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The Seacoast & The Mountains
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4th Annual Appreciation Evening

(Jeremy Sawyer awards the "On Deck" trophy to Scott Willard - photo courtesy of P.T. Sullivan)

On Nov. 15, 2008, the Valley held its Fourth Annual Appreciation Evening at Saint James Masonic Lodge in Hampton, NH. The Appreciation Evening is to honor and thank all of those members and their wives who have helped the Valley throughout the year. Members who have helped in our Degrees, served on various Committees or contributed in other ways were treated to a social hour followed by a great dinner. Also, those who have gone the extra mile were rewarded with special trophies. In the past, the theme for the Evening was "The Oscars." This year, the theme for the Awards was "Baseball" and the Awards are both a serious recognition and good humored.

Some of the awards given out were: On Deck, Scott Willard; Recruiter, Richard Lapointe; Team Coach, John Lobdell; Third Base Coach, Wayne Elliot; Financial Manager, John Gordon; Cleanup Batter, Ralph Currier; Pitch Hitter, Don Willoughby; Ball Girl, Rita Weir; Rookie, Arthur Hendrickson III; Equipment Manager, Louis Dow; Bench Warmer, David Butler and General Manager, Mark Weir.

Presenting the Awards were Rich Elliot, David Lamprey, Joe Lovell, Jerry Sawyer and Marcus Weir.

32o Masonic Learning Center for Children Center Director's Report

The New Year is upon us, and we are ready to return to teaching and training at the Seacoast Center. Our Winter Break was restful but the work we do is never far from our minds and hearts. It is often the comment by a tutor about how happy and excited they are to return to teaching that highlights and reaffirms the commitment we hold to children with language-based disabilities. In our practice as teachers, therapists, and diagnosticians, we continue to perfect and strengthen our strategies and skills.

The Fall months were busy and productive. In November, a workshop in Guided Discovery immersed our tutors in a deeper exploration of how to engage the student in their own process of learning. Bill Ziemer, Head of Operations from the Lexington Office, visited the Seacoast Center to give a training in Child

Welfare. In October, Dr. Winters, our Clinical Director, returned to evaluate our Center. Centers are evaluated approximately every 2 years, for their effectiveness in teaching and to determine the degree in which they meet the standards of the Corporation. We are pleased with Dr. Winters observations and recommendations and found the process to be both helpful and productive. January is the start of a new round of training with our Scholar Program. We are fortunate to have four highly qualified scholars who come to us with various skills and backgrounds. We are always looking for potential candidates who have a love for children and a willingness to learn. We require a Bachelors Degree and a commitment to the in-depth study of the Orton-Gillingham Approach to the Remediation of Language Disabilities. Interested persons may arrange for a visit to our Center by contacting the Director. The best way, we have found, to learn about what we do, is to observe a lesson being taught by one of our highly-trained tutors.

We are grateful to our donors who have continued to support our Center. Sponsoring a Child is one way to be a direct support to the children we serve. We see the results every day of your generosity through the consistent one-on-one individualized teaching your donations directly provide. Most recently, George was a finalist in his class spelling bee ,and Molly was invited to be a part of the gifted program for creative writing. Rich was highly resistant to even attempting to read last Spring and now has surprised us all with his willingness to read independently at home. We thank you for all that you do. The weather has been a great challenge to us all, and yet with perseverance, and commitment, we prevail. Happy New Year.

Center Director,
Michelle Tommasino

Seacoast Learning Center News

Happy New Year and thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you for the extra dollars you send in with your dues. Thank you for making the Seacoast Learning Center the recipient of your donation to the United Way Appeal at work and getting your co-workers to donate to us also. Thank you for all that you do to help raise the money to teach dyslexic children to read.

This has been a very busy year for the Center. We have developed a Crisis Management Plan as a result of the hostage situation at Hillary Clinton's Headquarters. across the street from the Learning Center and the tornado in July. We have installed a security door between the waiting room and the class rooms which was donated. We also installed a new large bookcase with a desk area for the tutors which was also donated. Come visit us and see what a beautiful Center you have created.

We have had insurance safety inspections by three different people. On Dec. 9, 2008 we were visited by William Ziemer, Director of Operations, for his first visit,

who was here to provide our Center Director with some training. On Oct. 14, 2008 we had our second visit by Dr. Winters, Director of Clinical Affairs, who found us in compliance with Corporation standards and policies.

Center Director, Michelle Tommasino, has six tutors and 23 students and we expect to start our tutor training in Jan.

And just so you can all feel as good about what you do for our Learning Center as I do, let me share a couple of stories. The grandfather of one of our graduates recently informed us that his grandson was a finalist in the spelling bee at his school. Another student who did a project for her creative writing class, did so well she has been moved to the advanced writing class. What you do makes a difference in children's lives.

Please read the enclosed brochure about your Center and then give it to a co-worker or friend so they know what you do and maybe they can help.

This fall I hope to have us listed on the Combined Federal Campaign for New Hampshire and Southern Maine. So with your help and the help of your co-workers and friends we can fully fund our budget.

