



The Straubhaar ladies: from left, Kassy, Stephanie, and Breanna Straubhaar surround grandfather Ill. . Robert R. Childers, 33°. At right is grandson Brandon Straubhaar, Kassy's husband. The grandchildren and other members of Childer's family were in Cleveland for the Valley's 33rd Degree Recognition Program held at the Cleveland Masonic Center on October 4th. The reception was attended by over 125 brethren and their families.

# Sights and Scenes

## In Recognition of Service to Masonry



Ill. . Robert R. Childers, 33°, shows a 33rd Degree Masonic Ring, presented to him by his Grandson Brandon Straubhaar on behalf of the family. Several members of the family, including Bob's mother Helen Maye were in attendance at the Reception.



Illustrious Brother Robert R. Childers, 33° and his wife Meldia receive the applause of The Valley of Cleveland brethren at a reception in his honor.



Watching the rain come down are from left: Bob Homoly, Dawn and Dannie Robinson. In the front row is Donovan Robinson. The rain didn't dampen the fun the kids had at the annual Valley of Cleveland summer picnic.



There was plenty of food to go around as the picnickers found at the Valley of Cleveland Summer Picnic. Over 250 brethren and their families attended the annual event. Watch for next year's summer picnic announcement date in the Scottish Rite News in May, 2005.



Brandon Velic and Bryan Daly, the son of Ted Daly, play a board game before participating in the children's games. It rained on the picnic, but everyone had a great time.



Nathan and Rebecca Buswell play a game involving a hula-hoop. Rebecca is intent on getting her legs through the hoop while Nathan isn't sure if she will ever make it. The games were great with small awards given to winning teams.



Several of the children are gathered to play one of the most popular games of the picnic. It was great fun and the children enjoyed their afternoon ...even though it was raining. The picnic was held at the Al Koran Shrine Pavilion August 29th.



Nathan Buswell (front) and Willow Hawks (back) participate in a relay at the Summer picnic. Their coordination earned them one of the top prizes at the Valley of Cleveland Summer Picnic.

*Sights and scenes* VALLEY OF CLEVELAND FAMILY PICNIC



Dovy the Clown (Bill Bovard) was on hand to make balloon figures for the children. He is pictured with several of the children who were awaiting one of his creations. Bill is a past master of A. A. Stevens Lodge, which merged with Rocky River Lodge.



Ross R. Black, II (left), and Jim Schultx prepare the grill for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic guests. Over 150 hot dogs and 200 hamburgers were prepared by the cooks.



*Congratulations....*

Supreme Council N. M. J.

## 33rd Degree Nominees

Valley of Cleveland

### THOMAS C. ANDERSON

Thomas C. Anderson is a member of Temple Lodge No. 28 in Painesville where he served as Worshipful Master in 1997. He is an honorary member of Rock Creek Lodge and Symbol Lodge in the 25th Masonic District and a member of Painesville Chapter No. 46, Painesville Council No. 107, and Eagle Commandery No. 29. He is a Past President of the Painesville Masonic Temple Building Company. He affiliated with The Valley of Cleveland in 1988 and is presently serving as Sovereign Prince of Bahurim Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He is Past President of the Lake-Geauga County Scottish Rite Society. Anderson received the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2000 and the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color in 1991. He is a Past Patron (1990 and 1998) of Urania Chapter O.E.S. in Painesville. He is a graduate of Oakland, Maryland Schools. Tom is retired from The Ohio State Highway Patrol where he was dispatcher of the year in 1986. He is married to Shirley. The couple have one son, Dennis, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They reside in Perry, Ohio and are members of the Painesville Church of the Brethren.



