

January 10, 2013

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Dear Brother _____,

Happy New Year and best wishes for a prosperous 2013! As you are a relatively new Columbian Lodge Mason, it is my duty to inform you of a very significant event in our Fraternity's history. This year the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry celebrates its 200th anniversary. A special one day class, the Robert Johnston class, will be held on February 9th at the Scottish Rite Masonic National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA. This represents an opportunity to join the Valley of Boston and become a 32^o Mason in one day, complete with all the honors and rights conferred by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction!

I myself have been a member of the Valley of Boston for a year and a half. Having completed the York Rite and all degrees of the Scottish Rite, I can say from experience that there is no comparison. In this regard, it is my favorite aspect of Freemasonry and I am passionate about it. I've traveled thousands of miles to attend degrees in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Consequently, I have made lifelong friends in these journeys. I have visited countless Lodges and significant historical sites that I would not have seen otherwise (recently Lincoln's tomb and home). This year, however, I transition from a master traveler to a degree worker.

Simply put, it's time to take personal responsibility in what Freemasonry has to offer. Don't take Massachusetts Freemasonry for granted- it is among the best you will find in the world. This February 9th is an unprecedented opportunity to become a part of history. As a Scottish Rite Mason said to me, "putting on degrees with my Brothers is where the heart of the Scottish Rite lies." To this end, my Brother, the first step is to join the Valley of Boston. I am proud to say our Valley is second to none. Moreover, it is inevitable that you will meet more great Masons and make even more friends.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the Valley of Boston, or Scottish Rite in general. Enclosed is an application form for our Valley. I will happily sponsor you; my member number is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind, however, that the 200th anniversary Reunion is fast approaching. The tentative deadline as communicated to me by our Secretary Ken Scott is February 1, 2013.

Fraternally,

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