

# Tri Cities Valley Scottish Rite News

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## *After the Fair...*

*From: Doug Harper, 32°*

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to each Brother and Lady of our Valley who helped take up the tickers at the Fair this year. Everyone arrived on time with a smile on and a willingness to help. I must personally thank Lesley Cox for sending Brother Ned on to work the Gates and Shriners concession even though she was in the hospital. We are all glad she is on the mend.

I also want to thank Brother Charles Lamar and the Fair Board for allowing us to do this task. The contribution they make to our Valley is very much appreciated. I hope our Valley can continue to perform this job in the future.

Again, thanks and God Bless,

Fraternally,

Doug Harper

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## *Editor's Note:*

The North Alabama Fair Board made a donation of \$2,000.00 to our Valley as a jester of Thanks for a job well done.



## *Dyslexia Updates*

There are many exciting things happening these days for the Scottish Rite Foundation and Dyslexia.

October has been decreed "Dyslexia Month" with a Proclamation signed by the Governor of Alabama, Brother Bob Riley.

Ill. Brother John Hicks, 33°, PR, and Brother Robert Chard, KCCH, Gen. Sec., attended the Florence City Council meeting where Mayor Irons signed a Proclamation as well.

It was reported that the Mayor's of Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia have done the same.

Also, Mrs. Linda Shaltz, local representative for the Alabama Chapter of the International Dyslexia Foundation has contacted the Valley with information on various activities for the month of October.

Mrs. Shaltz has contacted each of the Libraries in the area and placed a display with Dyslexia information in each. There is also a display at Barnes & Nobles book store in Florence.

On October 7, 2006, a display was placed at Long-Lewis Ford in Muscle Shoals. The Valley had members present to assist anyone interested in Dyslexia.

The display will again be at Long-Lewis Ford on October 21, 2006. If needed, the Valley will supply members to assist in the activity again.

On October 28, 2006, a display will be manned at Sam's Club in Florence with information about Dyslexia and other Masonic activities in our area.

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## *From the Editor...*

Greetings to All,

The Valley of the Tri Cities has been very busy since our last Newsletter.

If you have missed out, there are still many more activities for each of us to get involved with before the end of the year.

Let me congratulate Brother Doug Harper, 32°, for doing such a fine job in arranging for Ticket Takers at the North Alabama State Fair. If you missed out in taking up tickets let me encourage you to be involved next year.

This gives us an opportunity to meet each of the attendees of the Fair with a smile.

By being there we show the public what a great time we have and portray Masonry in a positive light. Who knows, someone may ask for a petition and join us in the wonderful fraternity.

This year the Masonic Booth was manned each day for the first time.

For those of us who sat inside (and on the night of the rain it was great to be indoors) we each have a story to tell.

Let me relate one of those now.

While manning the Display, Brother Doug and I had a wonderful opportunity to meet one of the children we help with the Dyslexia Program.

Bro. Doug and I were discussing how many visitors had come by when a lady with a big smile approached the Booth.

She then related how her Granddaughter was in the Dyslexia Program and how it had so greatly improved her life.

The Father and Mother joined us during this time and repeated the same.

Words can not exclaim the joy we felt knowing that what has been done by the Scottish Rite Foundation is working and working right here at home.

The display also attracted many young men asking questions about Freemasonry.

Each of these was answered and a number of Petitions for the Mysteries of Masonry were passed out. Time will tell if any of these men seek out a local Lodge.

To each of you who "worked" the Booth, Thanks

***Note for our Dyslexia Coordinator***

*Brother Tony Ricketts, 32<sup>o</sup>*

Recently, two more local Schools received copies of the Dyslexia Program.

These programs went to, Florence Middle School in Florence and T. M. Rogers in Greenhill.

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***Upcoming Events...***

There will be a **Chicken Stew** held on November 11, 2006.

This event is to help raise money for our charitable projects.

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

***We need your help!!!***

We need persons to assist in the preparation of the items for the stew. This will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 10, 2006. It takes quite a while, so all the help we can get will be great.

Then the next morning, at 4:00 AM, we need helpers in preparation of the Stew and the filling of containers.

Please contact Brother Robert Chard, KCCH, Gen. Sec., at the Valley Office, 764-6522.

Cost: \$20.00/gal and \$5.00/qt. **BYOC**

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At the November meeting, elections will be held for the Valley.

Please come out and support the Valley.

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The Valley has Ball Caps for sale with the Tri Cities Valley, Scottish Rite Masons, and the Double Headed Eagle on the front. The caps come in Black and Maroon. Price is \$5.00 each.

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***Remember, this Valley is our Valley, yours and mine.***

***To make it work, each of us must labor.***

***Until next time.....***

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