Thank you,
Joe Lovell, Chairman.
Board of Governors, Seacoast Learning Center

From the Secretary

The Membership Development and Retention Committee is looking for "Ambassadors." If you love Blue Lodge Masonry, then you should consider becoming a Scottish Rite Ambassador. Ambassadors play a very important role in the development of Scottish Rite and in helping their Blue Lodge. Ambassadors act as liaisons between the Valley and the Blue Lodges and help to keep their Lodges updated on the various projects that the Valley is sponsoring and the programs that the Valley has to help Blue Lodges recruit more members. If you would like to learn more, please contact Roger Retzke (First District Chairman) (603) 895-4329, Bradley Steele (Sixth District Chairman) (60) 569-2220 or Mark Weir (603) 659-8171.

Last November 8, 2008, we held a Valley Unity Event or VUE at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. This was a dinner held for all Masons and their wives who were interested in learning more about the various Masonic Organizations in our area. This was a Five Course Dinner with representatives from the Grand Lodge, Eastern Star, Shrine, York Rite and Scottish Rite gave very brief presentations on their organizations between the courses. Our Valley is looking forward to expand on this program and in holding other VUE's in the near future.

Do you remember all of the questions you first had when you started taking your Degrees in Masonry? Also, trying to answer questions about Masonry to

your friends and family. The Valley now has a new program. We are giving out a free copy of "The Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry" to each new Entered Apprentice. If your Lodge is having an EA Degree, please contact Roger Retzke (First District), Brad Steele (Sixth District), Joe Love for Morrison Lodge or me and we will make sure he is presented this great book on Freemasonry written by S. Brent Morris PhD, 33o. We will need to know his name, address and the date he is getting his Entered Apprentice Degree and we will make arrangements to have a Scottish Rite Ambassador there to present him with this gift.

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(Mark & Rita Weir and Rich Elliott - Photo courtesy of P.T. Sullivan)

The Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is again pleased to offer JROTC and ROTC awards to deserving cadets.

JROTC

The JROTC initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) with an award for their scholastic excellence and demonstrated ideals of Americanism. The award consists of a medal and ribbon to be worn on the JROTC uniform and a certificate suitable for framing.

ROTC

The ROTC initiative recognizes second and third year cadets enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) with an academic standing in the top 25 percent of their class and who encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects. The recipient receives three recognitions: a certificate suitable for framing, a medal engraved with the Scottish Rite Double-headed Eagle, and ROTC Education and Americanism; and a ribbon which, like the medal can be worn with the ROTC uniform.

For Information

To nominate a cadet, visit the Supreme Council Website at "www.supremecouncil.org" and click on ROTC and submit your nomination

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Leon Abbott and Ray Chase Scholarships

The Valley of Portsmouth and Dover will once again be participating with the Leon M. Abbott Scottish Rite Program. This is open to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members, or members of youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic fraternity or graduates of the 32o Masonic Learning Centers. In our next Newsletter we will have more information about applying for this scholarship or you can find further information at the Supreme Council Website at www.supremecouncil.org.

The Valley will also be awarding three "Ray Chase Scholarships." The requirements are the same as the Leon M. Abbott scholarship with one of the scholarships going to a student from the Dover area. We will have more information on this scholarship in an upcoming Newsletter or you can get an

application from the Valley Secretary, Mark Weir (603)659-8171.

Sponsoring a Child

It cost \$5,000 to train a student at our Seacoast Learning Center. If you would like to help sponsor a child, you can send you donation to the Valley of Portsmouth and Dover. Marcus Weir and his wife Rita are matching your donations (dollar for dollar) to help sponsor students at our Seacoast Center. Or if you have not paid your dues yet, you can include your donation at that time.

Valley Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting and Dress Rehearsal

Friday, January 30, 2009

Dinner at 6:00 PM * State Meeting at 6:30 PM

Dress Rehearsal for 4th and 11th Degrees 7:15 PM

January Reunion

Saturday, January 31, 2009

4th and 11th Degrees

Dinner 6:00 PM

Note: Candidates should report to

The Class Marshal at 5:30 PM

Finance and Executive Committee Meetings

Thursday, February 5, 2009

Meeting 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting and Dress Rehearsal

Friday, February 27, 2009

Dinner at 6:00 PM * State Meeting at 6:30 PM

Dress Rehearsal for 14th and 16th Degrees 7:15 PM

February Reunion

Saturday, February 28, 2009

14th and 16th Degrees

Dinner 6:00 PM

Note: Candidates should report to

The Class Marshal at 5:30 PM

Stated Meeting and Dress Rehearsal

Friday, March 27, 2009

Dinner at 6:00 PM * State Meeting at 6:30 PM

Dress Rehearsal for 18th Degrees 7:15 PM

March Reunion

Saturday, March 28, 2009

18th Degree

Breakfast 8:00 AM

Note: Candidates should report to
The Class Marshal at 7:30 AM

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