

# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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## A Historic Day For The Valley of Cleveland

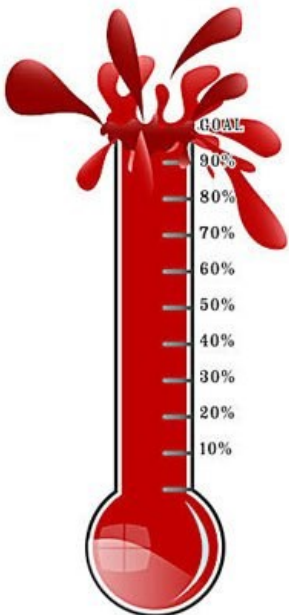


The Spring Reunion on Saturday May 4, 2019 honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay and Right Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Martin R. Woodworth- Executive Officer of Ohio DeMolay was an AMAZING DAY FOR SCOTTISH RITE!!! It started out as any other Reunion: Registration, coffee and donuts beginning at 8:00 AM. That quickly changed as people started showing up early and the excitement and energy was tremendous. Just standing and observing everything hap-



pening, you knew you were a part of something really special.

The degree work was performed with the ritual excellence that our Valley is known for on a class of over 100 candidates. Through hard work and a huge team effort we were successful in our grass roots effort to personally visit all 45 of the lodges we serve.



Our Goal

100 New Members



# NEW MOST WISE MASTER INSTALLED



Sublime Prince Robert D. Anderson, Jr. was installed as Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix. He and his wife of 40 years, Debbie, reside in Wakeman, Ohio. They have four children and six grandchildren. He has an Associate Degree from Lorain County Community College and is employed with Sattelight Electric as an Electrician.

Bob began his Masonic journey when he joined Rocky River Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He served as Master Councilor in 1974. Brother Anderson has always worked with youth as a DeMolay Advisor, Scout Leader, and Ohio Rainbow Advisor. He would receive the Cross of Honor, the Legion of Honor, the Grand Cross of Color.

He was raised in Dover Lodge #489 and served as Worshipful Master three times. He served PB Morgan

Chapter #233 RAM as High Priest, Lorain Council #103 R&SM as Illustrious Master, and Lorain Commandery #65 (now Norwalk #18 ) as Eminent Commander. He is a Knight of York Cross of Honor and is currently serving as Marshal of Ohio Priory #18. Brother Anderson also served as 4<sup>th</sup> Arch Adjutant and Grand Chaplain for the Grand Chapter RAM. He is past Right Worshipful Master and Charter Member of DeMolay Mark Master Lodge, a past Very Eminent Preceptor Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Past Worthy Patron of The River #517 OES, and a member of El Rey Grotto.



Sublime Prince Robert Anderson was appointed into the Ariel Chapter Line by Illustrious Brother Michael J. Spisak, 33°.

## Valley of Cleveland



**A.A.S.R.**

## Black Hat Program



Brother \_\_\_\_\_

I have participated in the following events in the Valley of Cleveland:

**Event /Petition      Date**

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## **REMINDER ABOUT The Black Hat Program**

The Board of Trustees has initiated an incentive to help you increase your involvement in Scottish Rite through the Black Hat Program. The Black Hat Program gives you the opportunity to earn a free Black 32° Cap. This program will run for the 2019 Calendar Year and is open to every member of the Valley of Cleveland member who is not a MSA, Valley Officer, or Illustrious 33°.

The members who decide to participate must attend at least TEN (10) Valley activities or be the first line signer on a petition will count as one activity. These will be recorded by the brother on his Black Hat Program card. The caps will be presented at a special awards ceremony.

We hope this program will motivate our members to reinvest in the fellowship and ideals of the Scottish Rite!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NEW  
32nd DEGREE MASONS!!!**



# ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



The Valley of Cleveland held their annual Installation of Officers on Monday May 6, 2019. The Officers were installed by the Deputy for Ohio, Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Douglas N. Kaylor, 33°. Illustrious Brother Kaylor also installed Illustrious Brother Martin R. Woodworth (left) as the new Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Cleveland. In addition to a



new Most Wise Master and Secretary, we welcome Brother John Padley (right) of University Heights Lodge as the Lodge of Perfection Captain of the Guard and Brother Howard Park (middle) of Gibson Lodge as Captain of the Guard for Rose Croix.

## NEW VALLEY SECRETARY INSTALLED

Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Robert W. Thomas, 33° has been elected and installed as Secretary for the Valley of Cleveland.

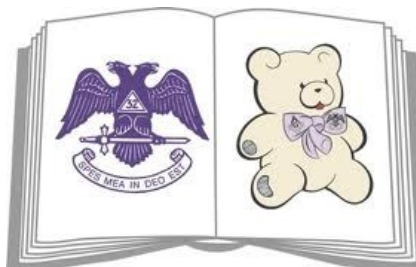
Illustrious Brother Thomas resides in Chardon with his wife Donna. They have been married for nearly 16 years. He is a doting Grandfather of 2 Grandchildren. He graduated from Newbury High School and Hiram College. He is also employed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Ohio as their Grand Secretary. Bob was raised in Village Lodge #274 in 1982 and served as Worshipful Master in 1985-86 and 2006-07. He was also Secretary for 22 years for the Lodge. He is now serving the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master since 2016.