*Thomas C. Anderson*

### JAMES S. GALLAS

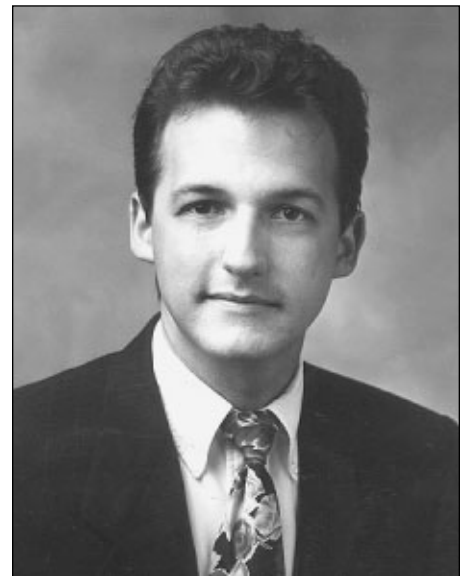
James S. Gallas is a Past Master (1991) of Theodore Breck Lodge No. 714 where he is currently Chaplain. He also served 15 years as a Temple Company Trustee, being President for five of those years. In 2001 he received the Lodge award for public service. He is also a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal & Select Masons, and a Sir Knight of Commandery. He affiliated with the Valley of Cleveland in 1991. Awards he has received include: Ellis Island Immigrant Medal of Honor (2000), and The Socrates Award from IIEPA Society for promotion, of education for students of Greek Ancestry. He is one of six founders of St. Pauls Church where he was Charter President of The Board of Trustees. Civically he is a member of the Parma Junior Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the Brecksville Charter Review Board, and a member of the American Legion. He was an Assistant Attorney General of Ohio for seven years. His occupation is Attorney, Federal Magistrate Judge of Akron, a position he has held since 1991. He resides in Brecksville with his wife Katherine.



*James S. Gallas*

### DAVID W. LEIFER

David W. Leifer is a member of Willoughby Lodge No. 302 in Willoughby, Ohio. He served as Worshipful Master in 2000. He is a Past High Priest of Willoughby Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of Painesville Council, and Past Eminent Commander of Eagle Commandery in Painesville. He is a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He affiliated with the Valley of Cleveland in 1991 and is presently Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter, Rose Croix. In DeMolay he holds the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor and is a Past R.W.M. of Senior DeMolay Mark Master Lodge. He also received the Meritorious Service Award from Grand Commandery, Order of High Priesthood from Grand Chapter, and Order of Silver Trowel from Grand Commandery. He is a graduate of Muskingum College with graduate studies at the Medical College of Ohio (PhD), the Mayo Clinic, and CWRU School of Medicine. He is a Medical Research Scientist at Case Western Reserve University in the Department of Neurology. Outside of Masonry, he is active in the Scottish Heritage Association, Clan Blair, an Eagle Scout, and a member of Kappa Tau Fraternity.



*David W. Leifer*



Roy C. Ritter, Jr.



Boris N. Stephanoff, M.S.



Walter P. Stuart, Jr.

## *Congratulations....*

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# 33rd Degree Nominees

Valley of Cleveland



### **ROY C. RITTER, JR.**

Roy C. Ritter, Jr. is a member of Tuscan Lodge No. 342 in Jefferson, Ohio. He served as Master of Tuscan Lodge in 1985, 1986 and 1987. He is also a Past High Priest of American Union Chapter No. 1 in Marietta, Ohio, Past Illustrious Master of Marietta Council, and Past Eminent Commander of Cashe Commandery in Conneaut where he is the current Recorder. Ritter is the Immediate Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio. He was appointed to the line of officers by Richard H. Palm. He holds several Honorary Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar memberships throughout the state. He recently received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor. He affiliated with the Valley of Cleveland in 1965 and takes a part in several degrees. He is also affiliated with Ohio Priory, Knights Templar of Ohio; was Sovereign Master of LeRoy Shanower Council, AMD; Royal Order of Scotland; El Kadir Grotto and Al Koran Shrine. He is a graduate of Jefferson High School, and has a B.S. from Case Western Reserve University in Metallurgical Engineering. He retired in 1961 as plant manager of Union Carbide in Ashtabula, Ohio after 35 years of service. He and his wife of 48 years, Alice Jean, have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

