

# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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## NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF INSTALLED

Sublime Prince Scott E. Bratton was installed as Commander-in-Chief of Lake Erie Consistory at a special installation. Scott was featured as the officer spotlight in our February 2019 newsletter. Here is the information again on our new Commander-in-Chief.

Sublime Prince Bratton resides in Willoughby and is a graduate of Euclid High School and the General Motors Institute. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at GMI and is currently employed as a Parts and Materials Manager for Lucas Precision in Cleveland.

He was raised in George A. Holly Lodge (now Temple Lodge #28) in 1996 and served as Worshipful Master in 2006-2007. He also served the Grand Lodge as a District Education Officer in 2017. He is a members of Painesville Chapter #46, Geneva Council #145, Eagle Commandery #29, Al Koran Shrine, and currently serves as Tyler for Walter E. Drake Council #145, Allied Masonic Degrees. Scott joined the Valley of Cleveland in April 1997. He is a Past President of both the Lake-Geauga and Cuyahoga Societies and a member of the Stage Crew (a master craftsmen with the spotlight).

He has shown his commitment to helping children with dyslexia learn to read by becoming a member of the Builder's Council for our Cleveland Dyslexia Center. Sublime Prince Scott Bratton was appointed into the Consistory Line by Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Robert J. Homoly, Jr., 33°.

Our new Commander-in-Chief was presented his hat by Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Robert J. Homoly, Jr., 33° and his jewel by Sublime Prince David Hildebrandt.



## VALLEY TO PORTRAY 26th DEGREE OCTOBER 7

The Lake Erie Consistory will be portraying the 26<sup>th</sup> Degree, "Friend and Brother Eternal", at the Four Coordinate Body Meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. This degree takes place during the Civil War time period and revolves around the characters of Masonic Brothers and Friends Lewis Armistead and Winfield Scott Hancock. The Valley last presented this degree in October of 2011.

Following the Degree portrayal, a special presentation will be given by Sublime Prince Timothy Daley regarding the historical facts behind this degree, as well as other items of interest regarding Masonry and the Civil War. Tim is the Executive Director of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Cleveland and has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to this topic.

We look forward to you joining us for dinner this evening at 5:30 in the Gold Room prior to the meeting and degree. Reservations at \$15.00 for the dinner can be made through the Valley Secretary by phone at (216) 432-2370 or via email: [secretary@aaasrcleveland.org](mailto:secretary@aaasrcleveland.org). If you are unable to attend the dinner, the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM in the DeMolay Room. Be sure to bring your passport! Your attendance at this meeting and degree qualifies as an activity requirement for the "Black Cap" program of our Valley.



The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial pictured here is located on the south side of the Gettysburg National Park in the National Cemetery Annex. It was dedicated on August 21, 1993 by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. The 26th Degree will further illustrate the background behind this monument.

# LEARNING CENTER WALK ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday September 21, 2019 OUR Learning Center held our annual Walk at the Western Reserve Masonic Community. The WRMC continues to be great hosts as the Dyslexia Center holds its largest fundraiser of the year.

The event had everything: The Shrine Band, Miss Ohio and friends, Consistory cooking hot dogs, great registration volunteers, and lots of generous supporters and donors to our Children Dyslexia Center. As of the day of the Walk over \$21,000 was collected. Donations are still accepted. Contact the Director, Carol Perry, at [dyslexiacenter4learning@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexiacenter4learning@gmail.com) to learn how to donate. Enjoy the different sights of the day below.



The Al Koran Shrine Band once again entertained the walkers with their beautiful music. Thank you so much for their continued support of the Learning Center Walk.



The first wave of walkers and supporters start the course at the WRMC!



