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DEMOLAY

STEEL CITY CHAPTER

Newsletter

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VALLEY OF PITTSBURGH

A CDC Hero

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The last thing

Bill Roberts would want to be called is a "Masonic Hero," but here we are. A friend to most, a foe to few, and an example of living a Masonic life to all who knew him. Here is one story that continues to support his legacy of vision, leadership, and service.

D. William Roberts, 33', aka Bill, and for this article, "Dad" Roberts, did many things for many individuals and groups, both in and out of Masonry, for many years. He was literally the creative force behind ensuring that Steel City DeMolay would not fail due to a lack of funding. You have probably bought a ticket or have seen flyers promoting the Hiram Riders Motorcycle Raffle (Bill's idea and design). What you probably don't know or remember is that "Dad" Roberts designated the proceeds from the first motorcycle raffle (late 1990's) to fund and underwrite the then-very-new Steel City DeMolay Chapter.

Steel City DeMolay had a good run—they went lots of places, did lots of things, had lots of fun, and ate lots of food! Membership then waned, and the Chapter went dark for a few years. Faced with losing their Charter, the Chapter was revitalized with William G. Johnston, 33', as the Chapter Advisor.

Thank you!
 "Dad"
 Roberts!

All the while, money invested from that initial motorcycle raffle grew—literally untouched. Prompted by Advisory Council Treasurer James E. Toward, 33',

and after months of discussion and deliberation, the Advisory Council and Chapter members voted to become a member of the Valley of Pittsburgh Builders Council. Pictured is the initial check for \$2,500.00 with three more planned over the next three years.

So, "Dad" Roberts' initial vision of holding a raffle to fund a new DeMolay Chapter has now expanded to not only help them but help our Children's Dyslexia Center as well. He is a "Masonic Hero" indeed.



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Final Fellowship Breakfast of 2021



November 27 marked the last Fellowship Breakfast of the year. We served 62 guests and as always had a wonderful time. Hope to see everyone the last Saturday of the month next year!

Advisors Needed!!

Steel City DeMolay is growing! If you are interested in becoming a DeMolay Advisor, please contact Dad Johnston at 412.977.3714 or email him at advisor@steelcitydemolay.org. We promise you'll have fun and lots of good food!

Upcoming Events Calendar

Saturday, November 27

- Fellowship Breakfast, 9 am to 10:30 am, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Sunday, November 28

- Stated Meeting, 6pm, Coraopolis Lodge #674, 1142 Maple Street Ext., Coraopolis, PA

Friday, December 03 to Sunday, December 05

- Grand Masters Class 2021, Patton Campus

Saturday, December 11

- Ice Skating Prospect Event, Printscape Arena, 114 Southpointe Blvd, Canonsburg, PA

Sunday, December 12

- Stated Meeting, 6pm, Coraopolis Lodge #674, 1142 Maple Street Ext., Coraopolis, PA
 - Cross of Honor Awards Ceremony – Honoring Dad Toward and Mom Schrock
- Day of Comfort, Food Drive Donations for Burgettstown Area Food Pantry – Bring in your food donations!

Wednesday, December 29

- Syria Shrine Youth Dance, 7:30 pm to 11 pm, Syria Shrine Center in Cheswick, PA – Invite your friends and prospects. Cost is free. Ladies – dressy. Men – Coat and tie.

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Avalon Lodge #657
Coraopolis Lodge #674

Stated Meetings
2nd and 4th Sunday
6:00 pm

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