### **BORIS N. STEPHANOFF, M. S.**

Boris N. Stephanoff, M.S. is a member of Cleveland Lodge No. 781 through a consolidation with Bigelow and Lake Erie-Roosevelt Lodges. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1968-1969. He is also a member and Past High Priest of Covenant-Thatcher Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of Forest City Council twice, and a member and Past Eminent Commander of Forest City Commandery. He is a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. He affiliated with the Valley of Cleveland in the spring class of 1966 and received the Meritorious Service Award in 1988. He served as President of the Valley Mummies' Club in 1969. He is the immediate Past President (2 years) of the Cuyahoga County Scottish Rite Society. His other Masonic affiliations include Order of High Priesthood, Fowler Council Knight Masons of Ireland, and The Royal Order of Scotland. Boris served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 (WWII) as a 60mm mortar gunner in Italy, France and Germany. He retired as Plant Superintendent of Forging Manufacturing. He married his wife Virginia in 1947. The couple reside in Independence and have two grown children. They attend St. Sava Orthodox Church.

### **WALTER P. STUART, JR.**

Walter P. Stuart, Jr. is a member and Past Master (1974-1975 and 1977-1978) of Heights-Lionheart Lodge No. 633 and current Lodge Education Officer. He is also a Past High Priest (1973-1974) of Heights Chapter, R.A.M. No. 206 where he served as Secretary and currently Treasurer, Past Illustrious Master (1981-1982) of Windermere Council R. & S.M. No. 113, Recorder from 1982 to 2002, and Past Commander (1998-1999) Oriental Commandery, K.T. He affiliated with the Valley of Cleveland with the fall class of 1973 and is active in the 32nd Degree as Captain of the Encampment Sentinels. He is also a member of Al Koran Shrine; Past Director of Choban, and Past Commander of Kentucky Colonels. Stuart served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as a 22nd District Deputy Grand Master, and 22nd District Lodge Education Officer. He is a 50 year Mason, a Knight of the York Cross of Honor, Past President,

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32° Masons / Valley of Cleveland  
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Make checks payable to Valley of Cleveland. When ordering by mail, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope to assure proper return of your tickets. You may also order tickets in person at the 32° Masons business office during regular business hours.

ASHTABULA SCOTTISH RITE SOCIETY

# Winter dinner meeting set for January 9th in Rock Creek

By Robert Kotab--President

We were pleased that 34 members and their ladies were at our September 18th dinner meeting at Hartsgrove Lodge. A delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

Afterward we were entertained by the Tenor-Four Quartet who serenaded us with many Barbershop and Gospel tunes.

We are anxious to have a good representation by ALL the lodges at our monthly breakfast meetings.

It has been decided to have the meetings local to area lodges in Ashtabula County. The October meeting was at the Crossroads Restaurant in Wayne. The November 6th meeting will be at the Perkins Restaurant on Prospect Avenue (Rt. 20) in Ashtabula. I urge all Scottish Rite representatives of Ashtabula County lodges to announce the time and location of our breakfast meeting places in their lodges.

We are planning some nice events for the coming year starting with our annual winter dinner meeting. The date is January 9th at the newly decorated Rock Creek Triandia Masonic Temple.

This is YOUR Ashtabula County Scottish Rite Society...we have meetings for you and your spouse or significant other to enjoy social programs with your brethren.

Our breakfast meetings are short with a lot of emphasis on breakfast. We have a great time. Why not plan to join us some Saturday. We meet at restaurants announced in the Scottish Rite News on the first Saturday of each month.

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It is the policy of the Valley of Cleveland to ensure that all programs of the Valley are made available to members and guests.