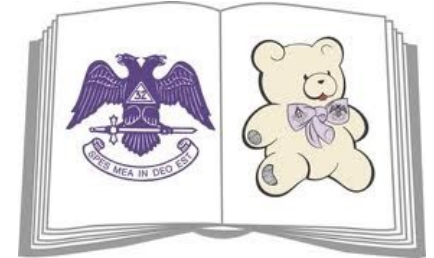
Members of the Second District were on hand again passing out water during the walk. Pictured above are members of Denbrook DeMolay and a prospective member showing off the newest banner for their donation of over \$500!!!! Consider donating \$500 or more from your family, work, or your lodge to follow their lead!



The Commander-in-Chief and part of his crew of chefs.



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## Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valleys of Cleveland and the Firelands

Invite you and your lady to meet the Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious David Glattly and First Lady Monica

Monday November 4, 2019

Western Reserve Masonic Center 4931 Nettleton Rd, Medina, OH 44256 7:30 PM

Cost is \$20.00 per person

We are also providing two exciting opportunities for our membership to:

- 1) Sponsor a WRMC Resident to attend for \$20.00 and
  - 2) 2) Contribute to the new Scottish Rite White Flower Society for our Masonic Widows
- This event is limited to 150 people. Registration deadline is Sunday October 20, 2019.

The evening will be filled with fellowship and toasts as we celebrate the Rite, build relationships with our Valleys, and meet our Sovereign Grand Commander.

The evening will feature the Ohio DeMolay Tribute to Motherhood as we honor all ladies. Appetizers, Desserts, Soft Drinks, Beer, and Wine will be served.

Reservations must be prepaid and made online at [www.valleyofthefirelands.org](http://www.valleyofthefirelands.org)  
Those who are unable to make reservations online please contact Greg Kita at [glgkita@aol.com](mailto:glgkita@aol.com).

Dress for this event is Coat and Tie. Scottish Rite Caps may be worn.

# NEW CONSISTORY OFFICERS APPOINTED

At the special election and installation of Lake Erie Consistory, two new officers were appointed. Brother James Huff (right) of Medina Lodge #58 was appointed Engineer and Seneschal and Brother Adam Nagle (right) of Willoughby Lodge #302 was appointed Captain of the Guard. Join us in welcoming these new officers.



## THANK YOU SUBLIME PRINCE FORTE



Thank you to Past Commander-in-Chief Timothy Forte on his service to the Valley of Cleveland and Lake Erie Consistory. His final act of service as

Commander-in-Chief was to create over 100 new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret and 32° Masons. Our new Commander-in-Chief, Scott Bratton, said at his installation that all Sublime Princes should join in thanking Sublime Prince Forte for his over 15 years of dedicated service as an officer in the Valley of Cleveland. Thank you again Sublime Prince Forte.

## FIRST BLACK HATS PRESENTED IN VALLEY

On Monday September 9, 2019 the Valley had its first two members earn their Black Hat. The Board of Trustees initiated an incentive to help increase involvement in Scottish Rite through the Black Hat Program. The Black Hat Program gives everyone 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 and submitted to the Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sublime Princes S. Gregory Jones of Quarry Lodge #382 and Duane N. Miller of Theodore Breck Lodge #714 on being the first in the Valley to earn their Black Hats. They are pictured below with Chairman of the Board, Illustrious Brother Ted Cutts 33° and Deputy's Representative, Illustrious Brother Martin Woodworth, 33°. We hope to be presenting more hats in the near future.

**Halloween Party Sponsored  
by the Medina Scottish Rite  
Society When: Saturday  
October 26th at 6:00pm  
Where: The WRMC in the  
Chapel Cost: \$10.00**



Pictured from left to right: Ill. Martin Woodworth, 33°, Duane Miller, 32°, Greg Jones, 32°, Ill. Ted Cutts, 33°