He is a Past Presiding Officer for Willoughby Chapter #231, Woodward Council #118 and Eagle Commandery #29. He became a member of Ohio Priory #18, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 1993 and is now serving as Prior. Bob is a past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio serving from 2013-14. He holds memberships and offices in various appendant Masonic Bodies as well as being a Sr. DeMolay. He joined the Valley of Cleveland in 1982 and served as Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter, Rose Croix in 1999-2001. He received the 33 Degree in 2000. Bob was appointed to Ariel Chapter by Illustrious Brother Dale Horn, 33° in 1991.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Learning Center  
Graduation and  
Scholarship  
Presentations June  
26, 2019 6:00 pm  
2nd Floor**



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# FINAL THOUGHTS FROM A RETIRING OFFICER

When I joined the Valley of Cleveland in 1996, the Scottish Rite was the MAJOR LEAGUES of Masonry. It was filled with so many prominent Masons. The Valley was filled with men who I looked up to and respected from my years in DeMolay. Names like Glenn Bollinger, Glenn Beaver, Dick Ingham, Steve Krekus, Jim Matillo, Jack Ziegler, Merlyn Meredith, Tom Galyen, John Youngblood, and so many more. I was blessed when one of the greatest to ever “play the game”, Dad Ross R. Black 33°, came up to me the day I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and handed me a Scottish Rite petition. He did not ask me to join, but told me to send it to him after I completed my MM Exam. I was honored that a man like Dad Black thought enough of me to invite me to be a part of the Valley of Cleveland. I joined in the Richard Maier Class the Spring of 1996 and had the privilege to serve as the exemplar for the 18th Degree. Ever since that moment, the 18th Degree and Ariel Chapter Rose Croix has held a special place in my heart.

In 2007, Illustrious Brother Jeff Black 33° called me into the AASR Office to interview as a candidate for appointment as a Scottish Rite officer. The first thing he said to me was that this was not necessarily for an appointment into Ariel Chapter. I politely and respectfully told him that that was the only line I was willing to accept an appointment. That was not meant to be disrespectful to any of the other three bodies, but if you are going to embark on a commitment of this magnitude you have to love and believe wholeheartedly in what you do.

I started this journey in Ariel Chapter Rose Croix before my daughter was born. I want to thank my family for their love and support during the past 12 years. Especially to Laura, Gregory, and Madison for their understanding and unconditional love. Thank you to Illustrious Brother Joseph Orosz, 33° for the appointment into the greatest line in the Valley of Cleveland! Thanks to each and ever member who has served with us in the 17th and 18th Degrees. You add so much to our degrees and I thank you for being a part of the team. Thank you to all of the Past Most Wise Masters and to the Officers I served with during the past 12 years (especially the ones pictured to the right). You served in every way you were asked and more. You lead with your words and especially your actions and I love you for it!!!!



I started this article talking about the Major Leagues of Masonry. We have the momentum and leadership in place to not only return to the Majors, but to win the World Series. I was in awe the night of Installation as I looked at the corps of Officers we have in Cleveland. The caliber of men and Masons that serve in the lines of our Four Coordinate Bodies are second to none. Congratulations to each of the Officers and I wish them well as they serve our members. We have the right leadership in place who will support these officers to lead the Valley of Cleveland to new heights. What an exciting time to be a member of the Valley of Cleveland!!!!!!

I am thankful for the support I have had in one of the greatest positions in all of Masonry...Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix. My last two actions as MWM were to constitute and create over 100 new Knights of Rose Croix and then to serve meat loaf at the Installation Dinner. The continued excellence in the work of our Rite and service to our members is how we will continue the success of our Valley. I look forward to continuing to partner with each of you in that work!



Fraternally and Sincerely,

Gregory M. Kita, Most Wise Master 2017-2019



**NEXT MEETING: Award's Night Monday June 3, 2019**

**Dinner 5:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm**

**Reservations to the Valley Office by May 30, 2019 (216) 432-2370**



**NORTHEAST OHIO  
SHRINERS**

**Annual  
AASR Valley of Cleveland & Al Koran Shriners  
Golf Outing & Steak Dinner**

**Pleasant Hills Golf Course  
13461 Aquila Road, Chardon, OH 44024  
Saturday July 20th, 2019  
Registration: 7:30-8:00 am  
Tee Time: 8:30 am Shot Gun - Scramble**

**\$75.00 per person all included  
Steak only (at 1:00 pm): \$30.00 per person**

**Entry fee includes: Green fees with Cart – 4 man scramble format  
Hot Dog & 1 draft beer at the turn.  
Lunch at 1:00 pm: N.Y Strip Steak, Red Skin potatoes, green beans casserole,  
green salad, bread and butter, water and soda.**

**Adult beverages available but not included**

**Games: Mulligans, 3 for \$10.00 per Golfer**

**For reservation contact: Franck Kakou (216-244.7262)  
or email: [franck@bslwine.com](mailto:franck@bslwine.com)**

**Team entry**

Name(s)

Contact info – Phone & Email if possible

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**Would you like to sponsor a hole? \$50.00** – Simply attach your business card or the desired information. Sponsoring no later than June 3rd (sign making process). Send payment and entry form to:

AASR Valley of Cleveland  
Bob Thomas  
3615 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Make all checks payable to: **AASR Valley of Cleveland** - Ref: **Golf Outing 2019**  
**Payments and reservation must be received NO LATER than July 15th, 2019**