Wed, Nov 11	19° Rehearsal – 7 PM ( <b>Newington</b> )
Thu, Nov 12	6 PM – dinner followed by 19° ( <b>Newington</b> )
Sat Nov 14,	NMJ SCOTTISH RITE DAY ( <b>New Haven</b> ) 9 AM - Registration 10 AM - 32° followed by 31° 12 noon - Dinner

Thu, Dec 10      Semi-Annual Joint Meeting of All Bodies – 7:30 PM

## Spring 2010

Mon, Jan 11	Executive Council – 7:30 PM
Thu, Jan 14	4° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Sat, Jan 30	8° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Sat, Feb 6	8° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Mon, Feb 8	8° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Thu, Feb 11	Executive Council – 7:30 PM
Fri, Feb 12	Degree Set-up – 9:00 AM
Sat, Feb 13	LODGE DEGREES 9 AM - TPM Reception 10 AM - 4° followed by 8° 12 noon - Lunch
Sat, Feb 20	14° Rehearsal – 9:00 AM
Thu, Feb 25	<i>Secret Master</i> Reh – 7:30 PM
Fri, Mar 5	Degree Set-up – 9:00 AM
Sat, Mar 6	LODGE PRESENTATIONS 9 AM - TPM Reception 10 AM - Secret Master presentation followed by 14° 12 - Lunch
Thu, Mar 11	16° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Mon, Mar 22	18° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Fri, Mar 26	Degree Set-up – 9:00 AM
Sat, Mar 27	COUNCIL, CHAPTER DEG 9 AM - SP/MWM Reception 10 AM - 16° followed by 18° 12 noon - Lunch
Thu, Apr 22	31° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Thu, Apr 29	31° Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Sat, May 1	CONSISTORY DAY (Newington) 2 PM - Reg/CinC Reception 3 PM – Cons Degree TBD fol- lowed by 32° & 31° 6 PM - Attitude Adjustment Hr 7 PM - Dinner
Mon, May 10	Executive Council Nominations Meet- ing – 7:30 PM
Mon, May 24	Annual Joint Meeting of All Bodies and Installation of Officers – 7:30 PM
Fri, Jun 11	Connecticut Council of Deliberation (Valley of Norwich hosting) (Location TBD) 12:30 PM - Registration 1:30 PM - Meeting 4:30 PM - Attitude Adj Hour 5:30 PM - Dinner
Mon, Jun 14	Executive Council Calendar Preparation Meeting – 7 PM
Thu, Jun 24	Player's Club – 6:00 PM (place TBD)
Tue, Jun 29	Scholarship Presentations – 7:30 PM Refreshments follow