## Greetings from Bahurim Council

**By: Bud Cygan, Sovereign Prince**

Times are a changing, and Great things are happening in the Valley of Cleveland, The Valley is coming off a very successful Spring Reunion, and what a fantastic and exciting day that was. With over 100 new members receiving their Degrees in Outstanding Ritualistic form. It was exciting to see and hear so many enthusiastic new 32nd Degree Masons. This is just the beginning of things to come. After discussions on how to follow up the success of the Spring Reunion. The Valley of Cleveland will be holding a Fall Reunion on Friday November 22nd and Saturday the 23rd. The exciting part is the Class will be honoring our Veteran's from armed forces and naming the class after Dennis Elder (MSA) and a Veteran. All Veteran's who wish to join the Scottish Rite will be allowed to take advantage of a special \$25 fee. Help us show our appreciation by joining we us as we honor those who served in the military and fought for the freedoms, we all enjoy. And make this another Outstanding Reunion.

# A Time to be Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason

Our Spring Reunion last May continues to stimulate the pride each of us have as Scottish Rite Masons and in particular, to be a member of the Valley of Cleveland. From those who took part in the degree work to perpetuate the time-honored traditions and teachings of the Scottish Rite to the 101 candidates who earned the title of 32° Mason by learning the lessons set forth on that day. Even those who were not present at the reunion still share in the pride of knowing that they are a part of something special: a valley committed to that next level of Masonry that builds upon the foundation taught in the first degrees.



On November 22nd and 23rd, we will have another opportunity to share our message and strengthen fraternal bonds for another class candidates worth of being recognized as 32° Scottish Rite Masons. I encourage all to take note of those Masons closest to you. Are they a member of our Valley? If not, should they be? And maybe they are not because they are waiting for that invitation -yes, from you! Be a part of this fall reunion by elevating another Mason to this next level of self-development and duty to all.

For those new to Scottish Rite or maybe have not been around for a while, if you have someone in mind that should be among our ranks, but are unsure how to have that conversation, please reach out to myself or our Valley Secretary, Ill. Bro. Bob Thomas with the name of that Brother. We will reach out to him on your behalf, to let him know you thought enough of him to recommend him for membership and we will be prepared to answer any question he may have to make his decision.

Remember, this class will also pay special tribute to our military veterans. Those not yet Scottish Rite Masons can petition for \$25.00, a small way of giving back for the years they gave to us by serving their country.

Lets all be a part of strengthening Freemasonry by strengthening those in it through the lessons of the Scottish Rite!

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**The Cleveland Masonic Learning Center  
Board of Governors  
Cordially Invites You and your family to  
help us thank our tutors and  
celebrate the 20th Anniversary of  
YOUR Learning Center**

**Sunday November 10, 2019 1:30- 3:30 P.M.**

**Enjoy a delicious array of Brunch delicacies at THE PATRICIAN  
33150 Lakeland Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Call 216-881-2234 or e-mail [dyslexiacenter4learning@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexiacenter4learning@gmail.com)  
by November 3 for Reservations**

**Please specify your name & name of your guest(s) if applicable Checks may be  
made out to and sent to: Cleveland Masonic Learning Center  
3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115**

# NEW THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASONS CORONETED



On Tuesday August 27, 2019, two Past Most Wise Masters were coroneted 33° Masons in Milwaukee, WI at the Annual Supreme Council Session. Illustrious Brother Robert D. Berteau is a member of Theodore Breck Lodge #714.

Bob was born March 11, 1949 and grew up in the Slavic Village neighborhood at 55th and Broadway, he attended Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from South High in 1967. Bob's first introduction of Freemasonry was in 1962 when his dad took him to Thomas Jones DeMolay installation where he was posting colors with Allenby Commandery. Bob petitioned TJ and was initiated in May of 1963 and served in many offices until being installed Master Councilor in October of 1966. During those DeMolay years he met his future wife Peggy Terry who was serving as Worthy Advisor of Areme Assembly Rainbow for girls. Bob and Peggy were married in April of 1970 and have two children Robert T. and Laura and 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