If you have a special need to attend a valley program, please call the 32<sup>o</sup> Masons office at (216) 432-2370 and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

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**32° MASONS / VALLEY OF CLEVELAND SCOTTISH RITE SOCIETY EVENTS**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
SCOTTISH RITE SOCIETY

**34 attend September meeting in Strongsville**

By John Sperber  
President

On a lovely Thursday evening, thirty four brethren and their spouses joined together and shared plenty of good Masonic fellowship at the Strongsville Masonic Temple. The Strongsville Chapter O.E.S. #599 served a wonderful roast pork dinner which was topped off with pie a la mode.

In attendance were several Valley officers and their wives. Two of the Valley's newest Sublime Princes, Brother Bob Powell and Brother Chuck Leighty and his lovely wife Karen, were introduced.

After dinner, all present were overwhelmed by Mike Davidson, a member of Al Koran Shrine's V.A. Transportation Unit. It was a stirring speech, since Mike not only described the Shrine's objectives, but related to those present a heartwarming story of the help his son received from the Shrine's Cincinnati Burn Unit. I wish all Valley members could have been present to hear his story.

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Cuyahoga County Scottish Rite Society will hold its annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 9th at TONY K'S RESTAURANT at 841 Bagley Road in Berea. Spouses and/or guests are welcome. A full menu will be available.

We will circulate a special Christmas Bowl for donations to the 32° Masonic Learning Center. This is in lieu of our annual gift exchange.

Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. Come early and join us at 6:00 p.m. for a fellowship hour and/or a Christmas beverage.

Make your reservation through the Valley office. Call (216)432-2370.

LAKE-GEAUGA COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE SOCIETY

**Christmas Holiday dinner set for December 8th at Kirtlander Party Center**

By Jim Miller--President

As you read this article, the annual steak roast and our October meeting at Mary Yoder's Restaurant, hosted by Arnie Bottger and his lady Delilah, will be history. I know everyone had a great time at both dinner events. However, the steak roast was not the success we had hoped for due to the many events that were going on that day in the Valley.

I want to thank Arnie Bottger and his lady Delilah for doing the shopping and overseeing the kitchen details, Jesse McCready and Jeff Bilicic for cooking the steaks and helping in the kitchen, Art Moore for operating the dishwasher and filling in wherever it was necessary, Candy McCready, Janie Davies and Bob Homoly, our Past President, for helping with set-up and serving of the dinner, and finally, last but not least, Bob's lady, Gayle, for shopping for the gifts for the evening.

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On December 8, 2004, our Christmas dinner will be held at the Kirtlander Party Center. Bob Homoly and his lady Gayle will be our hosts for the evening. Time for the dinner is 6:30 p.m. with a cost of \$15 per person. The dinner will consist of Pork Chops, Stuffed Cabbage, and Chicken along with the usual side dishes. Come along and start the Holiday season off with us.

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On January 19, 2005, we will be meeting at the Home Town Buffet in Mentor with Jesse McCready and his daughter Candy as our hosts. Time of the dinner is 7:00 p.m. with a cost of only \$10 per person. Contact any Lake-Geauga County Society officer or call the Valley office at (216) 432-2370 to make a reservation.

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I would like to congratulate our Past President Robert Homoly on his receiving the DeMolay Legion of Honor recently. It is really deserved.

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**Don't Forget:** The Valley of Cleveland is having the annual Holiday Party for children on Sunday afternoon, December 19th. See the back page of this issue of The Scottish Rite News for information and details. Bring your children and grandchildren and enjoy a great afternoon of Magic.

LORAIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE SOCIETY

**November and December dinner meetings set**

The Lorain County Scottish Rite Society will hold two dinner meetings to end 2004. The dinner meetings are open to all Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies.

The November meeting will be held on November 4th at the Wellington Methodist Church. A Smorgasbord Dinner is being planned by hosts Ron Runion and Dick Williams. The dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

The December dinner meeting will be at The Amherst Masonic Temple. A Swiss Steak dinner will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hosts for the evening will be Henry Hall and Mike Piscione.

To make a reservation, please see an officer of the Society or call the Valley of Cleveland office at (216-432-2370).

Join us for dinner and a lot of fun. We'll be expecting you.

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