

Tygart Valley



Scottish Rite Club

Tygart Valley Scottish Rite Newsletter 2023

Hello Brothers of the Tygart Valley Scottish Rite Masons.

Welcome to the new year of 2023 trying to find the words to describe the accomplishments of 2022 is very difficult. The dedication commitment to achieve our goals was extraordinary! Every description that I could think of to describe your efforts and accomplishments wasn't good enough to tell you how "GREAT" you really are.

This club was able to donate \$3,000.00 to local charities to make Christmas a little brighter for some deserving children. We gave \$1000.00 to the Belington Presbyterian Church for their Angel Tree and Christmas dinner program. We gave \$750.00 to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #104 for their children's Christmas program. We gave \$750.00 to the Belington Police Department Shop with a Cop program and \$500.00 to the Childhood Language Center. Absolutely awesome!

We initiated fourteen new members into the Scottish Rite Masons. They were Richard Gould, Stanley Gould, Steve Himes, Chris Siler, J.W. Jones, Rick Stasny, Josh Stillwell, John Hinebaugh, Travis Browning, Chris Micheal, D.J. Vandevander Jr., Justin Johnson, Paul Brady III, and Richard Ogden. When Brother Stanley Gould was initiated in a special virtual reunion at the E.R.C.C. in Elkins, it was the first of its kind for the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons! Every member of this club is deserving of all the accolades that have been bestowed upon the Tygart Valley Scottish Rite Masons Club. Not just locally but state wide! All of you are fantastically great!

Our yearly kickoff dinner will be held at the Lunch Box Restaurant located at 1513 Harrison Avenue in Elkins, WV. The dinner will be on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. I need as RSVP by Sunday, January 15, 2023 so I can give the restaurant a total of how many will be attending. Please respond to Bob 304-642-3761, Jim 304-621-2800 or Steve 304-288-3401 by leaving a message or text.

Our 2023 fundraiser for the year will consist of:

1st prize – Restored 2008 Street Legal 200 cc Mini-Chopper Motorcycle

2nd prize – A three night stay at the Seneca 218 Studio Located in the Snowshoe Mountain Resort to be used in the Spring, Summer, or Fall based upon availability to be used by August 1, 2024,

3rd prize – Thirty-One Zip-Top Organizing Tote filled with warmer, scentsy bars and Paparazzi Jewelry.

We will be selling tickets for these at the following locations:

June 3, 2023 - Elkins Shop-N-Save 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 23 2023 – Philippi Shop-N-Save 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 24, 2023 – Belington Shop-N-Save 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 30, 2023 (Fri) - Mountain State Street Machines Car Show 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

July 1, 2023 – (Sat) Mountain State Street Machines Car Show 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

Saturday will be broken up into three hour shifts. We will need 3-4 people per shift.

July 8m 2023 – Durbin Days 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 15, 2023 – Beverly Days 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We would like to plan either a pancake breakfast or a spaghetti dinner. Which one would be the best, where is there a location available, and how much help is available to make it work! Bring some ideas to the kickoff dinner!

Congratulations to last year's winners: Pam Hughes won the matching pistols; Crystal Conti won the Adirondack Rocker, and Todd Daft won the Echo Leaf Blower.

Our Annual Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August ~~13~~ 2023 from 2-4 p.m. in the large pavilion located in the Elkins City Park. Please RSVP no later than August 4th. The club will supply the meat for the picnic which will be hot dogs and Randall's famous BBQ Pork. We ask you to bring a covered dish and enjoy an afternoon of friendship, fun, and prizes! Last year's door prize winners were: Jessica Varner the Scottish Rite Plaque donated by Brother Derek Hart: Judy Arbogast won the Pig in a Poke (birdhouse) donated by Brother Dana Arbogast: Mary Arbogast won the gas card donated by Brother Todd Wamsley and Brother Richard Kittle won the wine basket donated by Brother Bud Parsons. Mary Arbogast also won the 50/50 drawing.

This year's attendees will have a chance to win a very big and special prize! Can't tell you what it is but rumor has it that you can sit in your easy chair and watch it! Come on out and enjoy, participate, and be the lucky one!

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