Bob is a member of Newburgh Lodge #379 (now Theodore Breck #714), where he served as WM in 2010 and 2017. Bob is a Past High Priest of Summit-Baker Chapter #74 RAM, Past Illustrious Master of Windermere Council #113, and current Commander of Allenby Commandry #73. He is a past RWM of the DeMolay Mark Master Lodge, a member of Al Koran Shrine serving as Recorder and member of Al Sirat Grotto. Bob served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as both a DEO and DDGM. He served Grand Chapter RAM of Ohio as DDGHP and is the Grand Representative to Mark Lodge of France. Bob and Peggy are members of Brecksville OES where Bob served as Worthy Patron in 2016. Bob joined the Valley of Cleveland in 1974 and worked in many of our degrees, he was active on the reception committee. He was appointed to Ariel Chapter Rose Croix officer line in 2004 by Ill. Brother Fred Buswell and continued in the line serving all officer positions, being elected Most Wise Master in 2015 and served thru 2017. Bob began a career in Electrical construction with Local #38 IBEW in 1968 and worked on many projects in Cleveland including Progressive Field. He is currently employed part time with City of Broadview Hts. as an electrical/building inspector.



Gregory M. Kita resides in Wickliffe, Ohio with his beautiful wife Laura (Baber) and his two children Gregory and Madison.

Greg is a graduate of Lutheran High School East, received his undergraduate degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and a Master's Degree in School Leadership from Baldwin Wallace College.

He serves as Vice Principal of Lutheran High School East in Cleveland Heights. He and his family are members of Christ Lutheran Church in Willoughby.

Illustrious Brother Kita is a dual member of Collinwood Lodge #582 and Cleveland Lodge #781. He began his Masonic journey as a member of Euclid City Chapter, DeMolay International. He had the privilege to serve Ohio DeMolay as State Master Councilor for two terms from 1995-1997. He has served as Master of Cleveland Lodge #781, High Priest of Willoughby Chapter #231 RAM, Patron of Windermere Chapter #388 OES, Monarch of Caliph Grotto, and Right Worshipful Master of DeMolay Mark Master Lodge. He is a past Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix where he has the opportunity to teach others the New Law of Love by the example of Jesus Christ. He is a past District Education Officer for the 22nd Masonic District and is currently serving as a DDGM and a member of the Board of Governors of the Cleveland Masonic Learning Center.

# TWO NEW THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASONS ELECTED



Sublime Prince Johnny F. Manis is a member of Solon Lodge #757 (pictured left) and Sublime Prince Timothy M. Daley is a member of Cleveland Lodge #781 (pictured right) were unanimously elected to receive the 33°. They will receive the 33rd and last degree in Cleveland in 2021. Join us in congratulating these distinguished Masons!!!!



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 7, 2019 4 Coordinate Body Meeting with 26<sup>th</sup> Degree 7:00 P.M.  
October 16, 2019 Lake Geauga Scottish Rite Society Lakeshore Eatery,  
Mentor 6:30 P.M.  
October 26, 2019 Medina County Society Meeting at WRMC 6:00 P.M.  
October 27, 2019 Family Life Week Old Stone Church 10:00 A.M.  
November 4, 2019 Visit from Sovereign Grand Commander at WRMC in  
Medina  
November 7, 2019 Lorain County Society United Methodist Church, Wel-  
lington 7:00 P.M.  
November 10, 2019 Learning Center Tutor Recognition Brunch and 20th  
Anniversary Celebration  
November 14, 2019 Cuyahoga County Scottish Rite Society Marie's,  
Cleveland 6:00 P.M.  
November 22, 2019 Reunion Berea Registration 6:00 P.M.  
November 23, 2019 Reunion Cleveland Registration 7:00 A.M.

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**FALL REUNION: November 22 and 23, 2019**  
**FRIDAY AT BEREA TEMPLE SATURDAY: CLEVELAND**  
**Contact Valley Office for Petitions (216) 432-2370**