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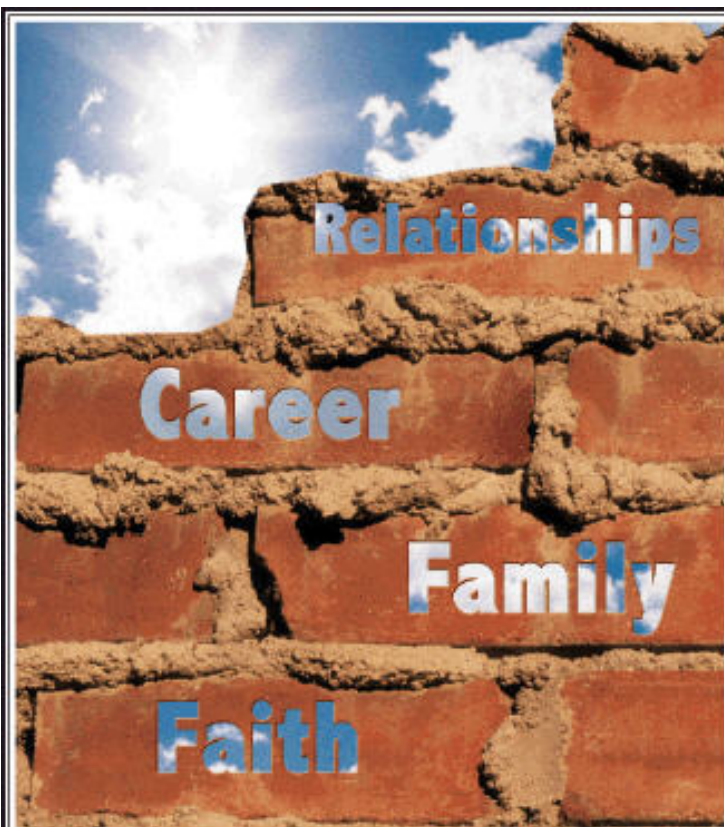
My Brothers All,

During the Holiday Season it seems easy to look at the duty of buying gifts for those we love as a chore. Gifts can be as simple as cleaning the driveway, doing dishes, paying taxes. Is it? Those who love us, who have heard our complaints (often over and over), have dealt with our shortcomings; cleanliness, sloppiness, tardiness, need for medicine (whether prescription or social), etc. I just must be human nature. People will ever complain their free Cadillac is the wrong color.

I guess I started this article to remind each of us to take a moment to appreciate the gifts we have received. We're not running in a desert from armed rebels, at least only our soldiers are. We're not in flood waters up to our ears, unless you're in the Pacific Northwest. Most of us have not lost our homes to carelessly set forest fires. We're not on the street panhandling for dinner. If you are short of funds and need help, the Hospitaller Fund is here to help our members, just ask. If you know a brother who needs help and is too proud to ask, help is strictly, strictly confidential.

After we have taken a moment to think about the troubles we don't have, and gifts of love and friendship we do, be generous. There is nothing more easily given than a kind word. Smiles are free and oh so well received. Take notice that those who often give the most and are so generous with time and treasure often seem to be the ones with the least to give. I wonder why that is.

Enjoy your Holiday Season. It is a gift. Share your gifts. Our fraternity is growing again



### What are you building?

Almost from the time we are born, we are building our lives.

There are men who believe that our lives must be built upon the strongest possible foundation – a foundation that consists of a belief in God, in the brotherhood of man, in the strength of the family, and in moral behavior.

Who are these men?

They are  
Scottish Rite  
Masons.



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# Dues

It is that time of the year again, notices have been sent out and hopefully most of our members have returned their dues check for 2008. If you have not done that yet, please do so now. We need each and every member. Not only your dues check, but your involvement also

## Degree Work

People are needed to help with degree work at our reunions. Anyone who would like to try their hand at acting (both speaking and non-speaking parts), stage hands, etc. is welcome and needed. We have many degrees that have not been put on at the Valley of Marquette because of not enough people to take parts. We need to correct this. In the past we have had Blue Lodges around the U.P. take a degree and fill all of the parts. As the years go by and we lose members to old age, some of this degree work has gone by the wayside because of lack of new people to step up and take their place. We need new people to step in and fill these openings and take part in these degrees.

If you would like to help and get involved, give Gene Connor a call at 225-1157 or e-mail Gene at: [gconnoraasr@ironbay.net](mailto:gconnoraasr@ironbay.net). He will put you in contact with the right person to get you started.

If you have a group and would like to pick up a complete degree on your own, contact Gus Rydholm, 33°, who is our degree development director at 228-4780 or our Secretary Gene Connor at 225-1157 or at home at 228-3410.

## For love of country

It is not given to all men to bear arms for the nation's defense, but every man may cherish his country's flag with a devoted love, may support his country's laws with a willing obedience, and may so live day by day that the commonwealth shall be prospered through his industry, established through his fidelity, and honored through his integrity. There are men who believe this and live this way daily.

**Who are these men?**

**They are Scottish Rite Masons.**

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## The Valley of Marquette is looking for a few good men

The Nominating Committee for the Valley of Marquette is asking for your help in finding the right Brothers to be officers in the Valley. The qualifications to be an officer are as follows:


Membership in the Valley of Marquette  
Willingness to be a leader  
Works well with others as a team player  
Looking for new challenges  
Innovative

The Valley is divided into four bodies. They are:

Marquette Lodge of Perfection  
Lake Superior Council Princes of Jerusalem  
Peninsular Chapter of Rose Croix  
Frances M. Moore Consistory

Each body has it's own line of officers with three elected officers in each line, plus appointed officers.

If you or someone you know is willing to help and keep our Valley alive and thriving, please call our Secretary at 906-225-1157 or e-mail him at [gconnoraasr@ironbay.net](mailto:gconnoraasr@ironbay.net), and your name will be put on the list of people interested in becoming a officer in this Valley of Marquette. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at the same number.




## A matter of faith

All things depend upon faith. There is faith in God and faith in our families. There is faith in our beliefs, our institutions, in each other and ourselves. Even the faith that winter will give way to spring.

There are men of faith. Men who believe faith not only can move mountains, but can guide us to make this world a better place.

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