

Valley of Providence  
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**VALLEY OF PROVIDENCE  
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**Tuesday  
September 24, 2024**

6:00p.m. Dinner (Cast Only)  
Business Meeting - 7:00p.m.

**Wednesday  
September 25, 2024**



***Feast of Tishri  
An Ancient Hebrew  
Celebration of  
Thanksgiving***

**The Feast of Tishri Dinner begins  
at 6:00p.m.**

**\$20.00per person**

**LIMITED SEATING,  
MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS ASAP!!**

**The Feast of Tishri**

*An Ancient Hebrew Celebration of  
Thanksgiving*

The Feast of Sukkot is meant to be a joyous celebration of thanksgiving and unity among all people. Just as the Israelites rejoiced in their deliverance and the bounty of their harvest, we too gather to express our gratitude for the blessings in our lives and to celebrate the unity among us as Masons.

Given the importance of the month of Tishri, it should surprise no one that King Solomon, in his wisdom would choose to dedicate the First Temple during this Feast.

By dedicating the Temple at this time, Solomon was communicating to the ancient Israelites that the Temple was a bridge, a bridge that connected the past with the future; that connected the ancestors with future generations; that connected an individual with his community; and that connected man with his God.

A special thank you to Joshua Irizarry for authoring the script for this celebratory Feast which could not have been possible otherwise. This Feast gives us insight into this ancient Hebrew tradition set in a table lodge format. A beautiful blend of old and new.

**Good Cheer**

Ken Scanlan

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER



Once again, we completed another year and held our Scottish Rite Class Dinner. We welcomed our new members into our Rite as 32 Degree Masons with their 32 degree certificate. Having completed their requirements, the opportunity is now afforded them to not only enjoy many years of membership but also to participate in our various degrees as cast or crew. Congratulations and we hope you "Journey On".



Congratulations to the Class of 2023/2024 Jason Nystrom, Gregory Olney, Robert Nardolillo, III, Robert Hopkins, Thomas Flint, Savanh Chantharangsy, David Blais, Edgardo Gonzalez, Stephan Saraidarian, Jason Shealy, Matthew Szewczyk, Daniel Sirna.

Not pictured: Santino Marzilli



Included in the evening festivities were two equally important events. The first was the induction of Robert D. Lyle as our newest recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. This honor is awarded by the MSA Members to a Scottish Rite Mason who has displayed service and dedication to Scottish Rite and other masonic bodies. Congratulation to you Brother Lyle and thank you for all you devotion to our Craft. An honor well deserved.



The second event of distinction is the Longevity Award. This is an acknowledgment for many years of membership to our Valley. This year we had the honor of presenting Bro. Steven H. Morgenstern, 32° and Bro. Richard W. Loring, 32° with their certificates. Bro. Morgenstern completed **60** years of membership and Bro. Loring completed **50** years of membership. Both outstanding achievements and so appreciated by the Valley. Our wishes are for many more years of health and.....

Your Valley continues to strive to offer you outstanding membership experiences. This September the Valley with the Lodge of Perfection will offer a never before presentation of the Feast of Tishri. Details are in this notice.....limited seating so don't miss it. Reserve early.