

# Tri Cities Valley Scottish Rite News

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## Greetings from the General Secretary's Desk

Well the year is over half gone. We have done well so far. The Pancake Day was a great success. To date, the profits from that fund raiser are \$2283.76. I sent \$2000 to Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation on the 21st of June.

I have received the 2007 dues cards and will be sending out dues notices in the next few weeks. Please remember the Almoner's Fund and the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation when you remit your 2007 dues.

We will be taking up tickets at the NASF in September. Please get in touch with Bro. Doug Harper if you can help with that project. His phone number is 764-3718.

We have a Chicken Stew scheduled for Veterans Day, Nov 11, 2006. It will be at St. James UMC on Cox Creek Parkway. Please keep this in mind and make plans to come and help.

Remember this is OUR Valley and we need everyone's help to run OUR Valley. I hope to see you at OUR regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Robert L. Chard, General Secretary

## From the Venerable Master

To the Members of our Valley and their wives:

Thanks to each one of you who have volunteered to take up tickets at the Fair Gates this year. Please be at the West Gate fifteen minutes before the gates are opened.

We need a minimum of five working the gates while the Fair is open. As you can see by the list, we need a few more volunteers. If you are able to help, please call me at 381-3620 work or 764-3718 home.

Fraternally,

Doug Harper

***North Alabama State Fair***

***September 19 – 24***

***Come out and enjoy the fun***

**Work Schedule Inside...**

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***From the Editor:***

Greetings,

Brethren, once again it is that time of year.

In the next few months, the Valley of the Tri Cities will be engaged in many projects which you have the opportunity to be involved with.

In September, members and wives of our Valley will once again be working the gates at the North Alabama State Fair.

Yes, it gets a little warm and some times very busy, but, what a wonderful time it is to be with each other while helping raise money for our very worth while charities.

Check the list of workers and see if you can help.

In October, we will have our Fall Reunion.

Please remember to have Petitions ready when one of our Blue Lodge Brothers asks to join.

The dates for the Reunion are: October 14th and 21st.

If you would like to take part in the cast, all you need to do is **ask**.

In November, we will have our Chicken Stew.

This year, the Chicken Stew will be held on Saturday, November 11th.

Contact our General Secretary and help prepare the items needed for the Stew.

The Chicken Stew will again be held at St. James United Methodist Church on Cox Creek Parkway.

And last, if you have an item you would like to see printed in our Newsletter, send it to the General Secretary or the Editor.

POTS, Butch Tucker

## ***Foundation News***

Dr. Gibbs was invited to speak to all of the elementary school teachers in Lauderdale County at their back to school in-service on August 3. She also trained all of the reading coaches and Title I reading teachers in how to do dyslexia testing. The Dyslexia Program in Lauderdale County continues to be a model program and one that is resulting in countless numbers of children with dyslexia getting the help that they need. We would like to see every school system in Alabama doing what they are doing in Lauderdale County!

The message of the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation was shared with teachers from throughout the state this summer as we were invited to participate in the Mega Conference hosted by the Alabama State Department of Education. Dr. Gibbs was asked to speak for two half day sessions about the Dyslexia Training Program and about the Literacy Program. We also had a booth in the exhibit area for the entire conference. Hundreds of teachers and administrators talked with us about our work with schools and with children. Jerry and Sam Burfitt along with Karl and Margaret Reed helped to staff the booth during the week-long conference. The Foundation invested in some first class exhibit materials which we can now use in conferences throughout the state. If you know of any education-related conferences in your community that you would like for us to participate in, contact the Foundation at 205-365-1640 and we can make arrangements to have someone attend.

We have such valuable help for children to offer and we need to get the word out to everyone who can help those children who struggle in reading because of dyslexia.

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### ***Note from:***

#### ***Tony Ricketts, The Valley Coordinator Dyslexia Program:***

Ok, so now you're a Master Mason. In fact, you have gone on to take the Scottish Rite degrees and maybe you're involved in other organizations as well. As a schoolteacher, my students often ask me what Masons do. How we answer this question may have a great bearing on this person's opinion of our fraternity and whether or not they choose to make Masonry a part of their lives in the future. You recently received a copy of the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation 2005 Report in the mail. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to go through the report and see first hand the good that the Scottish Rite does with the Dyslexia program. Feel free to pass the information on to others as well. It will go a long way toward answering questions about who we are and what we do.

In our area, we have made the Scottish Rite Dyslexia program available to all local school systems at no charge. We provide testing for local students, materials and other support as well. If you know of a school or a student that is in need of our services they may contact me at (256) 757-6952 or [tonyr\\_bhs@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyr_bhs@yahoo.com).

## *Work Schedule for Fair*

Tuesday, September 19th  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Doug Harper  
Buddy Trout  
Terry Bolton  
Stanley Champion

Thursday, September 21st  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Doug Harper  
Charlotte Harper  
Stanley Champion  
Robert Dixon  
Daniel Rosser

Saturday, September 23rd  
12:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Doug Harper  
Edna Cannon  
Coy Cannon  
Leslie Cox

Sunday, September 24th  
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Charlotte Harper  
Doug Harper  
Ned Cox  
Leslie Cox

Wednesday, September 20th  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Doug Harper  
Charlotte Harper  
Robert Dyer  
Butch Tucker

Friday, September 22nd  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Doug Harper  
Tony Ricketts  
Robert Dyer  
Terry Bolton

Saturday, September 23rd  
5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Doug Harper  
Charlotte Harper  
Tony Ricketts  
Butch Tucker  
Steven Clark

***Remember, there are needed at least five to work the gates. If you can help out, give Brother Doug Harper a call.***

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